

Hoover Speaks For Sales Tax

HOOVER PLEA TURNED DOWN IN COMMITTEE

Senate Finance Committee Once More Rejects Sales Tax—12 to 8.

NEW INCREASE IN INCOME TAX VOTED

Senate Rejects Five Per Cent Levy on Domestic Consumption of Gas and Electricity.

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—With a half hour after President Hoover today endorsed a special manufacturers sales tax before the senate, its finance committee again rejected this disputed levy. The vote was 12 to 8.

The committee then approved a cent a gallon tax on gasoline estimated to yield \$150,000,000 of the \$215,000,000 it was seeking.

Mills Tells of Shortage Secretary Mills told the senate finance committee today the revenue bill as it now stands is about \$285,000,000 short of a sufficient amount to balance the federal budget.

INCOME TAX INCREASE VOTED WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The senate voted another increase in individual income tax rates today, adding from \$70,000,000 to \$100,000,000 to the revenue measure in the first move of the drive for new funds.

The senate today rejected the first of its finance committee's new budget balancing taxes, refusing to put a five per cent levy on domestic consumption of gas and electricity.

INVESTIGATION APPROVED WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The (Continued on Page Eight)

LOCAL TENNIS PLAYERS WIN FROM IMBER

La Grande tennis players opened the season yesterday with a smashing victory over the Imber net artists, losing only one of nine matches in an intercity meet held at the La Grande tennis courts on Walnut street in the afternoon.

The scores in the singles matches were: C. Wilson vs. Nelson, 6-3, 6-4; Osterling vs. O. L. Wilson, 6-3, 6-0; Reynolds vs. R. Wilson, 6-2, 6-1; Inlow vs. Westenskow, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Pouch vs. Bratt, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; Reuter vs. Holmes, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In doubles play, Inlow and Reynolds defeated Wilson and Westenskow, 8-6, 6-4; Osterling and Nelson defeated Lyle and Clive Wilson, 6-4, 6-4; and Pouch and Reuter defeated Westenskow and Holmes, 10-8, 6-1.

Two Car Accidents Over the Weekend

Two automobile accidents occurred in and near La Grande over the weekend, causing injuries to one person.

Saturday afternoon cars driven by Dan R. Tanner, of La Grande, and Harold Johnson, of Cove, collided about two miles east of Island City, the collision being caused by loose gravel. Milo Richards, of Cove, suffered head injuries but not of a serious nature, according to reports.

Monday cars driven by Dell Burk and Wesley Oliver collided at Spruce and Island about 4:45 o'clock in the afternoon. No one was injured.

WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably with showers in the west portion and over the mountains; mild temperature; moderate south to west winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY 7 a. m.—50 above. Minimum: 46 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 63, minimum 45 above. Condition: partly cloudy, rain .08 of inch. Range—18 degrees.

WEATHER MAY 31, 1931 Maximum 89, minimum 65 above. Condition: partly cloudy. Range—24 degrees.

La Grande Pays Tribute To Its Heroes of Wars

Memorial Day Services Held Monday with G. A. R. Veteran in Charge at the Cemetery.

Memorial day—dedicated primarily to the memory of soldiers and sailors who gave their lives in the service of their country—was observed solemnly in La Grande yesterday when war veterans and women's patriotic organizations paraded to the cemetery to honor their fallen comrades at impressive ceremonies.

Patrick organizations, many dressed in full regalia, paraded down Adams avenue which was lined with spectators, to the martial strains of the La Grande band, directed by Andrew Loney.

Veterans from the Civil war, the Spanish American war and the World War marched accompanied by Company E, 186th Infantry, Oregon national guard.

The American Legion drum corps headed the legionnaires and their auxiliary.

All Stores Closed All local stores were closed and a quiet solemnity reigned during the parade after which impressive services were conducted at the cemetery.

The ritualistic services of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps were presented, after which Rev. Paul De F. Mortimer gave a patriotic address.

Mr. Loney sounded taps, and the firing squad of Company E fired a salute in honor of the dead.

The services at the cemetery were especially interesting this year, with Comrade J. W. Oliver, an able orator and one of the few remaining Union soldiers in this vicinity, as conductor.

A dinner was served after the services at the Knights of Pythias hall, under the direction of the W. R. C., assisted by representatives of all women's patriotic organizations in La Grande.

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Mr. Walz Speaks At Service Held At Summerville

"Humanity is divided into two classes: those who are soul, and have a body; and those who are body, and have a soul. When there is great work to be done of a spiritual, altruistic and immortal kind, the former are the people who do it," said Rev. J. George Walz, as he addressed the large congregation gathered in the Summerville cemetery chapel, Decoration day. Mrs. Walz accompanied Rev. Walz, and together they were entertained at a delicious dinner by the women of the association.

