

TO LOP OFF 2 BILLIONS AT 1 BLOW

House Appropriations Chairman Gives Universal Service Outline of Plan to Plug Up Budget System Holes.

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Washington, May 23.—Two billion dollars will be lopped off the debit side of the government's books at one blow, under plans for plugging up holes in the newly established budget system announced by Chairman Madden of the House appropriations committee, in an exclusive interview with Universal Service Monday.

The government's antiquated system of bookkeeping also will be revolutionized, Chairman Madden said, so that more exact check can be kept at all times on the cost of operating the government.

The first billion of possible expenditures to be eliminated comes under the heading of "unexpended balances." The treasury records are replete with items in which there remain varying amounts from appropriations. As the situation now stands these remaining funds are still available for expenditures.

Chairman Madden said: "I am now having data on these unexpended balances compiled and am making a careful study of them with a view to wiping them off the records, withdrawing the authorization for using them and converting the available amounts back into the treasury."

"Many of these balances date back a great many years and are not obligated to any extent under contracts in process of fulfillment. It is generally estimated by treasury experts that these balances aggregate a billion dollars or more."

"When the study of the data is completed, which will be in the not distant future, we will report out and pass a bill terminating these balances."

Chairman Madden said he also is making a study and having information compiled by the treasury department on what are known as "permanent appropriations." These items involve standing authorizations for expenditures by the several departments and bureaus without any review or check by congress.

WILL TRY BURCH FOR THIRD TIME

Four Women Jurors for Acquittal Accuse Five Men for Conviction of 'Munishness,' as Jury Discharged

Los Angeles, May 23.—"They were as dull headed and as stubborn as they could be."

Summed up, that is how the four women who voted consistently for acquittal characterized the five men who voted just as consistently for conviction on the jury that was dismissed Monday as hopelessly deadlocked by Judge Sidney N. Reeve in the re-trial of Arthur C. Burch, charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy.

The remaining three men on the jury voted steadily with the women for acquittal.

After the 65 hour "no-decision" battle of the jurors was brought to a close by orders of the court they were officially thanked by his honor for their efforts, and one of the women fairly boiled with indignation as she related details of what went on in the jury room.

"It was terrible, the way those five men just flatly refused to listen to us," she said as her sister jurors grouped around her nodded their heads in approval.

The five jurors who stood for conviction flung charges of "munishness" back at the women.

The acquittal jurors contended that the state made the most of the evidence they had against Burch but that it fell very short of proving he had anything to do with the murder of Kennedy.

Deputy District Attorney Keyes, who directed the prosecution's case against Burch, announced that Burch would be tried a third time. The date of this trial will be set Saturday. The second trial of Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain, Burch's co-defendant on the murder charge, is scheduled to open June 5.

Arthur Burch professed to see in the 7 to 5 acquittal vote the first sign of sunshine. The first jury voted 10 to 2 for conviction.

Burch's father, the Rev. William A. Burch, and his mother were in the court room when the jury was discharged. The father expressed himself as disappointed in the verdict, but expressed the hope that ultimately his son will be freed of the murder charge. One of the jury women kissed the mother shortly after the jury was dismissed.

N. Y. COMPTROLLER TO JAIL 60 DAYS?

Universal Service.
New York, May 23.—Only one legal resource remains to save New York city's comptroller from spending 60 days in jail for contempt of court, which sentence was passed on him two years ago by Judge Mayer.

During the last two years the comptroller has fought continually to have sustained a writ of habeas corpus freeing him from the contempt charge.

RAILWAYS FIGHTING RATE CUTS

Declare They Can't Slash Freight Charges Unless Corresponding Reductions Are Made In Employes' Wages.

Universal Service.
Washington, May 23.—Railroads are making a strenuous fight against sweeping reductions in freight rates proposed by the Interstate Commerce commission, it was learned Monday.

With the long pending rate decision ready for announcement, the executives who dined with President Harding on Saturday night, met with the Interstate Commerce commission Monday and after a two-hour session adjourned to meet again Thursday.

An official statement issued by the railway presidents stated the committee meeting with rate fixing body was appointed as a result of the meeting with President Harding and that the conference Monday was for the purpose of "discussing the railroad situation."

Result of I. C. C. Decision.
But from a reliable source it was learned that the conference of the rail executives in the White House and the subsequent conferences all were brought about as a result of the nature of the proposed rate reduction decision on which the Interstate Commerce commission has been working for several months.

