

ROOSEVELT DEADLOCKS ACTION ON ARMY BILL

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Another day of conference on the war army bill ended with senate and house conferences still far apart on several differences in the bill as it passed the two houses. Another effort to get together, probably the last, will be made tomorrow.

There was evidence tonight that the senate conferees were about ready to report a deadlock and ask for further instructions. They are insisting, on the senate provisions to enforce prohibition at army posts and to permit Colonel Roosevelt to raise a division.

The differences in the age limits of those subject to the selective draft, 21 to 27 in the senate and 21 to 40 in the house bill, also are still disputed, but they probably could be adjusted if the other two issues were out of the way.

Senate Wants Roosevelt

Senators on the committee feel that unless the administration exerts strong pressure the senate will insist on retaining the Roosevelt amendment and the house members are of the decided opinion that the house will not accept it.

The only hope held out for a compromise was said to be based on the chance that senate might recede from its position on the question of Colonel Roosevelt's division. In that case, it was said, the house conferees might accept the senate amendment fixing the age limit of those subject to selective draft at 21 to 27, in lieu of the house provision fixing it at from 21 to 40.

Pay Enlisted Men \$25

The conferees today agreed upon a provision to increase the pay of enlisted men to \$25 per month and increase the pay of other grades below commissioned officers, but not proportionately.

WAR TAXES AS FIXED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE HIT RICH AND POOR

WASHINGTON, May 9.—A 10 per cent increase in the present tariff, an ad valorem tax of 10 per cent upon all materials now admitted to this country free of duty, and a total tax of 37 per cent upon incomes above \$500,000 a year—these are provided for in the \$1,800,000 revenue tax bill as completed by the house ways and means committee Tuesday night.

It is felt in Washington that the house committee has virtually determined to throw the entire taxation problem into the open house. There the debate will adjust present incongruities temporarily, and later on the senate committee on finance will re-frame the measure from top to bottom.

Already the senate finance committee has announced that it will begin hearings on the measure Friday. The principal fight in committee was over excess profits. After having considered rates all the way from 8 to 20 per cent finally was agreed upon.

Income Tax

The income tax is made retroactive for the calendar year 1916. In addition to the income tax already levied and paid upon an additional levy of 33.3 per cent. This retroactive tax is payable next September and embraces all taxable incomes for 1916.

The exemptions are materially lowered for the levy of income taxes. The exemption for unmarried taxpayers is lowered from \$3000 to \$1000, while the exemption for married persons is reduced from \$4000 to \$2000. The surtaxes begin at \$5000, ranging from 1 per cent to 33 per cent, on net incomes exceeding \$500,000.

The basic rate of income tax has been fixed at 4 per cent of incomes of \$5000 per annum. The surtaxes grade from that point upward. The schedule of surtaxes follows:

\$5000 to \$7500, 1 per cent.
\$7500 to \$10,000, 2 per cent.
\$10,000 to \$12,500, 3 per cent.
\$12,500 to \$15,000, 4 per cent.
\$15,000 to \$20,000, 5 per cent.
\$20,000 to \$40,000, 6 per cent.
\$40,000 to \$60,000, 8 per cent.
\$60,000 to \$80,000, 11 per cent.
\$80,000 to \$100,000, 14 per cent.
\$100,000 to \$150,000, 17 per cent.
\$150,000 to \$200,000, 20 per cent.
\$200,000 to \$250,000, 24 per cent.
\$250,000 to \$300,000, 27 per cent.
\$300,000 to \$500,000, 30 per cent.
\$500,000 and upwards, 37 per cent.

The normal tax of individuals to be deducted and withheld at the source of income, shall not apply to the new 2 per cent of normal tax until after January 1, 1918.

