

High Surtax Is Passed By House

Express Wish of President Disregarded in Action on 50 Per Cent Amendment To Bill.

Final Vote, 201 to 173

By The Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 18.—Disregarding the expressed wish of President Harding, the house voted today, 201 to 173, to accept the senate amendment to the tax revision bill fixing the maximum income surtax rate at 50 per cent on incomes of \$200,000 or more.

Harding Suggests Compromise. Three hours before the vote was taken the house listened to the reading of a letter from President Harding to Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, suggesting that the house and senate compromise.

The executive said he still believed the original house rate of 32 per cent was "nearer to a just levy," but that, in view of the legislative situation, he thought it "wholly desirable" that there be a compromise at 40 per cent.

Settles Big Issue. This vote settled the biggest issue between the house and senate on the tax revision bill and the managers from the two houses will resume their sessions tomorrow with the hope of reaching an agreement on the bill by Saturday night.

President Attacked. During the three hours' debate in the house, which was conducted under a special rule, the president was attacked for writing Mr. Fordney, Representative Frear, republican, Wisconsin, said the president's intervention "at the last minute" was "unfair and unjust."

Text of Harding's Letter. The letter written by President Harding to Chairman Fordney follows: "My Dear Mr. Fordney: In response to your inquiry as to the wisest course in dealing with the differences between the congress in higher surtax on incomes, I can say only in view of our earlier conference on tax matters and the ultimate adoption of the higher surtax rate of 32 per cent, I still believe the rate approved by the house to be the nearer to a just levy and the more promising one in returns to the public treasury.

Urges Compromise. "Where there is so wide a difference in the judgment of the two houses, I have thought it might be possible and wholly desirable, to reach an equitable compromise, say a maximum surtax levy of 40 per cent. This would put the higher federal tax on income at 48 per cent, which would measurably meet the expectations of those who are, above all else, concerned with the return of hopeful investments of capital and the application of our capital resources to profitable productivity. I am wholly confident that the helpful results spreading therefrom to every active participant in our industrial and economic life, from management to every wage earner, would be vastly more advantageous to our people than the maintenance of wartime levies as peace time penalties on capital, which are certain to hamper the restoration of our activities for which we all so much hope.

AS FATHER of the girls, Mr. Farnham felt sorry for his three sons-in-law.

The Rule of 3 By ETHEL TRAIN. BLUE RIBBON fiction is Next Sunday's Bee

Harding 'Master Mind' Back of United States Disarmament Plan

President Author of "Big Idea" Upon Which American Proposals Are Based—Invitations Written While on Week-End Cruise on Potomac.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Who formulated and executed the call for the disarmament conference? Who evolved the American proposals for naval limitation? The country has been asking these questions and has been hearing many answers. The best "inside story" here today has all the earmarks of being the correct answer.

President Harding, on a week-end cruise down the Potomac this autumn, so the story runs, locked himself in his stateroom one evening and left word that he did not wish to be disturbed. A little later he called to his room, and by one of some of the close friends in public life who had accompanied him and laid before them sheets of paper on which he had written with lead pencil and with corrections and interlines something which they all read with amazement.

Bandit Identified By Girl as Man Who Attacked Her

Washington Orders Gardner Held for Indictment at Phoenix—Hays Congratulates Captor.

Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 17.—Sheriff John Montgomery of Maricopa county today read a warrant to Roy Gardner, escaped convicted mail robber, charging him with criminally assaulting Maria Munoz here on October 24. Gardner's only comment was "fair enough."

Colorado Mine Operators Say Miners Working

25 Per Cent Reported for Work in Huerfano Strike District Today, Declare C. F. & I. Officials.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Statements issued at the offices of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company here today showed that many miners reported for work in Las Animas and Huerfano counties, where a strike was called this morning in protest against a 30 per cent wage reduction.

Escaped Utah Convict Taken at Albuquerque

Salt Lake City, Nov. 17.—Oscar Blaney, who escaped from the Utah state prison, September 14, was recaptured at Albuquerque, N. M., today, according to a message received by Sheriff C. Frank Emery from B. E. Trowbaugh, special agent of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad.