This decision, it was stated, was complete on Friday of last week, but it was decided that it would be unwise to make the announcement without first determining the attitude of the railway officials. This resulted in President Harding inviting a selected group to dine with him. They could not then agree to a voluntary reduction and asked to be permitted to confer with the commerce commissioners Monday. The whole situation from the viewpoint of the railway officials hinges on whether the roads would earn a fair return on their investment under the proposed reductions.

They contend that they cannot do so without corresponding reductions in labor costs and are understood to have declared that they would take advantage of the transportation act which guarantees a fair return for the roads. This would result in court action and the decision, it is said, is being held up in an effort to reach a compromise that would be acceptable to the roads and at the same time bring about lower transportation costs.

The rate decision, it is said will be held up until after the conference on Thursday.

GERMANY FACING FOOD-FUEL CRISIS

Threatened With More Severe Move Toward High Prices, Crops Damaged And Supplies Scarce.

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Berlin, May 23.—"Vorwärts," the official organ of the government, commenting on the debate of the question of feeding Germany's population, which opened in the reichstag says that the result is awaited with great tension.

"The outlook for the future," continues Vorwärts, "is anything but rosy, and this applies both to foodstuffs raised at home and those to be imported."

Prolongation of winter weather far into the spring has caused incalculable injury to the crops and it is futile to expect sufficient quantities of foodstuffs from the home harvest to come anywhere near appeasing the hunger of the population.

On the other hand, a new crisis is threatened in breadstuffs owing to the steady depreciation of the mark and Germany's misplaced hopes in the Genoa conference which closed without tangible results.

Germany is threatened with a new and more severe move toward high prices. Already people are standing in lines for hours hoping to obtain a half pound of sugar. Butter is selling at 90 marks a pound, prohibitive to anybody except foreigners and war profiteers.

In the reichstag the food minister announced the price of bread would be doubled after the coming harvest.

A wave of pessimism is sweeping the country and the prospects for food and coal the coming winter are the worst since the war.

NIECE INHERITS HIS \$57,000.
Oakland, Neb., May 23.—The will of the late Samuel D. Hibler, a Dodge county farmer who lived near Fremont many years, was filed Monday in Dodge county court, just one year to the day after his death, leaving the bulk of the estate to Louise M. Hibler, a niece and nearest relative.

FULTON "SAFE AT HOME."
Lincoln, Neb., May 23.—Deputy State Sheriff R. N. Fulton, who disappeared Friday and who it was feared, had met with foul play, is safe at his home in Beatrice, unharmed, and will report to Sheriff Hyers Tuesday. Fulton called upon the state sheriff Monday night, told him he had been out in the "jungles" on a piece of state detective work, and that his failure to report earlier at state headquarters was the result of a misunderstanding. His explanation appeared to satisfy the state sheriff.

Scion of Wealth Must Forfeit Either Chorus Girl Bride or Heritage

Universal Service.
New York, May 23.—Bradish Johnson Carroll, Jr., scion of wealth, is puzzling Monday night over the question his father put to him:

"Which do you want, your bride or your inheritance?"

For the former Miss Gladys Zielain, chorus girl, is personally opposed to Mr. Carroll, Sr., who said:

"We will no longer consider him our son if he elects to remain with his new wife. He had little or no

reason to desert his first wife and has contracted this marriage over our protests."

A deep seated love for the junior Carroll's divorced wife, who is prominent in society circles, is said to have inspired the parents in cutting off their son.

The parents have refused to communicate with their son, even by telephone, except to tell him to remove his personal belongings from the Carroll mansion.

Tom Watson Threatens To Make Pulp of Phipps' Face In Senate Clash

Washington, May 23.—War over Georgia patronage broke out in the Senate Monday and almost led to a fist exchange between Senator Tom Watson of that state and Senator Phipps of Colorado.

The encounter was begun on the Senate floor Friday when Phipps was in session and was continued in the corridor, where a volley of bitter epithets was fired between the two senators. They were finally parted by Senator McNary, of Oregon, who led Watson away after Phipps had declined an invitation from the Georgia senator to step nearer and "have pulp made of your face."

The trouble arose over the presidential nomination of three republicans to be made in Georgia. Watson had informed members of the postoffice committee that all three nominees were "person-

ally objectionable" to him. The nominations were referred to a sub-committee of which Phipps is chairman and Phipps, disregarding Watson's titillation of the nominees, objections, made an important investigation.

