

### C. of C. Forwards Protest on Butter Tax to U. S. Capital

#### Tax Will Fall on Farmer, Say Creamery Men—Destruction of Farm Dairy Business Is Feared.

The 10 cents a pound tax on butter that is supposed to go into effect February 15 will fall on the farmer and not on the consumer, according to creamery companies. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce, fearing a blow that would destroy the farm dairy business, is forwarding resolutions to all Nebraska congressmen and senators to save what is characterized as the only portion of agriculture that is now on a sound basis.

The law under which the tax is to be levied was passed in 1902, and was designed to protect farm dairies from competition with oleomargarine. As lately interpreted by Attorney General Mitchell Palmer, it would give uncolored oleo and other butter substitutes the advantage over most real butter.

Under the new interpretation, which the attorney general bases his understanding of the intent of the congress of 1902, all butter except that made from sweet cream would have to be packed in 10-pound tins and could not be sold in pound prints as at present. It would all have to bear a big revenue stamp, and although it is perfectly good and chemically pure, would be designated as adulterated.

The federal internal revenue department recently obtained an opinion from the attorney general stating that any butter made from sour cream that was neutralized by lime water must be taxed as adulterated. It is stated by creamery men that 90 per cent of the butter made in the United States is made in this way, and that lime water, which is harmless, does not remain in the butter, but goes off with the milk. In order to pasteurize the milk, some of which is shipped from clear across the state to Omaha creameries, it is first necessary to have it comparatively sweet. The lime water is used for neutralizing the acid, just as mothers give the same harmless preparation to babies to cure an acid stomach. After pasteurization the milk is soured again so that good butter may be made.

**Charge Deliberate Plan.**  
A deliberate plan of the cottonseed oil, peanut oil and oleo interests to destroy the popularity of butter is the accusation by creamery men that the Chamber of Commerce, in its message to Nebraska congressmen, asks first that the matter be put up to the attorney general again, and if no relief is forthcoming probably will request a joint resolution making clear that the "intention" of the act has been wrongly read by Mr. Palmer and ordering him to change his opinion.

The farmers' union has already made its protest and H. F. McIntosh, manager of the agricultural bureau of the chamber, has suggested a petition to the American farm bureau federation and to the state secretary of agriculture at Lincoln.

**Nebraska Bull Looks Good To Iowans; Sells for \$1,100**  
Des Moines, Feb. 2.—Eleven hundred dollars was the top price reached at the stock sale here of the American Pollard Hereford Breeders' association. The bull was the property of H. J. Smith of David City, Neb. Forty head were sold at an average price of \$523.

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Miss Baker has worked for the last two years as a telephone operator in the Tyler exchange. She will be an air pupil of Jack Atkinson, formerly chief of Denver's aerial police force and the first man to serve as an aerial forest patrol observer.

Omaha's future aviatrix is a native of this city. She has taken several flights with Mr. Atkinson and asserts that flying is more interesting than dancing.

**Two-Gun Bandits Rob Chicago Bank Of \$30,000 in Cash**  
Gang of Six Enters Building Shortly Before Opening Hour and Make Escape In Waiting Car.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.  
Chicago, Feb. 2.—Seven two-gun robbers Tuesday swept down upon the Kenwood Trust and Savings bank at East Forty-seventh street and Grand boulevard, smashed a door and escaped with \$30,000, perhaps more, in currency. It was a daring raid, skillfully planned and executed in a spectacular manner.

The robbery, which is known in police parlance as a "rush," was pulled off at 8:25 o'clock, before the bank opened. The clerk and tellers were preparing for the day's business. Charles H. Willis, paying teller, had just taken a sack of money to his cage. The front door was closed but not locked. It was operated by an electric latch that could be pushed by push buttons from the entrance of employees.

A large touring car stopped in front of the bank and six men leaped out. A seventh remained at the wheel. The leader placed his shoulder against the bank door and the others, in foot ball formation, pushed with him and the catch was forced.

One bandit remained at the door. Another ordered all the clerks to get into the back room and make no noise. A third drove Paying Teller Willis from his cage and tossed the bag of money to the man at the door. A fourth robber made a quick search of the vault, taking all the currency in sight.

**Needy Agricultural Students To Be Aided by C. of C. Fund**  
Needy students in the State College of Agriculture will be given financial help in finishing their college courses by a committee of Chamber of Commerce members of Omaha. Students who are in their senior year and in need of money will be permitted to borrow from the fund on the recommendation of the committee and members of the faculty. John R. Webster, regent of the university, will act in an advisory capacity for the committee.

**Rochester Man and Five Children Killed in Fire**  
Barre, Vt., Feb. 2.—Henry Martell and five children were burned to death and two others were seriously injured when fire destroyed their home at Rochester today.

### House to Fight to Keep U. S. Army At Only 150,000

Strong Sentiment for Reduction in Present Strength Shown in Debate on Annual Appropriation Bill.

By The Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Taking up the \$328,000,000 army appropriation bill, the house in its debate Tuesday showed it was ready to fight any attempt to put the enlisted personnel above 150,000, provided in the measure. Chairman Anthony of the appropriations subcommittee declared that in reducing the amount provided for the army's maintenance, it had responded to public demand and effort to end "waste and extravagance that has characterized the military establishment for the last few years."

