

POLL TAX RESULTS IN WASHINGTON HIT

Decrease in Receipts for
1922 Predicted.

MANY ALIENS ARE MISSED

Levy Declared Added Burden on
Taxpayers and Thousands of
Workers Who Cannot Pay.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—The poll-tax law of the state of Washington does not appear to have gained anything in popularity by reason of the official statement in its justification issued a few days ago by State Treasurer Babcock. Perhaps it would be better to say that the law does not appear to have lost anything of its unpopularity, since this would indicate the shorter distance to go in the direction opposite to that which the law has so far traveled in public esteem. Never popular, acceptable only as a means of escape from threatened infliction of large increase to the general property tax, it would be difficult, at this stage of the proceedings, to make friends for the law or to weaken the determination of its opponents to bring about its repeal.

In an earlier article from The Oregonian bureau it was predicted that there would be a marked falling off in poll-tax payments for 1922. This prediction is based on the multiplying evidences of public disfavor; on the movement for repeal by the initiative; on the plain statements of county assessors, treasurers and sheriffs; and there is little dissent among these—that full and fair collection of the tax is impractical under the law; on abatement of the patriotic impulse to contribute to the soldiers' bonus, and on the attorney-general's ruling, virtually exempting the wives of poll-tax-paying husbands. There has been no falling off thus far, since the law prevailed only in the 1921 legislative session, and the second year of trial has scarcely begun.

Treasurer's Statement Answered.

Treasurer Babcock's statement breathes the satisfaction of the state administration with the results, or, at any rate, with the revenues of the first year of the poll tax. Mr. Babcock shows statistically that the tax was collected from many more persons than had exercised the privilege of voting in the 1920 election. His inferential argument is that, since they didn't vote, they couldn't vote, and this is offered in support of the state treasurer's assumption that poll tax was paid by 148,859 persons who could not in any other way be induced to contribute to the support of state government and state institutions.

Critics of the law do not agree as to the validity of this conclusion and of some others declared by the state treasurer. Mr. Babcock, they point out, bases this line of argument on his comparison of the number paying poll tax with the number actually voting in 1920. He does not make even speculative allowance for the number of persons qualified to vote, and he does not make allowance for the number of persons who did not vote, nor does he draw his comparison with the number of persons registered to vote in 1920. He shows wherein he strikes his total by adding the 121,305 registration of the city of Seattle to the vote of 21,909 actually cast in precincts outside the city.

The total state vote in 1920 was 41,691. Mr. Babcock's statement shows poll tax collected from 501 persons, or about 20 per cent more than the number voting. Seattle's 1920 registration was 121,305; the vote cast was 21,909, or about 18 per cent below registration. Assuming a corresponding shrinkage throughout the state in the number of persons registered or otherwise qualified to vote, and the state treasurer's conclusions become less secure, even with his fairly liberal deductions, 18 per cent for voters over the poll-tax age limit of 50 years.

Many Aliens Not Reached.

In taking King county for illustration, Mr. Babcock has sought to show that the total poll-tax collection of \$721,163 must mean a collection of \$112,500 from 25,500 non-voters. As to nearly all counties, however, a strong point of the large collections from aliens. It is admitted that the work of King county officers in listing poll-tax payables and trying to collect was energetic and thorough. By all indications they did as well as they could. In spite of this there are still more than 12,000 listed eligibles in this county alone who haven't been reached.

In King county and in many others the attachment to pay rolls of industrial populations, including many aliens, simplified collection processes by passing the buck to the employer. The pay-roll employee, alien or native, has no means of escape from the tax, not even by quitting the job. The employer sees to it that for himself protection; he must take the tax from his men or pay it for everyone of them himself. The logging and lumber industry tells the story in some sections; the farms and orchards of eastern Washington tell it over there; it comes out of every factory, shop, store and office. One of the most strongly urged objections to the law is that the \$5 poll tax is a penalty on labor that labor cannot get away from. It is the man who doesn't work, the genuine "floater," that makes and keeps himself immune.

