

Insult Defies Senate Committee And Tells Only What He Desires

On Advice of Counsel Public Utilities Operator Declines to Answer Questions About Expenses.

WILL BE CITED BY THE SENATE

Must Answer Contempt Proceedings as Result of His Determination to Defy Rules of Senate.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—On advice of counsel, Samuel Insull, multi-millionaire public utilities operator of Chicago, again defied the senate campaign funds committee today by refusing to answer questions about the financing of the Illinois republican campaign in 1925.

Insull again refused to give the names of four men to whom he gave \$40,000 during the republican primary. He will be cited to the senate for contempt proceedings.

The Illinois magnate was one of the supporters of Frank L. Smith for the republican senatorial nomination, and the committee sought to question him further in its consideration of the validity of Smith's credentials as a senator.

He refused flatly to tell whether he borrowed from his Commonwealth Edison Company any part of the \$65,000 which he contributed for the 1925 Illinois political organization in the Illinois primary last spring.

The refusal was made on advice of his attorney, Gilbert E. Foster. Earlier in the week the witness had failed to give testimony to the committee asked for, and a recess was taken until today to permit him to secure further evidence from Chicago.

"I have heretofore testified that I made contributions totaling \$237,925.19 in connection with the primary election held in Illinois on April 13, 1926. Of this sum, \$172,925.19 was contributed for the purpose of influencing nominations of persons for U. S. Senator. The remainder \$65,000 was contributed to influence the nominations of various persons for various local county offices, and I firmly believe that I have not contributed to any other person."

"Said sum of \$172,925.19 was contributed during the period of a few months preceding the primary, and all of it was borrowed by me from the Commonwealth Edison Company, pending reimbursement of the company from my own funds as soon as they could conveniently arrange for it."

"It was absent from the state of Illinois on a trip to Europe from about March 17th until May 12, 1926. On June 30, 1926 I gave the Commonwealth Edison Company by personal check for \$190,000 to repay said amount of \$172,925.19, which I had so borrowed, together with other items of indebtedness owing from me to the company. This check was on the Illinois Merchant Trust Co., of Chicago."

"All of the \$65,000 contributed to influence the nomination for local offices in Cook County was furnished by me partly from my own funds and partly from money which I borrowed at the time and have since repaid."

Will Be Cited Next Week. Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Samuel Insull, Chicago utility operator, his attorney Daniel J. Schuyler, and Thomas W. Cunningham, of Philadelphia, will be cited to the Senate next week for contempt of the Senate campaign funds committee.

With Our Advertisers. The Concord Furniture Co. will give away groceries and dishes free for three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Just arrived at Robinson's, new hats that lead the mode, the new Meadowbrook, the original California sport hats. Read about them in a new ad today.

New Spring creations of evident individuality now on view for the new season. Popular prices at the Gray Shop.

Checking up your Goodyear tires regularly is part of the service of the York & Wadsworth Co.

JOSEPH R. WILSON IS DEAD AT BALTIMORE

Was Only Brother of the Late President, Woodrow Wilson.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Joseph R. Wilson, only brother of the late President Woodrow Wilson, died early today at his home here. Death was due to Bright's disease, and followed a prolonged illness.

He was 63 years old. Mr. Wilson is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Alice Wilson McElroy, who was married at the White House during the first administration of her uncle.

Burial will be at Clarksville, Tenn., Mr. Wilson's former home, where he lived before he came to Baltimore twelve years ago. He was manager of the development division of the Maryland Casualty Company.

Mr. Wilson was a newspaper man for many years. He began his career editing a weekly paper at Clarksville, and went from there to Nashville 25 years ago to become a reporter. For several years he was city editor of the Nashville Banner. From that position he came to Baltimore to take charge of the promotion and publicity department of the insurance company.

Mrs. McElroy came to Baltimore a week ago from her home in Nashville, and will accompany the body to Clarksville.

Shortly after President Wilson was elected for the first time it was agreed between himself and his brother that the latter should stay out of the political field. The younger brother faithfully kept the pledge. He held no office of any character during President Wilson's administration, and avoided all political activities. He was author of several text books on insurance.

