

TAXATION DECLARED REPUBLICAN WORRY

Clamor for Retrenchment Is
Difficult to Allay.

LEADERS FEAR REACTION

Unless Government Expenditures
Can Be Reduced, Defeat of
Party Is Feared.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—

(Special.)—The republican answer to the clamor for reduction of taxes is that they never promised to reduce taxes. They quote the language of their platform adopted at Chicago a year ago this week. It said: "The burden of taxation imposed upon the American people is staggering, but in presenting a true statement of the situation we must face the fact that while the character of the taxes can and should be changed, an early reduction in the amount of revenue to be raised is not to be expected."

This is a perfect good official answer, and those among the republican leaders who rely on it do so with straight faces and unhesitatingly. But the republican politicians who gathered here for the meeting of the national committee last week express it, this is no good as a practical answer. They say that next year, when they are elected a new congress and when they are charged with failure to reduce government expenditures, it won't help them any on the stump to read these words from the platform and prove that they made no promises.

Republicans Must Retrench.

James W. Good, representative from Iowa, who knows the financial situation of the government as well as anybody, and is just retiring as chairman of the appropriations committee, expressed the sound view of the practical politician when he said: "The republican administration must make a big reduction in government expenditures with a consequent lifting of the tax burden. If it does not, it will be swept out of power."

That is what the republican politicians know, and that is what troubles them. They know the need, but they cannot find the way to meet that need. The fact is that some of the best informed and most responsible leaders in congress are inclined to the belief and the fear that when the end of the session has come it will be found that there are more taxes instead of less.

There is plenty of economy, entirely earnest in intention and performance, but relatively negligible in amount, when one cabinet member releases 17 lawyers who are drawing \$6000 a year each.

Little Economy Traces.

That is economy, but \$10,000 a year is a small matter in a budget whose total is about 50,000,000. The reorganization of government departments will achieve economy, but that, too, will be relatively small in amount. In spite of the impetus which the administration just put into the scheme of reorganization, the process will be slow in coming to fruit.

The opposition to reorganization is not as conspicuous as it once was. It is being put forth in favor of it, but the aggregate of this opposition is not to be ignored. Every clerk and every chief who feels a vested interest in his particular job has a congressman who is sympathetic to him. And the aggregate of these congressmen can bring to bear on congress its formidable. Sooner or later ruthless vigor will be required to put this reorganization through.

Decrease of Taxes Desired.

It may well be that the end of the session will have arrived before it is finally accomplished. Meantime, those leaders who are directly responsible for raising money don't see much real hope of decreasing taxes. The form of it may be changed, but the total burden is not likely to be decreased. A few of the leaders still believe the time has come. They base that belief on the theory that the government must have the money. But an accurate picture of the prevailing sentiment of congress on this point would have to record at the present time overwhelming opposition to the sales tax.

The only big opportunity for reducing taxes lies in reducing armaments, and we are now far enough along to make it fairly certain that no further material reduction in our expenditures for armament will occur during the present session.

The bulk of the members of congress would like to make the reduction, but they don't want to do it until such time as they can get assurances from the president that their action does not embarrass him.

AD MEN INDOORSE FAIR

ACTION TAKEN BY RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Approval Unanimous and Equivalent to Indorsement by Entire

Gathering at Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 15.—(Special.)—Portland played a prominent part in today's activities of the annual convention of the Associated Advertisers of the world. The 1925 exposition received its first official world-wide recognition and indorsement through unanimous approval by the resolutions committee of the formal resolution as presented in full by the Portland delegation and backed by the solid Pacific coast delegation with voluntary support coming from many delegates from various parts of the world.

This action is equivalent to indorsement by the entire convention of more than 1000 delegates, to which it will be presented for formal ratification tomorrow afternoon.

Formal boom for Portland to entertain the world advertising convention in 1925 was launched by tonight at the annual meeting of the board of presidents and was received with enthusiasm.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE BEGUN

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pound which China is to be required to establish at the port of Tsingtau on the bay Kiau Choo. Japan, it is explained, never has taken over all of the railroad properties formerly operated by the Germans in Shan-

ting, confining her claims to that portion of the railroad Tsingtau to Tsinanfu and leaving the important line crossing the province at the latter junction in the hands of the former operators. Under the nominal control of the Chinese government it is proposed that Japan operate the Tsinanfu-Tsingtau branch jointly with the Chinese.

