

INQUIRY ON SHANNON UNCOVERS NO CRIME

Admission Made by Senator Strobbridge, Who Opposes Request for Letters

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[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—Nothing criminal in the conduct of his office by former State Printer Shannon was discovered by the legislative investigating committee. Shannon's resignation may have been the result of something other than the alleged irregularities of his management of the state printing office.

The foregoing statements were made today by Senator Strobbridge, chairman of the textbook investigation committee, to the activities of which have been ascribed the cause for Shannon's resignation. The statements were made by Strobbridge as a member of the senate committee on executive communications and incident to his opposition to Wright's resolution calling upon the governor to furnish the senate with all the information in his possession regarding Shannon's resignation and his conduct in office.

PRIVATE LETTERS TO GOVERNOR

Strobbridge said tonight that much of the Shannon correspondence in the hands of the governor is of a personal character, and for that reason he had opposed the attempt to put it in the possession of the senate.

Whether or not that is the reason for refusing to enlighten the senate about the Shannon episode, to the end that there may be prosecutions of dealers in crooked deals was put over the senate will not be enlightened as the result of Wright's efforts. His resolution will not be reported favorably by the committee on executive communications. Unless he has better luck at the next meeting of the committee than he had today it will not draw even an adverse report.

This morning when Wright appeared before the committee he said that he appeared neither to defend nor defame any one. He insisted that if crimes had been committed as suggested by the statements given to the newspapers for the administration, the former state printer could not be the only guilty person and that his resignation from office could not be construed as a punishment for others.

HERE QUESTION OF FIGHT

Chairman Avery wanted to know if there was anything in the call for the extra session that would make the consideration of Wright's resolution regular. He was assured that no legislation was involved—merely a request for information for the senate and the people. Then he suggested that further consideration of the matter be taken up in executive session. That suggestion failed to elicit much enthusiasm. Beban suggested that the committee postpone consideration of the matter until "we can find out where we stand."

COUNTRY MEMBERS GRAB FOR SEATS

Attempt to Despoil Most Populous Counties Proves Difficult Problem

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SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—The absurdity of the position taken by the country members of the assembly in trying to deprive San Francisco, Los Angeles and Alameda counties of their just legislative representation was never more apparent than this afternoon when a subcommittee of the reapportionment committee struggled with the problem of reapportioning the state.

Guided by the action of the so-called "rube caucus," which had allotted 17 senators and 24 assemblymen to the three most populous counties, the subcommittee undertook to dispose of the 23 senators and 46 assemblymen reserved for the so-called country districts.

The task was too much for the spoilers. Every attempt to carve up the state left a surplus of one senator or one assemblyman.

Fred Gerdes, the only San Franciscan on the committee, suggested that the extra representative be given to San Francisco. William Kehoe, Clyde Bishop and Frank Rutherford would not consent to this. C. H. Randall of Los Angeles, the fifth member of the committee, was also opposed to such a suggestion because he is the author of a bill along the lines favored by the country members.

CHANGES SUGGESTED

It was finally decided to give the counties of the Sierras an extra assemblyman by making a district of Alpine, Mono and Inyo, with a population of only 9,200.

The committee also favored taking the third assemblyman from Sacramento and giving it to Alameda, and allowing Fresno two senators and two assemblymen. Orange county, according to the assembly committee's scheme, will be joined to Riverside as a senatorial district.

At a meeting of the assembly reapportionment committee this morning there was a clash between members of the San Francisco delegation as to whether the Finn forces should be permitted to draw the interior lines in reapportioning the city or leave the matter to the San Franciscans of the committee. No decision was reached. It developed that there was some friction in the Los Angeles delegation over the redistricting of that county.

An attempt by Dr. E. M. Butler to have the assembly name a committee to meet with a like committee of the senate for the purpose of drafting a bill was defeated. It was then decided to refer all the bills to a subcommittee of five consisting of Kehoe, Rutherford, Bishop, Randall and Gerdes.

YOUNG OFFERS NEW PLAN

C. C. Young of Berkeley offered a constitutional amendment today that would favor the country districts in future reapportionment. It provides that counties having 17 1/2 per cent of the population shall be in one class and those with less in another class. Counties in the first class are to receive as many representatives as 17 1/2 per cent of the total representation. The balance would go to the other counties. Reapportionment would be made in each class according to population and without regard to the other class.

