

WETS IN LEAD BY 956 VOTES IN IOWA; PLAN TO CATCH INCOME TAX SLACKERS

REGISTRATION DAY TO ROUND UP ALL SUBJECT TO NEW TAX SUGGESTED BY OMAHA MAN

Unique Scheme to Facilitate Collection of Information By Government, Reduce Expenses and Uncover Evaders, to Be Presented to Washington Authorities By Internal Revenue Collector Loomis of This District.

A unique plan to catch income tax slackers has been devised by United States Internal Revenue Collector Loomis of this district. The plan is to have a "national income tax registration day" appointed, when all persons subject to the new federal income tax will be required to register just as the men registered for the selective draft June 5.

The suggestion is original with Mr. Loomis and will be brought to the attention of the Washington authorities.

"I believe that this would be the surest and quickest and most efficient way to catch income tax slackers," said Mr. Loomis. "If such a registration day should be appointed by the authorities persons with incomes over the exemption limit would merely register their names and addresses. This would provide a mailing list and we would send out the income tax blanks to be filled out. At one stroke we would get the names of practically all persons subject to the new tax."

The new law provides that every unmarried person must pay a tax of 2 per cent on that part of his or her income which is over \$1,000 per annum. Every married person must pay the same tax on that part of his or her income which is over \$2,000 per annum.

It is difficult task. "It is a big job to get the names of all persons subject to the new income tax," said Mr. Loomis. "At present we are getting the names in several ways. Our deputies gather them from various sources. In some counties men who are well acquainted with most of the people have sent in the names of all those whom they believe to have incomes subject to tax. We have received as high as 700 names from a single county seat in Nebraska."

The new law, which is a part of the war tax law, reduces the exemption from \$4,000 to \$2,000 for married persons and from \$3,000 to \$1,000 for single persons, thus bringing in a vast army of income taxpayers who never paid income tax before.

Penalties Severe. Of course, the penalties for not reporting for payment of income tax are severe, but the present method of

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Jerry O'Leary's Bull Suspends Publication

New York, Oct. 16.—The publication known as "Bull," of which Jeremiah A. O'Leary, mentioned in German official dispatches made public by recent State department disclosures, has been the directing head, has suspended, it was announced here today by its publishers.

Postmaster General Burleson had excluded it from the mails.

England Advises America It Has Cut Wheat Rations

Washington, Oct. 16.—Under new war ration regulations, England has advised this government it has begun the task of reducing wheat consumption for the forthcoming year to less than half the normal consumption before the war.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.

Table with weather statistics: Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday, Comparative Local Record, Normal and Precipitation Departure, Station and State Weather.

Germans Who Escape Camp Soon Captured

San Francisco, Oct. 16.—Two German aliens who escaped in a boat from a detention camp on Angel island, in San Francisco bay, early today, were captured within a few hours after their disappearance. The men, both officers of a merchant vessel, were returned to Angel island by the military authorities.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE DIE IN K. C. FIRE

More Than One-Half of Second Largest Stock Yards in Country Destroyed; Origin Unknown.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—More than one-half of the Kansas City stock yards, the second largest in the country, was destroyed by fire early today.

It was estimated after the fire had been brought under control, after two hours, that several thousand head of cattle had been destroyed.

Some estimates ran as high as 10,000.

\$750,000 REPORTED LOST.

Insurance adjusters place the loss at approximately \$750,000, of which \$200,000 represent the buildings, pens and chute destroyed, and \$550,000 the live stock burned.

Heavy insurance was carried both upon the buildings of the stock yards and upon the live stock.

There were 47,000 cattle in the yards at the close of business yesterday, it was said, and while it was possible to liberate most of them, so rapidly did the flames gain headway that many were caught and burned.

Cattle Wander About Streets.

Hundreds of cattle, freed from the burning structures, reached the downtown sections of both Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.

Intimations were given after noon today that the fire might have been of an incendiary origin.

An investigation has been started. A large number of war contracts were being filled.

George R. Colett, general manager of the stock yards company, placed an estimate of a loss of from \$160,000 to \$170,000 upon the pens destroyed.

Inspection of the fire-swept area of the yards later in the day led to a report that approximately 3,000 hogs had perished in the flames. The area over which the fire burned was approximately twenty-five acres.

Packers said that their facilities would operate today under conditions necessitating a decreased output because of the fire. The destroyed section will be rebuilt immediately.

Third Great Fire.

It was the third disastrous fire in the history of the Kansas City stock yards. The blaze was discovered by two patrolmen in Kansas City, Kan., and before they could summon apparatus the fire had become unmanageable.

Fire departments from both Kansas City and Omaha fought the flames. The origin of the fire has not been determined so far. The other two were caused by carelessly throwing cigar stubs.

No estimate of the pecuniary loss has been made.

Many new shipments of cattle were in the yards today ready to be unloaded. Cattlemen were undecided as to what disposal to make of the cattle, but it was suggested that they be shipped on to either St. Louis or Chicago. Omaha and St. Joseph also might benefit by shipments, it was said.