After speaking of the meaning of the day; paying tribute to the honored heroes of past wars, and respects to all America's noble dead, Mr. Walz continued: "Now let us suffer head injuries but not of a serious nature, according to reports."

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CONTRACT



But it's not a film contract, as you might suppose from this glimpse of lovely Mme. Eva Von Huszlag-Bezzeq, daughter of the civil governor of Budapest. It's a contract as a member of a Hungarian contract bridge team that she has been awarded. She'll represent her native land in competition throughout Europe.

RELIEF MAP MADE BY H. RICHARDSON

Finished Product of Gypsum Plaster, Weighs About 400 Pounds.

A relief map made of gypsum plaster and weighing about 400 pounds has been modeled by Harley H. Richardson, chairman of the tourist travel committee of the chamber of commerce, and will be a permanent exhibit at the office of the chamber at Adams and Chestnut. Mr. Richardson worked for more than two months on the map before it was completed.

Topographical maps of the Whitman and of the Wallowa national forests and quadrangle maps of various sections of Union and Wallowa (Continued on Page Eight)

CHILLY MONTH OF MAY NEARS AN END TODAY

An unusually chilly May was coming to an end today with clouds persisting to the very last. There were few really warm days this month, and during the last week, killing frosts occurred in some sections of the Grande Ronde valley. At Baker the other day there was a snow flurry, and a light blanket was discernible on the mountains near La Grande at one time last week.

Sunday's weather was fairly good with the sky partly clear but yesterday showers took place during the afternoon that brought .08 of an inch of precipitation. The maximum Memorial day was 63 compared with 85 a year ago.

Mrs. Branson Dies At Enterprise, Ore.

Mrs. J. A. Branson, of Enterprise, died suddenly Sunday at her home. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Caviness, pioneers of Union county.

She is survived by her husband; a son and a daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Branson, and three grandchildren, all of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. L. A. Conkey and Mrs. Grace E. Moller, both of La Grande; one brother, L. E. Caviness, of Portland, and a host of friends in Wallowa county, where she has made her home for many years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church in Enterprise.

Two Hearings Set For East Oregon

SALEM, May 31 (AP)—The public utilities commission today announced dates for two hearings in Eastern Oregon relating to grade crossings over railroad tracks. Herbert Hauser, secretary of the commission, will preside at the hearings as examiner.

\$12,000 PAID TO HASTINGS BY EQUITABLE

Company Hired Friend of Mayor Walker to Solicit for Franchise.

SENATOR ALSO THE PUBLICITY AGENT

Witness at Hofstadter Hearing Admits, However, That Mayor Was Not Influenced.

NEW YORK, May 31 (AP)—J. Allan Smith, New York representative of the Equitable Coach company which was trying to get a city-wide bus franchise, testified before the Hofstadter committee today that the company hired Senator John A. Hastings, friend of Mayor Walker, at a salary of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 a year to solicit for the favor of the franchise at the city hall.

Smith testified Hastings was hired because of his political friendships, but not because he might have any influence with the mayor.

While he thought there was a close friendship between Mayor Walker and Hastings, Smith said, he did not think Hastings had any influence with the mayor.

"Wasn't it his duty to solicit for the favor of the franchise at the city hall, as your employee?" asked Samuel Seabury, counsel for the committee.

"He wasn't earning his money if he didn't do that," Smith replied.

He said that, in addition to getting favor for the franchise at the city hall, it was part of Hastings' duties to "help put our story before the public through the news-

Highway Board Will Not Open Bids on June 9

SALEM, May 31 (AP)—Opening of bids on state highway construction has been postponed from June 9 to June 23, it was announced today by H. B. Glaiser, secretary of the state highway commission. The contract to be let probably will exceed \$750,000 and will be the last big letting of the year, the department here announced.

The awarding of contracts was postponed in order to consolidate two groups of highway contracts and to get the major jobs under construction as soon as possible. R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, said. Many additional jobs will be added to the original call, announcement of which will be made next week. In July several other jobs will be let to complete the construction program of 1932. Baldock said. The state highway commission will hold its regular meeting in Portland June 9, as scheduled, at which time delegations will be heard and other business transacted by the commission, but no contracts will be awarded.

Offices of Three Cemeteries Robbed

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Safe crackers raided the offices of three cemeteries here during the night, apparently anticipating heavy cash receipts on Memorial day.

At the Lincoln Memorial Park cemetery two safes were broken into and between \$100 and \$150 in currency was taken, police were told. At the Riverside cemetery a safe was cracked open but since no money was kept in it the looters went away empty-handed. At Mount Cavalary cemetery the robbers could find no cash but the loss of several tents and chairs was reported to police.

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Prohi Plank Is Problem Faced By Republicans

Leaders Hope to Find Plan That Will Prevent Strife at National Convention in Chicago.

