

Harding Is Between 2 Tax Fires

Advocates and Opponents of Federal Sales Revenue Plan Putting Forth Effort to Win President-Elect's Support.

Mind Open on Question

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 17.—Prudential efforts are being put forth by the advocates and opponents of a federal sales tax to win the support of President-elect Harding before he formulates the revenue revision recommendations he will lay before the next congress in his first message to that body.

One faction of republicans is endeavoring to convince Mr. Harding that a retail sales tax not exceeding 1 per cent would be the most equitable and least burdensome impost that could be substituted for the excess profits tax.

Another favoring the repeal of the excess profits tax, Mr. Harding is reported by the leaders of both factions to be preserving an open mind on the question of a sales tax as a substitute for the profits taxes, if a substitute cannot be found necessary.

Representative Bacharach of the ways and means committee presented the arguments in favor of a sales tax to Mr. Harding at Marion and Representative Frear, also of the ways and means committee, returned today from St. Augustine where he submitted to the president-elect the conditions of the opposition to a sales tax.

Not Opposed to Repeal. While believing that most of the criticism against the excess profits tax is unwarranted, Mr. Frear said today that he recognizes that there is a strong sentiment for its repeal and that probably this will prevail.

Howat Is Arrested on Charge of Violating Industrial Court Law

Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 17.—Alexander Howat, president, and August Dorchy, vice president, of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers were arrested today on warrants charging them with violating the Kansas industrial court law in connection with the calling of the Mackie strike.

State Commissioner Closes Boston Bank

Boston, Feb. 17.—The Tremont Trust company, a banking institution with savings and commercial departments, was closed today by Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen.

Fire Destroys Cotton. Emis, Tex., Feb. 17.—Thirty thousand bales of cotton were lost here last night in a fire which destroyed three warehouses. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

Features for Next Sunday's Bee

Scenes at Mount Vernon, home of George and Martha Washington, photographed by Louis Beechick. Omaha photographers make a striking rotogravure page you will want to preserve.

Miss Wilson Throws Down Gauntlet to U. S. Congress

Daughter of President Takes Shot at Representative Wood for Denunciation of Community Center Work.



MISS MARGARET WILSON

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 17.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, threw down the gauntlet to congress today in her address before the national woman's party convention in behalf of community center work and incidentally paid off a long score chalked up by the community workers against Representative Wood of Indiana for denouncing the centers as "hot beds of socialism" and the use of school buildings for community dances as a "waste of public money."

"It is any of the business of congress," Miss Wilson demanded, "to supervise the activities of speech of those they represent? One reason that was given for not cutting our appropriation was that our centers here had been breeding unsex. I know of nothing that could uphold that statement, but even granting it, even if laws are broken that are not supposed to be, is it the business of the courts or the Department of Justice to try the individuals who have broken the law."

Defends Dancing

"Another statement made over in congress was that they did not wish to pay the expenses attendant upon dancing in our school buildings. Again I ask, granting that we have a moral right to use the school buildings, is it any of their business what we do in them, whether we listen to socialist speeches or whether we dance? It was even suggested the other day on the floor of the senate that we should not be allowed to talk politics in the centers. Isn't that amazing?"

Suppose that we should initiate a nation-wide referendum to make new rules for senate discussions. What an outcry there would be. It would not be a lawful proceeding, I know, and therefore impossible, but would it not be more logical and reasonable for us to make rules limiting the discussion of those who are accountable to us than that they should make rules for our meetings? "The community center is the people's machine," Miss Wilson continued. "It works in the open."

Miss Wilson foreshadowed the advent of political speakers to the convention tonight by urging the woman's party to disband and not to reorganize. "There is no doubt, however, that the woman's party will remain in the field, either under its present name or as the 'National Woman's Union,' or 'National Woman's Political Union.' The only question now and the one which will be fought out on the floor tomorrow, is whether it will concentrate on the removal of all remaining forms of legal and other discriminations against women, or whether, as a strong group within the party is urging, it will reorganize to work for disarmament."

The appeal of Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom, and of the National Woman's Peace society were received with outbursts of applause this afternoon, but any attempt to divert the woman's party from its program for the complete emancipation of women will be resisted to the end by pacifists and nonpacifist alike, who believe that such activities should be carried through other organizations than the woman's party.

Armed Invasion Of Pamir Region Started by Reds

Communique Issued by India Office Says Offensive Commenced Last October by Bolsheviki Forces.

