

National Drive on State Taxes Begun by Grange

Budgets Have Nearly Doubled, Organization's Figures Show—Problem to Be Discussed Next Month.

By GEORGE F. ALTHIER
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Washington, Oct. 14.—(Special)—The National Grange, one of the strongest and most efficiently organized of the national farm organizations, is inaugurating a national campaign to induce the various states to cut down taxes and limit expenditures. Startling figures are furnished by T. C. Atkeson, Washington representative of the Grange, supporting his charge that the country has gone wild on the subject of taxation.

The question will have the place of importance at the meeting which the organization will hold at Wichita, Kan., November 18, with 20,000 delegates from all over the country, present.

The situation, Mr. Atkeson says, "is emphasized by the extraordinary efforts which are being made by the budget bureau in Washington to reduce the sum total of the budgets of the various departments year by year, so that the estimated falling off in federal taxes of \$400,000,000 or \$700,000,000 will not leave a large deficit.

"If the budget bureau can do this, it will justify its creation.

Big Increase Shown.

"A complication of the increase in the costs of federal and state governments since 1915 shows that federal and state governments since 1915 have increased from \$380,000,000 to \$2,197,000,000 or over 500 per cent in spite of a decrease since 1921 of nearly \$1,800,000,000.

"In the same period the tax budgets of the various states have increased from a total of \$400,000,000 to \$985,000,000 or nearly double. The California state budget has increased from \$16,000,000 to \$40,000,000. New Hampshire from \$2,000,000 to \$8,000,000. North Carolina from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000. Ohio from \$18,000,000 to \$56,000,000. Pennsylvania from \$22,000,000 to \$116,000,000. Washington from \$10,000,000 to \$59,000,000 and West Virginia from \$3,500,000 to \$8,000,000.

"This does not take into account local, school and town taxes which are equally burdensome.

Farm Products Drop

"While taxes have been going up, the price of farm products, especially since 1920 have been declining more rapidly than at any other time in the history of American agriculture. The sharp decline of 1920 was lessened somewhat in 1921 and began again in May, 1922, as shown by careful charting of figures. Between May and September, 1922, there have been sharp declines in the index figures of most of the important agricultural products with the single exception of cotton. Potatoes, for instance, declined 41 points and wheat 34 points. Corn is now 14 points below its prewar level. With wheat at about the prewar level and only cotton, butter and wool of the major crops above prewar level, it is certain that the value of the products of American agriculture is now below prewar level."

In addition to the subject of taxation, the Grange will discuss such questions as ship subsidy, new credit systems for agriculture, surplus production and transportation.

Reo Dealer Discusses Importance of Closed Car

"It was but a few years ago that the closed car was merely an adjunct to the regular line of types produced by automobile manufacturers and the demand for this type was nothing more than the unprecedented demand that exists today," says Mr. J. M. Opper of the Jones-Opper company.

"Now the freakish type of body has lost favor with the public. Today the closed car conforms with the standard and practices of the car makers. Dignity in design is the vogue.

"Figures recently issued by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce state that the 1922 production will exceed 3,000,000 motor vehicles alone. During the second quarter of 1922, the entire industry produced 742,000 motor vehicles with 1,137,000 cars and trucks for the full six months. Generally speaking, the closed car is used as a utility vehicle and because it is adapted to all seasons its popularity has increased by leaps and bounds."

Man Plows Up Watch Lost 20 Years Ago; Still Runs

Osborn, Mo., Oct. 14.—Percy Rogers a farmer living near here, noticed something bright in the fields he was plowing. Picking it up he found it to be a watch. He cleaned the dirt off the outside, wound it up and it started running.

Protected From Bandit Kiss



Miss Agnes Peterson, m.

A few night ago Agnes Peterson and her escort, J. Herchel Hardy, of Chicago, were held up by bandits on a lonely road. One of the thugs attempted to kiss her, but her screams and the interference of her escort saved her. Then the bandit called her on the telephone and told her he did not mind getting her diamond rings but that he felt very keenly the loss of the kiss, which he assured her he intended to get. As a result a police escort is being furnished her.

Wills Sainte Claire Its Own Best Salesman

To the motorwise buyer the performance of the Wills Sainte Claire is more effective than any effort a salesman can make, according to distributors.

As an illustration, take a sale recently made by the Wills Sainte Claire company of Toledo to J. T. Affleck, factory manager of the Electric Auto Lite corporation. This sale was made without a sales effort, other than a three days' performance of the car itself.

The Toledo distributors heard recently that Mrs. Affleck's car had been stolen. They immediately got in touch with him, told him that with his years of automotive experience they were not going to attempt to sell him by the usual methods, but that they would like to turn over to him, to drive as long as he wished, a Wills Sainte Claire phaeton which had already had 14,000 miles of hard service.

This car was turned over to Mr. Affleck Friday evening, September 8, with instructions to drive it as long as he cared to, or until he had convinced himself that it was not the car he wanted to buy. Just three days later, he came to the sales room, asked the price of the coupe, talked to the service manager, spent an hour in the shop, and left the place saying—"I want to drive this car another day. Get a coupe ready for delivery."

He returned early the next day, left his check and within 30 minutes drove a new Wills Sainte Claire coupe down the street.