Very few swine were burned. The hog pens were reached by the flames, but most of the animals seemed to have been liberated.

Shipments to K. C. Cut Down. Topeka, Kan., Oct. 16.—An embargo on all shipments to other destinations which necessitates transfer at the Kansas City yards was put into effect by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad today until conditions at the Kansas City yards, due to a fire there, are improved.

Prominent Pittsburgh Editor Dies of Apoplexy

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 16.—Colonel Austin Beach, managing editor of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, and for many years one of the best known newspaper men in Pennsylvania, was found dead at his home here today of apoplexy.

JOHN L. KENNEDY FORMALLY NAMED STATE FUEL HEAD

Receives Notice of Appointment From Administrator Garfield; Blocked Three Weeks by Senator Hitchcock.

John L. Kennedy, Omaha attorney, yesterday received formal notification of his appointment as federal fuel administrator for Nebraska.

The appointment was contained in a telegram to Mr. Kennedy from H. A. Garfield, fuel administrator.

The main part of the formal notification follows:

"With the approval of the president



I desire to appoint you federal fuel administrator for your state. Your chief duties in that capacity will be to select a small advisory committee for the state and appoint local committees in the counties and cities for the purpose of investigating and reporting on local conditions, and in co-operation with the fuel administrator to take all possible steps to relieve and improve fuel conditions within your state. It will be a service to your country and particularly to the people of your state, as well as a favor to me, if you will undertake this important and vital work."

Mr. Kennedy made the following statement: "In answer to a telegram received from Mr. Garfield this afternoon, I have accepted the appointment as federal fuel administrator for Nebraska. "This is no time to evade any public duty. The state is vitally interested in the equitable distribution of the fuel supply, at reasonable prices, and I want to be of the greatest possible service. That I may not be able to please everybody is of no great consequence. I shall perform the duties of the office without fear or favor."

Mayor and Governor Issue Liberty Bond Proclamations

Mayor Dahlman last night issued a proclamation asking all Omaha to join in the Liberty bond campaign on the three days—October 18, 19 and 20—set aside for a special effort to boost the big loan. Mayor Dahlman requests that when the special campaign opens at 10 o'clock on the morning of October 18 all whistles in the city are to be blown and all bells rung. Business of all kinds is to be suspended for five minutes at that time. Street cars and vehicles of every character are to stop for a period of five minutes and all factories and mills are to stop work for a short time.

On the Iowa Diamond



BUD MARS, BIRD MAN, ASSIGNED TO FORT OMAHA

Famous Aviator Commissioned Lieutenant in Flying Corps by President Wilson; to Join Balloon School.

First Lieutenant James C. (Bud) Mars, one of the greatest of American aviators, who was commissioned a lieutenant by the United States aviation corps by special appointment of President Wilson, soon will be stationed at Fort Omaha.



Since that time he has designed, constructed and operated every type of heavier and lighter than air craft, including hot air balloons, parachutes, free and captive balloons, man carrying kites, gliders, dirigible and airplanes.

In 1911 Lieutenant Mars was associated with Captain Baldwin in the construction of the first airship ever produced in the United States, at Los Angeles. He also aided Captain Baldwin in building the first dirigible balloons ever purchased by the United States and German governments, and was Israel Ludlow's assistant in the construction and operation of man-carrying kites at the Jamestown exposition in 1907.

Taught Beachy to Fly. For a number of years Lieutenant Mars traveled with various shows.

Constantinople Dolls Up to Greet Kaiser Bill London, Oct. 16.—Great preparations are being made in Constantinople for the reception there of Emperor William, according to advices from Constantinople received by the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam. The emperor will be welcomed by the sultan, the royal princes and representatives of the military and naval branches of the government and the civil authorities.

RETURNS FROM ALL BUT FIVE COUNTIES IN HAWKEYE STATE SHOW THE VOTE WILL BE CLOSE

Districts Not Heard From Believed to be About Evenly Divided; May Take Official Figures Before Definite Result is Ascertained; Heavy Wet Majorities in East.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 16.—With ninety-six out of ninety-nine counties complete with the exception of twenty-one scattered precincts, Monday's vote on the constitutional prohibition amendment stood 196,341 for to 197,297 against—a lead of 956 for the "wets." The three counties to be heard from are Butler, Adair and Fremont.

Des Moines, Oct. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Results of the special election to decide the question of constitutional prohibition continue very close.

AUSTRIA PLEADS WITH GERMANY FOR PEACE TERMS

Kaiser's Allies and His Own People Becoming More Clamorous in Demands for War's End.

London, Oct. 16.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung of Berlin, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam, says that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, recently requested the German chancellor, Dr. Michaelis, to state Germany's peace terms, urging that Germany make concessions in the west.

Count Czernin received a vague reply, whereupon he stated that he could no longer negotiate with Dr. Michaelis, inasmuch as the chancellor made vague statements when clearness and frankness were imperatively necessary.