ALLIANCE RENEWAL TOPIC

Yap Control Also Discussed by Diplomatic Advisory Council.

TOKIO, June 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the question of control over Yap were discussed at today's meeting of the diplomatic advisory council, it was declared by local newspapers.

Many newspapers hold the opinion that the renewed form of the alliance must be offensive to America.

The importance which the government is giving to the question of the Anglo-Japanese alliance is shown by the suppression of issues of several newspapers whose utterances are considered undesirable.

WAR ON BEETLES URGED

TIMBER WORTH MILLIONS IS DECLARED MENACED.

BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE BY MR. McNARY ASKING APPROPRIATION TO COMBAT PEST.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 15.—Senator McNary introduced a bill in the senate today asking for \$150,000 to prevent loss of timber from insect infestation in the national forests of Oregon and California. The bill was offered at the request of the secretary of agriculture. In explanation of the bill Senator McNary said: "After a careful study by the bureau of entomology of the department of agriculture, the bureau has estimated that approximately 1,000,000,000 feet of yellow and sugar pine timber have been killed by the bark beetle over a million and a quarter acres situated in the national forests. The monetary loss involved amounts to more than \$2,000,000, and unless heroic measures are taken, the loss will be even greater. It will encompass all the valuable pine timber in this belt.

"Infestation covers part of Fremont and Crater national forests in Oregon, and the Modoc, Klamath and Shasta national forests in California; the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon; the land formerly granted to the Oregon & California Railroad company and small tracts of lightly timbered public domain."

GUARDS OFF FOR TRAINING

1050 OREGON MEN ON WAY TO CAMP LEWIS.

General White and Other Officers Appear Satisfied With Size of Various Companies.

That military preparedness is still a live issue was demonstrated yesterday morning in the departure of 1500 national guardsmen of Oregon for two weeks' training at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens.

The guardsmen were mustered at the armory, and marched to the Union station carrying full equipment. The men enroute for Camp Lewis in three trains. The first section carried units from McMinnville, Eugene, Roseburg, Salem, Silverton and other cities for nearly every section of the state was represented in the volunteer army which will study war-making.

Adjutant-General George A. White is in command of the troops. General White and other officers appeared satisfied with the size of the citizen army. Many units were recruited to war strength, and all were filled to normal strength.

The bulk of the regiment will go to Camp Lewis for infantry and artillery training. A detachment of the coast artillery will practice handling the big guns at Fort Stevens.

RAIL DIVIDENDS DECLARED

NEW YORK CENTRAL, NORTHERN PACIFIC SLICE MELON.

Puget Sound Power & Light Company Directors Make Quarterly Allowance on Stock.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The New York Central today declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

NEW YORK, June 15.—The Northern Pacific today declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

After the directors' meeting, Howard Elliott, chairman, said:

"This payment is not from earnings of property in 1921, but from a fund accumulated in previous years, but out of a surplus heretofore accumulated and not distributed."

BOSTON, June 15.—The directors of the Puget Sound Power & Light company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock payable July 15. This is an increase from a basis of 3 per cent a year to 6 per cent.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., June 15.—The Prairie Pipe Line company today declared a dividend of \$3 a share, payable July 30 to stockholders of record June 20.

TAX REVISION CONSIDERED

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Walter Pierce of La Grande, Charles Brand of Roseburg, C. H. Chapman of Portland and E. H. Smith of Lakeview.

Next Meeting Is July 2.

The next meeting of the committee will be held in Portland on July 2, when a permanent secretary will be employed. The pay of this official will be fixed by the governor and will come out of an appropriation of \$10,000 authorized by the last legislature. Headquarters will be established in Portland.