Mr. Wilson was born in Augusta, Ga., a son of the late Rev. Jos. R. Wilson.

OLD NO. 73 HAS EYES FIXED ON FERRY CROSS

Exalted Cyclops of Calypso Beaches Defiance; No Surrender, He Says.

Mount Olive, Feb. 26.—The exalted Cyclops of Goshen Klan, W. T. K. K. K. of Calypso, when asked if his charter had been surrendered, said: "No, and we don't intend to surrender it. We are still in the ring with our fighting clothes on."

Members of the Calypso Klan, who are known as the "Old No. 73," have been active in the town of Calypso, a few miles west of Mount Olive, since the Klan was organized here in 1925.

"We have scoured Goshen and Bear Swamp for illicit distilleries and watched our stores and streets for bootleg liquor for the past few years until Calypso is now one of the cleanest little towns in North Carolina and needs no mayor or policeman to keep it clean."

"But how about your masks after this proposed legislation is passed by the 'over House'?"

"We may have to make a bonfire of our robes and masks as our fathers did their Bibles and we may have to hire a sign painter to paint the names of our entire membership in big letters on the side of our hall so the world can see who we are, but thank God, all the Catholic gods in the universe can't buy our manhood and our liberty."

"Old 73 has her eyes sternly fixed on the ferry cross. She is safely anchored to the rock of age and we expect to double our membership within the next few months."

New Highway Link to Soon Be Opened. High Point, Feb. 24.—The model Greensboro-High Point highway will be opened to traffic from the Gate City to Jamestown in the near future, according to J. W. Mills, district engineer. Opening of the remainder of the road will be delayed on account of construction of the bridge at Deep River and the incomplete stretch of road from Jamestown to High Point.

The new 130-foot bridge will not be finished for six weeks. Hagston Construction Company has practically completed the laying of the cement foundation, and Atlantic Paving Company is now progressing with the top coat at the rate of 1,000 feet per day.

A fiber rope that is unbreakable has been produced in Holland. The rope includes a core of "foam rubber" that has a specific gravity only one-fourth as great as that of cork.

TODAY A HIP SOUTHERN 11 REEL WESTERN AND COMEDY SHOW MONDAY ONLY A "WESTERN SPECIAL" "BLUE STREAK O'NEIL" Featuring AL HOBIE AND COMEDIES, ETC. 11 REELS

TUESDAY AN EXTRA GOOD SHOW VAUDEVILLE ESPECIALLY THE HIGH STEP PING CHORUS

Call For Study of Taxation System. Charlotte, Feb. 25.—The board of directors of Charlotte Merchants Association, meeting today, authorized a telegraphic request to the Legislature asking that it enact pending legislation which would clear the way for an exhaustive study of the State's taxation system.

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LIVES OF THOUSAND MEN ENDANGERED IN NORTHERN PACIFIC

World's Largest Haulbut Fleet Battling Against a Snow Storm of Unusual Severity.

MANY BOATS ARE CAUGHT IN STORM

Storm Hourly Growing in Fury and It Is Feared the Weak Vessels Cannot Make Port.

Seward, Alaska, Feb. 26.—(AP)—With the lives of nearly a thousand men at stake, the world's largest haulbut fleet today battled doggedly against destruction as a gale and snow storm of unusual fury swept fiercely across the north Pacific and threatened to wipe out everything in its path.

Reports reaching Seward indicated that 450 of the 270 boats caught in the storm might never reach port. Three of the vessels, battered and torn by the gale, arrived here last night. The storm was hourly growing in fury, and navigators express opinion that only the stoutest of the vessels would escape destruction.

Sweeping even into Seward's well protected harbor, the storm tore small vessels from their moorings and tossed them about the bay.

The passenger liner Admiral Watson, immediate danger of being blown to pieces against the docks here, sought safety at anchor in outer harbor. The 250-foot mail and passenger steamer Starr which has weathered a dozen storms of its monthly run to points in western Alaska, camped perilously near destruction when it was swept within 50 feet of shore here.

