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BOURBONS FIX 1920 TAX RATES

COUNTRY DEMANDS HARMONY FROM G.O.P.

Candidates for Speakership Watch Events Closely; Reforms Demanded in Senate; Caucus to Decide.

Washington Bureau of Omaha Bee. Washington, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—While there are two avowed candidates for the speakership of the house in the 66th congress, Messrs. Mann, of Illinois, minority leader and Gillette, ranking member of the appropriations committee, and other receptive candidates watching closely the trend of events, yet there is among all the Republicans a deep rooted determination to iron out everything in the party caucus.

Democrats Split. Republicans are wise to the fact that only through republican solidarity can the solving of the country's problems concerning reconstruction along constitutional and economic lines be satisfactorily worked out.

On both of these considerations democracy has seemingly gone adrift, with the result that an alarming country is demanding republican harmony and not even the democrats are predicting anything but republican unity.

The spirit in congress is akin to that which so quickly pervaded the country when the president made his appeal just before election for a "rubber stamp" national legislative body. Republican congressmen see a united party among the people and from that they are taking the cue.

Cummins Gets Support. In the senate certain committee reforms were demanded by certain senators directed against customs and rules rather than against individual senators.

Senator Cummins' proposition to throw off the element of secret surrounding the executive business of the senate with special reference to opening the doors to treaties and nominations under consideration is meeting with general support.

This is significant, because during the late campaign Mr. Cummins visited several western states and rather successfully pleaded for harmony among all republicans for organization purposes.

All Men in Line. There was talk that several senators, including Kenyon, La Follette, Norris and others, would remain out of caucus and possibly cooperate with the democrats and nominations under consideration in the republican caucus. This has come to naught.

It is given out on good authority that Kenyon and La Follette will continue on Page Eleven, Column Six.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—Popular indignation over the general conduct of the war, especially the "brutality, arrogance and incompetence" displayed by the highest Austrian military commanders, found expression in a resolution adopted by the German Austrian national assembly, demanding the appointment of a commission to investigate the cause of Austria-Hungary's military collapse.

In a vigorous debate on the grave charges advanced against high officers, it was declared members of the imperial family, regardless of age or military capacity, had been given commands with most disastrous results. A field marshal who commanded an expedition against Serbia was denounced as responsible for the death of thousands whom he drove to slaughter, insufficiently munitioned, fed and clothed. Some of the deputies declared that he ought to be hanged.

The most intense hatred against the entire body of officers is developing among civilians. These officers are accused publicly of wretchedly during the war, of permitting their wives to wear costly jewelry, while the masses starved.

The Vienna newspapers urge the investigation committee to begin work before the accused implicated are able to destroy the documentary proof of their guilt.

Recommend Blood Serum for Influenza Pneumonia. Boston, Dec. 21.—Dr. Eugene R. Kelley, commissioner of the state department of health, today recommended that hospitals with laboratory facilities for blood examination undertake to use the blood serum of recovered influenza patients in treatment of those afflicted with influenza pneumonia. Dr. Kelley made this recommendation after being informed of the success obtained with the treatment at the naval hospital at Chelsea.

May Make Omaha Important Military Center of West. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Loback said today that in talks with War department officials he had formed the conviction that Omaha would be made more important as a war supply center than ever before and that the army depot there would supply the Dakotas, Nebraska and possibly half of Iowa.

Minister Von Eckhardt Recalled from Mexico by German Government

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—Heinrich von Eckhardt, the German minister to Mexico since 1915, and the diplomat who figured in the Zimmermann disclosures early in 1917, when the German government made a futile attempt to line up Mexico and Japan against the United States, has been recalled by the present German government.

The diplomat expects to make his farewell calls within a few days and to leave for Germany by way of the United States.

Minister von Eckhardt has been credited with being the director of violent anti-American propaganda which has been carried out in Mexico by pro-German and German-owned papers, which, at various times, published false stories with the evident intent of embroiling Mexico and the United States in war.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL SECURES 82,000 MEMBERS

Total Amount of Money Raised Not as Much as Last Year; Junior Memberships Make Difference.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The membership roll of the American Red Cross stood at 12,000,000 at noon and was the answer of the American people to the organization's Christmas roll call which will close Monday night.

The central division still led with approximately 4,000,000 members. The Atlantic division was second with 2,850,000. The Lake division reported 1,410,000 and the Southwestern division 1,050,000. Reports were not received from several divisions.

Ten thousand more members but \$20,000 less in cash is the summary of the second annual Red Cross Christmas roll call, as compared to last year's membership drive. Last year, the total memberships were 71,000, totaling \$76,000. This year the memberships are in excess of \$2,000 with between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in cash.

The big difference is attributed to the Junior memberships, which this year were issued for 25 cents. These funds are not credited to the Omaha Red Cross chapter but are retained by the Junior Red Cross organization.

