

Republicans to Scale Down All Appropriations

Floor Leader Mondell Declares Over Billion Can Be Cut From Country's Annual Bill.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Urging "rigid economy" in appropriations for government expenses during the next fiscal year in order to lighten the tax burden, Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader, declared in the house today that the total estimate of \$4,653,800,000 submitted by the secretary of the treasury should be reduced by approximately \$1,400,000,000.

This reduction, he said, must be effected chiefly by a drastic scaling down in estimates for the army and navy and also for sundry civil expenses, the total of which, he pointed out, exceeded current appropriations by more than \$914,000,000.

Criticizes Administration.

Criticizing the administration for the "unfathomable inconsistency" in the estimates submitted to congress and the "pleas for economy made by the president and the secretary of the treasury," Mr. Mondell declared he would "leave it to others to properly characterize these estimates."

"Two years after the war," the republican leader added, "when the world outside our borders is largely bankrupt and everybody is praying for reduction of armaments the administration asks for an appropriation of more than \$1,414,000,000 for the army, navy and fortifications, or five and a half times the highest peace time appropriation of 1916."

Mr. Mondell declared these figures did not include current deficiencies which "may be swollen indefinitely" if the War department continued its policy of recruiting the army up to full strength, contrary to the understanding that it should not be increased above the total of 178,000 men contemplated by the appropriations." He said it had become the duty of congress to take action that would prevent "such squandering of the people's money by creating deficiencies in violation of law."

Will Lighten Taxes.

Asserting that if the economy in appropriations advocated by him was carried out the tax burden for the calendar year 1921 might be "substantially lightened," Mr. Mondell said he believed continuation of a tax program designed to raise a minimum revenue of \$4,000,000,000 for two years, as recommended by the secretary of treasury, was "unjustified."

With 44 per cent of the net cost of the war, excluding foreign loans, already paid, he said, it was unnecessary to "keep up war rates of taxation for the purpose of reducing the public debt at a rate greatly in excess of the sinking fund rate applied to the entire debt."

While he favored repeal of the excess profits tax and reduction of the higher income surtaxes, Mr. Mondell said, he thought it unnecessary at this time to consider alternative revenue provisions because "no one can tell what increased revenues may result from the passage of a tariff bill along protective lines."

Meat Producers Endorse

Co-Operative Service Plan

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 16.—After eliminating all provisions for the establishment of buying or selling agencies at terminal markets, the Corn Belt Meat Producers' association this afternoon endorsed the plan for co-operative service, furnishing all available information regarding prices, grades, supplies, etc., to cattle raisers, and referred the matter to the board of directors with instructions to confer with other live stock associations concerning the establishment of such an organization.

Damage to Cork Estimated

At Total of \$15,000,000

Washington, Dec. 16.—The burning of Cork resulted in damages of \$15,000,000 and threw 100,000 persons out of employment, the State department was advised in a cablegram received from the American consul at Queenstown.

Civic League Will Seek

Recall of Police Judges

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Recall of two police judges will be sought by the civic league of San Francisco, its board of governors decided, as a result of inquiry into conditions here which were evoked by recent attacks on young women.

WHY—

Do We See Black Spots After Looking at the Sun?

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So accustomed are we to judging by externals, that when we speak of "the eye," we immediately think of the convex organs of sight immediately under the eyelids. This idea is so firmly implanted that the mention of a person's eyes brings to mind the thought of a certain color—which is nothing more than the pigment in the lens which bends the rays of light inward and makes it possible for us to take in a large field of vision at one glance.

Strictly speaking, the real eye—the part of the body which we use for the purposes of sight—is the "retina," placed behind the lens themselves and transmitting impressions to the brain after they have been translated from terms of what we see. This retina is extremely sensitive, and an excess of light of any kind will render it practically useless for the time being. The glare of the sun, or any other extremely bright light, will "burn out" the portion of the retina which it touches, and this effect will remain until the body has had time to renew the surface. The black spots which we see after looking at the sun are therefore nothing more than the "blind" spots on the retina caused by the excess of light, and these gradually fade as this sensitive surface is repaired from within our bodies.

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By J. J. MUNDY. Watch the Pennies.

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In some ways you have considered yourself actually penurious and felt you were denying yourself a great deal. Then sometimes you have gone to the other extreme and been extravagant and foolish in your expenditure. No saving is possible without self-denial.

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Steamships.

