

Third Degree Bill Strikes Snag in Senate

Reed Measure Referred to Committee for Amendment With Approval of Its Author.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special).—S. F. No. 20, the Reed bill, aiming to make "third degree" methods by the police illegal in this state, struck a snag when it came up for consideration this morning and was finally referred to the committee for specific amendment.

The amendment proposed by Senator C. B. Anderson virtually rewrites the bill, making it unlawful for police or other persons to use more force than is necessary to prevent escape of persons suspected of crime. It further provides that if two or more persons shall commit an assault for the purpose of blinding a confession or shall assault or imprison a person because he refuses to make a confession, they shall be subject to a fine of \$100 to \$300 or to one to three years in the penitentiary. Senator Reed indicated he would favor the bill as amended.

Candling Bill on File. The egg candling bill, S. F. No. 161, was placed on general file, with committee amendments, making the entire year a closed season for bad eggs, exempting farmers making apparatus used for candling subject to approval by the agriculture department, which also is to issue licenses and collect an annual fee of \$1. The inspection feature and complaint records kept by dealers were eliminated.

The following bills were placed on general file:

S. F. 62, Gumb—Election of county commissioners for four years.

S. F. 117, Gumb—County assessors to serve two consecutive terms.

S. F. 133, Saunders—Provides for probate of estates where heirs live in a foreign country.

S. F. 120, Johnson—Prescribes publication of legal notices.

S. F. 60, Larkin—Approval of boxing license subject to Omaha welfare board.

Indefinitely Postponed. The following bills were indefinitely postponed:

S. F. 122, Riefenrath—Contracts by married women same as men in relation to real and personal property.

S. F. 58, Smith—Lawful for stockholder but unlawful for employe of corporation who is notary public to administer oath to instrument drawn by such corporation.

Senator Saunders, who has been ill of grip, returned to his seat today and presided in place of Lieutenant Governor Fred Johnson, who is confined to his apartment with the same malady.

12,000 Victims of Autos Last Year

Chicago, Feb. 6.—More than 12,000 persons were victims of automobile fatalities in the United States in 1922 and more than 100 persons lost their lives in such accidents in 10 cities, of which New York and Chicago with their large populations, had by far the larger numbers, according to statistics of the national safety council, made public today.

New York had the largest number of auto fatalities, 785, which did not include the month of December, and Chicago had 736. Los Angeles ranked third with 321. Other cities ranked as follows:

Pittsburgh, 188; Detroit, 146; St. Louis, 131; San Francisco, 129; Cleveland, 124; Baltimore, 122, and Boston, 105.

In 78 cities over 50,000 population 1,347 children lost their lives. Springfield, O., and Holyoke, Mass., had the best records, each with two fatalities. Other cities of 50,000 or over had the following automobile death records:

Denver, 64; Omaha, 29; Kansas City, Mo., 58; San Diego, 31.

Farmer Nearly Perishes in Fire That Burned Barn

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 6.—Joseph Rozata, farmer residing near Howells, was overcome by smoke and rescued by neighbors when he attempted to free several head of livestock trapped in a burning barn. No one was at home at the time the fire broke out and the blaze gained considerable headway when discovered.

Rozata reached home in time to make a vain attempt to rescue his livestock. A span of mules and one cow were lost, in addition to the large barn, chicken house and a quantity of grain and hay.

The Howells fire department responded to a summons. Rozata was brought from the burning building after he had collapsed when overcome by smoke.

Committee on Taxation Defers Action on Bills

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special).—No action was taken tonight by the house committee on taxation on the excess profits or income tax bills because of illness of four members. There was a long, spirited debate on the bill which continued until late at night.

E. J. Lamb of Tecumseh, chairman of the committee, announced there would be no further open hearings on the bills so far as he knew.

Former President of State W.C.T.U. Expires

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 6.—(Special).—Mrs. Dora V. Wheelock, one-time president of the Nebraska Woman's Christian Temperance union, and formerly a resident of Beatrice, died at her home in Loveland, Colo. The family left here some years ago. Mr. Wheelock was at one time mayor of Beatrice. Two sons and a daughter survive. The body will be brought to Beatrice for burial.

Committee Probe of University Is Delayed 10 Days

Postponement Granted Because of Illness of Members—Increase in School Levies Approved.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special).—The house today granted the university investigation committee 10 more days in which to report. Under the original resolution the committee was to report tomorrow. Illness of members was given as a reason for asking for more time.