Preceding the meeting Governor Olcott, in a written statement, presented to the committee an outline of the policy of taxation adopted by J. P. Beysers, assessor of Coos county. This plan, the governor said, had appealed to him as sound and had been responsible for greatly increasing the county revenue. The plan will be considered by the committee.

The committee will file its report at the next session of the legislature.

S. & H. Green stamps for cash. Holman P. Co. coal and wood. Main 353; 560-21.—Adv.

AMERICA ANSWERS CALL OF HUMANITY

Secretary Hughes Declares
Helpful World Policy.

IMPERIALISM IS SCORED

United States Adherents to Cause
of Civilization for Which Their
Men Died in Europe.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 15.—Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state, told a gathering of his fellow alumni of Brown university today that it was not desirable that America's helpful influence should be frittered away "by relating ourselves unnecessarily to political questions which involve rivalries of interest abroad with which we have no proper concern."

"It is equally true," he continued, "that we cannot escape our relation to the economic problems of the world."

He said the prosperity of this country largely depended on the economic settlements which might be made in Europe, and that the key to the future was with those who made and controlled these settlements.

America, the exemplar of free institutions, aiding humanity, he said, called forth the supreme endeavor in the world war.

Sentiment Still Lives.

"This sentiment is still with us," he added. "We have not lost the capacity for the high and unselfish endeavor which linked us in unity and joy of service in the crisis of the world war. The springs of faith, of mutual trust, of fellowship, have not dried up."

"Our men did not go forth to fight for this nation as one of imperialistic designs and cunning purpose, or to protect a land where avarice might find its reward. They offered their lives and all the energies of the country were harnessed in the supreme effort, because we loved the institutions of liberty and democracy, and we hated tyranny and the brutality and ruthlessness, which found expression in the worship of force, and because we found our fate linked with that of the free peoples who were struggling for the preservation of the essentials of freedom."

America Friend of Nations.

"It would not be fitting for me at this time to discuss our foreign relation. But I am glad to say that the message of America is one of cordial friendship to all nations. We have no questions which mutual good will and the processes of reason cannot solve. We have no subtle duplicity of meaning, no soft words to conceal a purpose of self-aggrandizement at others' expense. The only method of diplomacy we know is that of candid discussion of the merits of problems. This, we think, is the way to prosper a cause beloved to be just and we shall advance no other."

"The world is settling down, but it is not yet settled. The counsel of peace and expediency and expediency as the serious problems left by the great war press for solution."

Equal Privileges Demanded.

"The equal seeks not an acre of territory by reason of its participation in the struggle that led to victory. Nor do we wish any exclusive March in the possessions of the world as a result of the war, have passed under new control."

"We simply ask that we shall not be excluded from equal privileges wherever our interests are affected. That seems to us to be a reasonable position."

BODY IS FOUND IN RIVER

Auto of Gold Hill Man Dashed Into
Rogue Not Yet Located.

GOLD HILL, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—The body of William L. Childers of Gold Hill, who, with his wife, drowned in Rogue river June 2, was located near the mouth of the river, near the Grants Pass irrigation district system Tuesday.

Childers, a native of Iowa, was killed after a truck collided with their automobile on the Pacific highway. The automobile was dashed into the river by a log jam. The body of Mrs. Childers was recovered several miles below the point of the accident. The auto has not yet been located.

Mr. Childers was 73 years old and a native of Appanoose county, Iowa. He had been a resident of Gold Hill district the last 20 years and was engaged in the sawmill business. Those surviving are three sons, James, Frank, and Charles, all of Gold Hill, and Harry Childers of Nebraska.

PURE WATER DEMANDED

Oswego Company Taken to Task by
Public Service Commission.

SALEM, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—The Oswego Lake Water & Power company, which supplies water to the consumers of Oswego, today was denounced by the Oregon public service commission to improve its water supply and to pay penalty of \$1000 for having the complaint referred to the attorney-general for legal action.

Recent tests made by the state board of health, submitted by our engineer," said the order, "show from satisfactory conditions, and in this connection we wish to state that unless our previous order is fully complied with that the entire matter will be referred to the attorney-general for such action as he may deem proper."

Complaints were received recently by the commission to the effect that the water furnished by this corporation was impure.