The inheritance tax provision of the proposed law starts with 1/2 of 1 per cent as the basic tax, which is to be assessed on all estates of \$50,000 or less. The remainder of the schedule is applied to the various excesses, step by step, in graduation as follows:

\$50,000 but not exceeding \$150,000, 1 per cent.
\$150,000 but not exceeding \$250,000, 1 1/2 per cent.
\$250,000 but not exceeding \$450,000, 2 per cent.
\$450,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000, 2 1/2 per cent.
\$1,000,000 but not exceeding \$2,000,000, 3 per cent.
\$2,000,000 but not exceeding \$3,000,000, 3 1/2 per cent.
\$3,000,000 but not exceeding \$4,000,000, 4 per cent.
\$4,000,000 but not exceeding \$5,000,000, 4 1/2 per cent.
\$5,000,000 but not exceeding \$8,000,000, 5 per cent.
\$8,000,000 but not exceeding \$11,000,000, 7 per cent.
\$11,000,000 but not exceeding \$15,000,000, 10 per cent.
\$15,000,000, 15 per cent.

The excess profits tax which the framers Monday reduced from their original tentative figures of 16 per cent of the excess or 8 per cent of the profits of firms or corporations to 14 per cent of the same, were restored to the original 16 per cent and so will stand in the bill to be introduced.

The tax on tobacco has been doubled.

The taxes on cigars have been advanced to a new schedule ranging from 50 cents to \$10 per thousand, according to retail value.

Admission tickets to all forms of theatrical, circuit or hippodrome entertainments, including moving picture shows, will be taxed 10 per cent of their cost.

AID IS GIVEN TO U-BOATS AMERICANS SUSPECTED

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Persistent rumors of German submarines in the South Atlantic were given additional color today when it was disclosed that government investigating agencies are running down a story that freighters of the American Trans-Atlantic company flying the American flag have carried supplies to sea for U-boats.

Details Not Given

Officials would not go into details, but it was assumed the report prompted the investigation probably came from members of the crew of the Steamer Manitowoc quoted in news dispatches from Porto Rico today as charging that the Manitowoc and other Trans-Atlantic company vessels had transhipped to German submarines at sea quantities of food and fuel smuggled out of New York.

How far the inquiry has progressed was not indicated, but officials by their silence gave the impression that no definite conclusions had been reached.

Officials Will Not Comment

They declined to comment on the news dispatch from San Juan or on statements by the Trans-Atlantic company officials in New York characterizing the story told by the Manitowoc's crew as fiction.

In many quarters the inclination was to regard the report as merely another of the crop of unfounded rumors current here since the visit of the U-53 to Newport.

It was pointed out that all such rumors are investigated thoroughly as a matter of policy, and that consequently no conclusions could be drawn from the steps taken in the present case.

Some naval officers, on the other hand, have not concealed their belief that German submarines and raiders have been supplied from this side of the Atlantic.

EIGHTY MEN SELECTED TO DIRECT POLL OF THE COUNTY FOR DRAFT

Eighty men in Clackamas county were named by Sheriff Wilson Monday to act as census marshals in the description census.

All the men will be expected to work without pay the sheriff announced.

One man was named in each district. He will be expected to choose men to help him in the work.

Those named were:

Abernethy, Alfred Ladd; Arden, Wald, D. P. LaFerre; Barlow, A. G. Tall; Barton, Geo. W. Turner; Beaver Creek, No. 1, J. R. Hoff; Beaver Creek, No. 2, Luke Duffy; Boring, W. R. Telford; Bull Run, James Pegles; Canby, No. 1, H. H. Eccles; Canby, No. 2, W. C. Kendall; Canby No. 3, Wm. Lucke; Canemah, C. L. Eaton; Clarkes, L. Stout; Colton, A. C. Stumbaek; Concord, J. Dean Butler; Colton, L. P. Elliott; Carus, Frank Jagger; Cherryville, W. E. Welch; Clackamas, John Wise; Damascus, J. C. Elliott; Dickey Prairie, Harry Bastall; Dover, G. R. Woodie; Eagle Creek, H. S. Gibson; Estacada, No. 1, W. H. Holder; Estacada, No. 2, C. W. Devore; Evergreen, Geo. Armstrong; Garfield, B. T. Rawlins; George, Fred Lins; Gladstone, No. 1, Wm. Hammond; Gladstone, No. 2, Chas. Moulton; Harmony, No. 1, C. G. Millard; Harmony, No. 2, C. A. Stout; Highland, F. Shute; Jennings Lodge, J. F. Jennings; Killin, N. Blair; Liberal, J. W. Cole; Logan, T. E. Anderson; Mackburg, G. W. Smith; Maple Lane, H. A. Heater; Marquam, A. W. Albright; Milwaukie, No. 1, C. A. Lakin; Milwaukie, No. 2, J. W. Hart; Milwaukie Heights, J. W. Gracie; Molalla, No. 1, Gilbert Eagle; Molalla, No. 2, Geo. J. Case; Mt. Pleasant, Ward Lawton; Mullino, E. J. Maple; New Era, D. McArthur; Needy, Solon Kinzer; Oak Grove, No. 1, L. A. Bullard; Oak Grove, No. 2, W. B. Stokes; Oregon City, No. 1, J. S. Lageson; Oregon City, No. 2, J. J. Tobin; Oregon City, No. 3, R. L. Holman; Oregon Oregon City, No. 5, E. C. Burke; Oregon City, No. 6, F. J. Cross; Oregon City, No. 7, A. J. Wilson; Oregon City, No. 8, S. S. Walker; Oregon City, No. 9, J. C. Bradley; Oregon City, No. 10, Geo. L. Story; Oregon City, No. 11, Geo. F. Eyrbart; Oswego, No. 1, Henry Bickner; Oswego, No. 2, Frank B. Tomlin; Oswego, No. 3, W. B. Cook; Pleasant Hill, E. L. Baker; Lad Hill, R. H. Wallie; Parkplace, Otto Purcell; Sandy, No. 1, Otto Meining; Sandy, No. 2, Fred L. Proctor; Soda Springs, A. B. Hibbard; Springfield, C. M. Folsom; Sunnyside, F. M. Townsend; Tualatin, Z. Ellingsen; Union, J. H. Miley; Viola, J. T. Fullam; West Linn, No. 1, L. L. Porter; West Linn, No. 2, George Hall; Wilsonville, H. D. Aden; Willamette, No. 1, R. A. Junkin; Willamette, No. 2, Lee Bacon.

JEWIS FLEE JERUSALEM AT POINT OF TURK GUNS

NEW YORK, May 7. Thousands of terror-stricken, starving Jews, driven from their homes by the Turkish bayonets, are wandering northward from Jerusalem, according to cablegrams received today by the Zionist organization here.

With the British, under General Murray, pounding at the gates of Gaza in their advance on Jerusalem, the Turks are herding the Jews northward determined they shall not remain to see the Holy Land taken from the Sultan.

Eviction Begins

The eviction began late in March, the message said, when 300 Hebrews were expelled from Jerusalem amid scenes of looting and pillage. Dimal Pasha, military governor of Palestine, declared he would make them suffer the fate of the Armenians.

April 1, Dimal Pasha ordered eight thousand Jews driven from Jaffa. They were given 48 hours to leave. Even Jews owing allegiance to the central powers were included.

The cablegram described terrible scenes when the Turkish troops went from house to house driving the terrorized inhabitants to the streets. Crowds of Arabs and Bedouin women followed, sacking every home.

Two Hang

Two Jews from the Yemen resisted. They were hanged at the entrance to Tel-Aviv, and scores of fugitives streamed through the arch as their bodies dangled there.

Roads leading northward, away from the region, where British guns were roaring from the Dead sea to the Mediterranean, were lined with starving men, women and children. The rich paid 200 francs for transportation nine miles to Petach Tikwap.

Die in Desert

Information here said many Jews crawled into the desert and died. Bandits attacked the refugees and stripped them of everything. Small forces of young Jews, armed with knives and cudgels, organized for the defense. The Turks arrested them.

RESERVIST CAUGHT AT ESTACADA BY MILITIA

Edward Kroker, a German reservist, was taken into custody on a spy charge Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock by militiamen stationed at Estacada.

He was turned over to Sheriff Wilson, who brought him into Oregon City.

One look at the evidence and District Attorney Hedges ordered him turned over to the federal authorities.

Turned Over

He was immediately taken to Portland, where he was surrendered to United States Marshal John Montag and the evidence was placed in the hands of United States District Attorney Clarence L. Reames.