A bill increasing levies for county high schools from 1.6 mills to 3 mills passed the house on third reading. The house voted unanimously to pass a bill on third reading making the minimum levy for mothers' pensions 3 of a mill instead of 10.

Joelyn Museum Bill Passed

The Dyball bill calling for condemnation of all property on the site selected near Twenty-fourth and Dodge streets, Omaha, for the Joelyn art museum passed the house on third reading.

Authorization of the Benevolent Order of Doves, Omaha, an auxiliary to the Elks, to incorporate, is contained in a bill passed on third reading in the house.

Capital Punishment Useless, Says Sing Warden

New York, Feb. 6.—Capital punishment does not prevent murder, so it should be abolished, according to Lewis E. Lawes, warden at Sing Sing, in an address here. "If slayers must be executed as a warning to would-be slayers, then executions should be public," he said.

Two Hurt in Wreck

Fort Pierce, Fla., Feb. 6.—The Palm Beach limited of the Florida East Coast railway, southbound from Jacksonville to Miami, crashed into the rear end of an extra freight train here yesterday, resulting in slight injuries to the engineer and fireman.

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Senate Overturns Adverse Report on Tax Exemption

Bill Asking Four-Year Term for State Senator Killed—Finance Body Hurried in Work.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special).—The senate this afternoon overturned an adverse committee report, which had recommended for indefinite postponement S. F. 24, a proposed constitutional amendment allowing a \$200 tax exemption, and reported it out for general file.

The action came after a rather warm debate. Another proposed constitutional amendment S. F. 23, making the terms of state senators four years, was killed, although Rickard made a big fight to save his measure.

The senate took action this afternoon to speed up the work of the finance committee when the appropriations bill comes over from the house. It appointed subcommittees, including one on normal schools, one on the university, and two on state institutions to assist the general committee, of which Perry Reed is chairman.

Three Tax Bills Killed

Three tax bills were killed on committee reports, including S. F. 139 by Wiltsie, providing for acceptance of one year's back taxes; S. F. 139 by Gumb, providing for using the average five-year price for realty as a basis of calculation, and S. F. 108, permitting cemetery associations greater latitude.

One bill was advanced to general file including S. F. 73, providing for the incorporation of the Nebraska State Press association, and three sent to third reading. They were: S. F. 97, providing for reciprocal relations between high schools on the state boundary lines.

S. F. 139, specifying procedure for probate of estates with foreign heirs. S. F. 120, providing for the publication of legal notices.

Rail Workers' Pay to Be on Present Basis to October 1

Chicago, Feb. 6.—Train, yard and engine service employes of the nation's railroads today were assured of a continuation of present rates of pay and rules and working conditions until at least October 1, 1923, in action that was taken yesterday by the United States railroad labor board.

In effect this decision disposed of all Big Four brotherhood and switchmen's union cases, for the present at least.

Protests Against Income Tax Voiced

Thielen Measure Criticised Vigorously by Delegation From Omaha.

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—(Special).—The income tax bill introduced by Senator Thielen was vigorously criticised at a senate committee hearing this afternoon in which delegates from Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Hastings and other cities protested against its passage.

Charles Sears of Omaha, a former legislator and member of the state tax commission, declared that the bill would lead to extravagance in state expenditures, the same as it has in Washington. He said law-makers would make appropriations and then arrange the income tax schedule to cover it. Mr. Sears declared that there is a constitutional limit to the property tax, but that the restriction did not obtain against the income tax.

Attorney Yale Holland of Omaha asserted that public sentiment is against the proposed law. Attorney Desler of Omaha said it was a direct tax which would tend to alienate the people. He deplored the exemption of only \$100 and said that the bill pro-

Funeral of Bishop O'Reilly Will Be Held on Thursday

Lincoln, Feb. 6.—The funeral of the Right Rev. Charles J. O'Reilly, Catholic Bishop of Lincoln, who died Monday evening will be held at the cathedral Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Most Rev. James J. Keane, archbishop of Dubuque, Ia., will preside at the ceremony and will preach the funeral sermon. Bishop J. H. Thien of Denver will celebrate the requiem mass. Among the church dignitaries who are expected to be present are Archbishop Harry of Omaha, Bishop McGovern of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Bishop Duffy of Grand Island, and Bishop Heelan of Sioux City, who will give absolution at the end of the ceremony.

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