May Increase in Violence. Seattle Wash., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Indications that the storm menacing boats in the Gulf of Alaska will increase in violence, were given today in reports to the United States Weather Bureau here. An area of unusually low barometric pressure was moving northward across the Gulf, officials of the Bureau said.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 1/2 Point to Decline of 2 Points.—May Closed at 14.20. New York, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 point to a decline of 2 points. There was considerable week-end realizing after the advance of yesterday, and the disposition to take profits was increased by the prospect of good weather in the South. Both Southern and New Orleans selling also was reported, but these features were offset to some extent by reports of continued good spot demand. March was relatively steady, holding well up to yesterday's closing quotations, but late morning showed declines of about 3 to 5 points. May sold off to 14.14 and October to 14.54.

Futures closed steady, 1 to 8 points higher. Spot steady, middling 14.40; Futures, closing: March 14.08; May 14.20; July 14.40; October 14.60; December 14.80.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 13.99; May 14.15; July 14.35; October 14.67; December 14.76.

Committee Opposes Proposed Trip. Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Senator Borah's proposal to have the foreign relations committee authorized to visit Mexico and Nicaragua this summer, was squelched today by the committee itself. The committee deleted the proposal from Senator Borah's resolution, but planned to report the resolution in such form that they may hold sessions after Congress adjourns.

No Closure Rule on Tyson Bill. Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Senate today declined to apply the closure rule limiting debate on consideration of the Tyson bill to grant the world war emergency officers the same disability retirement privileges as those enjoyed by regular army officers.

Bishops Say Modern Dance Pure, Jazz Vile. Vienna, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Austrian Bishops have declared modern dances pure and innocent but held that jazz is vile.

Therefore, their flocks are free to dance the Charleston to the slow strains of the Viennese Waltz, or do the Black Bottom to the dreamy tunes of Vienna orchestras.

But "Hot Mama" and "You Charleston Man" come under the heading of music which the Bishops at their 1927 Conference found "baneful." Therefore it cannot be performed with the sanction of the church.

The Bishops stipulated that dance music shall have no jazz qualities, that dancers' positions shall not be suggestive, and that the girls' skirts must be the proper length—the ankles.

Viennese dancing masters are politely puzzled to know how this year's dances can be performed to last year's music. They are confident they can bring "barbaric" American jazz under the refining cultural influence of Europe as they have done with American negro dancing.

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Speedy Enactment of County Government Reform Believed Near

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Speedy enactment of the county government reform measures, three in number, and which have already been passed by the senate, is generally believed imminent, largely as a result of the favorable action upon them by the senate and the further fact that the majority of the members of the house have evidenced their interest in county reform.

Already dozens of local bills, proposing to do in part what these acts would do uniformly, have been introduced, partly out of fear that the county government bills would not pass.

Of the trio of bills relating to county government the last two, the county fiscal control act and the county finance act, are the more important since the first bill is purely an optional measure permitting any county that so desires to adopt either the commission or managerial form of government.

The two acts relating to local affairs are mandatory and apply to all counties in the state. The county fiscal control act and the county finance act are companion measures. The control act places the county upon a budget system compelling it to levy a tax sufficient to meet its expenses, while the finance act covers the issuance of bonds and notes.

The two together provide for clearing up all deficits of the present year and thereafter balancing the budget so as to avoid a repetition of deficits.

The conditions which have made the fiscal control act imperative are the unwillingness on the part of many counties to levy sufficient taxes for annual requirements, the lack of system in making contracts and disbursing moneys, whereby appropriations are exceeded and the consequent borrowing on short term notes beyond the power of repayment from current revenues.

These conditions have been further aggravated by the willingness of local banks to furnish money on notes that are negotiable and that are good in the hands of an innocent holder.

The fiscal control act, in order to protect the conditions, would first provide a carefully considered ap-

propriation near the beginning of the fiscal year, immediately followed by a tax levy sufficient to meet the appropriation and second, would render county order non-negotiable unless they contain an endorsement, signed by an officer under penalty, that they are within the appropriation. An endorsement is also required on all contracts.