Kroker was picked up by Corporal Thomson, of Company D. Thomson did not like the way the man acted.

Upon searching Kroker he found a pass into Mexico, some Argentine currency, and a small notebook.

Spy Trail

The notebook apparently showed a trail from the east coast of the United States through a large number of military posts to the southern district and on westward. It is possible that since leaving the east Kroker has been in Mexico and South America, authorities believe.

The names of fort after fort are listed in the notebook. For this reason the officers are prone to believe that Kroker has made an investigation of these posts for the German government.

Many Names

Many names of men who may be involved were contained in the book. Kroker says that he has taken out his first papers at Newark, N. J.

Inadequate explanation of his purpose around Estacada lead Corporal Thomson to search him. Kroker said that he had come there to fish. His tackle was altogether inappropriate. One of the things they found on him was a huge wooden minnow.

Wrong Bait

Such artificial bait cannot be used for trout fishing, either in the upper Clackamas or any other mountain stream.

Thomson immediately reported his catch to Captain Hulse, of Company D, who was in Portland, and Hulse immediately hastened to Estacada.

For two hours the soldiers questioned the man. He stuck closely to his story, they report, cleverly slipping out of several tight traps. Finally, they assert, he was caught in several contradictions.

Not Known

Whether he was planning to blow up some of the power plants or destroy the machinery of the Bull Run water works is not charged by the officers. Kroker is about 50 years old. He is very short and of a heavy build. A seam broader. He wears a rough blue small mustache makes a broad face suit and heavy shoes.

At no time was he permitted to get far away from the muzzle of Corporal Thomson's Springfield.

ERICKSON'S CLACKAMAS HOTEL WAS BOOZEJOINT

August Erickson, for many years a prominent saloonkeeper of Portland, but recently proprietor of the Clackamas tavern in this county, was arrested at an early hour yesterday morning by Sheriff Wilson at his present home at the request of his wife whom he was using as a target for a 40-40 rifle and if a cartridge had not got stuck in it he would probably had murdered on his hands instead of half a dozen charges of various degrees of violating the prohibition laws of the state and the discovery of about 70 bottles of Canadian Club and imported Scotch whiskeys, kegs of home-made wine and beer and a complete bottling outfit and what is rather a novelty, two large cabinet nickle in the slot machines that were all loaded for business.

It was midnight when Sheriff Wilson received word of trouble at the Clackamas tavern and upon arriving there found Mrs. Erickson in the road hiding from her husband, whom she said was drunk and had tried to kill her, and A. Saavie, a neighboring rancher who boarded with them. Erickson was found drunk and rambling in his talk but quite docile and then his wife said that he was good to her when he was sober and pleaded that he be not arrested. It appears that Erickson had been drinking hard for several days and when he began to beat his wife the boarder, Saavie, called down from his room for him to stop, thereupon Erickson went up after him and broke down the door of room with a cleaver but Saavie escaped through a window. Erickson then got the rifle and started after his wife and there is evidence where he fired five shots in her general direction.

Sheriff Wilson noticed several empty bottles and suspicious of a cache of it on the premises left Deputy Sheriff Frost in charge of the tavern and locked him up on general principles and then secured a search warrant from Prosecuting Attorney Hedges to make a full investigation. Accompanied by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Burke and Deputy Sheriff Joyner he returned and started a search. After the most careful scrutiny they could find nothing except some made wine and beer and had about concluded that they were on the wrong track until by accident a small hole was seen in the floor between two doors and out of curiosity a piece of wire was inserted and it was found to be hollow below. A more careful investigation revealed a hidden trap door and when this was raised a concrete wine cistern was found that was actually filled with different kinds of liquor and not the least important thing found there was a government liquor license for the current year.

In an out-house was found several sacks of barley and hops, as well as the bottling outfit. The nickle in the slot machines were in the main house and Mrs. Erickson said that "they were only used when some of the guests got stowed."

Erickson is being held in the county jail without bonds and charges will be filed against him later when the case can be sifted out.

Sheriff Wilson brought to the city an automobile and a truck loaded with the liquor, beer and other contraband articles, and locked them up for future reference to determine the extent of Erickson's guilt.