Obituary.

William Walker.

EUGENE, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—William Walker, for a number of years a farmer north of Goshen and known to all residents of that locality, died at his home near Tangent, aged 80 years. Mr. Walker was a native of Canada, born of Scotch parent-

age, and resided in Missouri before coming to Oregon in 1885. He is survived by his widow and three children, A. McGregor, who resides near Tangent; Mrs. Arthur S. Benson of the family residence. Pneumonia, which he contracted while on the supreme court, and Miss Pearl McGregor of Seattle.

Dorothy Miller.

Dorothy Miller, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Miller of 1419 Curtis street, died Tuesday night at the family residence. Pneumonia, which she contracted while on the supreme court, and Miss Pearl McGregor of Seattle.

Singhild Sophia Renta.

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 15.—(Special.)—Miss Singhild Sophia Renta, 17 years old, died at the home of her parents in Cosmopolis yesterday after a lingering illness.

PRICES OF FOOD DECLINE

BIDS RECEIVED BY STATE
SHOW RECEDED COSTS.

Substantial Reductions Indicated
Since Last December in All
Staple Articles Sought.

SALEM, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Substantial reductions in the cost of foodstuffs since last December were indicated in bids received here today by the state board of control for food supplies for the state institutions during the period of July 10 to December 31 of this year. December was purchased by the state at \$2.27 the 100 pounds, dropped to \$2.69, while beet sugar fell from \$8.27 the 100 pounds to \$6.

Fresh beef, the principal meat used at the institutions, dropped from \$12.20 the 100 pounds to \$8.95. Bacon declined in price approximately 10 cents a pound, while flour was against \$8 last December.

Other material reductions included salt, from \$21.50 to \$17.30 a ton; beans, from \$5.20 to \$3.95 the 100 pounds; coffee, 36 to 24 1/2 cents a pound; rolled oats, from \$4.65 to \$3.35 the 100 pounds; and soap, from \$5.35 to \$4.29 a case.

Practically all other supplies used by the institutions took similar drops in prices, according to R. B. Goodin, state purchasing agent.

Contracts for supplies for the institutions for the six months' period will become effective July 1.

CUT IN COAL COST PLAN

TACOMA FUEL MEN PLEDGE
AID TO CAMPAIGN.

State Commission Calls Meeting in
Effort to Get Mines Open
and Prevent Shortage.

TACOMA, Wash., June 15.—Reduction in cost of production and distribution of coal mined in this state was forecast yesterday following a meeting of the state coal commission held here in an effort to devise means if possible of reopening state coal mines, closed since the workers walked out last March.

With coal bunkers in Tacoma reported practically empty and a similar situation said to exist in other parts of the state, the commission expressed the fear today that a crisis will be reached next winter unless arrangements are made now to provide for the demand to come later.

Production and distribution costs, it was declared, offered the only solution for restoring the coal mining industry of the state to normal. Means to stimulate the purchase of Washington coal by the public also was discussed. Tacoma fuel dealers who attended yesterday's conference pledged themselves to aid in the campaign to swing local consumers to Washington coal and to increase the production, which in turn would bring about lower production costs, according to members of the commission.

ARMY CONTRACT VOIDED

WAR DEPARTMENT AWARD IS
CANCELED BY PRESIDENT.

Attorney-General Holds That ex-
Officers Might Profit From
Sale of Harness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—On advice of the attorney-general, President Harding has annulled war department contracts with the United States Harness company for disposal of surplus harness. Daughter held these contracts to violate criminal code sections prohibiting participation by government officers or employees in such transactions.

Secretary Weeks said the attorney-general had concluded that certain former temporary army officers, intended to benefit by the contracts with the harness company and that the war department naturally had followed the advice of the attorney-general.

Secretary Weeks said the case now was in the hands of the department of justice for such action as it deemed proper. The only other war contract case transmitted to the department of justice, Mr. Weeks added, was that known as the "salmon case."

FIRE BURNS FARM HOUSE.