These statements of the Tages Zeitung are not denied, the dispatch says, and have made a great sensation, being particularly illustrative of the fervent desire for peace on the part of Austria.

Nine-Tenths of People Want Peace. Amsterdam, Oct. 16.—In his speech at the Wurzburg convention, Herr Ebert, president of the German socialist party, said speedy conclusion of peace was a vital necessity for workers in all countries and that the policy of the mailed fist would disappear after the frightful horrors of the war.

"If a ballot were taken today," he added, "nine-tenths of the people would approve peace by agreement."

Herr Scheideemann, referring to the Capelle incident, said that unfortunately it could not be discussed in public.

"The fact is," he continued, "that if they wanted to catch all who were connected with similar incidents, they would have to take action against 300 persons simultaneously. Every day soldiers come to us with complaints and we have opened a special bureau to investigate them. The main thing is not to talk or write about grievances, but to combat them."

Copenhagen, Oct. 16.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff have received leaders of the German Trades unions, who laid before them complaints against the regulations issued by department heads of the army, limiting, or in some cases paralyzing, the freedom of action of the unions. The outcome of the conference has not been announced, but the Vorwarts of Berlin believes that the grievances of the unions will be investigated.

Omaha Boy Writes of Work in U. S. Hospital at Mare Island



J. Raymond Byrne, son of T. C. Byrne of this city, now a junior lieutenant in the navy, stationed at a naval hospital on Mare island, California, writes to friends in Omaha that he heartily enjoys life in the navy. He is a graduate of Creighton Medical college and is now assistant surgeon at the naval hospital where he is stationed. After passing his examination for admission into the navy, he took a special course at Leland Stanford university, after which he received his appointment to report to the naval hospital at Mare island. Police Surgeon Nigro received a letter from Lieutenant Byrne, who stated the hospital and training station there are most enjoyable. "It is certainly true that the surroundings here are pleasant and above all expectations," he stated in the letter.

MAJORITY DWINDLES. With five counties yet to hear from the dries have an apparent lead of 684 votes.

The five counties yet out are Bremer, Calhoun, Marshall, Emmet and Fremont.

Bremer is considered wet two to one. Emmet may possibly go over to the wet column. The other three are expected to vote dry.

Tremendous votes were given the wets in Scott, Dubuque, Lee, Clinton and Des Moines counties and big majorities in Woodbury, Carroll and Crawford counties, which dries have found hard to overcome.

Polk county gave the dries a lead of about 2,200, which is the largest dry majority in any one county in the state. Official figures are likely to be demanded before admission of defeat is made by either side.

LARGER CITIES ALL WET. The larger cities as a whole against the amendment. Davenport and Scott county piled up a majority of nearly 7,000, the vote being 9,559 to 2,743.

Des Moines, however, was dry by 1,410. Sioux City, Council Bluffs, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Dubuque, Keokuk, Clinton and Muscatine all went wet, Dubuque voting five to one against the amendment.

The rural districts of the southern and central parts of the state were responsible for early apparent victory of the amendment, voting two and three to one for prohibition.

Effect of Amendment. If the late returns favor the dries, the legal sale of liquor in the state would be barred for at least four years, and probably more.

Under the most favorable conditions it will be impossible under the law for the state to again vote on the question before 1921, and this would only be possible through the election of two consecutive legislatures which would vote to resubmit the amendment.

Most of Wheat Crop Has Been Graded High

Washington, Oct. 16.—A large part of this year's wheat crop has graded high at the markets—No. 3 or better—under the federal wheat standards made effective this year.

Department of Agriculture announced today. Persistent false rumors have been circulated in the grain trade and particularly among country shippers and producers, says the department, that under the new federal standards for wheat, very little of the marketed crop is being or has been placed in the higher grades.

Louis Malvy Cleared of Bolso Pasha Connections

Paris, Monday, Oct. 15.—Premier Poincaré communicated to the cabinet today the result of the inquiry he made into the charges against Louis J. Malvy, former minister of the interior, accused by Leon Daudet, editor of L'Action Francaise, of having betrayed secrets to Germany. The premier said his investigation had showed that all the accusations, whether of communicating military and diplomatic documents to the enemy or of complicity in military disturbances, were quite unfounded.

Lloyd George Libel Actions Withdrawn

London, Oct. 16.—The libel actions brought recently by Premier Lloyd George against the Exchange Telegraph company, the Westminster Gazette and the Daily News for publishing the statement that he left London when an air raid warning was given, has been withdrawn, the terms being an apology for the publication and the payment of a certain sum, the amount of which is not mentioned, to indemnify the premier for his costs in the action.

Anthrax Miners Promise to Help Out Desperate Consumer

Washington, D. C., Oct. 16.—Anthracite coal operators, representing most of the country's hard coal output, at a conference with the administration today, pledged full support to the government in solving the coal problem.