

TARIFF IS PUZZLE TO BOTH PARTIES

Specific Rates to Be Kept Secret for Present.

FACT CREATES DISQUIET

Democrats Taunt Republicans With Uncertainty Regarding Just What Is Wanted.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—If any leader in either party thinks he can force what turns out to be a tariff debate will make, he has not enough confidence in his foresight to make him feel comfortable.

The Democrats taunt the Republicans with not knowing what they want in the way of a tariff. The Republicans taunt the Democrats with not knowing what they want. Unhappily for the Republicans, however, it is they who have the responsibility for wanting the bill.

They are busy at it now. The ways and means committee consists of 15 Republicans and 15 Democrats. It is the 15 Republicans who will determine the bill and the 15 Democrats only two, namely, Longworth of Ohio and Ford of Michigan, have had any experience in tariff making. All other Republicans are comparatively new men.

Rates to Be Withheld.

Among the Republican members of the ways and means committee there is an understanding that no information shall be given out as to specific rates on different schedules until the bill as a whole is complete. Nevertheless there is a constant trickle of disquieting hints that the figures now being fixed will be revealed in a higher tariff than ever before. The mere fact that this information leaks and the fact that it creates disquiet among the rank and file of the Republican members of the house is evidence of a sort of uncertainty of mind.

Not only are the leaders uncertain as to just what they want, the various blocs also seem uncertain. When the emergency tariff bill was up most of the momentum in the house came from the senators and representatives of western farming communities. Senator Macomber of North Dakota was especially conspicuous in advocacy of it.

Stand Steadfast Reversed.

On the other hand, now that the permanent measure is coming under discussion, the opposition to high rates seems to come from exactly the same territory that favored high rates in the emergency bill.

The insurgent movement, which overthrew the earliest proposal put out by the ways and means committee, was led by a representative from North Dakota, George M. Young, and the protests which have been made against the tariff in the lower house come from this same middle west district.

Of the two leaders of the ways and means committee, Ford of Michigan is commonly accepted as a thoroughgoing old-fashioned protectionist, whose motto is "the higher the better." Longworth, on the other hand, is a protectionist in name only, whose motto is "the higher the better, but the lower the better."

Opposition Is Expected.

That there will be opposition to an extremely high tariff from Republican senators from New England can be taken for granted. It has already been expressed and more of it is clamoring for a chance at expression. It is safe to say that the discussions of the ways and means committee have not revealed unity among the Republican tariff makers in that body, nor is it likely to be unity among the Republicans on the floor when the bill arrives there. There is a great opening in the lower house for someone who has the qualities of leadership, including the indispensable one of knowing what he wants.

GARDNER IS RECAPTURED

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Within 30 feet of where I lay under a bush. I stayed there till dark. Then I worked my way back to the railroad tracks. The fireman was down working with the water when I crawled onto the cowcatcher. There were men all about the train.

Arriving here he went to the Dale. The next morning he was planning on lying low for a few days, then boarding a Pullman south as far as his money would take him. He had enough to get beyond Portland.

Gardner, following his capture, showed that the officers had used correct strategy in waiting for him to come out. If the road had been guarded tightly enough he could not have broken through.

"No, I wasn't going to try it across those mountains, east or west. It was north or south for me. At no time was I more than a mile from town."

Outlaw Would Not Kill.

"Would it have been a showdown if they had cornered you?" he was asked.

"No," declared Gardner. "I've never killed a man and I'm never going to start in. If they had cornered me I'd have said, 'All right, boys, and walked out with my hands up.'"

Seven chickens and green onions were all the food Gardner had during his stay near Castle Rock. He lay in the brush just east of town from Saturday morning until Monday night. He said he had not seen Flynn when he left the train.

Sunday, Southern Pacific special agent, was walking eastward on a spur line he passed within 20 feet of the fugitive, Gardner told him today. Three men were with Cuturi.

"Why didn't you say hello?" Cuturi asked him.

"Maybe I would if you had been alone," parried Gardner. "Four are too many for any man."

Escape Planned at Portland.

