



TORNADOES HIT IOWA CITIES

INCREASE OF TAXES PROPOSED

Secretary Wants Immediate Legislation to Provide More Revenue; Country Faces Twenty-Three Billion Dollar Budget.

Washington, May 9.—Congressional leaders have been advised by Secretary McAdoo that legislation at this session of congress is imperative to provide revenue to meet the unexpected increases in expenses incident to the vast expansion of the nation's war program.

A statement of the country's financial situation, upon which the amount of additional taxes and bonds needed may be calculated, has been prepared at the treasury for submission within the next two or three days to the committees of the senate and house.

Whether congress will undertake at the present session upward revision of the war revenue law of last fall, leaders at the capitol said tonight, depends upon the impression made by this statement. If it demonstrates that it is essential to act now instead of waiting until December, as planned, hope of adjournment by July 1 will go glimmering and congress probably will be here until fall.

Secretary McAdoo's belief that legislation must be enacted at once was expressed in a letter to Senator Simmons of North Carolina, chairman of the senate finance committee.

The unexpectedly heavy estimates of expenditures for the coming year include the \$15,000,000,000 army program, about \$1,500,000,000 for the navy, with further estimates expected and \$2,250,000,000 for the shipping board.

May Double Levies. Senator Simmons said tonight the tacit agreement to defer further revenue legislation until next December was made before these new estimates were submitted. The situation now, he said, is materially changed and will have to be considered in the new light when Secretary McAdoo's formal statement is presented.

Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, democratic leader of the house and chairman of the ways and means committee, said if additional taxes were decided upon, the levy of the last tax bill probably would be doubled. He estimated that \$2,500,000,000 in new taxes would be levied, but other leaders placed the probable figures at from \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,500,000,000, making a total of around \$6,000,000,000, based upon the estimated returns of between \$4,000,000,000 and \$4,500,000,000 from the present law.

Will Issue More Bonds. Further bond issues also will have to be authorized during the present session, according to Senator Simmons, regardless of when revenue legislation is enacted. The amount of the issues, however, of course, will depend upon the decisions as to taxes.

Incomes and profits, both Representative Kitchin and Senator Simmons indicated, are regarded as the principal source from which any revenue increase must come. The former said both can be doubled, while the latter believes additional tax burdens should be spread more generally over the population. More consumption taxes are regarded as a strong probability.

Republicans Opposed to Plan. Strong republican opposition to any general revenue legislation at the present session of congress is expected.

Senator Simmons explained tonight that a decision regarding immediate legislation largely depends on Secretary McAdoo's showing of actual treasury receipts in sight between now and February, when it is assumed a new bill, begun next September, would be available.

This basis of calculation upon which \$23,000,000,000 is fixed upon as the amount needed for next year necessarily is inexact, since conditions which cannot be foreseen may either increase or reduce the actual governmental outlays.

The treasury's estimates of expenditures in the fiscal year opening next July 1, as made up last June from department forecasts, provided for only \$12,804,000,000, not including loans to the allies.

It placed needs of the military establishments at only \$9,991,000,000 instead of \$15,000,000,000 now asked by the war department, the navy department's budget of \$816,000,000, instead of the \$1,500,000,000 carried in the pending naval appropriation bill; and the shipping board at \$900,000,000, instead of the \$2,250,000,000 now sought by the board.

Plan to Ship to France Ton of Dried Milk Daily. New York, May 9.—With the object of shipping abroad each day a ton of dried milk, the equivalent of 8,400 quarts of liquid milk, to relieve suffering caused by scarcity of the product in France, a group of American women today started a country-wide campaign for funds in the name of the committee for free milk for France. Miss Josephine Osborne is chairman of the committee.

COMMONS BACK BRITISH PREMIER; ASQUITH BEATEN

Appointment of Select Committee to Investigate General Maurice's Charges Refused After Plea By Lloyd George to Stop Sniping, As Germans Are Preparing Heaviest Blow in War.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 9.—Ex-Premier Asquith's motion for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made by General Maurice was rejected in the House of Commons tonight by a vote of 293 to 106.