County functions are separated under the act and funds is provided for each function. In like manner funds of school districts and other taxing districts where taxes are levied by the county board are separated. The act does not allow a mingling of funds for improvements or current expenses with funds for the payment of principal and interest of debt or other special funds.

The administration of the act is under the direction of an officer termed the county accountant. The act does not require the appointment of a new officer, but allows it to be imposed upon a county auditor or any other county officer except the sheriff, tax collector, county treasurer or county fiscal agent. These exceptions are made because one of the main duties of the accountant is checking up on the collection and disbursement of taxes.

The county finance act, relating primarily to the issuance of bonds and notes, is based upon the pattern of the municipal finance act of 1917 and 1921, which have given such general satisfaction in the various cities of the state. This act provides that all borrowing shall be made upon bonds or notes as follows: tax anticipation notes; bonds for permanent improvements; funding and refunding; and bond anticipation notes.

All floating debt created up to date of ratification of the act is validated, and the issuance of funding and refunding bonds is authorized. But funding bonds must not run for more than fifteen years. Bonds are authorized for the usual permanent improvements, and these must mature within certain periods based upon their probable life and usefulness. The balance of the act sets for the manner of procedure for the issuance of the bonds.

REDISTRICTING THE STATE

Into 24 Judicial Districts.—Virtual Passage of the Bill. Raleigh, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Redistricting of the state into 24 judicial districts will begin as soon as the house concurs in an amendment to the bill creating these additional districts, which has already passed the senate, and where the amendment was added.

The bill as passed the house struck out the provisions for the \$750 a year for solicitors for, or by, the state, and the senate restored this by amendment. It is expected that the house will concur in the amendment, possibly today.

Predictions that the senate would grab at the bill like a hungry fish for a well-baited hook were borne out when the bill traveled without trouble through the senate Friday, with but the single amendment added. For while only four additional superior court judges and solicitors are added, instead of seven as the original bill passed by the senate and killed by the house, would have provided, this bill creates in addition to the four regular judges, two permanent emergency judges who may be assigned to any superior court in any county or district in the state, whenever necessity may arise.

These judges differ greatly from the present emergency judges in that they are appointed for a term of four years, and are in reality superior court judges at large, having concurrent authority with any superior court judge, except that they are assigned to the state as a whole instead of to one particular district.

As a result of the virtual passage of this bill, and the bill calling for a constitutional amendment to enable the general assembly to create more superior court judges, or solicitors, as will, without having to increase them proportionately, the squabble is starting for the new districts that will have to be created.

The Guilford delegation is working hard to see that Greensboro and Guilford county gets a judicial district of its own, while Mecklenburg and Forsyth also want a district to themselves.

Wouldn't Tax Reporter For Publicity Reasons. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—Newspapers would be subjected to a privilege tax but reporters would be exempt if Rev. Oscar Haywood had his way. The Montgomery county representative suggested, including the press under the revenue act, which was adopted by the house committee as a whole tonight.

"They are making money and could pay a good tax," Dr. Haywood said. "He would exempt reporters he said, 'because they get your name in the paper.'"

164,067 immigrants are to be permitted to enter the United States this year, according to an answered question in this week's Liberty.

INVESTIGATE FIRE WHICH CAUSED THE DEATH OF OLD MAN

Hiram Justice Burned to Death While Neighbors Looked on, Powerless to Give Him Aid.

SON VICTIM OF ACCIDENT ALSO

Was Killed While Hunting About Three Weeks Ago.—Dead Man Had Much Property.

Hendersonville, Feb. 26.—(AP)—An inquest over the charred body of Hiram Justice, 81 years old, who died last night in a fire which destroyed his home on the Dana road about three miles from here, was being held today by coroner A. L. Beck.

The aged Henderson county man who owned considerable property in this section, and who was father of Dr. Zoro K. Justice of Davidson, victim of a hunting accident near his mother's home three weeks ago, burned to death while alone in his house and while nearly a score of residents of the section looked on, powerless to save him.