Embargo for Fruit Pests

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—In a resolution introduced by Assemblyman Judson today, congress is urged to take drastic steps in preventing the importation from Hawaii of fruit carrying the Mediterranean fly, on which the California Fruit Shippers' association recently placed an embargo.

GOVERNOR BLAMED FOR LOSS OF TAXES

Secretary of State Returns Money Paid by Delinquent Corporations

(By Associated Press)

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—If Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan is sustained in his construction of the law, 3,200 California corporations have lost their corporate existence since December 1, on account of their failure to pay delinquent license taxes.

This is due, says Jordan, to Governor Johnson's failure to comply with a suggestion made by the secretary of state to the governor in a letter sent October 25, in which the recommendation was made that an amendment to the license tax law, extending the time limit for payment, be included in the call for the present extra session of the legislature.

Declaring that he was sustained by an opinion of Attorney General Webb, Jordan is returning all taxes paid by formerly delinquent corporations, informing them that their incorporations have been invalidated and that they must reincorporate before they can be recognized by the state.

Representatives of the corporations affected are flocking to the office of the secretary of state, seeking reincorporation.

The license tax law was amended at the last regular session of the legislature to provide for the rehabilitation of delinquent corporations by the payment of back taxes and penalties on or before July 1. The date of final delinquency was set as September 1, with the provision that the charters should be forfeited if all payments were not made by November 30.

Having in mind the 3,200 delinquencies, Jordan sent a letter to Governor Johnson October 25, which is in part as follows:

"It so happens every year that a large number of corporations fail to

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pay this license tax at the proper time, through neglect and often carelessness on the part of their employees, and from present indications a large number, although fully advised, will forfeit their charters on November 30. Those which will forfeit on this date will be unable to secure revival license until such time as section six shall have been amended by the legislature.

"As it is undoubtedly your intention to call the legislature in special session some time before the close of the year, and as it has been held that no action can be taken on matters not specially mentioned in the call for the special session, I would respectfully suggest that you include the amending section six of the license law in your proclamation as one of the matters to be acted upon."

In contending that the corporations have not the right to rehabilitation, prescribed under certain conditions in the act, Jordan cites an opinion given by Attorney General Webb in a letter to former Secretary of State Curry. Referring to a previous amendment to the law the attorney general said:

"This amendment, of course, only refers to such corporations as have hitherto forfeited their right to do business by reason of failure to comply with the license tax law and surely is not intended to provide for a remission of forfeitures which may occur in the future."

This construction, Jordan declares, bars the corporations from taking advantage of the rehabilitation clause. He also says that Attorney General Webb informed him today that his interpretation of the law was correct and that the opinion given a year ago still stands.

PROPOSAL MADE FOR VALLEY IRRIGATION

[Special Dispatch to The Call]
CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—C. G. H. Bennink, the only civil war veteran in the assembly, introduced the following resolution in the lower house today in behalf of the men who fought for the integrity of the United States:

Whereas, there is now pending in the congress of this United States a bill for the relief of the civil war veterans, known as the Sulloway bill; therefore be it

Resolved by the senate and assembly of the state of California, jointly, that our senators in congress be and they are hereby instructed, and our representatives requested, to support by their vote and voice said Sulloway bill. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the chief clerk of the assembly to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Compromise on Advertising

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—The assembly judiciary committee agreed today on a compromise regarding the advertising on the state's stationery of the two expositions to be held in this state in 1915.

A resolution by M. L. Schmitt provided for the advertising of the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco. Another by Edward Hinkle provided for advertising the Panama-California exposition in San Diego. The compromise provides that the state's stationery shall carry a design with the following legend: "California invites the world, 1915."

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PLEA MADE FOR VETERANS' RELIEF

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—The redemption by irrigation of more than 200,000 acres of arid land in the San Joaquin valley at federal expense is proposed by a resolution introduced in the senate today by Senator Curtin of Tuolumne county.

The major portion of the lands are in Sutter county. It is proposed to redeem them by conserving and distributing the flood waters that flow through to the San Joaquin and Fresno rivers. The distribution is to be effected by a canal from a point on the San Joaquin river, near Polasky, Fresno county, skirting the edge of the Sierra Nevada foothills and emptying into the San Joaquin near Stockton.