The chairman was interrupted by a volley of questions, indicating strong support for an army of 150,000 men and approximately 14,000 commissioned officers.

**Guarantees Reduction.**  
Mr. Anthony insisted this number would be sufficient, that the national guard would become an invaluable adjunct if given the support and sympathy of the War department, and that there would be no difficulty in bringing down the present total by July 1.

"After March 4, I can guarantee that the army will be reduced," he said. In fixing the maximum, he declared it had been agreed upon after careful study of the country's actual needs, adding that the United States was better prepared than any other nation to fight, as it had ammunition on hand that it could not use in 20 years.

Discussing civilian employees, the chairman said: "If this bill is passed, the War department will be called on to perform a surgical operation that will rid it of 40,000 civilian employees."

**Big Appropriation Asked.**  
The total cost of the military establishment this year was \$494,000,000, he said, while for the next fiscal year the department had asked for \$692,000,000.

Representative Sisson of Mississippi, ranking democrat on the subcommittee, declared that in adopting a resolution directing the secretary of war not to recruit beyond 175,000 congress was not prevented from insisting on a less figure. He said there were too many civilian employees.

**State Department to Leave Jap Question to New Administration**  
Washington, Feb. 2.—State department officials indicated that the solution of the question growing out of the enactment of the California anti-alien land law would be left to the Harding administration.

### Senate Enemies Of Tariff Hope to Kill Cloture Bill

Motion to Speed Up Emergency Measure in Senate, By Limiting Debate, Expected to Fail.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.  
Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.  
Washington, Feb. 2.—With the emergency tariff bill characterized by many republicans as well as democrats as "bunk for the farmers," which would accomplish nothing but an increase in the cost of living it was freely predicted today that the motion to limit debate on the measure and speed it to passage will fail in the senate this afternoon.

The cloture motion requires two-thirds majority for adoption and according to polls made by its supporters today they lack five or more votes of the necessary strength.

If the cloture motion is killed, democratic leaders are confident they can continue their filibuster against the bill until the present congress goes out of office on March 4. They are determined to do this even if it compels the side-tracking of all the big supply bills and other important measures demanding attention at the present session.

**Rev's Among Republicans.**  
With defeat of the cloture motion impending, revolt broke out in the republican ranks as a result of threat of Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who is leading the fight for the tariff bill, to keep the measure before the senate until the democratic filibuster collapsed.

Senator Townsend of Michigan, republican, bluntly gave notice that after cloture is beaten tomorrow he would move to set aside the tariff bill and take up the postal appropriation bill. He bitterly assailed the bill, although he declared himself a protectionist. He asserted that the bill is an attempt to fool the farmers.

Many republicans heaved sighs of relief when they saw the polls indicating the death of the bill. They have made little effort to conceal their lukewarmness toward the measure, but have been compelled to give their reluctant support by the clamor of their constituents and the demands for party regularity. Furthermore, fears are entertained that President Wilson would promptly veto the measure and wind up his administration with a vigorous denunciation of the republican congress for passing a bill that admittedly would increase the prices of foodstuffs.

**Montana Copper Company To Suspend Operations**  
Butte, Mont., Feb. 2.—Mine operations of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, will be suspended tonight, according to an announcement by the company.

**Fire Follows Blast In Oil Refining Plant**  
Washington, Feb. 2.—President broke out early today at the plant of the Empire Refining company. Within a short time two large oil stills had exploded and the flames were spreading rapidly.

### Shipping Board To Account for All Money Spent

No Evidence of Fraud Revealed by Searching Audit Of Accounts, General Comptroller Declares.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Emphatic assurance that the shipping board would be able to account for every cent spent for the construction of vessels was given to the house investigating committee by Alonzo Tweedale, general comptroller of the board. Searching audits of accounts, he declared, had revealed no evidence of fraud or misappropriation of funds.

Mr. Tweedale contradicted the assertion made by Col. E. H. Abadie, his predecessor as general comptroller, that he (Abadie) had been "railroaded" out of his job by M. J. Gillen, former executive assistant to the chairman of the board. Mr. Tweedale also denied that he had made any attempt to dislodge Colonel Abadie, to get his job.

Declaring that when he was elevated from treasurer to general comptroller he was given freedom to recommend his successor as treasurer, the witness asserted he had selected R. W. Bolling, a brother-in-law of President Wilson, who had been serving as assistant treasurer. No influence was brought to bear on him to make such a choice, he declared.

Discussing the audit made by Perley Morse & Co., New York, of the accounts of the Bethlehem Steel Building corporation, which it had been charged had brought to light a \$200,000 voucher for the personal expenses of Charles M. Schwab while in charge of the emergency fleet corporation's construction program, Mr. Tweedale declared the audit had been closed off because it was expected to cost at least \$750,000 and perhaps \$1,000,000.

**Convicted Slayer of Policeman Admits Long List of Robberies**  
Seattle, Feb. 2.—John Schmitt, sentenced yesterday to hang on April 1, for the killing of Detective James O'Brien, shortly after fatally wounding Patrolman Neil McMillan and W. T. Angle, in pistol battles January 21, last night confessed a long list of robberies committed in the state in the past two years, according to Sheriff Matt Starwich.

The confession is said to have cleared up more than 30 Seattle robberies of the past two years. The most serious of the crimes to which Schmitt is said to have confessed was the killing of E. H. Schultz of Olympia in a street fight some time ago.

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