Campaign Successful. "We feel the campaign has been most successful, especially when we consider the inroads of the influenza and the difficulty in meeting pledges made in the recent united war fund drive," said Henry Dooley and Samuel S. Caldwell, in charge of the local membership campaign.

"Some of the large business houses did not draw the two days' pay pledge from employees' salaries until last week, which was unfortunately too close to the Christmas shopping period."

Final returns from captains and (Continued on Page Six, Column Three.)

YULETIDE SPIRIT IN FULL SWAY IN OMAHA

First Peace Observance of Holiday Since 1913 Sees Streets of City Thronged With Happy Folks.

It is a real victory Christmas—the first Christmas since 1913 the world has not been at war. And never before has Omaha seen such happy holiday crowds and perhaps never in the history of the world has there been such a universal spirit of joy. For the first time in nearly five years peace again reigns on earth and the deep felt gratitude is reflected in the gladness of the Yuletide feeling.

Soldiers who left a year ago amid tears and sorrow are being welcomed with smiles and happiness. Already several hundred boys from Omaha, who were in the service have been released and are home from war to pass the holidays with home folks. They were everywhere in evidence among the Christmas shoppers last night.

Managers of Omaha's large stores say that never before were there such crowds and such a true holiday spirit. They are not "tired Christmas shoppers' this year. They are patient and courteous and the busy girls behind the counters find it a pleasure to wait on them. The spirit of real democracy and good fellowship is abroad in the land, all agree, in stores, the shop and factory, as well as the homes.

Sisters They Are. For instance, in a large department store last night, a pretty society girl was buying soap for her brother. "I don't know what size to get," she studied. "He is only 19 but it seems like his feet are awfully big." She smiled at the girl behind the counter as she added.

"He has been in the army but has been mustered out and we expect him home tomorrow."

"I think size 10 would be all right," suggested the shop girl. "I had a kid brother just that age, he wore 10's. He was in the army, too, was killed in action at Verdun." She turned abruptly to wrap a package.

Later when she got her package the shopper asked, "Any folks?" "No, there was just he and I."

"What are you going to do Christmas?" "Oh, I don't know, nothing much, I guess."

"Won't you come out and have Christmas dinner with us? I'd love to have you meet my brother and I'll come down and get you if you'll tell me where you live."

And so was arranged. Soldier Boys Lucky. The soldier boys stationed in Omaha all will be remembered with Christmas presents. Many of them will be guests in Omaha and everything possible will be done to give them, every one, a merry Christmas. At Fort Omaha a big Christmas party will be held in the Knights of Columbus hall tomorrow night. All the soldiers stationed there have been invited and each one will receive a box of Christmas presents.

Although the influenza epidemic prevents the usual Christmas trees and programs in the churches there will be religious services and beautiful programs of songs and Christmas carols. Choirs in all of the churches have planned special song services and the sweet old songs of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," will be sung with a new fervor and listened to with a new joy this Christmas.

The influenza, too, has caused unusual suffering in Omaha this year and the call on charity has been greater than it ordinarily would have been. But Omahans have made a generous response. More than twice as much money has been donated to the poor as on any previous Christmas.

Bee Shoe Fund. The Bee shoe fund provided warm shoes for hundreds of poor little kiddies and the Associated Charities has helped scores of families who have been victims of the epidemic. The civilian relief department of the Red Cross has been busy in works of mercy among the poor and needy of the city and the Volunteers of America will provide Christmas dinners for many poor families.

The Salvation Army, apostles of Christianity among persons whom many of the other charities do not reach, will also bring Christmas cheer and comfort to hundreds.

Coal Price Restrictions to Continue Until Feb. 1. Washington, Dec. 21.—Fuel Administrator Garfield announced today that maximum prices on coal and zone regulations on fuel shipments will not be removed before February 1. There had been reports recently that all restrictions would be removed about the first of the year.



MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING GIRL TAKES HIS LIFE

Milo H. Piper Twists His Collar into Shape of Rope and Hangs Himself in Cell.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 21.—Milo H. Piper, charged with the murder of Frieda Weichman of Chicago, committed suicide in his cell in the county jail early tonight by hanging. The body was discovered by Attorney Charles B. Cross, who had called to consult with him. Piper was last seen about 7:30 o'clock.

Officials of the jail for a time denied that Piper ended his life, but after an examination, Dr. Samuel A. Jackson, county physician, announced the accused man was dead.

Piper, it is said, removed his collar, twisted it as nearly into the shape of a rope as possible and secured it around his neck. Then looping his belt through the collar he fastened it to the cross bars of the cell gate and threw the weight of his body into the noose, ending his life.

A double barreled shotgun more than 17 years old, and three tennis rackets were found, according to the police, in the home of Piper.