The premier, in a speech, declared such controversies as the present one were distracting and paralyzing. "I beg that they may come to an end," he added. "National unity and the army are threatened. The Germans are preparing the biggest blow of the war, and I beg and implore that there shall be an end to this sniping."

DENIES CENSURE. Former Premier Asquith denied that his motion respecting the Maurice affair was designed to obtain a vote of censure of the government, saying it was absurd to describe it as such. Should he find it his duty to censure the government, he said, he hoped that he would have the courage to do so in direct and unequivocal form.

The former premier said he knew many of his friends had thought he had been faint-hearted in this matter and that there were persons other than his friends who thought of him as being devoured by impatience to resume office.

"I am quite content," he added, "to leave judgment of that kind to the house and my fellow countrymen." Unless an act of Parliament were passed, he said, the tribunal of judges proposed for an inquiry into the Maurice affair would have no compulsory powers of any kind. He considered far better to adopt the familiar machinery of a select committee from the house. The government's proposal for a court of honor amounted to an admission that an inquiry was necessary and that the matters raised were so secret they could not be discussed even by a select committee.

PREMIER EXPLAINS. Denying that the strength of the British fighting forces had been misrepresented as stated by General Maurice, Mr. Lloyd George asserted the figures which he had given were taken from official records at the war office. Since that time he had made inquiries on this point, he added, and the figures were not inaccurate. The demand made by Mr. Asquith for a select committee was characterized by the premier as without precedent in the history of the house.

During the time General Maurice was in office and when he had access to information and to the ministers themselves, Mr. Lloyd George said, he never challenged statements of the ministers.

In regard to the comparison between the enemy and the allied forces, the premier added, he was charged with misleading the public, but all the figures on which his statement was based came from General Maurice's department.

The statement that three British divisions were present in Egypt, he explained, was made at a cabinet meeting when General Maurice was in charge.

Comrades Start Inquiry About Missing Aviator. With the American Army in France, May 9.—Comrades of Captain James Norman Hall, aviator, missing after a combat on the Toul front, have asked the American embassy in Paris to communicate with Germany through Switzerland in an effort to ascertain whether Hall was killed or made prisoner. They have furnished the embassy with a description of Hall's airplane and the number of the motor. A French artillery observer reported that Hall was apparently making a safe landing when he disappeared from sight.

Yankees Avoid Hun Feigns Wound to Lead Foes to Death, Teutons' Trap. (By Associated Press.) With the American Army in France, May 9.—A large German patrol attempted to rush the American positions on the Picardy front during last night, but was driven off. The enemy patrol parties were active during the night and one German, pretending to be wounded, lay outside the wire entanglements before an American position beseeching help. He was acting as a screen for the others, who were armed with hand grenades.

The Germans, failing to entice the Americans from their trenches, attacked, but the Americans made it so hot for them that they fled in confusion. Their casualties are believed to have been comparatively heavy.

The roar of heavy artillery continues day and night in this sector.

GERMANS BOMBARD AMIENS

Parts of Picardy Capital Heaps of Ruins; More Than 200 Civilians Killed or Wounded.

(By Associated Press.) On the French Front in France, May 9.—German artillery under orders from the Prussian and Bavarian crown princes, is doing its utmost to turn Amiens into another Rheims. Picardy's capital has already suffered terribly from this effort to carry out the German idea of striking terror into the fatherland's enemies by the destruction of their most loved works of art and every day adds to its suffering.

The correspondent today went all over the abandoned city and observed the effects of the bombardment, which has turned parts of the town into heaps of ruins and killed 52 men civilians, 30 women and five children, besides wounding 62 men 48 women and 19 children before the population had an opportunity to evacuate the place. Since the Germans have been within cannon shot of Amiens, they have hurled no fewer than 5,800 shells, mostly six-inch and eight-inch, into the city.

