

HIGHWAY BOND ISSUE LOSES BY 12 VOTES

Resolution Is Kept Alive By Motion To Reconsider

AUSTIN, May 7.—(AP)—Highway bond issue standard bearers were not inclined today to pronounce the \$212,000,000 highway bond resolution dead although it fell 12 votes short in the house yesterday of the two-thirds majority necessary to finally pass proposed constitutional amendments.

A quick shift by a proponent from the losing to the prevailing side and a motion to reconsider and spread on the journal were sufficient to keep the resolution alive and eligible for future consideration.

Meanwhile, proponents and opponents of the highway bond issue were to retrace at least some of their steps today as they lined up to open another chapter in the legislative fight over highway building and bond retirement programs.

The fight was to be confined to the senate, however.

Shortly after members of the senate were advised yesterday of the bond resolution's failure in the house, Senator Pollard of Tyler moved that the senate reconsider the vote by which it refused to print the Brooks bond refunding bill on a minority report. Opponents of the bond issue said since the bond resolution had failed they were ready to launch a program to bring some relief to Texas counties voting funds for state highway building. Pollard notified the senate he would call up his motion today.

The house voted to extend the session through May 22. The original date carried in the resolution which the house adopted was May 12, but an amendment extending the session ten days was adopted. The senate took no action on the resolution. Members said adoption by the senate would automatically set the adjournment date.

The adjournment resolution was



Mrs. Phemie Owenby is 48, a democrat, mother of three children, an osteopath, and will be mayor of Broken Arrow, Okla., after May 4. And she's blonde.

listed on the senate calendar today. The senate passed a bill by Senator Williamson of San Antonio which would increase the personnel of the state highway patrol from 50 to 150 men. Williamson's original bill sought to increase the total to 200, but he agreed to an amendment fixing the number at 150. Deadlocked over salaries of the chief of the patrol and his force, the senate finally adopted an amendment by Senator Woodruff of Decatur empowering the legislature to determine the amount of pay each should draw.

FORGERY CHARGED

(Special to The Herald.) EDINBURG, May 7.—One American boy is at liberty on bond, while officers are searching for another, alleged to be implicated in a check forgery. The check in question bore the stamp of Wade and Newton in Edcouch, and the youth who has not been apprehended is a former employee of that firm.

FIRE OUT, WELL RUNNING WILD

Nitro Shot Subdues Flames As 200 Lbs. Are Exploded

GLADEWATER, Tex., May 7.—(AP)—The lofty pillar of smoke that for eight days had marked the site of the Sinclair No. 1 Cole and was visible as far away as Longview, 20 miles distant, was gone today. The blazing gusher was extinguished last night by a 200-pound nitro-glycerin charge.

But the well was still running wild today—the 11th day since it blew in out of control. Sinclair employees prepared for a new attempt to cap it. A week ago Tuesday, such an attempt touched off the fire that took the lives of nine men.

Harry Kinley, younger of the fire-fighting brothers from Tulsa, snuffed out the last blaze last night. Aided by a youngster named Huxley Bunch, who substituted for M. M. Kinley when the latter had his leg broken. Harry placed four 50-pound packs of the explosive in a steel drum beside the well and touched off the charge by electricity.

The blast was heard 20 miles away in Longview. A great umbrella-shaped yellow blaze was blown upward for 300 feet, the most dazzling display since the well caught fire. The next instant there was darkness, intensified by memory of the glare that had come from the well.

Sergeant M. T. (Lone Wolf) Gonzales of the Texas Rangers headed a squad of men who kept guard about the well last night. Gas hung all about the scene, needing only a spark to kill another crew of workmen. No one was allowed to carry matches within a mile of the well and automobiles were parked far away.

Today the crew prepared to slide a new derrick over the well, still spouting oil 50 feet into the air from the crater left by the explosion. Workmen carried specially made brass tools to prevent another fatal spark in this new attempt to cap the gusher.

Continued Sunshine Would Make Tomato Deal Opines San Benito Produce Dealer

(By Staff Correspondent) SAN BENITO, May 7.—With the help of sunshine the Valley could still produce a wonderful and financially successful tomato crop, said A. R. Etchison, San Benito produce man, Monday.

Dry, sunny weather, the kind known in the south as real cotton weather, would work wonders for tomatoes, preventing the spread of early blight, a fungus disease which has attacked many plants probably as a result of the recent cloudy, cool and damp weather, Mr. Etchison said.

Growers who are bringing in marketable fruit are getting about six cents a pound which is regarded as an excellent price with commodities down as a rule. It is believed that the Valley growers would be able to realize good prices for their crops if the weather would permit it to mature properly. Plants are well fruited and the tomatoes have a fine appearance.

The deal has been most encouraging, considering circumstances, said Mr. Etchison. Beans are coming in much later than usual due to the fact that many which were destroyed by frost were replanted. These late beans are of fine quality for this time of the year and are bringing \$1 a hamper to the grower. It is thought that the peak in Florida is about over although this competing section is still coming in with heavy shipments which reduced prices to Valley growers. The deal may prove satisfactory until the end, it is thought.

