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FEDERAL TAX BURDEN SLASHED ALMOST HALF BILLION DOLLARS BY VOTE OF SENATE LAST NIGHT

\$126,000,000 Cut Made by Senate Over House Bill Must Run Fire of Conference Between Two Houses Beginning Next Week.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Standing pat for a reduction of nearly half a billion dollars in the annual federal tax burden, the senate passed the revenue measure last night, 58 to 9.

The \$126,000,000 cut made by the senate over the house bill must run the fire of conference between the two houses which will begin the first next week with a view to final enactment of the measure in time to make the reduction effective with the filing of first tax returns on March 15.

Conferees are warned in advance by Secretary Mellon that the condition of the treasury will not permit of the \$126,000,000 reduction of the federal tax bill.

Repealed the inheritance tax. Struck out the tax on admissions and dues.

Eliminated the tax on passenger automobiles.

Repealed the capital stock tax but increased the 1 1/2 per cent. corporation tax one per cent.

Reduced further the taxes on cigars.

Final action by the senate came suddenly after a bitter row among democrats over the compromise made by the minority members of the finance committee with republicans by which the twenty per cent maximum surtax rate was agreed to in return for greater reductions on the smaller incomes.

Assembling the leaders of his party, Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, declared they gained nothing by the trade and had in effect "surrendered to Secretary Mellon."

The declaration of the Missouri senator led to vehement replies by Senator Simmons, North Carolina, ranking democrat on the finance committee.

Describing Mr. Mellon as a "merchandise" whose interests had reached "into every avenue of trade and commerce from manufacture of whiskey to the manufacture of aluminum," Senator Reed said:

"That is the man who has won his fight today, silently, shrewdly, without intermission of effort, pressing on and on by insidious processes; he seems to have un-

BERGDOLL AGAIN IN TOILS OF LAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MOBBACH, Baden, Feb. 12.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, rich Philadelphia draft evader, since his sensational escape has evaded efforts to return him to the United States, is under arrest here. He was taken into custody yesterday on allegations involving love affairs.

Bergdoll is held while the police are investigating allegations of indecent conduct. They are prepared to confront him with persons alleged to have been his victims.

Police said they believed the complaint was based on the desire of certain persons to be revenged for his shooting of members of a party who attempted to kidnap him at Eberbach several years ago.

SAM KOZER NOT TO MAKE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The weather outlook for the week beginning February 14 was announced here by United States weather bureau as follows:

Pacific states.—The outlook is for normal temperature, occasional rains in Oregon, Washington and probably California.

For several days the talk has been that Kozer would announce himself one way or the other this week or during the week-end.

There is current here a report, favoring strongly of authenticity, that he has decided not to be a candidate. This decision, it is said, probably has an economic reason back of it.

Mr. Kozer believes he could win the Republican nomination and the election so the story goes, but his many years in public life have not enabled him, it is said to build up much in the way of financial resources, and as a future prospect he believes business would be better than politics.

There are other reasons that doubtless have influenced Secretary Kozer in his decision. That he would be a strong contender for the governorship is admitted, but there has been much pressure brought up on him within the Republican party to stay out of the race so the party may not be daily divided in its selection of a candidate.

Supporters and non-supporters of Mr. Kozer agree that his connection with the administration of automobile and traffic laws of the state have tended to reduce his political strength. Another comment that has been heard relative to his possible candidacy has been that he should resign his office as secretary of state if he should decide to run for the governorship.

Mr. Kozer has apparently not shared that view of the situation.

Patrons of the Liberty theatre greatly enjoyed the bill presented there last night, which in addition to the picture "The Fighting Parson," a western feature was the personal appearance of Frank Clark, whose portrayal of the character of "Gold Streak Jake" in that picture, contributed so largely to its success over the years of its many showings.

Mr. Clark is a veteran actor, who is well known about the country through his many pictures, among them the original filming of Rex Beach's famous "The Spoilers." Recently he appeared on a bill with Madame Schumann Heink at a benefit concert at Portland. At the Liberty last night, he gave a comedy monologue, school boy imitations and sang a dramatic song, and was called back repeatedly for encores, testifying to the enjoyment of the audience. The program is given again tonight for the last time.