The girl identified as Miss Weichman, the police announced today was killed with a shotgun held close to her head—so close, they stated that the felt-ward from its shell followed the shot through her skull and lodged in the lower jaw. A number of shells, with similar wounds, were found in the Piper home.

Up to the last Piper maintained his innocence in connection with the death of Miss Weichman, who he was charged with killing in order to hide from his wife and child here his alleged bigamous marriage in 1916 in Indiana.

Mrs. Hilda Carlson Piper, the dead man's wife, who had remained unshaken in her belief in Piper's innocence was near collapse tonight.

England Preparing to Observe Christmas in Old-Fashioned Way

London, Dec. 21.—The whole country is preparing for the first old-fashioned Christmas in five years, with more than old-fashioned enthusiasm. Nearly all the soldiers in Great Britain are flocking to their homes on a 12 days' leave, thousands more are coming across the channel, while colonials and Americans are pouring in for sight seeing.

The theaters and restaurants are doing a record business. No hotel rooms are vacant.

YANKS OCCUPY GIBRALTAR ON BANK OF RHINE

Big Fortress on Promontory Dominating River Now Headquarters of First Pioneer Infantry.

Coblentz, Dec. 21.—The German fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, sometimes called the Gibraltar of the Rhine, on the opposite bank of the river from Coblentz, was occupied by American troops Friday. The commander of the American forces is Col. Robert Boyers, a West Point graduate of 1903.

The fortress, which is situated on a rocky promontory 400 feet above the river and occupies more than 100 acres, will accommodate thousands of men. It will be used for the present as the regimental headquarters of the First Pioneer Infantry and two battalions of pioneers.

Mullen Returns Home. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Democratic National Committeeman Mullen, of Omaha, who has been in Washington attempting to iron out a number of income tax cases before the Treasury department, left tonight for Nebraska.

SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL DOMINATE, ASSERTS WILSON

Would Have League of Nations Operate as Organized Moral Force of Men Throughout World.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The president's first week in France finds the preliminary situation surrounding the peace conference fairly well developed toward the point where, according to the president's expressed view, it will be worth while for the United States to participate.

The president's conferences with French and Italian statesmen have served to emphasize that he considers a treaty of peace not enough, but that the general agreement to be made among the nations must include a satisfactory settlement of the question of the freedom of the seas and a league of nations.

The president now goes to England to continue the discussions there along the same lines as those he had with the representatives of France and Italy which the president's advisers describe as having been satisfactory.

Wilson Given Degree. Paris, Dec. 21.—President Wilson, in acknowledging the honor bestowed upon him today by the University of Paris in the form of a doctor's degree, said:

"I feel very keenly the distinguished honor which has been conferred upon me by the great University of Paris and it is very delightful to me also to have the honor of being inducted into the great company of scholars whose life and fame have made the history of the University of Paris a thing admirable among men of cultivation in all parts of the world."

"By what you have said, sir, of the theory of education which has been followed in France and which I have tried to promote in the United States, I am tempted to venture upon a favorite theme. I have (Continued on Page Six, Column One.)"

Children Dying of Hunger in East Side of New York. New York, Dec. 21.—Aroused by reports that with Christmas approaching, east side children are fainting in school rooms and dying at home from hunger because their parents cannot pay the prevailing high prices for milk and staple foods, representative citizens today organized a committee to feed them first and investigate afterwards.

A plea that something be done for her pupils, who were "slowly starving to death," was made recently by a teacher to Joseph S. Markus, a banker who now heads the relief organization. Mr. Markus himself visited schools, hospitals and tenements, and today issued a statement dealing with conditions on the east side.

Red Cross Christmas Boxes Given to Wounded Soldiers. Unable to demonstrate Omaha's hospitality to 40 wounded soldiers who passed through the city at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning, members of Omaha's Red Cross canteen corps were also members of the National League for Women's Service, placed in the hands of the commanding officer, 40 Christmas boxes, which he states of those packed for the soldiers at Fort Crook.

Mrs. Luther Koutze, commandant, met the train, but on account of the late hour, the wounded men were not disturbed.

Mrs. Kalk Christens Ship Named After Her Brave Son

Omaha Woman at Ceremony at Quincy, Mass., Where Destroyer First Enters Waves.

Quincy, Mass., Dec. 21.—The United States destroyer Kalk, named for Lieut. Stanton E. Kalk of Omaha, who lost his life when the destroyer Jacob Jones was sunk by a German submarine, was launched here today.

Mrs. Flora Stanton Kalk, mother of the lieutenant, christened the vessel. She had been engaged in naval Y. W. C. A. work at Brest and returned to this country to act as sponsor at the request of Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Lieut. Stanton E. Kalk in whose honor the United States destroyer Kalk was named is a former Omaha boy, and was appointed to the naval academy at Annapolis by Senator Norris Brown in 1912. He was graduated from the academy in 1916 and after service on board the Florida and San Francisco, was transferred to the destroyer Jacob Jones in the summer of 1917, losing his life when that vessel was sunk by a German submarine in the North Sea, December 6, 1917.