Firm Formed to Handle Durant Cars in Bluffs

Andrew Murphy & Son, distributors of Durant automobiles for this territory, announce that a new corporation has been formed in Council Bluffs to handle Durant cars from that point. The new company is the Reed-Steinbaugh Motor company, A. H. Reed president.

Mr. Reed has been in the roofing and paving business in Council Bluffs for a number of years. R. W. Steinbaugh has been connected with Andrew Murphy & Son of the Durant line for the last year, but has been in the automobile business in Council Bluffs and Omaha for the last seven or eight years.

Harding May Call Conference on World Finance

High Authority in Capital Says Executive Discussed Move With M. Viviani Last Year.

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Washington, Oct. 14.—(Special)—There is an increasing possibility that President Harding will call an international economic conference at the first available opportunity. This possibility was enhanced today when it became known that plans for such a conference were practically completed even before the calling of the Genoa conference.

Early in December of last year, it is stated on high authority, President Harding discussed with M. Viviani, then in Washington as a French representative at the arms conference, the attitude of France towards the international financial conference to be held in Washington, and in which all leading nations would participate. Even Germany and Russia, it is stated, were included in the president's suggestion.

The attitude of France towards such a conference, M. Viviani is understood to have told the president, would be decidedly favorable.

Before the negotiations had progressed further than a few informal inquiries, however, the Genoa conference was called at the instigation of Premier Lloyd-George of England and the agenda for that conference proved to be of such a nature that the United States government did not see fit to accept the invitation.

Just as the conference at Genoa and at the Hague are believed by officials here to have accomplished something in clearing the way for a final financial conference which will be able to handle the whole financial problem of Europe in a definite and practicable manner, so it is believed the conference to convene soon at Brussels will do much to clarify the atmosphere and open the way for the United States to call a comprehensive international conference.

It is regarded as certain, however, that President Harding would not consider calling such a conference until after the forthcoming elections, and it is extremely doubtful if he would look favorably upon any reservations by any of the participating powers concerning the separation of reparations from international debts, such as were indicated in the reply of M. Poincare to the recent Balfour note.

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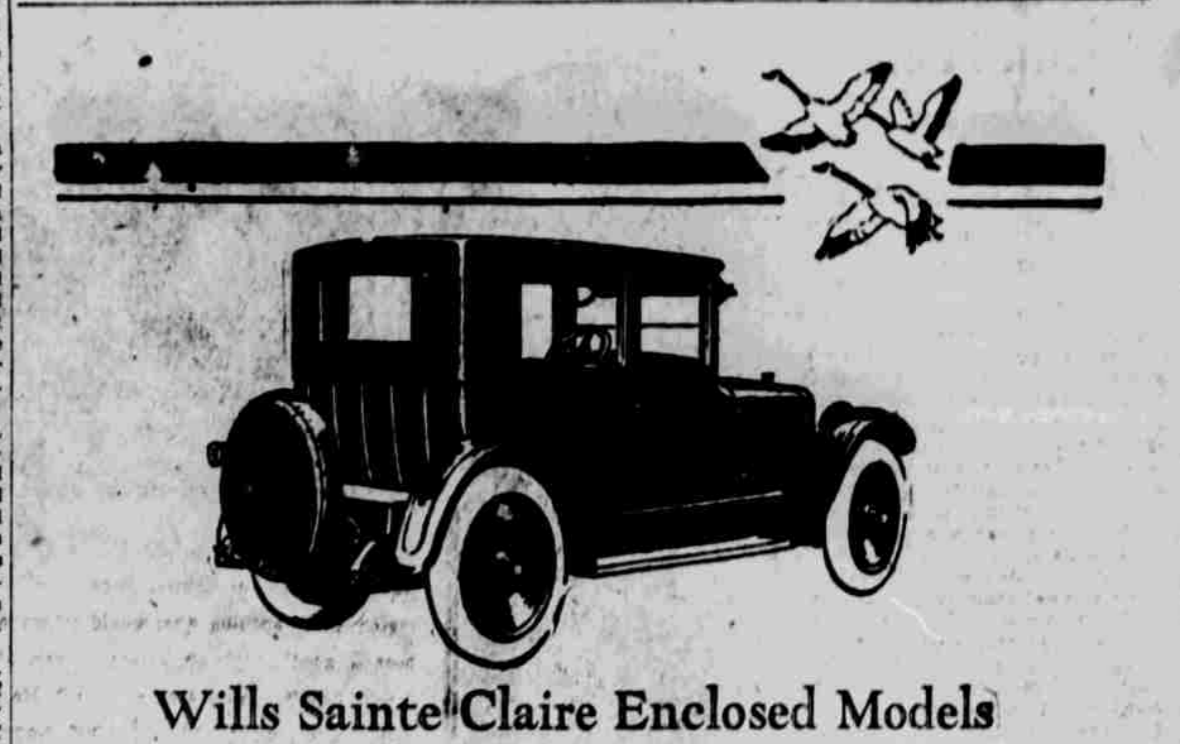
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Europe, and it believes that the European nations could be materially assisted in the process of getting on their feet by a conference called by the United States and to sit in the capital removed from the strife and the allies.



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