The storm broke out when Phipps laid on Watson's desk at the opening of Monday's Senate session a sheaf of letters from persons in Georgia endorsing the three nominees. Watson crossed the chamber to where Phipps was seated and tossed upon him a torrent of criticism for going over his head in the matter of the appointments.

Watson said after the encounter that National Committeeman Phillips was "trying to put over something" on him.

Phipps declined to make any statement.

ULSTER MEMBER SLAIN

Universal Service.
Special Cable Dispatch.
London, May 23.—Two more deaths are reported from Belfast Monday night as a result of street shootings.

Arthur Griffith in Dublin Monday night denounced the murder of W. J. Twaddell, member of the Ulster parliament, declaring that such deeds "strike at the very foundation of representative government."

Griffith declared that the honor of the Irish nation is at stake in putting a stop to such murders and sent his deepest sympathy to the family of the slain man.

Twaddell was shot in the back seven times while on his way to business.

Following the tragedy Sir James Craig, the premier, called a special meeting of the cabinet and legal authorities to investigate the murder.

Griffith and Michael Collins have been summoned to London for a week end conference on the Irish situation.

PATTEN TURNS DOWN ANTI-LANDIS UNIONS

Authorities Express Opinion Backbone of Chicago Labor War Is Broken.

Chicago, May 23.—James A. Patten, head of the citizens' committee to enforce the Landis award, said Monday the committee would not enter negotiations with the 12 building trades unions which refused to accept the award.

Mr. Patten said the unions and the contractors had agreed to abide by the decision of Judge Landis in the building trades strike. After the award was made 12 unions refused to live up to their agreement on contracts," he said.

"At the outset it was decided that once a union broke its Landis award contract the act proved the organization unworthy of recognition in the future," he said. The contractors are a unit with the citizens committee in their refusal to recognize the anti-Landis award element in the building trades council."

The anti-Landis award unions had asked for a conference with contractors and representatives of the citizens' committee next Saturday to negotiate "peace."

The authorities expressed the opinion Monday that the backbone of Chicago's labor war was broken when "Big Tim" Murphy, Cornelius Shea and Fred Mader were indicted for murder following the slaying of two police officers three weeks ago.

The "Big three" through attorneys, asked the court Monday to compel the state's attorney's office to reveal the evidence used in bringing murder indictments against them. The matter will be argued Tuesday before Judge Harry B. Miller in circuit court.

EGYPT DEATH TOLL REACHES 98, REPORT

Brest, May 23 (U. P.)—Ninety-eight persons lost their lives when the liner Egypt sank according to reports received here Monday. Earlier reports placed the death toll at 95.

Dispatches received here Monday also stated a rush of fear crazed Lascar sailors armed with knives, cost the lives of women passengers who were buried inside or forced overboard.

AND NOW MAYO MARRIAGE PROBE

Valentino Case Still Pending, Woolwine Turns Attention To Case of Another Actor—Bigamist?

Los Angeles, May 23.—A thorough investigation into circumstances surrounding the marriage of Tia Juana, Mexico, of Frank L. Mayo, motion picture actor to Dagmar Godowsky, daughter of Leopold Godowsky, famous musician, will be commenced Tuesday by District Attorney Woolwine.

Investigators will leave for Tia Juana to obtain records to determine if Mayo was subject to arrest on a bigamy charge as was done in the case of Rudolph Valentino.

Mayo and Miss Godowsky, it was stated, were married at the Mexican border town four days after Mayo obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce from Joyce Eleanor Mayo. The decree was granted in the superior court.

While this investigation is in progress, it was said, attorneys for Valentino, will endeavor to quash the complaint charging him with bigamy because of his marriage at Mexcala, Mexico, to Winifred Hudnut before his divorce from Jean Acker became final.

Attorney W. I. Gilbert, representing Valentino, it was reported will file a demurrer to the complaint in which he will claim that the alleged offense, Valentino's marriage to Winifred Hudnut, occurred in Mexico.

At the district attorney's office it was admitted that the point is "a question" to be decided in court.

Jean Acker, Valentino's divorced wife, wishes her former husband "good luck" in his encounter with the law.

EMMA WEIR DEAD; IN SUICIDE PACT?

Bodies of 'Million Dollar Crook' and Another Woman Are Found In Chicago.

Chicago, May 23.—Emma Weir, known throughout the country as the "million dollar crook," was found dead in her apartment here Monday. The body of Mrs. Ricky Gunther was found in another room. The apartment was filled with gas from four open jets.