Prosecuting Attorney Hedges says he can already suggest seven charges to place against him and he has not given the matter much thought either. The possession of the government license is said to be under the new law prima facie evidence of guilt as a bootlegger.

In appearance Erickson is a badly broken down man and admits that he has been in pretty bad luck recently. He explains the presence of the liquor at his place by insisting that he has had it in his possession there since the state went dry and as to the manufacture of beer and wine he says that it was for his own use and he believed that he had the right to manufacture it.

In the county jail he found an old friend and companion in Martin Denny, whom he claims to have brought to Oregon many years ago to participate in a prize fight and who has made this his home ever since, to the profit of Martin and expense of the state.

B. T. M'BAIN DEBATES ROAD BOND MEASURE AT OAK GROVE CLUB

B. T. McBain, of West Linn, and A. G. Johnson, of the department of public works, staged a debate Monday night at Oak Grove on the \$6,000,000 bond measure. Mr. McBain took the affirmative. He is a member of the road committee of the Oregon City Commercial club, consisting of 12 men, who have been termed the "12 disciples of road efficiency." J. Dean Butler, president of the Oak Grove Commercial club, was chairman of the meeting, at the close of which a vote was taken on the measure under discussion, with 10 votes in favor of the bill and 28 against it.

EIGHT MEN ORDERED FROM CLACKAMAS TO PRESIDIO FOR DUTY

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8.—(Special.)—Clackamas county applicants who have been ordered to the training camp of the officers' reserve corps at the Presidio are:

Earl C. Brownlee, Oregon City; Lewis P. Campbell, Milwaukie; Harry W. Crawford, Milwaukie; Edward F. Dunn, Bull Run; Lloyd O. Harding, Oregon City; C. W. Koffman, Oregon City; H. E. Williams, Oregon City; Arthur Caylor, Oregon City.

CHINESE CABINET DEMAND WAR OR WILL RESIGN

PEKING, May 9.—China is confronted by the gravest governmental crisis since the outbreak of the war. The cabinet Monday voted in favor of declaring war on Germany. The decision was submitted to President Li Yuan Hung, for transmission to parliament. The cabinet threatened that if parliament refuses to accept its decision and vote accordingly, a military dictator will be created.

A clash between the cabinet and the president is inevitable since the latter is resolved to avoid war.

STARS AND STRIPES APPEAR ON STREETS OF FRENCH CAPITAL

PARIS, May 9.—The Stars and Stripes appeared on the streets of Paris as the battle flag of an armed force this morning when the flag and 50 men of the American field service under it on their way to the railroad station for the front were acclaimed enthusiastically by early risers all along the front. Thirty-one members of the contingent are from Cornell University.

This is the first detachment of the American field service to hear arms and it is detailed for transportation of munitions to the front.

DALY'S PET IDEA FOR MORE BONDS KEPT OFF BALLOT

PORTLAND, Or., May 8.—Two of the 30 measures proposed for the ballot at the city election June 4 were pigeonholed by the city council today. Two others were held up for further investigation and the rest were sent along for ballot places.

The two measures kept off the ballot are one for a \$1,777,000 municipal lighting plant bond issue and a measure providing a new method of street vacations.

SCHOOL EMPLOYE NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN THE COLORS

PORTLAND, Or., May 9.—T. Walter Gillard, for three years employed in the truancy department of the Portland public schools under Truant Officer Hugh J. Krum, has been refused a leave of absence by the school board to attend the officers' training camp, at the Presidio, San Francisco, where he has been ordered by the federal government. If he goes in the face of the refusal to secure a leave of absence he will sacrifice his position in the school department.

Philmath: Beaver Wood Products Co. to start here. To manufacture tool, brush and broom handles.

WILLAMETTE GRADUATION EXERCISES

The eighth grade graduation exercises of the Willamette school will be held at the Willamette school building on Thursday, May 31. The class motto is "By Our Efforts We Hope to Rise." The class colors are to be gold and electric blue, and the class flower is the pink carnation.

