

Leaders Await Harding's Stand on Soldier Bonus

Protests Against the Proposed Taxes Bring Plans to Standstill Pending President's Approval.

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Omaha Bee Local Wire.
Washington, Feb. 13.—Yielding to the flood of protests against proposed taxation to finance a soldiers' bonus, republican leaders in congress have brought consideration of the measure to a temporary standstill, pending approval by President Harding of a plan to issue bonds as a substitute for special taxes.

Not in many years have members of congress been so perplexed over a legislative problem and conflicting opinions it has aroused throughout the country. In some quarters prediction was made that the president again may urge postponement of the bonus legislation. The president, it was learned, conferred with Secretary of the Treasury Mellon this afternoon and indicated to Representative Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee and Senator McCumber, chairman of the senate finance committee, that he would advise them tomorrow as to the position of the administration.

Borah Attacks Bonus.

"The eight-point" tax program will be abandoned if the president will approve a bond issue, republican congressional leaders admitting that the telegrams which have been pouring in by the hundreds from different groups affected by the proposed taxes make it apparent that the program would be so unpopular as to endanger the success of the republican party in the coming campaign.

Coup d'Etat Planned on Irish Officials

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total of eight persons had been killed since Saturday.
Owen O'Duffy, chief of staff of the Irish republican army, who visited Clones yesterday, said in an interview today he found feeling very tense in Monaghan county because of the unlawful arrest and detention of the entire divisional staff of the republican army at Dromore, county Tyrone.
(This probably has reference to a number of Gaelic football players, wearing Irish republican army uniforms, who were arrested on January 15 while on their way from Monaghan to Londonderry. Several of them were elected by the royal Irish constabulary to have carried loaded revolvers and arms were alleged to have been found in the automobiles in which the football players were riding.)
"In this area," said Chief O'Duffy, "I succeeded in allaying the feeling somewhat. If the army officers are not released I cannot promise or guarantee peace in this part of the country. I cannot conceive that the British government will continue to hold these men. If they do, I am full of the gravest fears for what may happen in the north."

Dublin, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)—The evacuation of the British troops another military forces from Dublin was unexpectedly suspended today. The sailing of the steamers due to leave for Holyhead and Liverpool with contingents on board was cancelled. It was thought the suspension might be due to the event in Ulster.
Officials at military general headquarters said they were unable to give any information on the subject, while Dublin castle officials stated that they had nothing to do with the evacuation.
Conference Asked.
London, Feb. 13.—Winston Spencer Churchill, the colonial secretary, in a statement in the house of commons today on the Irish situation, said the Irish provisional government had expressed a desire for a meeting with the heads of the northern government. He added that such a conference would be most desirable to restore peace along the Ulster border, where the situation continued to be a source of serious anxiety.
The Times' Dublin correspondent says dismay followed the news of the clash, in which four special Ulster constables were killed, eight wounded and six made prisoner, and the leader of the Sinn Feiners, Matthew Fitzpatrick, shot dead. The provisional government was perturbed, as the affair dashed the high hopes based upon its amnesty proclamation and the British decision to release all prisoners held for offenses committed in England from Irish political motives prior to the truce in Ireland. Developments are awaited with the utmost anxiety.

Birthplace and Parents of Pius XI



In this unassuming home in Desio, just out of Milan on the road to Monza, Pope Pius XI was born, May 31, 1857, his father being Francesco Ratti, a weaver.



His father (above) was a middle-class artisan.



His mother (above) was Teresa Galli of Savonno.



At this font, in Desio, the Pope was baptized.

Where Pius XI was born and baptized is shown for the first time here by these exclusive pictures with the portraits of his parents, hitherto unpublished in this country. The pope is the third of six children born to his father, master weaver in the Dukes of Puziano.

"Back o' the Yards" Workers of Chicago Victims of "Second Ponzi," Well Known Here

Raymond J. Bischoff Borrows \$4,500,000 From Lithuanian Packing House Workers—Bankrupt.

