

Reduction of Taxes Is Problem

Advantages of Gradual Deflation Are Indicated in the Action of Special Legislative Session.

\$6,500,000 Over Prewar

By PAUL GREER. State taxes have gone up \$6,500,000 since 1917.

That looks like a pretty big balloon to let out some of the gas. To cut one side out of an inflated balloon is not the best way to get back to earth.

This will leave the levy for this year \$3,252,000 above the prewar level of 1917.

Nebraska has grown in five years, but that does not explain the balloon ascension.

One outstanding figure that will cease to appear in state expenses after 1922 is the \$1,000,000 for relief of veterans of the world war.

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Opera Singer Says She Bought Spouse's Suits



Opera Star Threw Chauffeur Mate Out of Apartment

Asserts She Sued for Divorce After Discovery in January of His Infidelity With "Old Lady of 50."

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Move Made to Release Prisoners

House Committee Urged to Report Resolution Asking President to Act in Case of Political Convicts.

Clashes Feature Debate

By The Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—In the face of apparent and outspoken opposition, lawyers and representatives of various liberal organizations pleaded with the house judiciary committee today to report a resolution asking the president to give "careful consideration" to the propriety of granting immediate amnesty to 113 political prisoners serving long terms for violation of the espionage act.

Committeemen indicated that the resolution never would pass, insisting that congress had no right to direct the president in such matters, especially because of the lack of opportunity to review the cases.

Clashes at Hearing. Speaking for the American Federation of Labor, F. H. Wallace declared war laws were necessary, but that in peace times there was no good reason for keeping wartime offenders in jail.

There were many clashes between members of the committee and witnesses. Representative Yates, republican, Illinois, charged that Representative Lodge, republican, New York, author of the resolution, who declared he would free men convicted of violence if they did so because of a deep religious feeling, was advocating violence, which Mr. London was quick to deny.

Another verbal clash centered around Harry Weinberg, New York lawyer, one time counsel for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the draft dodger, who added that he had "nothing whatever to do with Bergdoll's escape."

Egypt Is Declared Independent State

Cairo, Egypt, March 16.—(By A. P.)—A receipt issued by the Sultan Ahmed Furd Pasha last night announced that Egypt had become an independent and sovereign state and that the sultan will assume the title, king of Egypt.

London, March 16.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rosy says the declaration of Egypt's independence was followed by demonstrations, the crowds smashing street lamps and uprooting trees. Egyptian cavalry was ordered out to restore order.

A Cairo dispatch to the London Times last week said the sultan was expected to assume the title of king without ratification by the British parliament of the decision to terminate the protectorate over Egypt.

New Bonus Bill Reintroduced in Lower House

Fordney Submits Majority Report, Claiming Six Advantages for Measure—Says Soldiers Approve.

Washington, March 15.—The compromise soldiers' bonus bill, as finally revised, was reintroduced today in the house by Chairman Fordney, who submitted a majority report from the ways and means committee claiming these "advantages" of plan of the bill:

"First: No new taxation, no issuance of new securities at present required.

"Fifth: It protects the veteran himself and his family from misfortune in the future.

Some Folks Are Never Satisfied



Train Held Up, Mail Seized by Band in Ulster

Masked Men Assassinate Three in Homes at Gateway—Daylight Bombing in Belfast.

Belfast, March 16.—(By A. P.)—A train proceeding from Belfast to Dublin was held up at Altraveigh, near Newry, today by an armed gang who carried off the mail.

Ulster special constables today removed from Crossley Tender, near Londonderry, seven youths who said they had come from Donegal, which is free state territory.

Gateway, Ireland, March 16.—Four men in disguise entered the St. Bride's home last night and shot and killed Sergeant Gibbons and Gilman and seriously wounded a constable.

Belfast, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Belfast had the unusual experience today of daylight bomb-throwing, which resulted in the injury of 12 persons, four of whom were seriously hurt.