Cathedral Struck by Shells. Every indication points to a systematic effort to destroy the public buildings, as the cathedral has been struck by shells, which have pierced the roof and walls, and the object of firing incessantly upon the town cannot be explained except upon the assumption that it is carried out with the purely barbarous idea of the destruction of the beautiful objects it contains.

This follows from the fact that no troops whatever are in the city and that the railroad passing through it is not in use. The cannons generally cease at nightfall, only to be replaced by air raids, which occur almost every night. Aerial torpedoes to the number of 680 have been launched from airplanes upon various parts of the city.

As most of the shells and torpedoes are of the incendiary type they have caused enormous damage, so that up to the present 1,200 houses have been destroyed. When the firemen, who gallantly stuck to their posts, have attempted to extinguish the flames, the German gunners, seeing the glare of the fire they have caused, have continued to throw in shells upon the spot, while at night the German air-men have circled high over the blazing and dropped more bombs.

Population Removed. The cathedral, which possesses the finest Gothic nave in existence, has so far escaped serious damage, but any moment may see irreparable injury done it, as projectiles continue to fall all around it.

The task of the authorities in getting the people away when they discovered the intention of the Germans to destroy the city was a tremendous one, as the refugees from the devastated districts had increased the population to 120,000, all of whom had to be removed from danger within a few days. The arrangements have worked perfectly and all the people are now safely housed elsewhere.

All traffic is forbidden to enter the city, so that the enemy may not be given ground for declaring the bombardment one of military exigency.

Confidential Secretary Of Late J. P. Morgan Dies. Ottawa, May 9.—Cornelius Kinney Smith, for 31 years confidential secretary of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, died today, following an operation. He was 82 years old.

U. S. Steel to Build And Operate Plant For Making Cannon. New York, May 9.—The United States Steel corporation, at the request of the government, will enter into the manufacture of heavy artillery and projectiles in great quantities. In a statement in regard to the undertaking, Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation, said that a manufacturing plant for the purpose would be constructed as speedily as practicable at the expense of the government on a site located in the interior of the country.

The work will be in charge of a committee of steel corporation officials, who will receive no compensation for their services.

"The corporation," Chairman Gary said, "in consequence of the magnitude of its business, most of which, directly or indirectly, is in aid of the military necessities of the government and its allies, had hoped to avoid the necessity of engaging in work of the kind now entered upon, but was persuaded by the War department that it was imperatively required under existing conditions."

Colyn Denies He Went to England on Peace Mission. Amsterdam, May 9.—On his return from England, former Minister of War Colyn stated to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, when asked as to rumors that he went there in connection with a reported peace mission that his business in England was in the interest of an oil company of which he is manager.

Regarding the coupling of his name with peace rumors, he said he was in entire accord with what Foreign Secretary Balfour said in Parliament Monday, when he stated that there was no representative of a neutral nation in England for the purpose of making suggestions of peace negotiations.

BRITISH-FRENCH FLANDERS LINES RE-ESTABLISHED

Germans Lose Very Heavily in Futile Fighting to Retain Positions Captured on Ypres Front; Canadians Successful in Attack South of Arras; Artillery Duel Raging on Italian Front.

(By Associated Press.) BULLETIN. With the British Army in France, May 9.—The Germans had intended to make a much more pretentious assault in Flanders yesterday than they were actually able to carry out, it has been learned. Their failure was due to the excellent work of the allied gunners and to a small coincident operation by the French east of Scherpenberg, which came at the right moment to help upset the enemy plans in this sector.

The allied defense on the Flanders front to the southwest of Ypres has again been tested by the Germans and has been found adequate.

Two divisions of Teutonic troops were employed on a relatively short front and were sent into the fight under cover of a terrific artillery fire.

The front chosen for the attack extended from the village of Voormezele but the center of the assault seemed to have been at Vierstraat, a hamlet northwest of Kemmel hill.

LINE RE-ESTABLISHED. The flanks of the German attacking line were stopped short by fire from the French and British artillery posted on high ground and which was able to enfilade the German regiments as they tried to advance. In the center, however, the Germans made quite a serious dent in the allied line.