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though all are in the name of the stepfather or of Bischoff's mother.
Judge Landis asked Bischoff's mother if her conscience felt clear over a \$600,000 building Bischoff bought and which was in her name.
After discussing it with her husband, she replied:
"It is mine legally."
Judge Loses Patience.
"What's the legality got to do with it?" asked the judge. "There are lots of men doing legal things who belong in jail. Don't you realize that at least 11-12ths of that building belongs to people who had to sweat blood to get the money they gave this fellow?"
While Bischoff was explaining to Judge Landis, several hundred persons stormed his office, searching for the man who they declared had brought them financial ruin.
Extra police were called to control the crowd which shouted threats against the 25-year-old broker and it was only when assured that Bischoff was behind jail bars that it dispersed.
"He's making us starve," "He ruined us; let us at him," and other imprecations filled the air for nearly an hour.
While Bischoff, who admitted he was short \$4,500,000, insisted he had played a lone hand in his speculations, search was begun for his sister, who was believed to be on en route to the Pacific coast.
No Trace of Bonds.
The police desire to question her concerning \$500,000 worth of Liberty bonds entrusted to Bischoff by customers wishing to speculate in oil securities. No trace of the bonds has been found.
Bischoff's blind stepfather, F. O. Davis, and his cousin, E. F. Geer, were others spoken of by authorities in seeking the bottom of the youth's tangled finances. They were questioned by Judge Landis today.
His arrest came a few hours after an involuntary petition in bankruptcy had been filed against him in Judge Landis' court. The Central Trust company was appointed receiver and took possession of all the books and assets which were found in Bischoff's office and in his home.
Felix Streycikman, attorney for the creditors, estimated that Bischoff's liabilities, incurred in his various get-rich-quick schemes, will run closer to \$7,000,000 than the figure which he admits, and that the receiver will be lucky to realize half of the face value of the stock held by him.
Guest of Omaha.
Bischoff originally came from Davenport, Ia. He first attracted attention when he bobbed up in Omaha in 1917 as "Sergeant" D. C. Breckenridge, a member of "Princess Pat's" Canadian regiment, and began raking in money, ostensibly for the Red Cross, by lecturing on his war experiences. Shortly afterward he was exposed as a deserter from the American army in 1916 and was sentenced to 18 months in prison.



SERGEANT D. C. BRECKENRIDGE

Serg. Breckenridge Spoke in Omaha as Survivor of "Princess Pat's"—Found "Victims" Here.

Omaha knew Raymond J. Bischoff as Serg. D. C. Breckenridge, one of the six surviving members of the famous "Princess Pat" regiment, almost annihilated at the battle of Ypres.
It was in July, 1917, and patriotism had just begun to get its stride. The pulsing story in the Saturday Evening Post by Corporal Edwards, one of the genuine survivors of the regiment that thrilled the world, had just appeared.
"Edwards?" said Breckenridge. "Sure I know him. We were buddies. In fact he owes me \$10 borrowed just before the battle, but I know he's good and I'll get my money."
Omahans Thrilled.
For a week Breckenridge thrilled Omahans with his exploits at Ypres and other war theaters of action.
"It was at Hill No. 64 that I got my ticket," he said, referring to his wound.
In the battle of the Somme the sergeant was gassed, he said. A reporter asked him how it felt.
"Have you ever been seasick?" he asked. "Have you ever come slowly out of the influence of ether? Have you ever been burned externally by carbolic acid? Have you ever been choked and gagged?"
"We now, if you can imagine all of those combined, then you're getting the gas. The skin becomes like leather and green. The eyes burn and smart so you can't open them, and you go into convulsions."
Tells of Battle.
"We were making the charge at the Somme. I left my gas helmet behind, for it was windy and we didn't think they'd use gas. They did, though, and when the cloud reached me, I ran ahead fast to get through it. When I came through it I was staggering and could hardly see. I noticed a big German making for me with his bayonet. I was carrying a machine gun. I maneuvered and staggered around. I tried to beat his brass out with the machine gun. I missed him and he gave me the bayonet in the short ribs. After that I took the count, and I suppose he went on in the charge, for when I came to he was not there."
When "The Battle of the Ancre" was shown in pictures at the Brandeis theater Breckenridge was the lecturer. He explained the picture in detail.

Feted in Des Moines.
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 13.—Raymond J. Bischoff, detained by Chicago police in connection with his financial dealing, is well known in Des Moines.
He arrived here during 1917, posing as Serg. D. C. Breckenridge of the Princess Pat's Canadian regiment. He held audiences spellbound with his tales of exploits performed with the famous Canadian fighting organization. He was the hero of the hour here, until he was exposed as a deserter from the American army.
While in Des Moines Bischoff or Breckenridge was widely entertained by civic organizations.

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Ford Unwilling to Modify Offer for Muscle Shoals

Efforts of Committee to Exact Pledge to Manufacture Fertilizer During Life of Lease Fail.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Efforts of house military committee to exact a pledge for the manufacture of fertilizers during the 100-year life of the proposed contract by Henry Ford, for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., failed today.
W. B. Mayo, appearing before the committee as the personal representative of Mr. Ford, declared the Detroit manufacturer was not willing to modify his offer in any of its existing provisions, unless it was to clarify language only and not alter the plan itself.
Committee also failed, during examination of Maj. J. H. Burns, chief of the ammunition division of the army's ordnance department, to elicit differences of opinion between ordnance officers and those in the judge advocate general's department with regard to the Warrior power plant. Maj. Burns insisted throughout an extended interrogation that the government was obligated to sell that property to the Alabama Power company or remove it from their grounds. He declared it could not be sold to Mr. Ford as a part of the Muscle Shoals project unless the government violated a contract with the company.
While the committee worked on the Ford offer at the capitol, Secretary Weeks continued study of the other offers for Muscle Shoals.
Mr. Mayo told the committee Mr. Ford intended to manufacture fertilizers in the finished forms and would not produce "exclusively their nitrate ingredients." He also declared that not more than 8 per cent profit would be imposed and that it was Mr. Ford's intention to deliver the completed product direct to the farmer.
Questions by several committee members developed that it was Mr. Ford's intention to use all the power developed by the water projects and other plants for his own purposes at Muscle Shoals.