Arguments on Obenchain Petition to Be Heard Monday

Tornado Wrecks Houses in South Texas Village

Marion Davies, Movie Star, Critically Ill at Gotham

Charles at Gibraltar

High School Youth Dies of Injuries in Grid Game

United States C. of C. Endorses Arms Plan

Prosecution Scores at Neal Trial

Scene of Alleged Murder Vividly Re-Enacted for Jury's Benefit With Sheriff as Star Witness for State.

Defendant Is Unmoved

—Dramatic scenes, enacted in the court room this afternoon at the trial of Mrs. Lucy Neal for the alleged murder of her husband, Billington Neal, August 11, revived freshly, in the minds of those present the discovery of Neal on that fatal night.

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Japs Ask Increased Tonnage

Admiral Kato Proposes Capital Ship Total Larger Than Suggested—Want More Auxiliary Ships.

British Want Changes

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, Nov. 17.—There were two developments of great significance today in connection with the consideration of the big powers of the American proposal of a 10-year naval holiday and the radical reduction of limitation of armaments. In brief the developments were:

1. Japan proposed that it be allowed an aggregate tonnage of capital ships slightly larger than that suggested by Secretary of State Hughes and that in auxiliary ships for defensive purposes, it be allowed a tonnage as great as that of either the United States or Great Britain.

2. The British delegation repudiated a previously advanced contention that instead of suspending construction of capital ships completely for 10 years, the powers should be permitted to build one ship a year in order to preserve shipyard facilities—a modification that would scrap the naval holiday.

Kato Presents Arguments. The Japanese plea for a more liberal allowance of tonnage was made by Admiral Kato in the committee of naval authorities of which Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt is chairman. He presented lengthy arguments, all to the effect that Japan, on account of her insularity and widely dispersed possessions, needs a larger navy than that allowed her in the American plan.

Afterward Admiral Baron Kato issued an official statement on the modifications proposed by Japan. This statement follows:

"Because of its geographical position, Japan deems it only fair at the present time that the other interested countries of the Navy Treaty maintain a proportion in general tonnage slightly greater than 60 per cent and in a type of vessels of strictly defensive character it might desire even to approximate that of the greater navies."

The head of the Japanese navy was unwilling to go much further than his brief statement in elucidating the Japanese position. He declined to state definitely how much more capital ship tonnage the Japanese desire. The Hughes plan suggests an allowance to Japan of 300,000 capital ship tonnage compared with 500,000 each for England and America. The Japanese have been reputed to be seeking an increase to 350,000 tons, which would give Japan a navy 70 per cent, instead of 60 per cent, of the strength of either Great Britain or the United States in capital ships.

Makes Proposals. The other suggestion that Japan be allowed nearly a parity with either England or America in the tonnage of a certain type of defensive vessel is a hitherto unmentioned proposal and one still enveloped in a good deal of mystery. Baron Kato was unwilling to specify the type of ship he had in mind and pressed on the point contented himself with saying that it was neither a capital ship nor a submarine.

Such elimination would leave within the range of possibility such craft as light cruisers, destroyers and airplanes, and the United States from the baron's statement that Japan contemplated building auxiliary ships on a new scale never before undertaken.

Under the Hughes plan England and the United States would be allowed an aggregate of 450,000 tons each and Japan 270,000 tons of cruisers and destroyers. To get within this limitation, England would be required to scrap 757,807 tons of auxiliary ships. The American aggregate is now below 450,000 tons and the Japanese is below 200,000.

United States C. of C. Endorses Arms Plan

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 17.—Proposals for armament reduction presented to the United States Congress and favorably received by representatives of foreign countries at the armament conference, were declared matters of "deep gratification" by directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at their closing session.

They adopted resolutions expressing the hope that through the conference, plans will be agreed on "which will not only reduce the great burdens the people now bear in supporting armies and navies, but will as a result in the substitution of arbitration and the settlement of disputes between nations and removal of the menace of war with its attendant evil and suffering."

The board reiterated its stand favoring legislation for disabled soldiers and opposing a cash bonus.

Jesuit College of U. S. Presents Foch With Sword

Washington, Nov. 17.—Marshall Foch, an alumnus of Jesuit college of France, was presented with a gold sword by nearly two score Jesuit colleges and universities of the United States.

The presentation was made at Georgetown university on the porch of the Old North building, which served as the temporary capitol of the United States after the British burned Washington in 1814. The marshal also received the degree of doctor of canon and civil laws from Georgetown.

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