

High Taxes Caused by Negligence

Citizens Uninformed on Social and Economic Questions, Which, Like Topsy, "Just Grewed."

Improvements Are Costly

By PAUL GREER. If there is any great danger confronting democracy, it lies in the astonishing lack of information among the people on social and economic questions.

Newspapers Negligent. The opportunity and the need for public enlightenment has found a good many newspapers negligent of their duty.

Ten-Year Figures. Going to the courthouse he dug out the figures on taxation for 10 years, and showed that there had been a steady increase in all subdivisions of the government.

Editors Cross Pens. "If we had the same economical administration of state affairs that we were blessed with during the administrations of ex-Governors Shal-

Haywood Will Return, Bondsman Declares

Chicago, March 15.—William (Big Bill) Haywood, leader of the I. W. W., who fled to Russia to escape a 20-year sentence in the penitentiary for obstructing the efforts of the United States during the war, will return, despite the government's offer of the head of a soviet syndicate to develop mining fields, Otto Christensen, his attorney and one of his bondsman, said today.

Anti-Bolshevik Leader Held on Board Steamship Vancouver, B. C., March 15.—General Gregorieff Semenov, Siberian anti-bolshevik leader, will be held on board the steamer Empress of Russia on which he arrived here last night until American and Canadian officials decide as to whether he would be permitted to land, it was announced this morning.

Prosecution Attorneys Accept Arbuckle Jury San Francisco, March 15.—Attorneys for the state announced at 5:30 this afternoon that they accepted the jury as it then stood for the third trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, film comedian, on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress. The jury contained three women.

Harrington Opposes Body to Settle Threatened Strike Springfield, Ill., March 15.—By A. P.—Disapproval of the appointment of a governmental commission to effect a settlement of the threatened coal strike April 1 was expressed in a telegram sent to Secretary of Labor Davis by President Frank Harrington of the Illinois mine workers today.

Bulletproof Vest Fails to Stop Lead; Wearer Near Death

New York, March 15.—Pierpont Potter, 36, donned a bulletproof vest yesterday and took his place against a wall in the basement of a building occupied by the United States Armorer corporation to demonstrate the device to prospective customers.

Long Fight on Treaty Abandoned

Opponents Agree to Final Vote on Pacific Pact March 24—Will Limit Speeches to One Hour.

New Organization Is Launched by Eamon De Valera

Republican Association Will Fight to Secure International Recognition of Irish Republic.

Dublin, March 15.—Eamon de Valera issued a manifesto this evening launching a new Irish organization to be called the "Cumann na Poblachta," or republican association, and asked financial and moral support.

Debate Resumed. London, March 15.—Debate on the Irish free-state treaty was resumed in the house of lords today.

Postmaster General Cools Heels in Chicago

Chicago, March 15.—A well-dressed man, known to any of the clerks in Postmaster Lueder's office, walked into the postmaster's outer office.

Prize Winning Photos Next Sunday

The Bee Rotogravure Section offers for next Sunday a collection of pictures representing the best work of Nebraska and Iowa amateur photographers during the last year.

Major Part of Rail Man's Estate Left to Widow

Joliet, Ill., March 15.—The will of Col. John Lambert, railroad and steel outfit financier, was filed in probate court here today.

American Relief Vessel Aground South of Odessa

Constantinople, March 15.—The American relief administration food ship, Western Glen, has been aground since last night on the beach 25 miles south of Odessa. It is reported the vessel is not damaged.

Jewelry Hidden in Shoes Is Returned by Honest Cobbler

"It is refreshing to find that there still are honest persons in the world," quoth Mrs. E. G. Haberstroh, 2140 South Thirty-fifth street yesterday.

New Differences Develop Over Soldier Bonus

Republican Leaders Differ as to Method of Calling Up Bill—Await Return of Gillett.

Washington, March 16.—There developed today a difference among republican leaders in the house as to the method of calling up the soldier's bonus bill on the floor.

Unusual to Refuse. Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the republican leader, said today it would be "rather unusual" for the speaker to refuse to entertain such a motion if a majority of the house desired consideration of the bill under such a plan.

May Consult Harding. Those consulting delay beyond next Monday think that before the house acts there should be an informal conference by house leaders with President Harding, particularly in view of the action of the ways and means committee, that to take it out on the bill within 10 minutes after Secretary Mellon and Comptroller of Currency Crissinger had appeared by invitation and opposed the bank loan section of the adjusted service certificate option.