The authorities were investigating Monday night to determine whether the women died in a suicide pact or whether one had killed the other and then ended her own life.

Two of Mrs. Gunther's ribs were broken. The authorities believe the Weir woman may have slain Mrs. Gunther and then turned on the gas.

Mrs. Weir was 65 years old. She began her career as a shop lifter when a young girl. She was arrested hundreds of times, but always escaped with a light fine or short jail sentence. Five years ago her health failed and she dropped from sight.

STEAMER RAMMED BY SHIP SINKS

Alexander Pilot Blamed for Andre Disaster in Delaware—No Lives Lost.

Philadelphia, May 23.—The freight steamship Andre, steaming up the Delaware river, was rammed by the U. S. S. Alexander, formerly the Great North, off Fort Mifflin Monday night.

NEW YORKER THREATENED, KILLS A MAN

Blackmailed for Huge Sums, Walter Ward, Son of Millionaire, Confesses He Shot Alleged Blackmailer.

Universal Service.
White Plains, N. Y., May 23.—Blackmailed for huge sums, he says, Walter S. Ward, son of George H. Ward, millionaire banker, battled for life with an alleged blackmailer in an automobile and slew him.

Ward in surrendering late Monday to Sheriff Warner, confessed that last Tuesday he had killed Clarence Peters, a former United States marine, when the latter threatened him at the point of a revolver.

According to the story he told Sheriff Warner, Ward had been annoyed by blackmailers for about six weeks. They threatened him with death and with personal injury to members of his family unless he gave up large sums of money. The last threat was received on Monday last, when Ward made arrangements by telephone to meet the gang and talk things over.

Meets Three "Blackmailers."
Tuesday morning Ward drove his automobile to a lonely spot on the outskirts of Port Chester, where he had arranged to meet the blackmailers. There he told the sheriff he met three of them, one of whom was Peters.

Sheriff Warner, whose story is based on that of Ward, said: "Peters had an automatic in his right hand. Ward is left-handed and as he arose to obey a command of the blackmailers, Ward suddenly shoved his left hand in his pocket, drew a pistol and started blazing away. Peters fired one shot before dying."

"When the other two men saw Ward begin shooting, they began firing at Ward and a fusillade of shots was exchanged. When the gunmen saw that they were getting the worst of it, they escaped in an automobile."

When Mr. Ward was arraigned before Coroner Fitzgerald he willingly told of the shooting and the coroner held him on a technical charge of homicide.

Mr. Ward, who is chairman of the board of police commissioners of New Rochelle, was released in \$10,000 bail.

Police are searching for "Charley Ross" and a man known as "Jack," who are believed to have been the other members of the blackmailing band.

Ward won't tell all of plot.
Ward's statement that he acted in self defense was accepted generally, however mysterious seemed the fact that he was a victim of a blackmail plot, the exact nature of which he refuses to disclose.

Until Ward's appearance before the sheriff, the slaying had been one of the most baffling in the history of this section.

A farm hand found Peters' body and notified the coroner. It was revealed that a bullet, fired only three or four hours before had entered the left side of the chest, pierced the heart and lodged in the small of the back.

Finger prints led to the disclosure, it is said, that Peters had served three months in a Massachusetts reformatory for an automobile theft.

Identification afforded no aid in the solution of the mystery. But while the detectives, district attorney, sheriff and coroner were struggling with inadequate clues on hand, an even more important fight was being waged between Ward and his conscience.

Ward, his friends said Monday night, would eventually, of his own accord, come around to the confession, he made, but they gave full measure of confidence to his wife, declaring that her husband's frankness in telling of the blackmail and his startling admission that he had killed a man, induced her to insist he give himself up.

Statement From Ward's Lawyer.
The following statement was issued Monday night by John F. Brennan, Ward's counsel:

"The known members of the blackmail band now at large are Charlie Ross and a man known as 'Jack.' A third member of the gang known as Peters, is dead.

"These men sought to extort money from Ward by threats and when Ward met them, it was with the idea of putting them off."

"At the command of Peters, backed by a drawn gun, Ward's automobile was brought to a standstill at a lonely spot."

"The order of Peters that Ward leave his car resulted in a grab for the revolver in Peters' hand thereby deflecting the shot from Peters' gun and giving opportunity to Mr. Ward to return the fire."

Charlie Ross then, opened fire on Ward and the latter returned it. Ross then took flight and Ward went home. Peters' body was left at the side of the road."