Wednesday night however, the allies drove forward in a counter attack and the latest reports from Field Marshal Haig are to the effect that the line has been re-established. The Germans are reported to have lost very heavily during the fighting.

CANADIANS SCORE. There is a constant rumble of heavy artillery fire along the Somme front, but here the British have again improved their position by local attacks. The Canadian forces from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have engaged in a successful local attack south of Arras.

On the southern sectors of the Somme salient, as well as in Lorraine and other sectors further south, there has been no noteworthy combat.

Artillery Active on Italian Front. The artillery of the contending armies continues very active in the Asiago basin region on the Italian front. The official reports from Rome tell of enemy troops being "hampered" by the allied fire. The Brenai and Maserada sectors also have been centers of heavy bombardments.

The city of Amiens is being systematically destroyed by German artillery fire in spite of the fact that there are no allied troops in that place and it is of no military value since the allies have constructed new lines of communication outside of the city. The venerable cathedral, one of the finest in Europe, is reported to have been struck by shells and to be in peril of destruction.

HOUSE VOTES FOR CHANGE IN BASIS OF DRAFT QUOTAS

Washington, May 9.—The house today adopted the conference report on the bill to base draft quotas on the number of men in Class 1, accepting the elimination of its amendment authorizing credits on quotas for volunteers. The report awaits action in the senate.

Because of a senate amendment exempting ministerial and medical students, the house sent back to the conferees the conference report on the bill providing for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 years since the registration last June 5.

Representative Cannon of Illinois vigorously opposed rejection of the amendment giving states credits for voluntary enlistments, and was supported by Representative S. Mondell of Wyoming and Shallenberger of Nebraska, author of the amendment. Chairman Dent of the military committee, said he had not changed his mind regarding the credits plan, but since President Wilson, Secretary Baker and Provost Marshal General Crowder had opposed it he would subordinate his own desire.

Lord Aberdeen Stars Advertised Fail to Appear at Benefit. (By Associated Press.) New York, May 9.—Lord Aberdeen, formerly governor general of Canada and lord lieutenant of Ireland, was questioned today by District Attorney Swanwick relative to the arrangements for yesterday's benefit entertainment at Carnegie hall under the auspices of the Child Welfare association, of which Lady Aberdeen is president.

When it was announced from the stage yesterday that the French "blue devils," Pershing's veterans, Miss Amelia Bingham and Charlie Chaplin "would be unable to appear," as advertised, several hundred persons in the audience left, after demanding and receiving the money they had paid for admittance.

Lord Aberdeen acted as chairman for the benefit and E. H. Sothorn as master of ceremonies.

DEATH AND HAVOC BY TWISTERS

Twelve Persons Killed and Many Injured in Vicinity of Nashua, New Hampton and Calmar.

(By Associated Press.) Des Moines, May 9.—Five persons are known to be dead, six other deaths were reported at midnight and scores of persons are injured as the result of several tornadoes that swept through northeastern and eastern Iowa late today.

The known dead are Mrs. Thomas Down, Theodore Kreiger, jr., and Albert Smith, near New Hampton, and Roy Husand and Mrs. A. G. Carpenter, near Nashua.

Six additional deaths were reported at Calmar, according to a dispatch from West Union, 18 miles south of there.

TRAIN WRECKED. The wreck of a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train at Calmar was reported in a telephone message from West Union, after midnight. It was believed the train was from Austin, Minn., but details were unavailable.

The report received at West Union was that a string of box cars, blown out upon the main track, struck the Austin train. It was impossible to confirm the report here or learn the exact nature of the train reported wrecked.

Many Towns Suffer. Many towns and large sections of the countryside suffered heavy property damage. It was reported two or three small villages were virtually wiped out.

Virtual cessation of wire communication with the affected districts made it difficult to get accurate details tonight, but indications were that while a terrific gale was prevalent over most of central and northern Iowa, the tornadoes were confined to Chickasaw, Winneshiek, Scott and Muscatine counties.