In Seattle and other cities it is estimated that from 25 to 40 per cent of qualified women do not vote and probably will never vote. Not even by registration do they recognize the privilege conferred upon them by state law and the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the federal constitution. The proportion of non-voting women undoubtedly runs higher in country precincts. Yet these are women, probably in great majority, who would not dodge poll tax; who, in fact, would most likely respond with promptness to the appeal that the tax must be paid to meet the soldiers' bonus. And many of these women are taxed on real and personal property.

Most Orientals Pay Tax.

In and about Seattle, in particular, and to a considerable extent, in other larger cities and their suburbs, are the centers of oriental population. Among the orientals there was little if any effort to dodge the poll tax. On the contrary, the pressure of race prejudice they had felt from the 1921 legislature in passing the anti-alien land law, made them the more keen, as a matter of policy, to meet the requirements of the poll-tax law passed in the same session. Japanese and Chinese associations undertook to explain the law and enforce collections. According to official report they did not fall far short

of 100 per cent. Some of these pay taxes on real property; many of them on personal property, and practically all of them contribute by means of leaseholds, cropping contracts, rentals, licenses and fees.

In discussing State Treasurer Babcock's figures, opponents of the poll tax attribute the excess of poll-tax payers over 1920 voters to three major sources: The non-voting women of the state, the many thousands of European aliens and embryo citizens with "first papers" who were attached to payrolls, and the oriental aliens who settled the poll-tax score because they thought it the wise thing to do.

In the state treasurer's statement that \$1,000,000—approximately half of the 1921 poll-tax revenue—has been turned in to the general fund to pay the excess over \$11,000,000 voted for payment of the veterans' compensation bonds, and \$1,000,000 (the other half) will still be needed for that purpose, the opponents of the law have been told something they did not know before, and which they are ready to admit was a necessary and proper procedure. At the same time they are able to turn the point in support of their contention for the law's repeal.

Tax Added to Law.

A 1-mill tax for the veterans' compensation bonds had been added to the general state levy before the poll tax bill became law. It was figured that the total amount of the soldiers' bonus would be covered by this tax. However, assuming that bonus claims in excess of the total raised by general taxation can be satisfied within the limits of last year's poll-tax revenue, what's the use, it is argued, of continuing the poll tax in the future? Veterans' compensation claims are paid in full, not in installments, and they do not constitute a running account against the state. Wherefore, according to the protestants, the poll tax has served the only purpose that anyone was willing to have it serve, and should now be abolished.

No one seems disputatious as to the accuracy of State Treasurer Babcock's figures. As has been intimated, there is some question of his inferences and conclusions, but the quarrel of poll-tax opponents is mainly with the same facts that he sets out. Much of the opposition comes naturally from those who simply do not wish to pay the tax; but the more important opposition is based on the belief of officials concerned with the collection and of many thoughtful citizens, that the poll-tax law does not provide means for effective pursuit of the willful or artful dodger, but does impose an additional \$2,500,000 annual burden on those who already pay all the taxes they can afford to pay and on thousands of workers who can ill afford to pay any.

BONDS TO PAY FOR LABOR

City Unable to Sell Issue at Par, but Will Use It as Money.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—With plenty of utility bonds for sale and no hidden off-lying cash at par, the Seattle city authorities are said to be about to effect another deal whereby work will be done and paid for with bonds. A bond issue of \$680,000, authorized several months ago for the purchase of rail, equipment and materials for the municipal street railway system, has not yet found sale.

The corporation counsel has now been instructed to prepare an ordinance authorizing the installation of new rails along the First avenue line, which is one of the projects for which the bonds were issued. This disclosure the purpose to buy and lay the rails and make payment therefor in bonds, with costs figured high enough to keep the bonds ostensibly at par.

Meanwhile, in the larger case of this kind, involving \$2,500,000 worth of bonds which were accepted by R. C. Storrie & Co., contractors for the Skagit project tunnel, the indications are that Mayor Caldwell's exposure has come too late. Although the Storrie contract was brought under fire by the allegations of a rival contractor, the firm that the city kept \$198,000 through conspiracy to keep down the price of the bonds, the Storrie company had gone to work soon after the award in October and is said already to have driven 100 feet of a working tunnel preparatory to construction of the main Skagit tunnel.

