

Record Tax Measure Tackled in Conference

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would approach \$15,000,000,000, however.

Pension Plan Still Pends

To win fast senate approval of the tax measure leaders had to make two important concessions:

1. They dropped a finance committee amendment, estimated to raise \$50,000,000 a year, which would have prevented husbands and wives in community property states from dividing income for tax purposes.

2. They promised pension advocates that the finance committee would consider promptly a proposal to give \$30-a-month pensions to all persons over 60. The pension plan had been offered as a rider to the tax bill.

The senate and house bills now will go before a joint conference committee for the adjustment of differences.

The senate's action in lowering income tax exemptions from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons and from \$800 to \$750 for single persons topped the list of controversial issues between the two chambers.

Auto Under \$5 Levy

Biggest in history, the measure carries \$367,500,000 more than similar legislation officially approved by the house.

Toward the end of the debate, the senate approved, 35 to 32, the controversial \$5 annual use tax on automobiles. This levy, previously approved by the house and estimated to yield \$160,200,000 annually, was opposed vigorously by Senator La Follette (Prog., Wis.)

La Follette contended it "is the most unjust item in the entire bill."

"Why and explain this away when you get home," La Follette said. "This puts the same tax on an old palopy with \$15 and a long-nosed specially built automobile."

Four American Recruits For RAF Die in Sea Blow

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mander asked if any officers were on board.

"He seemed to be ashamed of what he'd done and asked us what caused the explosion. He said he had not fired a torpedo. I asked him if he could give us any water. He said he couldn't spare any but gave us four tins of meat and two bottles of rum."

Beattie said that when the submarine moved off it accidentally struck a wobbly lifeboat and the lifeboat's stern dipped.

"The submarine commander apologized," said Beattie, adding that he was German.

Beattie said the survivors clung to the lifeboat and rafts for 12 hours before being picked up by a Polish warship.

Altogether there were 11 American airmen on the ship, all said to have had commercial flying experience in the United States and in addition RAF training in Canada.

Nazis Admit Attack on Greer, Claim Self-Defense

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to give at least the appearance of justification to an attack by an American destroyer on a German U-boat."

2. That it proved that President Roosevelt previously, contrary to his statements, had given "general orders to American destroyers not only to report positions of German ships and U-boats

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HE NAVIGATED HOME ON A MILK WAGON HIMSELF.

but, beyond that, to attack them."

3. That, finally, "Mr. Roosevelt in this way also is trying with all means at his disposal to provoke incidents in order to invite the American people into war against Germany."

DRIVE AGAINST NAZI BLOCKADE MAY RESULT

(By the Associated Press)

"No comment" was the U. S. navy's reply today to questions about the German statement claiming self-defense in attacking the destroyer Greer, while observers foresaw possible stern diplomatic action.

One point made by the Nazi statement was that the attack occurred within the German blockade zone, a zone which Mr. Roosevelt said had no recognition here.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters yesterday that the navy was seeking the submarine with the intention of eliminating it if found.

Speculation immediately arose that the hunt and "eliminate" policy might result in a general drive by warships of the Atlantic fleet to seek out and, if possible, destroy any hostile craft operating along the northern sea lanes.

Last spring the Germans announced a blockade zone around Iceland and warned that any ship "under any flag" which ventured into those waters would be torpedoed.

The United States has never recognized this zone. In this connection President Roosevelt explained to the press conference yesterday that a blockade to be legal has to be effective while that around Iceland obviously is not.

Will Deliver Goods

Senator Lee (D., Okla.) said he believed the American people would "agree heartily" with President Roosevelt's stand on the incident.

"We intend to deliver the goods and if any more obstacles get in our way that can expect to be shot at," said Lee. "I don't think the recent incident will lead to a declaration of war. We don't need such a declaration, because we already have said we are going to deliver the goods and the German chancellor has said that if ships come under his guns they will be attacked."

"We should take such incidents as this in our stride. When they

shoot, we will shoot back to hit."

Nazis' Charge Unbelieved

The German charge that the Greer was the Nazi submarine aggressor with the Nazi submarine was received unbelievably in the capital and Chairman Connally (D., Texas) of the senate foreign relations committee declared that "the Nazis might as well learn now that we are going to defend our ships and our citizens."

It was the opinion of Senator Capper (R., Kas.) that there were "some misstatements" in the Nazi version. "I can hardly believe that the president would order warships to attack in an effort to incite the people into war," Capper said.

Senator Connally broadened his statement to add: "The fact that the Nazis admit a German submarine was involved amounts to an admission that it was acting under orders of the Nazi government in firing on our destroyer."

Defense Vowed

"This spirit of assassination, disregard for the rights of other nations and arrogant contempt for the United States dragged us into the last war."