London, Feb. 17.—Armed invasion of the Pamir region of central Asia, on the thresholds of India and China, was begun by Russian bolshevik troops last October, it is indicated by a communique just issued by the India office. The communique gave the text of an "order of the day" sent out on October 10 by M. Sokolnikov, chief commissar on the Turkistan front, to a soviet division ordered into the Pamir. It stated the men should "make themselves at home" and carry on bolshevik propaganda with a view to influencing the people of India to revolt against the British.

Belgian Teacher, Facing Exposure As Spy, Kills Self

Madame Louise Thulier, Associated With Edith Cavell and Herself Condemned to Death, Commits Suicide.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Madame Louise Thulier, a Belgian school teacher, who was awarded the insignia of the Legion of Honor and the war cross during the great war, has chosen suicide rather than face exposure as a spy and betrayer of patrie comrades. It is declared by today's newspapers. The woman, about whom revolved one of the most stirring tragedies of the war, swallowed rat poison at her home in the village of Wiheries, near Mons, yesterday when called to appear before a magistrate.

During an investigation of espionage operations at Mons evidence was found, it is declared by newspapers here, that Madame Thulier had betrayed a number of companies, one of whom was Philip Baeue, an architect.

Bandits Hold Up Patrons Of Sheridan Pool Hall

Sheridan, Wyo., Feb. 17.—Between \$1,600 and \$2,300 was stolen by masked bandits who entered a pool hall at Dietz, Wyo., a mining camp near here last night, held up 18 men who were playing pool and ransacked their pockets, the cash register and the safe, according to information received today.

Four Pennsylvania Plants For Beer Making to Reopen

Washington, Feb. 17.—Stockholders of four Pennsylvania breweries seized by the government for manufacturing beer containing more than 1 1/2 per cent of alcohol were warned today by Internal Revenue Commissioner Williams that they must "clean house" if they expect to be permitted to resume business.

Pagoa Springs, Colo. Hit By Very Disastrous Fire

A large section of the business here was destroyed by a fire that started early today in Hardman's candy store. The loss at noon was estimated at \$250,000. Twelve buildings, including the plant of the Pagoa Springs, were destroyed or damaged. A bucket brigade fighting the flames saved a large hotel building.

Archbishop Granted Passport

Newark, N. J., Feb. 17.—Passports for Archbishop Dougherty of Philadelphia, soon to become a cardinal, and six priests of his diocese were obtained here today. The prelate will sail Saturday for Rome.

Borah Remains On Armament Stand

Generally Accepted Forecast Of President-Elect's Naval Program Arouses Ire of Idaho Senator.

Will Continue His Fight

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 17.—In a senate speech today generally interpreted as forecasting the new administration's policy towards disarmament and related issues, Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois, just returned from a conference with President-elect Harding, declared for "the completion of an American navy, comparable in power and varied fighting strength with any other."

Senator McCormick told the senate that the present agitation led by Senator Borah of Idaho, for an agreement to curtail naval building, would "confuse and hamper the president-elect in the heaviest duties he had to perform" and would "compound the difficulty" of the new president in securing a general limitation of armament by sea and land. "These statements aroused the ire of Senator Borah who quickly replied that he would continue his efforts in behalf of a disarmament agreement unimpaired by prospective White House dictation."

Loot in Robbery Of Postoffice at Toledo Mounts

Postal Inspectors Estimate Five Bandits Secured at Least Half Million in Nine Sacks of Mail.

Toledo, O., Feb. 17.—Estimates of the loss in the postoffice mail robbery early this morning ranged as high as \$500,000. The police said the currency taken alone may aggregate between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

The five bandits made a clean escape with nine sacks of mail after holding up four employees of the main postoffice and compelling them to lie down on a loading platform while the robbery was executed. The pouches, four of them containing registered mail, were thrown in an automobile and the robbers sped away.

Republican Leaders Start Drive to Speed Up Immigration Bill

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Eradication of the immigration restriction act is the object of a drive started today by senate leaders. The movement was instituted after Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, had advised speedy passage of the legislation, declaring "tens of thousands of undesirable, some of them typhus stricken, are to be let into the country," unless immigration barriers were put up.

Negro Charged With Murder Is Lynched

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 17.—A mob of 5,000 persons tonight stormed the Clarke county jail and after torturing John L. Eberhardt, a negro, charged with the murder of Walter Lee of Oconee county, from the jail, burned him at the stake. The mob secured the negro after leaders had climbed an elevator shaft to the top floor of the county house and burned their way into his cell with a blow torch.