THE DALLES, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Fire last night destroyed the 12,000-acre ranch home belonging to Mrs. Lois Gilpin, eight miles east of The Dalles. Lincoln Gilpin, the owner's son, has been running the place, but was absent at the time. The fire was thought to have started from a defective flue. The loss was only partly covered by insurance.

ROAD BUILDERS REACH CONDON.

CONDON, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—The Newport Construction company arrived in Condon this week with four carloads of livestock and material to commence on the five-mile stretch of the John Day highway just north of Condon. The work is in charge of A. D. Kern. The road enters the main street of the city at the side street just south of Shelley's garage.

Among the members of the national board of review of the motion picture is William Agnew Barrett, known to the reading public as a poet. He has seen most motion pictures that anyone else in the United States, if not in the whole world.

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WOOLEY LANDS IN JAIL

THREAT TO KILL FATHER OF
SWEETHEART CHARGED.

Anty Kungas Said to Have Suggest-
ed Murder in Letter to
16-Year-Old Girl.

ASTORIA, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Anty Kungas was arrested this afternoon on an information charging him with threatening to commit a felony, and was committed to the county jail to await a preliminary hearing tomorrow afternoon. Kungas was accused of writing a letter to Hannah Tylikainen, 15-year-old daughter of T. Tylikainen, in which he was said to have threatened to kill the father.

The letter, which was in the Finnish language, was in the office of District Attorney Erickson. It was dated June 11, 1921, and has been translated as follows:

"Dearest and loveliest Hannah: You would never forget those many evenings we spent together last year, before that old devil found out anything about it and then ordered you and me away. The worst mistake was because we did not kill that old devil during that Christmas time in the barn, when I was with Will for that purpose, but Lila, the devil was there."

"Now you try to tell in court that father, the devil did that, so that the jury will believe it and I will be clear. If we cannot get the blame on the devil, then we will go and choke him in bed at night for it will pan out well. You go and call the dog away so that I and Will can climb in through the kitchen window and after he is dead, then we will carry him into the wood shed and hang him on a beam, so that everyone will think he hung himself."

"Dear, burn him as soon as you have read it. If it comes into the hands of a Finn we three will go to the hot place."

While the letter was written to 15-year-old Hannah Tylikainen, the father read it when the mail arrived at the family home. The woman immediately turned it over to the authorities.

LEGION GROWS IN IDAHO

10,000 New Members Obtained in
State-Wide Campaign.

BOISE, Idaho, June 15.—(Special.)—The American Legion drive in Idaho reaped a grand total of 10,000 new members.

The campaign has been highly successful. Referring to the drive, the Portland, northwest field representative, who was in charge of the drive, said: "We were successful in selling the legion not only to former service men and women, but to the general public. Members of posts will continue their enrollment work until every loyal American citizen has been secured. These out of the fold will be made to understand that their cooperation is a necessity if we are to obtain the relief we seek for our less fortunate 'buddies' who are sick and disabled and in need of aid to which they are entitled from a grateful country."

TAX REFUND IS \$2,217

Motor Fuel Assessments to Be
Given Back.

SALEM, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Refund of taxes paid on motor fuels under a new law enacted at the last session of the legislature, during the period from March 1, 1921, to May 31, 1921, aggregated \$2217.17, according to a report prepared here today by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state.

Reports of the auditor of state for March and April and estimates for the month of May indicated that the sale of motor fuels in Oregon during that period totaled 11,700,000 gallons.

Motor fuel oils used in boats, stationery engines, for cleaning clothing, and in other industrial pursuits are subject to refund. The same also is true of fuel oil used in tractors when employed exclusively in farm work.

TIMBER CRUISE IS ASKED

Douglas County Assessor Foresees
Increase in Valuation.

MEDFORD, Or., June 15.—(Special.)—Cruising and classifying the timber and farm lands of Jackson county so as to produce a more equitable assessment and taxes was urged by Douglas county assessor at the forum meeting of the chamber of commerce today. A resolution was adopted requesting the county court to take the necessary steps to procure such action.

"A thorough cruise of the timber in Jackson county," said Mr. Coleman, "would increase the valuation from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 and reduce the taxes from 20 to 30 per cent."

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