Gardner originally planned his escape at Portland, but one slip prevented. His light pistol was strapped tightly against his stomach by a wide belt. The belt was drawn so tightly that the weapon was imbedded in his flesh. Guards passed their hands over without noticing the line or bulge. With everything in readiness he would have drawn and bolted at the union station.

W. G. Chandler, district special agent of the Southern Pacific, from Dunsmuir, Cal., entered the car just at the moment planned for the escape. He carried his baby to have a look at the prisoner.

"If I'd stuck you up you'd have dropped the kid," explained Gardner

to Chandler today, "so I passed you by."

A large crowd gathered around the Centralia jail. All were curious, many refusing to believe that Gardner was really in the jail. So close did they crowd that a window in the front of the jail was crushed in.

Gardner Is Model Prisoner.

Gardner, as a prisoner, was a model. He made friends, answered every question fired at him, except those regarding his gun, and where he had been by the first weapon. He laughed and joked. No one in the entire crowd seemed as care-free or as cheerful as he, except, perhaps, United States Marshal Holohan, who had his grip packed to leave for San Francisco when the news of Gardner's capture reached him at Castle Rock.

Every precaution has been taken to see that Gardner gets safely to McNell's island. He was stripped and searched by special agents and guarded closely. He left in custody of Marshal Holohan and a large group of officers who have assisted in the chase. Arrangements were made to have a launch meet the train at Tacoma at 6:30 tonight and take Gardner to the island, where he has been sentenced to serve two terms of 25 years each.

PRODIGY SCORES AGAIN

MICHAEL J. NOLAN ASTONISHES UNIVERSITY MEN.

Perfect Score Made in Supposedly Difficult Test Formulated by Psychologists.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 16.—Michael John Nolan, who recently astonished University of Washington psychologists by making a perfect score in the army alpha intelligence test, a feat unequalled by the million or more who took the test during the war, again held the limelight at the university today through his achievement yesterday in surpassing all competitors in the "Cabrera" intelligence test formulated by the psychology department.

The test consisted of 180 questions intended to reveal the candidate's mental ability and general information and was characterized as difficult by school authorities. Nolan achieved a perfect score of 207, 17 points ahead of his nearest rival. He required only 25 minutes in which to answer the test, consisting of five minutes under the time allowed.

Nolan is 41 years of age, and his previous education, before entering the university last year, consisted of several terms in a grammar school in Ireland.

MINERAL RIGHTS TAXABLE

Attorney-General Rules Suspended Assessments Can Be Revived.

SALEM, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—Mineral rights which have not been assessed for the last five years, can be assessed by the sheriff and should be assessed to real property, according to a legal opinion given today by the attorney-general.

Such mineral rights can be assessed separately from the land and in case such mineral rights are owned apart from the surface of such real estate. The opinion was asked by the state tax commissioner.

RAILWAY PROTEST FAILS

Objection to Higher Tax Rate on Gross Receipts Denied.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 16.—As an aftermath of the announcement made by officials of the Southern Pacific company in San Francisco yesterday afternoon that a suit would be filed in the federal court to test the validity of the King tax bill increasing the state tax rate on the gross receipts of steam railroads from 5% to 7 per cent, the state board of equalization today denied the protest of the Southern Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe against the use of the 7 per cent rate.

MRS. AGEE IS DISPUTED

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It was the community custom to sleep with doors unlocked or open. Careless murderers in that vicinity in future were inviting sudden death.

Inspectors Goltz, Tackaberry and Wright made what may prove the vital discovery in the whole case when they went to the Drut-street neighborhood late Wednesday and by some intensive work identified the death razor.

Boy Is Witness.

Yesterday, before the grand jury, little Vernon Agee is understood to have told the same story he told the officers. He was taken in charge yesterday by Mrs. Mary E. Davis, probation officer of the court of domestic relations, and will be cared for at the home of the boys' and girls' aid society until the case is cleared up.

At the inquest Monday night Mrs. Agee was asked if she had ever seen the black-handled razor, found with blood upon the blade about 25 feet from the front porch early the next morning following the tragedy. As she took it in her hand and examined it, she said she had not.