"We do not want to become involved in the present war, but if our ships or citizens are attacked we are going to defend them." Connally said that the Greer's action in dropping depth bombs "may slow up the Germans in their attacks on our ships."

He said he believed it possible that the submarine actually had been sunk and that the German communique was merely "a ruse to make it appear that the U-boat had not been sunk."

Officials here were especially interested in learning whether the Greer was attacked in a deliberate move to challenge this country's expressed policy of keeping hostile craft out of the sea lanes to Iceland, where American armed forces are stationed.

Sutherland

SUTHERLIN, Sept. 6.—Mrs. Mary Frommie and daughter, Miss Violet, and grandson, M. Christopher, of Kansas spent last week as house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hunter and their son, Cecil. They are former friends of the Hunters in Arizona and are on tour of the western United States.

Mrs. Florence Goff has sold her farm west of town to some people from Montana, who expect to take possession the middle of the month. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Graham, former Montana residents.

The Rebekah lodge held its regular business meeting Thursday night in the basement of the church with the past noble grand, Miss Mabel Williams, in the chair. Mrs. Tom Gunderson was a visitor.

Mrs. Ira Howard and Mrs. John Howard from St. Helens were visiting at the Tod Gilbreath home Monday. The former is a sister of Mrs. Gilbreath. Earl Evans of Lebanon visited friends in Sutherland Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rose, Sr., and Mrs. Noah Rose, Jr., shopped and attended to business in Roseburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kinser of San Francisco, California, visited for three days at the Maud Murphy home south of town last week. They are planning to locate in this vicinity.

Roy Miller of Eugene attended to business and visited friends here Thursday.

Sutherland gained a new industry when Griswold and Thompson acquired the former A. G. Smith mill east of Sutherland, where they are making extensive alterations and improvements.

With Major Hoople

Combats Rage at Gates Of Three Soviet Cities

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sailors from the red fleet and still stood encircled but defiant atop the 150-foot bluffs that make it a natural fortress.

The Russian government newspaper, Izvestia, said 82,000 civilian volunteers had ripped up the cobblestone paving to complete breastworks for a street-to-street defense if necessary.

Kiev, the mother of Russian cities and capital of the Ukraine, continued to stave off a semi-circle of German assaults which have endangered it for weeks.

Wild Cossack cavalrymen, skilled with carbine and sabre in the military style of an earlier day, were credited by the Russians with wreaking havoc behind the German lines, lessening the fury of the modern mechanized thrusts of the Nazis and capturing supplies.

Fires Rage in Leningrad

But it was at Leningrad on the north, separated from Odessa by the width of a continent, that the battle raged with greatest heat and least respite.

The Russians said counter-attacks had hurled the Germans back a mile or more, and the Germans claimed to be no nearer than 20 miles from the city.

But already it has been under direct artillery fire for more than 24 hours, and the Finnish forces pressing down from the north said they could see great fires raging in the city which Peter and Great established in the marshes at the head of the Gulf of Finland.

The Russians said units of one German division had been repelled with 700 dead, but did not specify the location. Seizure of 18 cannon, eight howitzers and other equipment was reported by the Soviet communique.

A Finnish communique described the old capital of Russia's czars and the birthplace of the red revolution as a city doomed, and said hunger and sickness stalked its millions, every one of whom able to bear arms had been hurled into the fight to stave off assault.

The British announced continued success for their invigorated submarine campaign in the Medi-

terranean with the sinking of the 11,398-ton Italian liner Estperia, possibly a troop transport, off Tripoli; and a 4,000-ton vessel of a type used as a commerce raider, between Taranto and Bengasi.

Germans reported today their bombers attacked the Suez canal area last night, causing destruction and fires at the Ismailia airport. The night before, the high command said, three freighters totaling 14,000 tons were sunk.

Military experts in London have been predicting that a deadlock front in Russia this winter may bring a revival of the German-Italian offensive in the Mediterranean, with one axis spearhead driving from Libya toward Suez, and the other from the Balkans or Russia into the middle east.

The sinkings announced by London today brought to nine the number of ships reported sunk or damaged by the British in the last 48 hours. Yesterday the admiralty reported the probable sinking of another liner of 23,000 tons which was believed carrying troops, the torpedoing of a 10,000 cruiser, sinking of a destroyer outside Tripoli, the sinking of two supply ships in convoy and the damaging of two others.

Bee in Her Blouse

INDIANOLA, Miss.—The Curbstone Sitters club adjourned in extreme haste when members saw an automobile headed for them, the driver pawing franti-

cally at her bosom. The car cornered off the corner building, and pretty soon returned. "Sorry boys," the pretty driver said unabashed. "A bee got into my blouse, and stung me."

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