FAMOUS FLIER, ART SMITH, IS CRASH VICTIM

Stunt Aviator Loses Life Last Night in Straight Flying.

PLANE HITS TREE Body and Machine Burn Following Crash—Only 32 Years of Age, but Pioneer Aviator.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 13.—Art Smith, one of America's best known stunt fliers, lost his life while straight flying last night. He was killed when his mail plane struck a tree and crashed to the ground near Montpelier, Ohio, six miles northwest of Bryan. His body and mail he was carrying from Chicago to New York were burned when fire broke out in the wreckage.

Details of the accident were lacking here early today. He was about two miles off the regular air mail route between Chicago and Bryan, the acting division superintendent of the air mail service here declared.

Visibility was reported good at Bryan.

A committee went to the scene to investigate.

Although only 32 years of age, Smith was a veteran flier. He was the originator of sky writing and is said to be the first American aviator to loop the loop. He was the holder of fifty-eight medals.

Smith began flying when he was 14. He was encouraged by his parents, who mortgaged their home in Indiana for \$1800 to furnish capital to build a plane. He purchased his own materials while his mother prepared the cloth for the wings on her sewing machine.

His first flight consisted of what it took Smith six months to build. Undaunted by the crash, in which everything but the motor was wrecked, Smith rebuilt another.

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WOMAN-HATER IS A DEATH VICTIM

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 12.—Israel Church of Chester, a hermit of 48 years, is dead.

He went into the big woods at the age of 20, when he was killed by the girl he loved. During his isolation he never saw a woman except on one or two occasions when inquisitive tourists braved him in his hut only to be sternly ordered away.

CONDEMNED MAN LOSES FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Harry Garbutt, under sentence to die today at San Quentin prison, California, for murder, lost a desperate and spectacular last minute fight today for a respite from the supreme court.

After several individual justices had refused to grant his plea for a stay of execution, his counsel succeeded in assembling the membership of the highest tribunal in chambers to consider collectively his plea, that the sentence was illegal because it was pronounced upon him in his absence from court.

After the conference, unusual in the history of American Jurisprudence, the court as a whole announced that it would not interfere with the execution.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 12.—Harry Garbutt, Los Angeles murderer, was hanged at the state prison here today. The trap was dropped at 10:42 a. m., and he was pronounced dead at 10:56.

Last minute court appeals, one of which was to the United States supreme court, held up the execution for forty minutes.

Prison officials said that Garbutt made a full confession of guilt to the death watch last night.

Garbutt shot and killed Mrs. Dorothy Lee Hunt, his benefactress. He was received at the prison on December 12, 1925. Two appeals, one to the United States supreme court, failed, and Garbutt intended to stay the execution were asked when the state and supreme courts convened today. Both were denied.

As Harry Connors, Garbutt served 36 months in the Joliet penitentiary in Illinois for a burglary.

COUNTESS OF CATHCART APPEALS TO EARL OF CRAVEN TO AID HER IN GAINING ADMISSION TO U. S.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Countess of Cathcart's case before immigration authorities took a new turn today when the authorities decided to call the Earl of Craven before them for questioning.

Immigration commissioner Curran announced that inspectors from his department had been sent out to bring the earl to the commissioner's office.

The commissioner said that he desired to ascertain from the Earl of Craven "whether he will admit grounds for deportation."

He said that an inspector had called at the house where the earl was reported to be stopping but that the earl was not there. The search will be continued, Commissioner Curran said, until the British nobleman is located.

It was with the Earl of Craven with whom the Countess of Cathcart is alleged to have admitted misconduct, the grounds upon which her exclusion from the United States was ordered.

INDICTMENTS IN ANLAF CASES FOUND FAULTY

Judge Hamilton Sustains Demurrers in Still Ownership Charges.

WARREN SENTENCED Officer Instructed to Find Work for Young Man and Give Him Opportunity to Make Good.

Indictments charging Oscar Warren and Sam Stiger of Anlauf with the possession of stills, were declared defective by Judge Hamilton today, and their cases will be resubmitted to the grand jury together with the cases of Fred Warren and Henry Stowie, in whose cases action will be deferred upon motion of the district attorney.