"This was not around your house, was it?"

"No."

"Never saw it before?"

"No."

"Did your husband have a razor?"

"He did."

"What kind of a razor was that?"

"His razor?"

"Yes."

"It had a mottled handle."

"Razor Is Described."

Later in the examination Mrs. Agee was asked if her husband shaved at home and answered that he did and used a safety razor with mottled brown and white handle.

"Horn handle?"

"Yes, I guess so."

"He had that razor for some time—the brown and white handled one?"

"Yes."

"Was that razor found in the house, the one the witness described?" asked a jurymen.

Deputy District Attorney Pierce answered yes, he thought it was.

Boy Admits Ownership.

Little Vernon Agee, questioned by officers Wednesday, said his father had two razors, and showed them the place on the shelf where they were kept. The black-handled one was missing. He said Mrs. Agee sometimes shaved his father's razor. When shown the death razor, he identified it at once as that owned by his father.

By a twist of fate, Joseph Hamerley, chief deputy district attorney, who, with Deputy Samuel Pierce, is handling the investigation of the case, is a member of the Eastern Star and Rebekah lodges, to which Mrs. Agee belongs, and is also a Woodman and Mason, in both of which orders Mr. Agee held membership.

The funeral of the dead man awaits further developments in the investigation of the case.

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HOLT ASKS HARDING TO REDEEM PROMISE

Light on Proposed League Substitute Asked.

ACTION HELD IMPERATIVE

World on Brink of Revolution, Says New Yorker; League of Some Sort Pressing Need.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Hamilton Holt, magazine editor, who headed the delegation of pro-league Republicans that called on ex-President Wilson during the last presidential campaign, today made public a letter he had written President Harding asking him to explain to the American people the terms of the Harding association proposed to supplant the Wilson league of nations.

"If you delay much further, people everywhere will inevitably conclude that you have no concrete plan at all, and that you are only a substitute for a substitute for the league," declared Mr. Holt. "In that event, there will be nothing left for those who have held the league in the past, and who want America to play her rightful part in stabilizing the world but to organize the country so as to capture Congress for the league in 1922 and the presidency in 1924. This can be done, for the vast majority of the American people—Republicans as well as Democrats—believe in the States to enter some sort of a league or association with enough teeth in it definitely to stabilize the world as Victor Hugo prophesied. The only battlefield will be the market opening to commerce and the mind opening to new ideas."

Mr. Holt, a member of the League to Enforce Peace, took a hand in the last presidential campaign by making public a list of 100 Republicans who had bolted the Harding ranks. His letter follows:

"It is now six years that the league of nations issue has been before the country. It is now two years that you, as senator, presidential candidate, president-elect and president, have held the league of nations issue officially before you.

"As senator, you voted to have the United States enter the existing league provided the League amendments were made part of the act of ratification.

"As presidential candidate you left the country and even your own followers in doubt as to your attitude. Thirty-one pre-eminent Republicans—men of the highest character and ability—were your secretaries of state. Mr. Hughes, and your secretary of commerce, Mr. Hoover—assured their fellow-countrymen that you would go into the existing league, and that you would not permit the amendments to be made part of the act of ratification.

"As president-elect you did not see fit to disclose your attitude on the league beyond what you had said during the campaign. Both the '21' and the 'Irreconcilables' claimed you for their own."

Harvey Speech Unchecked.

"As president, however, you have unequivocally repudiated the existing league of nations, whose area comprises considerably more than half the earth and whose population numbers three-quarters of the human race. You even permitted without rebuke your ambassador at the court of St. James to say that you will have nothing to do with any 'commission' or committee appointed by the league or responsible to it directly or indirectly, openly or furtively."

"As president-elect you have, as presidential candidate, repeatedly promised, during the campaign, and as president you have reiterated that promise, that you will seek to establish an association of nations based upon the application of justice and right, and pointing the way to a higher civilization and international fraternity in which all the world might share."