A New Jersey farmer has brought suit against the Self-Plow circus for \$1,000. He claims 23 chickens died from eating paste dropped by circus employes placarding sign boards.

RADIO STORM WARNINGS FOR ALL U. S. COASTS

Washington, May 23.—A regular system of radio warnings of the sudden and terrific storms on the Great Lakes which every season cause great loss of life and shipping was announced Monday by the department of agriculture.

Radio reports from the weather bureau twice a day will keep mariners on the lakes constantly informed of impending changes of wind and barometric pressure.

ALLIES SET GENOA TRAP FOR RUSSIA

Idaho Solon Compliments Russians for Not Accepting What He Terms Entente Scheme to Control Country.

Universal Service.
Washington, May 23.—Acceptance by Russia of the terms laid down by the allied powers at Genoa would have resulted in the disappearance of all semblance of government in Russia and the turning over of that country to a suzerainty of the allies, Senator Borah said in a Senate speech Monday.

The senator complimented Russia's representatives at the conference for having skillfully evaded "the trap" which the allies had set for them.

Senator Borah based his statement on certain facts about the Russian plan set forth in an article cabled from abroad by Frank A. Vanderlip, the New York banker, who went to Genoa prior to the conference to study economic and financial conditions.

"Fantastically Impossible."
In the opinion of Mr. Vanderlip, as quoted in this article, the London experts laid down a "fantastically impossible program of demands on Russia." This program included liquidation of all past Russian obligations, recognition of all financial engagements heretofore entered into by all the authorities of Russia, imposition upon Russia of liability for all actual direct losses arising from breach of contract or otherwise suffered by nationals of other powers due to negligence of the officials of the soviet government or of its predecessors and the setting up of a tribunal to determine questions relating to debts, contracts and losses, with a debt commission named by the powers, and with authority to issue new Russian bonds to holders of existing securities and complete control over all Russian revenues. Finally it was proposed to re-organize the Russian judicial system to afford judicial protection for foreigners.

Senator Borah said this program of the allies would have reduced Russia to a condition similar to that of Haiti at the present time under the United States.

Borah Quotes Vanderlip.
A portion of the Vanderlip article which Senator Borah read, was as follows:

"Logically, the Russians had a valid claim to offset the debts it was proposed to force them to recognize. If the soviet government was declared to be continuous, legitimate successor of the czarist government, and therefore bound to acknowledge the czarist debts, it was also the legitimate, continuous successor of that government in the fullest political sense, and had the right to claim damages from the powers which had never declared war against it, but was furnished a vast amount of aid in credits, war munitions and food to the enemies of the soviet government on every border."

Senator Borah said this attitude on the part of the allies explained why the Genoa conference failed. He said he hoped it would be considered by those who are trying to find the right way to deal with Russia.

BOLIVIA DENIED VOICE IN PARLEY

Says She Lost Access to Sea But Refused Part In Chilean-Peruvian Meeting.

Washington, May 23.—Bolivia's formal request for a voice in the conference now in session to settle the Tacna-Arica boundary dispute between Chile and Peru was denied by the conference Monday.

Bolivia's claim to a special interest in the controversy is that she lost all access to the sea as a result of the war but of which the boundary dispute grows. That was 30 years ago.

If an amicable agreement as to the Tacna-Arica territory comes out of the conference, Chile and Peru probably will take up Bolivia's claims, it was indicated Monday. In the meanwhile the conference insists that it cannot deviate from the agenda as previously agreed upon.

Chile and Peru are still far apart, however, on the terms under which they will submit their dispute to arbitration.

The delegations held a brief session at the Pan-American union Monday and adjourned until Tuesday by which time they expect to receive cable advices from their home governments authorizing them to make certain concessions.

A new device invented in Sheffield, England, for disinfecting clothes and other material by health departments promises to revolutionize present methods. It can be carried on a bicycle and can treat a ton and a half of clothing in six hours.

ATELL BLAMES ENEMIES.

New York, May 23.—Adly Atell, former featherweight champion charged Monday that the persons who tried to involve him in the 1913 baseball scandal had planned inflammable matter in his Ming Toy Bootery Saturday night to make it appear as though he had tried to burn the store.

He was questioned Monday by Chief Fire Marshal Brophy.

"The plan was obvious," said Atell. "I might have gone to the Hall of Fame if it wasn't for the baseball scandal. Instead I went into business and tried to live it down."