The law governing stills provides that they may be possessed lawfully if registered. An indictment charging a person with unlawful possession of a still must declare that such still was not registered, according to a decision of the court, and in the cases brought in by the grand jury this important clause was left out.

Attorneys Abraham and Hermann, representing Stiger and Warren, filed demurrers to the indictments and the demurrers were sustained by Judge Hamilton this morning. This means that the cases must be referred back to the grand jury for further consideration and new indictments.

Fred Warren, also of Anlauf, previously entered a plea to the charge of possession of a still, but in order that he might be fairly treated and no advantage taken of him because of his admission, the district attorney today prepared a motion deferring further action in his case until the grand jury can bring in a new indictment.

In the case of Henry Stowie a plea of not guilty was entered but as the young man was not represented by an attorney no objection was filed to the indictment in his case. However, a new indictment will probably be brought in his case also.

It is expected that Judge Hamilton will recall the grand jury, which was continued for the term, and the cases will be disposed of immediately. If the court elects, however, the matter may be deferred until the May term and the prisoners will be kept confined until that time unless they can furnish bonds.

D. J. McDougal was arraigned this morning charged with possession of liquor. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$250 and given 30 days in jail. McDougal, a companion, and two young women were arrested by the city police a few nights ago just outside the city limits south of town, and a five gallon keg of moonshine whiskey taken from the car. McDougal assumed all blame and the others were released.

Fred Warren, who in addition to being charged with possession of a still was also accused of the sale of intoxicating liquor, was sentenced on the latter charge this morning. The young man, scarcely 18 years of age, frankly acknowledged his guilt.

Judge Hamilton in passing sentence was very lenient and spoke kindly to the young man, endeavoring to point out to him the results of a continuation of his present course. He sentenced him to 60 days in the county jail, but instructed the officers if possible to find a place where the young man might go to work in new surroundings and endeavor to make an honest living for himself. Warren assured the court that he would work. If given an opportunity, and the court in passing sentence, transferred the case to the juvenile court with the recommendation that work be found for the young man at once and that he be given an opportunity to make good.

COUNTS-SWISSER WEDDING SOLEMNIZED WEDNESDAY

The marriage of Floy Swisher to Roy Counts of this city was solemnized Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian Manse, Rev. W. S. McCullough reading the ceremony before a few friends of the couple. Both are residents of this city and are making their home on Stephens street.

Mr. Curtis Visitor—R. W. Curtis returned from Astoria yesterday afternoon after spending the day here looking after business interests and trading.

WALL ST. GLAD STRIKE IS OVER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Wall Street celebrated the return of peace in the anthracite industry by violently bidding up shares of coal mining and distributing companies and coal carrying railroads. Initial gains of four to nearly five points were recorded by Lehigh Valley, Delaware and Hudson, Lehigh Coal certificate and U. S. Distributing.

ACCUSED MAN ATTEMPTS TO TAKE HIS LIFE

Luis Amador, Tia Juana Saloon Keeper, Slashes Wrists in Jail.

HAVE MORE GUARDS Trial Date Speeded Up for Men Accused of Attacking San Diego Sisters, Resulting in Suicide.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 12.—Luis Amador, Tia Juana saloon owner, jointly charged with Chief of Police Zeno Llanos with attacking the Misses Clyde and Audrey Peete, which resulted in the suicide of the two girls and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Peete, attempted to end his life this morning in the Tia Juana charnel by slashing his wrists with a razor blade.

Guards saw Amador as he slashed his wrists for the second time and quickly entered the cell. Amador was overpowered before he could inflict further injuries upon himself and a physician was summoned. The doctor, it was stated, succeeded in stopping the flow of blood and in sewing up the wounds.

Extra guards would be placed over all the prisoners held in connection with the Peete tragedy and that precautions would be taken to prevent any of them attempting suicide. At the same time it was stated that Amador, Llanos and the other five prisoners would be brought to trial at the earliest possible moment.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 12.—Final depositions were taken today from each of the seven men held in the Tia Juana charnel in connection with the outring of the Misses Clyde and Audrey Peete and the subsequent suicide of the two girls and their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Peete. These depositions are to be presented in the Tia Juana court this afternoon and soon thereafter the accused men are expected to be arraigned.