"You have not yet given the American people the slightest inkling of the terms of this Harding amendment. You have not yet explained to the 48 members of the present league to scrap it and come into your association unless two things are perfectly clear:

"First—That the new association is substantially as good as or better than the existing league; and

"Second—That this time a proposal of a president of the United States will have the permanent and overwhelming support of the American people."

Full Publicity Required.

"You are a statesman of sufficient experience to know that our people will not support your association—no matter how excellent—without the fullest preliminary discussion. Events of the last two years have demonstrated this. You cannot therefore, hope to get public opinion behind your association without taking your countrymen into your confidence."

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support to assure the ratification of your association by two-thirds of the senate. As your party was the one that first made the league a party issue, the democratic senators would really be human now if they turned the tables and also made your association a party issue. They control more than a third of the votes in the senate and they can block you as you and your colleagues blocked Mr. Wilson.

"If you expect to gain democratic support, it is incumbent upon you to propose an association so concrete and effective as to commend itself to the enlightened sense of both parties. Therefore, the sooner you and your colleagues block Mr. Wilson, the better."

World Held Imperiled.

"There is another and even more important reason why you should disclose the details of your plan at once. The world is on the brink of revolution, famine and pestilence. The only two great ideas that have come out of this war as world panaceas are the league of nations and bolshevism. If you represent the league and delay too long suggesting anything in its place you run the very real risk of making the world believe you have no plan at all, and if that comes to be generally believed can you guarantee that the world would not turn to bolshevism?"

"Mr. President, the time has come for you to redeem your promise."

"The country and the world have waited long enough to know just what kind of an association the league of nations is. If you delay much further, people everywhere will inevitably conclude that you have no concrete plan at all, and that you are only a substitute for a substitute for the league."

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GARDNER CAPTURE EXCITES CENTRALIA

Throngs Surround Jail to Get Glimpse of Captive.

IDENTITY IS CONFESSED

Mail Train Robber Refuses to Comment on Location of Money Taken From U. S. Marshal.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—Never since the Armistice day murders, November 11, 1918, has Centralia known such excitement as when the news spread about today that Roy Gardner, escaped mail-train robber, had been captured in the city, after taking refuge here two days.

People gathered in increasing numbers about the city jail from the first word of his capture until he was marched to the train at 4:30 P. M. Gardner, between two men and a member of the United States Marshal's guard of Centralia, was taken to the train at 4:30 P. M. A crowd of several hundred swept over the station platform and crowded close around the little group where Gardner, handcuffed to Morris Cotter, Southern Pacific special agent of Portland, and Dan Hunter, O. W. R. & N. special agent of Portland, was held more as a departing hero than a bandit bound to a federal prison for a term amounting to life.

Gardner Visits Festival.

Gardner's hands and face swathed in bandages, the "victim" of burns, became a well-known figure in his short stay in town. He chatted with groups in the restaurants, visited the strawberry festival and appeared thoroughly at ease. For the first time since his escape he found access to the papers and read details of the hunt.

Suspicion had fallen upon him from the morning after his entry into the city, when he registered at the Oxford hotel, Mrs. Marion Howell, proprietor of the hotel, sensed that something was wrong from the moment he entered. He appeared to be a resident of the city, and he was not a stranger to the register for him. There seemed little to substantiate her suspicions, and although his hands were watched he was not molested.

Hunch Is Lucky.

Peter J. McMurray of Tacoma, Northern Pacific special agent, a member of the posse that had hunted Gardner between Castle Rock and Kelso, had a lucky hunch and shifted his scene of operations from Castle Rock to Centralia late Wednesday night. He learned of the rumor this morning and joined Police Officer Louis Sonny when he went to the Oxford.

Gardner ran from the hallway into his room. He was sitting on the bed when the officers came to his door. He appeared both indignant and surprised and denied any knowledge of Gardner. He objected strenuously to having his name connected with the case. McMurray rolled up one sleeve, revealing the tell-tale tattoo marks. They then began to remove the bandages from his face, but Gardner complained of pain. Examination revealed not a raw burn, but a six-day crop of reddish gray whiskers.

Identity Is Confessed.