Insanity on Increase, Geneva Speaker Says

Geneva, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Addressing a union meeting at the City auditorium, John P. White of Wichita, Kan., urged the regulation of motion pictures for protection of the morals of the young, and advocated placing ban on marriage of feeble-minded persons and better enforcement of laws for crack-knife crime.
Mr. White, who represents the National Hygiene and Welfare bureau, with Nebraska headquarters in Omaha, stated that insanity has increased one-third in the last 25 years, and crime among youth, between the ages of 14 to 21, in 10 years has multiplied two and one-half times.
Looking to the election of officials pledged to welfare of the state, committee in towns and counties are being organized through the efforts of Mr. White. These welfare boards will also seek to secure wholesome local amusements and recreation.

Golden Wedding Surprise

Wolbach, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagner was celebrated in the Odd Fellows' hall in this city.
Mr. and Mrs. Wagner reside on their old homestead just south of town and were invited to come to town to see the picture show, but instead were taken to the Odd Fellows' hall, where everything was in readiness for their reception. As they entered the hall they were applauded and in glancing around at the decorations, and the long table reaching the entire length of the room, they then knew they were not to attend a picture show. The celebration was a complete surprise to them, engineered by their children.
About 50 relatives and intimate friends were present.
Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were united in marriage at Omaha on February 7, 1872, and almost immediately moved to the farm they now occupy, just south of Wolbach.
There were many beautiful presents, among them being a gold ring for Mrs. Wagner from her children and a gold watch for Mr. Wolbach from the same source.

Livestock Population Last Year in State 5,946,348

Lincoln, Feb. 13.—The animal and livestock population of Nebraska last year was 5,946,348, carrying a value of \$163,549,628, according to assessors' returns filed with the state department of agriculture. Cattle, with 2,406,818 head, and a value of \$79,875,741, topped the list, and hogs, with 1,712,396 head, for a value of \$18,658,993, ranked second.

Would Use Hounds

Washington, Feb. 13.—Use of sharp-nosed German police dogs as liquor sleuths to run down moonshiners was recommended today to Commissioner Haynes by Emmet H. McClenahan, federal prohibition director of Colorado.
"It was a dog," Mr. McClenahan said, "stills may be scented half a mile away."

Meeting Called for Third Party Men in Holdredge

Delegates of 18 Counties Gather Today in District Convention to Organize Machinery.

Holdredge, Neb., Feb. 13.—Delegates from 18 counties, representing the Fifth Nebraska district, are to meet here tomorrow in the interests of the new progressive party. The meeting will be the second of six district conventions to be held by the new party followers to promote, stimulate and organize party machinery in the various sections of the state.
Representatives of the state executive committee announced they would be present in an advisory capacity and outline the program upon which state headquarters is operating. Perkins, Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Red Willow, Gosper, Furnas, Phelps, Harlan, Kearney, Franklin, Adams, Hall, Clay Webster and Nuckolls counties comprise the district.
Savannah, Ga., Feb. 13.—The American steamer Minnetonka, bound from Chile to Savannah, reported yesterday that she had gone ashore off the South Carolina coast. The vessel has a cargo of nitrate and copper ore.

Wolbach Couple Are Given

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Ten Wolves Slain in American Legion Hunt

Beaver City, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Ten wolves were slain in an American Legion wolf hunt put on by the posts of Oxford, Beaver City, Edison and Stamford today.
About 2,500 people attended the hunt. The lines were strong on all sides and only a few wolves slipped out of the ring.
Pilot J. H. Smith, in an Oriole airplane, circled the lines many times and gave signals to the captains so that all sides advanced evenly.
The wolves were sold at auction for \$57.
The hunters were law-abiding and no feathered game was killed. Thousands of Jack Rabbits were shot.

Confiscate Car at Beatrice in Yother Liquor Case

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Sheriff Emery is looking for Paul Yother, who is out on bond to appear here next Saturday to answer the charge of intoxication. He agreed to report to County Attorney Vasey today, and as he failed to do so, officers visited his home with a warrant for his arrest on the charge of having liquor in his possession. They failed to apprehend him and confiscated his car, pending developments. It is alleged another young man and two young women are implicated in the affair and their arrests may follow.

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