EXPECTS "LIBERAL" PLANK

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Representative Snell, minority leader in the house, today told newspapermen that he was certain the prohibition plank in the Republican platform would be liberal.

Snell said he was expressing his own opinion but that "if anybody tells you the plank won't be liberal, don't believe him."

Asked what he meant by "liberal," Snell, who has consistently supported dry measures, said it would be "satisfactory." He did not explain further.

By Byron Price (Chief of Bureau, The Associated Press, Washington)

The more they meet and confer and try to put their thoughts on paper, the more complicated the Republicans are finding their task of drafting a prohibition plank which will insure peace and quiet at the Chicago convention.

The leaders have talked with President Hoover, and they have received a very broad idea of what he would like to see written into the platform. They have not found him prepared to write the plank for them, nor to let himself irrevocably to any specific draft.

The president takes the position that the party should make its own decision and that, so far as possible, it should be a decision on which all good Republicans can stand together. Beyond that he does not go very far. He expects to make no public statement prior to the convention.

Many modificationists still maintain (Continued on Page Four)

GLENN VARE DEFEATED BY ENID WILSON

SAUNTON, England, May 31 (AP)—Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, five times American champion, was defeated by Enid Wilson, defending British titleholder, in the third round of the British women's golf championship today, four and two.

Soviet Newspaper Warns Japanese

MOSCOW, May 31 (AP)—A new warning to Japan to keep hands off Siberia was contained today in an editorial in the newspaper Ivestia, coupled with a charge that certain Japanese elements want Eastern Siberia to facilitate preparations for war against the United States.

Capone Again Turned Down

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—Scarfaced Al Capone, the Chicago gangster now serving a ten-year sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary for evading his income taxes, again was unsuccessful today in getting his case before the supreme court.

MARRIED



"That's the kind of man needs the kind of woman like me," sang Libby Holman (above) in the song that first won her success on Broadway. Now, the lyric seems to apply to Smith Reynolds, 20-year-old heir to tobacco millions. For the two were married secretly some months ago, it is revealed. The ceremony is said to have followed soon after Reynolds and his first wife, Annie Cannon, were divorced. When Reynolds recently arrived at Seattle on a trip around the world, he said he wasn't in love, but his bride disclosed the secret a few days later in New York.

BROWNE'S PLANE DIVES INTO SEA

Flier and Helper Escape By Using Parachutes; Plane Total Wreck.

SEATTLE, May 31 (AP)—The first attempt to win Seattle's \$30,000 prize offer for a non-stop flight to Tokyo, Nathan C. Browne, nursed an injured shoulder today—the aftermath of his huge plane's 1000-foot plunge into the waters of Puget Sound.

Meanwhile, aviators and business men who lauded his attempt to start the long flight yesterday through a refueling, only to end in losing his plane and endangering five lives, were raising a fund to send him back to rejoin his family in Detroit.

Without obtaining his permission, Browne's friends began the campaign last night, saying he deserved such aid.

Last Even Dime Earlier he had said, after being rescued from the waters and rushed to a hospital, apparently without regretting his venture and its disastrous ending.

"Every dime I had was invested in my plane. I risked everything I had. Now I have nothing."

In addition, some speculation also developed today as to the disposition of the \$30,000 prize award, for (Continued from Page Six)

MECHANIC IS SHOT FATALLY BY EX-HUBBY

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31 (AP)—Edward Burton, 29, Seattle mechanic, died in a hospital here today from bullet wounds received Saturday night in the apartment of his fiancée, Mrs. Christine Cook, 21 years old.

Police have been unsuccessful in their search for John H. Cook, 24, former husband of the woman, accused of having shot Burton twice when he found him with the former Mrs. Cook. Witnesses told detectives the two men quarreled and Cook fired two times.

Burton's condition was such that physicians were unable to operate for removal of the bullets, one of which penetrated his chest.

Bonus Marchers From Oregon In Capital Today

Expect to Stay in Washington Until Congress Takes Action; More to Come From South.

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—The belief that thousands more will come to Washington to demand the soldiers bonus was expressed today by Arthur Taylor, commander of the Oregon unit of veterans now in camp here.

As the 800 Oregonians lined up on the sidewalk for morning inspection, Taylor said "more and more are coming each day. We do not intend to leave the capital until the bonus is paid even though congress adjourns June 10. We expect that our great numbers will force congress to come back."

Merchants donated food today as efforts were being made to provide federal financial aid to care for the former soldiers. A congressional hearing was in prospect on the bill introduced yesterday by Senator Costigan (D., Colo.) to appropriate \$75,000 for this purpose.

Police reported that the veterans thus far were contented and there have been no signs of trouble. On the other hand, Taylor said his group was becoming restless and demanding better food and quarters.