One twister struck near Nashua, in Chickasaw county, and traveled northward eight miles to Republic, over a width of about one mile. Another tornado, just north of the former, settled five miles southwest of New Hampton and destroyed 40 or 50 farmsteads.

It was reported that Fort Atkinson, Fredericksburg, Ossian and Calmar all suffered severely and that the villages of Republic, Pearl-Rock and Plainfield, were virtually destroyed. Other disturbances of a serious nature caused more than a score of injuries at Eldridge and Bayfield in Scott and Muscatine counties, respectively.

Farmer Crushed to Death. Roy Husand, a farmer residing three miles from Nashua, was crushed to death when a building crumpled upon him and many other persons in and near Nashua were injured. Confirmation of railroad reports of other deaths in that vicinity were lacking.

Every building in the path of the Nashua tornado was wrecked over a district seven miles long and one-fourth to one-half mile wide. Five children, including a boy named White, alone at the time, rushed to the basement just as their house was hurled away. They escaped injury.

Aged Woman Severely Hurt. Slow approach of the tornado that hit Eldridge gave residents ample time to seek shelter. Mrs. Henry Ehlers, 80 years old, suffered several ribs broken and internal injuries and her condition is critical. She was buried beneath timbers in her cellar.

Miss Emma Daman was the victim of a freakish prank of the Eldridge storm. She was carried more than 300 feet by the wind and then dropped only with sufficient violence to break her collar bone.

Davenport physicians and nurses, rushed to Eldridge as soon as news of the tornado reached that city, cared for the injured and removed several of them to Davenport. The (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

HIGH WIND, WITH MERCURY DROP, NOTED IN OMAHA

Although the neighbor state of Iowa was hit by the fury of a tornado yesterday, Nebraska suffered only from the heavy gale that prevailed during the entire day. The temperature fell here from 88 degrees, the high mark, to 53 degrees at 8 o'clock and kept on descending during the later hours of the night.

The threatening sky during the early evening gave rise to great apprehension. Weather predictions are fair and warmer for Friday.

Lillian Pettiford, 2705 Corby street, was badly cut on the feet and legs about 6:30 o'clock last night, when the wind broke a plate glass transom over the door at 1326 Dodge street. She was standing in the doorway and was injured by falling glass. A large electric sign of the Broadway jewelry company at Thirtieth and Douglas streets, was blown down and crashed through a plate glass window during the severe wind last night.

GERMAN U-BOAT SPLIT IN TWAIN BY U. S. GUNNERS

Jackies Who Sink Submarine Given Ten-Day Furlough; Unable to Save Teuton Warriors.

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, May 9.—The sinking of a German submarine by a United States warship with a shot which lifted the U-boat completely out of water and broke it in two, was reported by officers of the ship on arrival here today.

Because of the fine work of the gunners, the crew of the ship was given a furlough of ten days. On the voyage over, the warship, previously reported from German sources as having been wrecked, sighted three submarines and the gunners sprang to their guns.

The first two shots, fired in quick succession at the nearest enemy, missed. But the third went home. It caught the U-boat just below the water line, and so great was its force that the craft was lifted out of the water and in another moment, its back broken, it doubled up and sank to the accompaniment of a chorus of yells from the warship crew.

No survivors were seen in the water and the other submarines, as the destroyed submersible disappeared, dived and did not reappear.

Two Airmen Killed in Fall; One From Waterloo, Iowa

San Antonio, Tex., May 9.—Lieutenant James D. May, New York City, was killed and Lieutenant Milo H. Miller, Waterloo, Ia., was seriously injured tonight when the airplane in which they were flying fell six miles northwest of this city. Both men were pinned under the machine when it fell. They were taken to the base hospital at Fort Sam Houston, where May died shortly afterward.

Miller's father is Herman Miller of Waterloo, Ia. The men were flying low when the accident occurred. Both men, it was said, were scheduled to leave Kelly field here tomorrow, having completed their instructions.

The death of Lieutenant May is the 15th fatality among fliers at Kelly field.

Lord Aberdeen Gets Grilling

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