Councilmen today expressed the opinion that the Storrie contract could not be abrogated, but must be carried through in spite of any revelations of irregularities.

CAMPAIGN PLANS OUTLINED

Drive for Memorial Fund in Washington to Be Pushed.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—To carry forward organization work for the \$250,000 fund to be raised for the memorial to the four service men killed at Centralia on Armistice day, 1919, district chairmen for the four districts of the state of Washington were named today by the executive committee of the Centralia Memorial association. The districts and their chairmen are: Northwest district, Frank L. Seifert of Bellingham; south-central, L. Preston Olympe of north-central, Frank Schultz Wenatchee; south-central, Colonel W. L. Lemon, Yakima; northeast, Charles Hebbard, Spokane; southeast, Colonel Paul H. Weyrauch, Walla Walla.

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WIDOW HIKES TO ALASKA JOB

Husband's Place Among Natives to Be Taken by Mrs. Anderson.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 18.—Mrs. Thorvald Anderson, recently widowed, started Tuesday on a 200-mile march across the snow from Akiak, in the Kuskokwim river district, to Good News bay on Bering sea, where she will remain for the next five months as the only white person among several hundred natives.

News of her departure from Akiak reached Seattle today by cable to H. C. Sinclair, supply agent for Alaska for the federal bureau of education. Mrs. Anderson's husband had been school teacher among the natives at Good News bay. Taken ill last summer he was removed to the bureau of education's hospital at Akiak, where he died last October. His widow is now on her way back to take the place he left vacant in the school.

Mrs. Anderson was formerly Miss Alma Nyland, a Seattle nurse.

75 FARMERS AT SESSION

Bureau at Morgan Plans Increase in Membership.

MORGAN, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The Morgan farm bureau held an all-day session here Friday, attended by 75 persons. D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro branch experiment station, gave two addresses on the best wheat varieties and agricultural practices.

At the request of H. C. Witzel, president of the Morgan farm bureau, C. C. Calkins, county agent, discussed the work of the farm bureau from the

national, state and county standpoint. Ben Morgan, secretary of the farm bureau, stated that they expect to increase their farm bureau membership to keep the bonds outstanding at par.

A comprehensive poultry program has been launched by the Morrow county farm bureau.

Chief of Police Appointed

TOLEDO, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Jim Derrick, ex-county surveyor, has been appointed chief of police to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George Schenck. As both men are democrats, little change in policy of the office is expected, particularly when it is considered that they are serving in a strong republican center.

Apartment to Be Started Soon

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—John M. Baird of Seattle arrived today with the announcement

that all arrangements for financing the construction of the new Clinton Court apartment house have been completed. The deed for the lot at Clinton and Boyer avenues has been put in escrow and payment will be completed as soon as the incorporation papers are completed. Building is to start as soon as sufficient apartments are arranged for by residents, it was stated. The apartment house will contain 45 apartments.

Raymond Council Reduces Pay

RAYMOND, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Mayor Lewter and E. E. Collette and L. A. Morse, associate members of the city council of Raymond, pursued a policy of retrenchment at a special meeting held recently. The council voted to discontinue the offices of superintendent of water and streets and to place the duties pertaining to these two offices under the supervision of the city engineer. It also reduced wages of laborers from \$5 and \$5.50 a day to \$4 a day.

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Sketch Medley March
William Tell Overture—Part I
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Hansons

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Love's Old Sweet Song
Dory Thoreau
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For Better or for Worse
Beautiful Isle of Somewhere
Christ Arise
Say It With Music
If You Only Knew
When the Corn is Waving, Annie Dear
I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen
Weeping Willow
Love Boat

75c-Uncle Josh Numbers—75c
Uncle Josh Joins the Grangers
I'm Old, But I'm Wholly Tough
Uncle Josh in a Cafeteria
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Uncle Josh's Huckleberry Dance
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Uncle Josh on a Street Car

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