Lieutenant Kalk was a grandson of Gen. T. H. Stanton, pioneer Omaha citizen, his mother being Mrs. Flora Stanton Kalk, daughter of General Stanton and a sister of Mrs. T. P. Kennedy, 127 North Forty-second street. Mrs. Kennedy met Mrs. Kalk in Washington, and accompanied her to Quincy, Mass., where the destroyer Kalk was launched yesterday.

Relatives announce that Mrs. Kalk will accompany Mrs. Kennedy to Omaha and will spend the holidays here, returning to her work in the



Mrs. Flora Stanton Kalk

naval Y. W. C. A. at Brest, France, January 31.

When the Jacob Jones was sunk the commanding officer was David Worth Begley, brother-in-law of Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Lieutenant Kalk was officer of the day and was cited for his bravery in saving the lives of many of his men, and by saving the ship's records a few moments before the vessel finally sank. He succeeded in gaining a raft, but found it too crowded and considering the life of the men in his charge, he volunteered to swim to another raft, and succeeded in doing so, dying from exposure a few hours afterwards.

SENATORS CLASH IN DEBATE ON REVENUES

Provisions in Dispute Adopted by Strict Party Vote; Measure Now Expected to Pass Monday.

Washington, Dec. 21.—By a strict party vote the senate late today adopted all provisions in the war revenue bill, prescribing tax rates for 1920, which democrats advocated and republicans opposed, but failed to reach a final vote on the measure. Adjournment was taken until Monday when its passage is expected.

Disposition of the controversial 1920 tax provisions designed to raise about \$4,000,000,000 as compared with the \$6,000,000,000 estimate for 1919 precipitated long and spirited debate, with numerous partisan clashes.

Action was taken virtually on a test vote in disposing of the provision reducing the individual income normal tax rate to 8 per cent in 1920. On a motion by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, republican, to strike out this section 37 democrats voted to retain it and 31 republicans were recorded for its elimination.

Later all other 1920 provisions were adopted with perfunctory viva voce votes. Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, senior republican member of the finance committee, offered motions to strike out the sections, but these were bowled over by a chorus of democratic "yays."

Reduce Income Tax. Among the 1920 clauses thus approved was the provision for reduction in that year of the corporation normal income tax rate from 12 to 8 per cent. In similar manner the senate adopted the 1920 war excess profits tax section, prescribing excess profits ranging from 20 to 40 per cent in lieu of those from 20 to 60 per cent for 1919 and abolishing the 80 per cent war profits levy after 1919. An amendment by Senator Jones of New Mexico, democrat, to continue war profits taxes in 1919 was voted down, 44 to 15.

Disposition of the 1920 tax question caused such protracted debate that Chairman Simmons abandoned plans for a night session and agreed to adjournment until Monday at 10 o'clock in an effort to expedite passage that day, with a night session if necessary. With this issue out of the way, senate leaders predicted that other provisions including the inheritance, luxury and other sections, would be disposed of speedily.

Impugn Democrats' Motive. In the partisan contest over fixing rates at this time for 1920, Senator Penrose, Townsend of Michigan, McCumber of North Dakota and Smoot of Utah, led the republican attack, while Chairman Simmons (Continued on Page Six, Column Two.)

Broatch to Ask Law Makers for Recount on Election Returns. W. J. Broatch has announced that he will contest the seat of J. M. Tanner in the state senate as soon as the legislature convenes next month.

Mr. Broatch, republican state senatorial candidate at the recent election, was slightly ahead until the soldier vote was reported by the secretary of state. The final vote placed Tanner, democrat, six ahead, and on that basis he was given a certificate of election.

Mr. Broatch states that he has information which he will present to the legislature in connection with the soldier vote, the details of which he does not feel warranted to disclose at this time.

He will ask for an investigation of the Nebraska soldier vote as relating to himself and Tanner and it is possible that a recount of the entire Douglas county state senatorial vote may be ordered.

Mrs. A. D. Brandeis in Gotham Resumes Her Former Name. Word comes from New York that the widow of Arthur D. Brandeis, formerly of Omaha, whose marriage to Joseph Helfman, it will be remembered, was announced in June of last year, is back in that city for the winter and has resumed the name of Mrs. Brandeis. Since her remarriage she and her husband had their home in San Francisco. Friends of the family here admit they have been advised that there has been a separation.

Butte Asks Irish Freedom. Butte, Mont., Dec. 21.—Resolutions asking congress to declare in favor of independence for Ireland were adopted here last night at a mass meeting attended principally by residents of Irish descent.