These neighbors, drawn to the spot about 10 o'clock when an alarm was sent out by A. M. Hughey of Hendersonville, arrived too late to effect a rescue, although the form of Mr. Justice was plainly visible in his room as the flames leaped about the house.

Lying prostrate on his bed, apparently suffocated by smoke after building large fire in open fireplace and retiring, the old man was powerless to escape, and the helpless onlookers watched the house burn with him.

A crack in the skull of the body apparently was caused by falling timbers, but inquest was decided on to bring out all details possible of the tragedy, owing to the suggestion of some friends that Mr. Justice might have met with foul play.

WILL UNMASK THE KU KLUX

Bill That Passed the Senate Now in House.—Former Klan Men Lead Fight to Unmask. Raleigh, Feb. 26.—The chances are that the Johnson-Haywood bill, which would unmask the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, and make the property of any local Klan, giving up its charter, revert to the membership, instead of to the National Organization in Atlanta, as it is now required, will become a state law, having been favorably reported by a 15 to 1 vote in the Judiciary Committee Number 2, of the House of Representatives.

It came to the house from the senate, where it passed by a large majority. The resignation of Judge Henry A. Grady, as Grand Dragon in North Carolina, has brought about a crisis in the state organization, and a favorable opportunity for members of the Klan who favor open and above board membership and policies for the Klan to put through legislation to that end.

The opponents of the Johnson-Haywood bill, represented by Hannibal Godwin, former member of the United States House of Representatives, accused the proponents of taking advantage of the moment when the Klan besought the committee to delay the hearing until the Klan had time to secure legal representation, which has hitherto been supplied by Judge Grady, the retiring Grand Dragon.

But Senator Rivers Johnson, leading the proponents of the bill, himself a member of the Klan, thought that Mr. Godwin supplied the legal representation, and that there were enough members of the Ku Klux Klan in the House of Representatives to look after its interest, without putting off the hearing. The committee upheld him, and the hearing continued.

The opponents of the bill were represented by Hannibal Godwin, Mr. Corbett of Atkinson and J. W. Atford of Kewley. Mr. Corbett said that he was not fighting the measure because of the unmasking provision, but he based his opposition on the clause which would cause the membership of any disorganized Klan to renounce their oath to give over their property to the National Organization.

Senator Rivers Johnson, who led the fight for the proponents of the bill, supported by Representative Oscar Haywood, who introduced the bill in the house, and by R. N. Simms, Raleigh attorney employed by members of the Klan who are in favor of the bill and by Charles U. Harris, speaking anonymously as a citizen interested in the bill.

Representative Nat Townsend of Harnett, succeeded in firing a number of questions which confused and annoyed the opponents of the bill, even the imperturbable Mr. Godwin.

\$200 Reward for Simmons. Raleigh, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Gov. McLean in response to a request from Sheriff D. B. Stafford, of Guilford county, offered a reward of \$200 for apprehension and delivery of Frank Simmons, negro, who is alleged to have killed Deputy Sheriff W. T. Bowman Thursday night. Guilford county has offered a like reward.

Boulder Canyon Bill Dead. Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The effort to invoke the closure rule to limit debate on the Boulder Canyon dam bill failed today in the senate, forecasting failure of the bill itself for this session of Congress.

"GROWING IN GRACE" Pastor 11:00 A. M.

"SCARECROWS AND COWARDS" Pastor 7:00 P. M.

FIRST M. P. CHURCH Ann and Moore Streets

Matinee Ladies by William B. Courtney. The Tribune will, in a few days, begin publication of a new serial story entitled "Matinee Ladies." This is a splendid story and we are sure will please our readers.

ICE PRICES REDUCED TO 50c PER HUNDRED IF YOU USE THE COUPON SYSTEM. \$5.00 books for \$4.00 cash. 300 Lb. Lots 40 cents per hundred. Order a book today and start saving. I hope to be in position to deliver ice on Sunday during the hot Summer Months. Yours for Service, A. B. POUNDS

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight, Sunday increasing cloudiness. Moderate west and west winds.