Arrivals. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Wilhelmina, Honolulu, Skeddon, Shanghai. Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—Frederick VIII, paraiso, Thermistocles. Naples, Dec. 14.—Belvedere, New York. Mollendo, Dec. 15.—Ebro, New York. Copenhagen, Dec. 15.—Frederick VIII, New York. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Iris, San Francisco. Port Arthur, Dec. 15.—Standard Arrow, San Francisco. Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Lehigh, San Francisco. Southampton, Dec. 15.—Olympic, New York. Antofagasta, Dec. 11.—Fabanday, San Francisco. Sydney, Dec. 14.—Sonoman, San Francisco. Departures. New York, Dec. 15.—Santa Eliza, Callao. San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Madawaska, Manila, Maui, Honolulu, San Francisco. Southampton, Dec. 15.—Olympic, New York. Christiansia, Dec. 10.—Helligolav, New York.

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Farmers Meet at St. Louis to Lay Plans for Relief

Representatives From 12 States Declare Present Prices Mean Bankruptcy.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Farmers from more than a dozen states met here today to decide on some action that is expected to afford the relief they assert is necessary on account of conditions resulting from the decline in price of their products.

Delegates declared present prices mean bankruptcy and emphasized their belief they were not due to the law of supply and demand.

The conference was called by the national board of farm organizations. The representation here is principally from the grain and cotton producing sections of the country, officers said.

Plans which were suggested to the delegates as affording avenues of relief included the setting up of national marketing machinery to sell produce and purchase agricultural supplies and the establishing of banking institutions in the various states through co-operation of the several farm organizations to strengthen their credit.

Fire in Ralston Car Barns

Causes Total Loss of \$75,000

Fire destroyed the car barns, part of the offices and three interurban cars of the Omaha & Lincoln Railway and Light company, in Ralston Wednesday night, a loss of \$75,000. Defective wiring is given as the suspected cause of the flames which were discovered in the east end of the car barns. A high wind fanned the flames which were extinguished through the combined efforts of the Ralston volunteer fire company and four South Omaha companies. New car barns will be erected at once, Manager W. C. Edmiston declared.

Settlement of W. T. Seaman

Estate to Consume Year

At least a year will be consumed in the settlement of the estate of the late W. T. Seaman, who died in Springfield, Mo., according to a message received by the Child Saving institute of Omaha from the probate judge of Springfield, which means the Omaha institution will not benefit by its award in the will in time to cover a present deficit of \$4,000. The estate is in litigation and can only be secured after a legal contest which brings forward an element of uncertainty as to the institution receiving the property at all.

Unemployment In England Problem

Labor Circles Claim 1,000,000 People Now Are Out of Work.

London, Dec. 16.—Unemployment in Great Britain has presented a serious problem, which government, municipal and labor organization heads are seeking to solve. The advent of winter has made the situation more urgent and nearly every trade is affected, it was said today.

Official statistics, admittedly incomplete, show 500,000 out of work, with clerks and middle class people affected equally with laborers. Labor circles declared 1,000,000 are unemployed and that counting dependents from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 persons are affected, a large proportion being former soldiers.

Among labor organizations and municipalities there is a tendency to let the government solve the problem, though some localities are planning public improvements.

Communist's Coups In Czecho Slovakia Fail

Paris, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—Attempts which have been made by communists in Czecho-Slovakia to overthrow the government and seize power in that nation have failed entirely, according to latest dispatches to the French foreign office. The Czecho-Slovak government, it is declared, is emerging from the turmoil of the last fortnight in a strong position.

Conscientious Objectors

Guest of Honor at Banquet

New York, Dec. 16.—Twenty-five conscientious objectors, several of whom served prison terms because of their refusal to bear arms during the war, were "guests of honor" last night at a dinner given by the American Civil Liberties bureau. Speakers who included Scott Nearing, former professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and Rev. John Haynes Holmes, pastor of the Community church, lauded the objectors as the "bravest of the brave."

Christmas Rush Of Mails Fails To Materialize

Omaha Only Distributing Center In Country Where Any Appreciable Increase In Parcels Post Found.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Whether the people of the country are ignoring the "mail early" slogan of the Postoffice department or have experienced a strong subsidence of the Christmas spirit of giving is a question over which the department today expressed considerable concern. There has been practically no increase in the volume of mails due to Christmas mailing up to the present time, said an announcement by the department, whereas by December 15 last year the mails had increased 50 per cent above normal.

The public was warned that "congestion could not be avoided" if the negligible increase in the volume of mail meant that Christmas mailing was being put off until the last few days.