Then Gardner gave up and confessed his identity. He had no weapons and none could be found. In jail Gardner rapidly became the hero of the whole affair. He laughed and chatted. His large gray-blue eyes flashed, a gold tooth glittered at either side of his mouth at each word. Men, women and children clamored to see him. His stalwart, youthful face, his straightforward manner and fine features gave the air of an athlete. His personality drew people to him. They left the jail declaring that surely the man could not be a criminal.

Comment Is Refused.

Gardner's pistol and about \$200 taken from the train guards at Castle Rock could not be located. He refused to make any comment upon it. "That would be telling," was his only comment.

It is probable that somewhere near Castle Rock or somewhere near Centralia, he has left a little cache for a desperate chance that may come during the long years on McNell's island. There is a bare chance that someone in the hills near Sacramento may be hidden. Gardner at one time admitted stealing a mail pouch at Sacramento on the morning of May 10, 1921, and took officers on

Haynes' Appointment Surprise.

The recent appointment of Mr. Haynes of Ohio to be in charge of the prohibition enforcement is a case in point. The selection was non-political to such a degree as to be almost humorous. The stories about it in Washington about it is that the chief influence which pressed Mr. Haynes on President Harding was William Jennings Bryan, and through Mr. Bryan the Anti-Saloon league.

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a fruitless search for it. He declared yesterday, however, that he had led the officers on that search with the sole hope of finding a chance to escape. He freely admits the mail robbery at San Diego in April, 1920, and the one at Roseville, Cal., May 20, 1921, but practically all loot from these was recovered.

U. S. Marshal Happy.

No man in the entire force on Gardner's trail was more overjoyed than United States Marshal Holohan, the man from whose deputies Gardner escaped. The first word from Centralia caught the marshal as he was leaving his hotel for the depot at Castle Rock to depart for San Francisco. An hour and a half later he was shaking Gardner's hand through the bars of his cell in the Centralia jail, 40 miles away.

"To the newspapers and the telephone operators belong a good share of the credit," declared Mr. Holohan. "The entire country was aroused and Gardner dared not go far in any direction without detection. In our previous experience with Gardner we have never had newsmen and photographers in the hunt as they did the last few days."

Reward Is Uncertain.

The matter of reward is clouded, but it is probable that the government will pay \$5000 for his capture. The greater share of this at least will go undoubtedly to Mrs. Howell. A standing reward of \$5000 is provided by congress for the capture of any mail train robber. This, however, is thought to be due the persons who captured him at Roseville. A federal reward will be paid, but it may be small in comparison.

Gardner's sentence also is a matter of doubt. He has been sentenced twice to 25 years in prison. The sentences may run concurrently or consecutively. It is probable that a 25-year sentence will be held sufficient punishment.

Gardner had little hope of escape on his way to McNell's island. Being sides being handcuffed to the other two 250-pound special agents, Hunter and Cotter, he was accompanied by United States Marshal Holohan, Postal Inspectors Austin of San Francisco and Linebaum of Portland, and Special Agents Woe, Chandler, P. Dunsmuir, Cal., and Peter J. McMurray, N. P. Tacoma. Postal Inspector George E. Lewis of San Francisco returned to Portland on the 6:19 train tonight.

Case Transferred to Federal Court.

KALAMA, Wash., June 16.—(Special.)—The case of Mrs. Adelaide Russell, an agent of the O. W. R. & N. company, will be taken to the United States district court and tried before Judge Cushman, as Mrs. Russell is no longer a resident of the county. The Russell is suing the company for \$40,000 damages for the death of her husband, Carl Russell, brakeman, who was killed here last November when a car toppled over on him, crushing him to death.

Cools Bay Dredge Inspected.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 16.—(Special.)—James H. Polhemus, manager of the Port of Portland, and J. Healy, master mechanic for the same body, have been directing the operations and tests of the new Cools Bay suction dredge. The dredge has been behaving well, but the estimates of her capacity cannot be determined until the engineers provide final data. The dredge is built to excavate between 500 and 1000 yards in an eight-hour day.

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