Report of attorney surgeon Dr. J. J. Shea made here regarding (Continued on page 3.)

WHEAT GROWERS URGING NEW SYSTEM OF PRICE QUOTATION FOR USE ON PACIFIC COAST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MORO, Ore., Feb. 12.—A new system of price quotation for wheat on the Pacific coast was considered with a view to recommendation at the wheat growers economic conference, in its final session here today.

A clean bill of health for the state inspection department was another recommendation on which there was much discussion.

Portland prices are quoted on a basis of No. 1 sacked wheat, while western grain enters into competition, the basis of quotation is No. 2 bulk. It was reported as result of an investigation.

This, it was contended, works to the disadvantage of western producers as it tends to keep eastern buyers out of this territory through misunderstanding of the comparative price level. This difference in the basis of quotations, it was said, sometimes amounts to six or seven cents a bushel. No agreement had been reached this morning as to a definite proposal to limit or maintain production with a view to bringing the United States to a domestic basis in wheat production. It is possible that the facts will be presented in the report with no conclusion drawn on this point, as advocates of the export corporation plan and the controlled production idea have failed to reconcile their beliefs.

STORM KING IS LOOSENING GRIP ON SOUTH COAST

Wind, Rain and Hail Causes Much Damage From Frisco South.

RAIN IS A BENEFIT Destruction Costly Along Beaches of Southern California—2 Lives Lost and Ship Wrecked.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—The storm king is gradually lifting his siege of the Pacific Coast today after having battered one craft into a hopeless wreck, taken a toll of two lives and left a wake of shattered beach structures from San Francisco to San Pedro and beyond.

The wind, rain and snow were wearing themselves out today after having swept coast and inland regions for two weeks. A thousand miles of coast line was raked by the tremendous off-shore winds that roared down both the mid-Pacific and north Pacific storm-lanes. One craft, the Yosemite, was smashed down on the San Francisco harbor bar and wrecked. Yesterday and last night her shattered beams were strewn along the ocean shore from the Cliff House south.

The damage done by the storm surges, however, was nothing as compared to the benefit that the disturbance brought. It rained 1.18 inches at both San Francisco and San Jose last night, while thick streams of water poured down the parched Mount Wilson arroyos in southern California. Los Angeles was given 46 inches last night while the fall at San Diego was 15 inches. There were 63 inches of snow at the government measuring station at Summit in the Sierras last night. It was still falling there today with a rising barometer.

Last night's rains brought the fall above normal in virtually every section of northern and central California with the exception of the lower Sacramento Valley. The sharp increase in precipitation does not appear to have created any major flood hazard although providing for an adequate supply of irrigation and hydro-electric water for the coming dry months.

An estimate of the storm damage shatters a series of sea walls shattered at Santa Cruz, the Laffan pier and Suro Baha on the San Francisco ocean shore battered somewhat and considerable destruction along some of the southern California beaches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Final depositions were taken today from San Francisco to the Mexican border today were reckoning damage wrought yesterday and last night by giant breakers that pounded the coast line before a driving gale.

Taking a toll of two lives, disrupting train and highway traffic and sweeping beach structures into the sea, the storm is the second to lash the California coast in the past two weeks.

Two men lost their lives when a (Continued on page 3.)

LEAGUE OF NATIONS MAY HAVE TO UNDERGO A REMODELING WHEN SPECIAL SESSION OPENS MARCH 8

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) GENEVA, Feb. 12.—With an extraordinary League of Nations assembly, summoned for March to consider German's application for membership, a situation has arisen which may involve remodeling of the league.

The council, which issued the assembly call at its brief session yesterday, decided they should not only vote on German's application, but should also consider any proposal made by the March session of the council regarding the council's membership.

Spain desires that nations which remained neutral in the world war, shall have a permanent place in the deliberation of the council, while Brazil is anxious that she or some other country on the American continent should take the vacant seat until the United States should signify its desire to occupy it. Likewise Poland also would welcome a permanent seat.

To those who had hoped to confine the election of permanent membership to Germany, there was surprise when Spain, Poland and Brazil came out in the open with virtual demands for such seats and the belief prevailed that other states were likely to advance their candidates at a later date.

Advices from Stockholm are to the effect that some of the Swedish newspapers, including the