Telegraph reports showing the volume of mail being handled at the various distributing points, were quoted as follows: New York—"No apparent increase." Boston—"Mails still light." Chicago—"Bulk of mail not more than 15 per cent above normal." Cleveland—"Conditions normal." Atlanta—"Noticeable decrease in volume from same period last year." Omaha—"Increase in parcel post from 20 to 30 per cent." Seattle—"Only slight increase." Points reporting "no congestion" included San Francisco and St. Louis.

Coroner's Jury Finds Woman Took Own Life

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A coroner's jury investigating the death of Miss Theodora Sanders of Laredo, Tex., who recently stabbed herself to death while talking on the mezzanine floor of a hotel with H. H. Garver, foreign trade manager of the Chamber of Commerce, returned a verdict of death due to a self-inflicted knife wound.

The inquest had been continued several weeks at the request of C. E. Walker, of El Paso, who said he wished to introduce a letter written by Miss Sanders shortly before her death, to an uncle in Mexico City. This letter, he said, might present a motive for Miss Sanders' act. Mr. Walker did not appear, however.

Economic Experts Meet at Brussels

First of Series of Meets to Determine German Indemnity Held.

Brussels, Dec. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—Economic experts of five of the principal allied powers and Germany met at the conference table here today in the first of a series of meetings which will go far toward determining what Germany must pay for war reparations.

Delegates from the allied nations appeared hopeful that the session, which will last probably a week or 10 days, would be fruitful of results. The German representatives, who arrived here last night, gave an impression of being on the defensive. The German delegation is composed of 27 delegates, headed by Sigmund Bergmann. Rudolf Havenstein, president of the Reichsbank, replaced Karl F. von Siemens. One of the German representatives, Herr Silvershmidt, labor representative, will arrive later in the meeting.

The first meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock with former Premier Delacroix of Belgium presiding. The arrival of the delegates at the Palais des Academies, where the sessions are being held, attracted no attention on the part of the public.

Penrose Opposed To Harding's Plan

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 16.—Senator Penrose fanned the flames of the Johnson-Borah backfire against the league of nations when he announced today that he was opposed to President-Elect Harding's idea.

The senator is not only a bitter enemy so far as the original league is concerned but said he had no use for the Harding "evolution" end of that world program—the association of nations.

"We do not need an association of nations," said the senator as he conferred with callers in the lounge of the Shelbourne hotel. "Let us attend to our own business. Americans want to go along in the old-fashioned way without entangled foreign alliances. Personally I am opposed to international idealism and the higher thought in world politics."

Bees Swarm In Church

Dotham, Ala., Dec. 16.—The steeple of the Foster Street Methodist church here is the home of a swarm of bees. Just when they took up their abode there 100 feet from the ground is not known.

Germany's Envoy Is Slighted by U. S. Ambassador

America's Representative at Paris Refuses to Meet German Diplomat Because Countries Still at War.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, last night refused to meet Wilhelm Mayer von Kaufburen, the German ambassador, because the United States still is technically in a state of war with Germany.

The incident occurred at an official dinner to the diplomatic corps given by Raul Peret, president of the Chamber of Deputies, and his wife, Ambassador Wallace, dean of the diplomatic corps, in the absence of the Italian ambassador, and Mrs. Wallace, were the guests of honor.

Pierre de Fouquieres, of the foreign office, known as the "introducer of ambassadors," approached Ambassador Wallace in the reception room before the dinner and said: "The German ambassador desires to be presented to you."

"Can't you forget it?" inquired Mr. Wallace, who knows M. Fouquieres very well. "He is standing just behind me," replied M. Fouquieres. "He was very persistent. I did not wish to embarrass you."

"Tell him," said Mr. Wallace, "that I refuse to meet him." The German ambassador was standing so near that he heard Mr. Wallace's reply, and M. Fouquieres repeated the response to him.

News of the incident spread rapidly among the 115 guests, who included many of the most notable men in the public life of France. Ambassador Wallace was surrounded by persons congratulating him, among whom were Philippe Bethclot, political director of the French foreign office, and Baron Harding, the new British ambassador to France.

The episode was much talked of in political circles in Paris today, where it was commented that the American ambassador could not yet meet socially the ambassador of a country with which the United States is at war.

Man Dies From Burns When He Attempts to Save Wife

Winner, S. D., Dec. 16.—John Schuman died at a hospital here yesterday from burns received in an attempt to save his wife from their blazing home, in which she and their four children met death Monday.

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