MARCHERS IN ALABAMA MOBILE, Ala., May 31 (AP)—The 300 veterans of the World war who are marching from New Orleans to Washington to press for cash bonus settlements headed northward through Alabama today.

They arrived in the state last night on trucks supplied by coastal counties in Mississippi, and Mobile county extended them the same courtesy across its boundaries to (Continued on Page Six)

London Society Is Involved In Murder Mystery

LONDON, May 31 (AP)—A mystery involving high London society circles developed today when Michael Scott Stephen was found shot to death in a flat occupied by Mrs. Elvira Dolores Barney, beautiful daughter of a wealthy knight who four years ago married John Sterling Barney, 31, an American singer.

The identity of the victim was not established until several hours after the early morning tragedy which had followed a cocktail party.

It developed that Mr. Stephen, instead of being a wealthy American as at first reported, was a member of a widely known English family who has played a prominent part in a fashionable West End life during the last two years.

Scotland Yard got very busy on the mysterious case and Sir Bernard Spillbury, eminent pathologist, was called in.

Barney was one of a group who at one time played at the Cafe de Paris and also in "Many Happy Returns."

The tragedy in the flat followed a cocktail party last night. Neighbors said they heard cries and a commotion, then the firing of several shots.

Barney, it was understood, came from New York in 1928.

Baker Editor Is Named by Church

DENVER, May 31 (AP)—Appointment of Bernard Mainwaring, of Baker, Ore., to membership on the standing committee on foreign missions of the Presbyterian church in the United States, was announced at the annual assembly of the church here Monday. The committee yesterday drafted the finance report for presentation to the general assembly.

Mainwaring is editor of the daily Democrat-Herald at Baker.

Fall From Raft Is Fatal To Boy, 8

THE DALLES, Ore., May 31 (AP)—A fall into a lake from a raft upon which he and another small boy were playing, resulted in the drowning Sunday of Junior Johnson, eight years old. The other child, the same age, was rescued from the water in an unconscious condition.

GRAVITY OF SITUATION IS MADE CLEAR

President Grave As He Delivers Special Message to Senate.

MORE SACRIFICES HELD NECESSARY

Reduction in Expenses, Balancing of Budget and Adequate Relief Measure All Vital.

WASHINGTON, May 31 (AP)—President Hoover went directly to the senate in person today with an address in which he declared that "an emergency has developed in the last few days which it is my duty to lay before the senate."

Spurred to this extraordinary step by the situation facing the country, and the government, he told the senate "there can be no doubt that long continued delay in enactment of legislation to reduce expenditures and provide revenue has given rise to anxiety in ability of government to meet its duty."

"These fears and doubts have had an influence in foreign countries," he said.

"They know by experience the force of an unbalanced budget. They do not realize that as slow as the processes may be, we are determined to place the finances of the government on a firm basis."

Hoover Grave approached his subject was shown in the low tones with which he spoke. Those in the galleries had difficulty in hearing him. He was dressed in formal morning attire.

The dignified senate chamber was packed with the exception of the diplomatic gallery.

VETERAN MAIL PILOT INJURED; WOMAN KILLED

PORTLAND, May 31 (AP)—Dick Gleason, veteran aviator pilot, was recovering today from injuries suffered in a crash in the Willamette river here Monday which took the life of his only passenger, Mrs. Anna Smith, 35.

Breaking of a propeller blade when the motor was turning up 60 revolutions a minute, with consequent tremendous vibration which tore the motor from its mounting, was believed to have caused the accident.

When a crash was seen to be inevitable Gleason swung over the river and brought the plane down as easily as possible. He was trapped in the open cockpit, however, and was unable to move back to open the door of the cabin in which Mrs. Smith was injured. The plane sank within a minute or two after the occupant of a small boat had released the pilot.

The cargo of 150 pounds of mail was saved when the plane was raised. The ship had taken off from Swan Island airport a few moments before the crash, en route to Seattle.

Rene Lacoste Wins From Sidney Wood

AUTELUI, France, May 31 (AP)—Mrs. Helen Willis Moody and Sidney Wood Jr., of the United States were defeated in the finals of mixed doubles in the French tennis championships today by the English pair, Betty Nuthall and Frederick Perry. The scores were 6-1, 6-2.

AUTELUI, France, May 31 (AP)—Rene Lacoste, former ace of the French tennis world now staging a comeback after three years of illness, eliminated Sidney B. Wood, of New York, from the third round of the men's singles in the French tennis championships today in a bitter five set duel, 6-0, 6-1, 3-6, 6-8, 7-5.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 31 (AP)—Wheat values showed pronounced weakness in the late dealings today, affected by New York stock market setbacks and by Germany's political crisis. One Chicago crop expert anticipated another monthly crop forecast and put domestic winter wheat production at 455,000,000 bushels, an unexpected bearish showing.