Consumption of Wool in U. S. Shows Increase in Last Year. Washington, March 16.—Consumption of wool in the United States in 1921 was 72,000,000 pounds more than in 1920, according to a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture.

Grand Island Council Keeps Carnival From City. Grand Island, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Notwithstanding that Mayor T. J. Ellsberry defended the street carnival companies in comparison with moving picture shows, the city council, by a vote of 6 to 2, refused a permit to the Walter Savard show of Wayne to exhibit in this city.

Rosewater Offered Place as Assistant to Head of Exposition. Philadelphia, March 16.—Mayor Moore yesterday offered to Victor Rosewater, former publisher of The Omaha Bee, the post of assistant to the president of the Sesqui-Centennial exhibition at a salary of \$7,500 a year.

Warm weather's coming and you want to buy an auto—Read Bee "Want" Ads. 17th and Farnam ATlantic 1000

Son of Late Auto Builder Sent to Jail for Speeding

John Duval Dodge Sentenced to Five Days and Fined \$100—Sued for \$10,000.

Detroit, Mich., March 16.—John Duval Dodge, millionaire son of the late John F. Dodge, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, was sentenced to five days in the house of correction and fined \$100 by Judge Charles L. Bartlett, in recorder's court here today when he admitted driving his automobile 23 miles an hour—three miles in excess of the speed limit. He was immediately taken to jail.

Italy, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Constantinople, March 16.—(By A. P.)—The Greek torpedo boat Naxos, while patrolling the Black sea, seized the steamship Africa, flying the Italian flag, off Ineboli.

Rome, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the news that Greek warships had stopped and searched the Italian steamships Umbria and Abbazia, detaining the latter.

Constantinople, March 16.—(By A. P.)—The French steamship Espoir recently was released by Greece after a sharp protest from France.

Long School Teacher Seeks Public Office. Martha L. Powell, principal of Long school, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets, has filed for state superintendent of public instruction.

New York Man Leaves \$5,000 for Care of Dogs and Cats. New York, March 16.—James Bolton, deceased textile manufacturer, was so fond of his cats and dogs that he made a separate bequest in his will, filed for probate today, stipulating that \$5,000 be invested in stocks and bonds to provide a fund for their care.

Winter Wheat Improved. Washington, March 16.—The condition of winter wheat improved during the last week in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and in the lower Missouri valley, according to reports received by the weather bureau.

Hearings Open March 28. Washington, March 16.—Public hearings on the administration's merchant marine bill will begin March 28, before joint sessions of the senate commerce commission and house merchant marine and fisheries committee, it was announced today.

A. F. of L. to Support Coal Strike

Samuel Gompers Scores Mine Operators—Says Men Desire to Negotiate on Wage Question.

Churches Issue Appeal. By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Omaha the Latest Wire.

Washington, March 16.—Bitterly assailing the mine operators, President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, asserted that organized labor to a man will support the cause of the mine workers, though he did not say whether labor would resort to the sympathetic strike to aid a miners' strike.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon views the possibility of a national coal strike as the one dark cloud on the horizon of improved business condition, it was said today at the treasury.

Treasury officials expressed the opinion that there was nothing the government could do to stop a strike if called for April 1, and indicated there was little possibility of the government taking over the bituminous mines unless a protracted strike developed an unexpected shortage of bituminous coal which would work a hardship upon the general public.

"Come what may, the American Federation of Labor, the American labor movement, is with the mine workers of America in their struggle against the mine owners," said Mr. Gompers.

What they ask is negotiation and agreement, trusting to these truly American devices to bring improvement as time passes. The thing they want least of all is to be compelled to cease work as a final protest against the dishonor of the employers."