Slayer of Friend Insane

Coroner's Jury Declares Newton, Ill., Feb. 17.—That F. R. Robertson, real estate and insurance man shot and killed Charles Sutton, member of the firm of Houser and Sutton, hay and grain brokers here Tuesday morning, a fit of insanity occasioned by brooding over financial losses was the theory virtually established after a complete investigation of the affair by State's Attorney Isley and Coroner Lee. Robertson, following the shooting of Sutton, fired a bullet into his brain and died eight hours later.

Judge Tries Out Auto, Then Fines Speeder

Miami, Fla., Feb. 17.—Seeing is believing. Municipal Judge Price here held, and when H. J. Jace, arrested for motor speeding, protested that his car could not get up a speed of 15 miles an hour in two blocks, the court went out to see. Hopping into Jace's machine, Judge Price had it go 35 miles an hour in two blocks and hustled back to slap a \$25 fine on the offender.

Home Folks Don't Count



Censorship in Hands of Jury

Fate of Movie Bills in Hands Of House Committee, Which Will Hold Executive Session. Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The movie case went to the jury tonight. Following appeals from club women and others for a stringent censorship law that would bar sex and crime pictures from Nebraska, the standing children's code committee announced that the next session at which time the committee will pronounce sentence to be passed upon by the lower house and later by the senate.

Two Teachers Are Found Murdered; Slayers Sought

Cleveland, O., Feb. 17.—Miss Louise Wolf and Miss Mabel Foote, two young school teachers at the Parma High School, were found beaten to death in a road in Parma Heights, near here, early today.

Man Slashes His Throat After Shooting His Wife And Trying to Kill Son

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Saunders, 35, shot his wife, Margaret, 35, through the head and slashed his throat with a razor, after shooting at his son, Frank, 13, at their home here today.

Italian Authorities Prohibit Emigration From Central Europe

Trieste, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Emigration from central Europe to the United States has been suspended and the eastern frontiers of Italy have been closed, pending the clearing up of the sanitary situation here.

Conference Report on Cold Storage Passes Senate

Washington, Feb. 17.—The conference report on the bill for government regulation of cold storage was adopted today by the senate without discussion or a roll call. It now goes to the house for final approval.

Counter Proposals Are Asked of Germany, Is Word

Paris, Feb. 17.—Germany has been asked by England and France to communicate to them the counter proposals of the Berlin government before the opening of the London conference, which is fixed for March 1, says the Journal. The newspaper adds "it would not be surprising if the conference should become unnecessary because of the derisive character of the German offers."

Texan Butt Of Attack In Congress

Hoots and Cat Calls Accompany Charges Made Against Representative Blanton by His Colleague.

Defendant Howled Down

Washington, Feb. 17.—Hoots, cat calls and the word "liar" were shouted in the house today, in the stormiest session in years. The uproar started when Representative Summers of Texas, having left a sick bed, appeared and supported by most members of his own state, attacked his colleague, Representative Blanton. Rumors had been circulated that the Texans were preparing an attack, but it was held off until Mr. Summers could direct it. When he stepped forward, holding a faded newspaper clipping, nearly every member was on the floor.

Salary Increases Sought

Read by the clerk, the clipping revealed that Mr. Blanton, in a letter to Texas newspapers, had charged members with a plan to raid the treasury and obtain salary increases, which he alone had prevented heretofore. The press was asked to help, and many paper responded with bitter assaults on those charged with backing the alleged salary grab.

Blanton Howled Down

There was a tense moment as the reading was concluded and Mr. Summers, stepping close to Mr. Blanton's seat, shook his fist in the latter's face, and shouted: "And when you sent that statement to Texas, you knew it was as false as hell!"

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Passengers for U. S. Undergo Examination

Paris, Feb. 17.—Drastic measures are being taken in the examination of passengers bound to America from principal European ports, so that all steamers may have clean bills of health, it was announced at a conference of heads of Trans-Atlantic steamship companies with Dr. Robert Blue, past surgeon-general of the United States public health service.

Lowden Has Definitely Declined Cabinet Office

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 17.—Former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois has definitely declined to be considered for secretary of the navy and will not be appointed in any post in the initial makeup of the next administration.

Admiral to Retire

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Rear Admiral C. J. Bagget, who has been head of the navy general board since the death of Admiral Dewey, will return to the retired list at his own request, February 28. Admiral Bagget retired in August, 1915, but his services were considered so necessary that he was retained on active duty by special act of congress.

The Weather Forecast. Friday fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.