Title Bill Discussed

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—Assemblyman Schmitt's bill in behalf of the title insurance companies of San Francisco prompted an interesting debate in the assembly judiciary committee today and was reported back to the house without recommendation by a majority of one vote.

Similar measures have been defeated after hard struggles in each session of the legislature since the San Francisco fire in 1906, when most of the city records were destroyed. President J. J. Dwyer of the harbor commission, representing the Hibernia bank; Henry E. Monroe, representing the Pacific Title Insurance company, and A. H. Winn, representing the California Title Insurance company, spoke in favor of the bill. Otto Tum Suden opposed the measure.

Liability Bills Adopted

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 7.—Two bills by Senator Roseberry regulating employers' liability for accidents were passed by the senate today. One measure allows employers to form associations for co-operative insurance. The second bill provides for the submission within 10 days to the state industrial accident boards of complete data on accidents.

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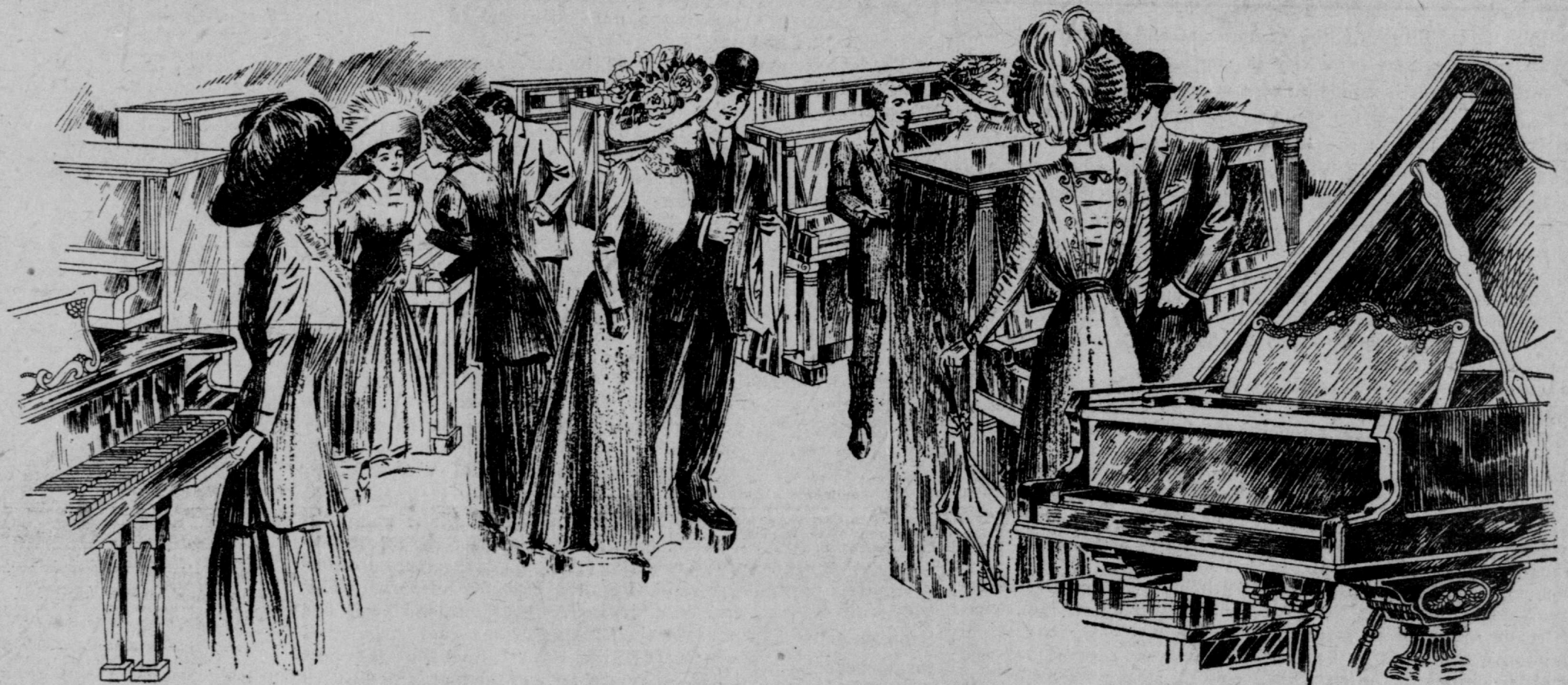
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