Want to Negotiate. Asserting that a strike "would greatly add to the hardships which are already enduring, would spread great economic waste and confusion, the social service departments of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America and the National Catholic Welfare council joined in an appeal to the operators and miners to confer on a settlement on the following basis:

"First, that every effort be made by both parties to supply all the facts bearing upon the questions at issue, in order that the decisions arrived at may be founded on justice and equity in the economic advantage of both parties to the conference and recognize that the establishment of right human relations takes precedence over any economic issue and is prerequisite to a permanent solution of the industrial problem."

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Man Sought as Firebug in Big Chicago Blaze

Chicago, March 16.—Several separate investigations of yesterday morning's disastrous fire which swept a city block and burned buildings in two others, with a loss valued by insurance and property experts at \$8,000,000, were continued today. Shirley T. High, city fire attorney, expressed conviction that the conflagration, the most serious since that of 1871, which virtually destroyed Chicago, was of incendiary origin.

Glotzbach Silent. San Francisco, March 16.—Floyd Glotzbach declined today to reply to statements of his wife, Mme. Margaret Matzenauer, that he had sued her for divorce, saying he did not care to discuss the matter.

North Bend Woman, 69, Is Killed by Train. Fremont, Neb., March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Murdered nearly beyond recognition, the body of Mrs. John Kern, 69, of North Bend, still showing signs of life, was found on the Union Pacific tracks not far from the family home. She died an hour later.

Many Grieve Over Death of "Bright Eyes" by Car. Sorrow was in the hearts of friends and neighbors of Marian Leonard, 5, who died last night following an automobile accident, as they visited the home yesterday to comfort the grieving stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Leonard, 4270 Wirt street. School friends of "Bright Eyes," as she was called, sang and played in the kindergarten room of Clinto Hill school unable to realize that their playmate was dead.

Aunt of President Dies. Stevens Point, Wis., March 16.—Mrs. Sarah Bancroft, aunt of President Harding, died at the home of her grandson, A. F. Barrows, here today.

Out in the cold night sat that erstwhile confidant Lothario, his black eyes pensive with unrequited love.

Miss Putty Face by Vingie E. Roe. A charming BLUE RIBBON Romance of beauty and a cowboy.

Next Sunday's Bee

Vocational Education. Another case of matching dollars with Uncle Sam is that of vocational education. Most of this state and federal money goes back to local schools, for night classes, some for teaching trades, and some for re-educating cripples so that they may earn their living.

Whereas nothing would be spent for social hygiene, which concerns the stamping out of venereal diseases, \$16,140 was put up to match the federal appropriation.

Health Bureau Expense. Along somewhat similar lines is the increase of \$14,435 in the health bureau. This branch of the government enforces the various laws to protect the people against disease, going into communities where contagion is spreading to aid the local physicians. It passes on matters of sanitation and supervises the construction of waterworks and sewage systems.

Various boards and commissions that have been combined in the Department of Agriculture were receiving \$141,440 of the people's money in 1917. Last year \$273,990 was expended in this way.

There are those who defend the work of preventing bovine tuberculosis as a measure protecting public health. At all events, farmers, livestock merchants, packers and federal government have encouraged the service. Five years ago this did not exist; last year it cost the taxpayers of Nebraska \$142,500. Similar conditions surround the 1921 appropriations of \$7,500 for the prevention of hog cholera. Some will regard this as a subsidy for the farmers.

Others point out that by preventing a possible shortage of hogs from disease the price of meat is held down.

Labor Expense Doubled. Since 1917 appropriations for the Labor department have been doubled, amounting last year to \$22,934. This office has charge of workmen's compensation insurance and for the first time the proper execution of (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Big Slump Reported in Rail Passenger Traffic. Washington, March 16.—Passenger traffic on class one railroads during 1921, according to reports compiled by the carriers for the Interstate Commerce commission. A similar condition was reported last month as to freight traffic.

Total passenger miles reported for 1921—the number of passengers multiplied by the miles carried—amounted to 37,332,000,000 compared with 46,841,000,000 in 1920. Total revenues from passenger fares were \$1,153,732,000 or \$132,671,000 less than in 1920.