The following are the officers and class roll: President, Arthur Rogers; vice-president, Evelyn Van Ness; secretary, Thelma DeBok; treasurer, Harry Tour; Vena Barnes, Beatie Ream, Clifford Junkin, Olga Teske, Gladys Shepherd, Gustav Schmoer and Harold Leighton. Miss Etta M. Hally is instructor of the eighth grade.

CHINESE WANTED

STOCKTON, Cal., May 9.—The directors of the Stockton Chamber of Commerce went on record yesterday asking congress to pass legislation to permit immigration of 100,000 Asiatics to harvest California's crops.

A vote on the question will be taken from the chamber membership.

HOSPITAL CORPS GO DEPART FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, May 8.—An American hospital contingent of 26 surgeons, 65 women nurses and 153 enlisted men sailed for Europe from a United States port today. It has the regular United States army surgeons in its personnel.

A surgeon of the regular army is in command. A number of the surgeons are from Lakeside hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

TWELVE DISCIPLES TO PREACH ROAD GOSPEL ALL OVER THE COUNTY

The Twelve Disciples of Road Efficiency of the Commercial club have arranged a series of meetings in various sections of Clackamas county. The speakers are Judge Grant B. Dimick, B. T. McBain, Harvey G. Starkweather, Lvy Stipp, C. Schuebel and others. They plan to discuss the merits of the \$6,000,000 road bond measure, as well as other measures that will appear on the ballot at the special election June 4. The following dates of meetings have been announced:

Needy, Thursday, May 24, Thompson's hall; Marquam, Saturday, May 19, Methodist hall; Eagle Creek, Saturday, May 19, Wilburn's hall; Boring, Thursday, May 24, Odd Fellows hall; Barton, Saturday, May 19, school house; Sandy, Saturday, May 26, Shelley's hall; Clackamas, Wednesday, May 16, Odd Fellows hall; Sunnyside, Tuesday, May 29, school house; Wilsonville, Tuesday, May 29, A. O. U. W. hall; Stafford, Monday, May 14, school house; Logan, Friday, May 18, Grange hall; Mackburg, Tuesday, May 22, Scramlin's hall; Mullino, Saturday, May 12, Mullino hall; Colton, Tuesday, May 15, school house; Beaver Creek, Saturday, May 12, Grange hall; Springwater, Tuesday, May 15, Madden's hall; Damascus, Tuesday, May 22, Elliott's hall; Frogpond, Thursday, May 31, Grange hall.

E. W. BLANCHETT TO BE HANGED ON JUNE EIGHTH

SANTA FE, N. M., May 9.—Judge Abbott has sentenced Elbert W. Blanchett, of Friday Harbor, Wash., convicted of murdering Clyde D. Armour, of Sioux City, Iowa, to be hanged on June 8.

FLOUR PRICES HAVE REACHED HIGHEST FIGURE

PORTLAND, Or., May 9.—Today the most sensational advance ever made in the local flour market or in the state, took place when all kinds of flour were shot up \$1.50 a barrel. Patents now wholesale at \$13.70 a barrel, while the retail price will range from \$15 to \$16 a barrel. Some dealers, it is expected, will ask \$2.75 a 50-pound sack for flour, with others charging \$1.

Another important factor in the flour advance was the rise of 10 to 12 cents in wheat in this market. Today bluestem is quoted at \$2.95 a bushel, the highest price ever known. While very little wheat remains in the country, it is said that none can be bought under \$3 by millers and even as high as \$3.03 is asked. With wheat going up as it is, \$20 flour is easily in sight. A barrel of flour today contains 4 1/2 bushels of wheat. Figure up the cost of wheat used in a barrel of flour and the miller's margin of profit is small.

The record-breaking price asked for wheat is the cause of prying the lid off the flour market and sending it up like a blast from Vesuvius. In Chicago today May wheat shot up to \$3.14 a bushel at one time and closed at \$3.11, an advance of 14 cents over the close of the day before. This price is the highest ever recorded and the end does not appear to be in sight.

MAY WHEAT SELLS FOR \$3

CHICAGO, May 8.—May wheat sold at \$3 a bushel today, the highest price on record. It was an advance of 17 cents. The close was at \$2.97. July wheat rose 7/8 cents to \$2.33 1/2.