Potatoes are not in strong demand at this time but the bulk of the crop has been dug. Large quantities remain to be moved, however. Florida is moving quite a few potatoes and the Eagle Lake-Wharton area will come in soon. The blight cut the Valley yield but this perhaps is not unfortunate since a greater available quantity might have demoralized the market.

The onion deal is not faring well in any of the Texas producing areas,

according to all reports. The Willacy deal is about over with some fields not likely to be harvested due to low quality and low prices for low grades. Rains have dealt a heavy blow to the onion deal in Willacy as well as making for spread of blight among other crops in the Valley. Mr. Etchison reports a telegram received Monday from Crystal City saying that there are many acres of onions there which will be left in the fields on account of excessive moisture. Continued rains, the telegram said, effected not only the Crystal City area but also the Laredo section.

Corn is beginning to move but initial shipments are not of such good quality. Most of this is in Hidalgo county around Weslaco and the first carload is expected out this week. Most of the shipments so far have been in mixed cars.

LODGES TO MEET

(Special to The Herald.) EDINBURG, May 7.—I. O. O. F. and Rebekah Lodges of the Valley will meet in Edinburg Friday evening at 8:00 in the R. H. F. building. All members of the orders who are in the Valley, but who have not affiliated themselves with Valley lodges are invited to be present at the meeting, at which about 400 will be in attendance.

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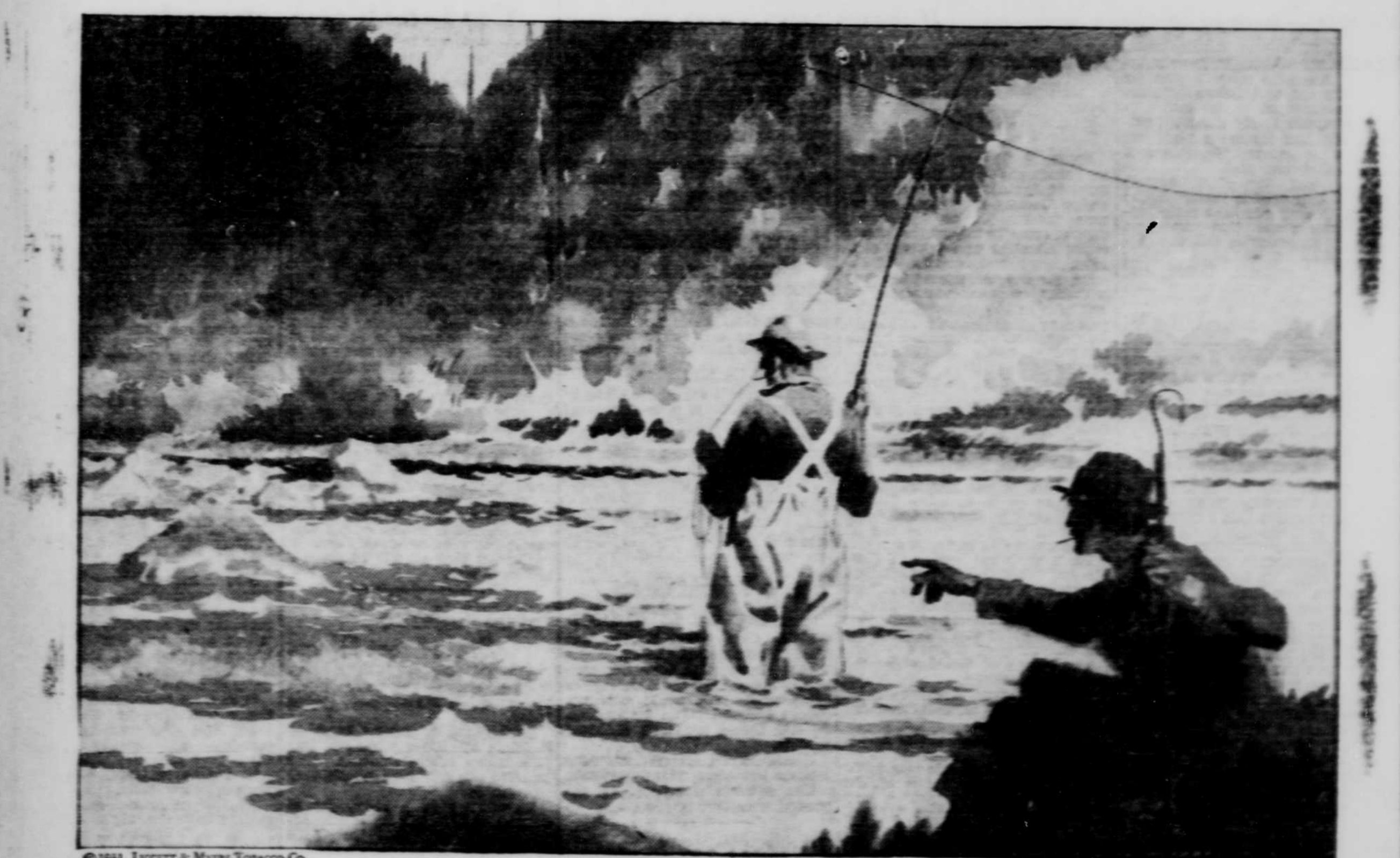
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