Senate Extends Austrian Loan for Famine 25 Years

Washington, March 15.—The resolution of Senator Lodge, republican, Massachusetts, extending for 25 years the loan of \$50,000,000 made to Austria for famine relief, was adopted unanimously today by the senate and sent to the house.

Textile Strikers Aroused, Samuel Gompers Declares

Washington, March 15.—New England textile workers are "aroused as I have never seen them aroused before," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, stated today, upon his return from strike centers of the industry there.

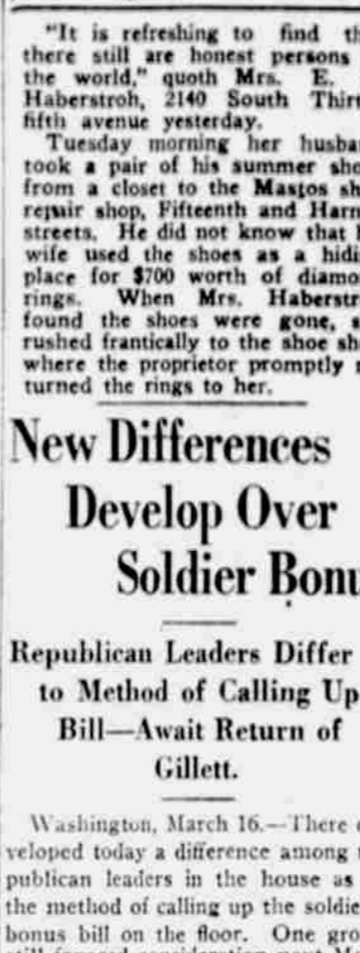
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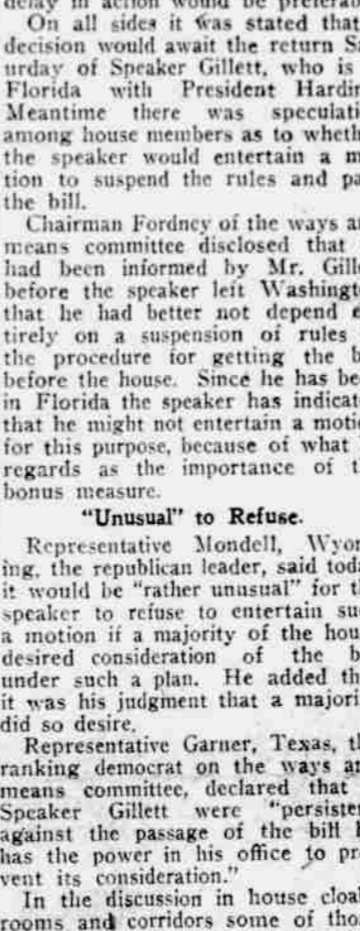
Have You Told Bee Readers About That House You Have For Sale?

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First Pictures of Chicago Fire



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Series of Threats. Mr. High refused to divulge the name of the man arrested, but said he was being questioned regarding threatening letters Mr. Schiff said the man, a former employe, had sent to him.

Girl Robbed of \$6,600 in Crowds of New York

New York, March 15.—Operating on a street so crowded as to interfere with the actions of a detective less than 50 feet distant, a lone bandit in daylight yesterday held up Miss Rae Abel, a girl cashier, on Third avenue near 123d street and escaped in a taxicab with a \$6,600 payroll.

Compromise Agreement Reached on Farm Aid Bill

Washington, March 15.—A compromise appropriation of \$1,500,000 for federal aid to farmers in purchasing seed grain, was agreed to by senate and house conferees on the McCumber bill as a substitute for the \$5,000,000 appropriation proposed by the senate and \$1,000,000 by the house. Final action on the bill, however, went over.

Slain Circus Man Wrote of Wife's Attempt to Kill

Letter to Sister Stated He Intended to Cut Spouse Off With \$1 in Will

Riverside, N. J., March 15.—County authorities today were in possession of the letter said to have been written by John T. Brunen, circus proprietor, slain at his home last Friday, in which he told of the alleged attempt on his life by his wife, Mrs. Doris Brunen, and of his intention of making a will cutting her off with one dollar.

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The Weather Forecast. Thursday fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures table with columns for 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m., and 12 noon.

Highest Wednesday. Table listing highest temperatures for various cities including Cheyenne, Denver, Dodge City, Lincoln, Omaha, and Pueblo.