

OLD STATE RIGHTS FAST DISAPPEARING

Power of Federal Government Is Growing Daily.

BOND TAX ISSUE PLAIN

Opposition to President's Suggestion Causes Surprise; Maine Protest Is Recalled.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The opposition in congress to President Harding's suggestion that bonds issued by states and cities should be subject to the federal income tax, the same as bonds issued by ordinary business corporations, appears to have surprised the sponsors of the measure...

The heart of the antagonism to Mr. Harding's proposal lies in the fact that it goes probably farther in the direction of invasion of state rights than any of the many treaties that have been taken in a century of aggressive crowding on the part of the federal government.

Situation Serious One. At the same time, the opponents recognize the reasons which gave rise to the proposal and admit it is a situation demanding cure.

Stated roughly, an inventor who is rich enough to be in the class which pays the higher surtaxes is better off if he buys a state bond yielding 4 1/2 per cent than if he buys the bond of a railroad or a steel corporation or any other business yielding more than 4 per cent.

Of course there is another way of meeting the situation. That would be to reduce the high surtaxes and so take away the condition which leads the large investor to prefer state bonds.

Among public men there is a steadily growing disposition to feel that too much is being done at Washington, and too little at the various state capitols; that the federal government has already taken over more functions than it is able to handle efficiently.

In connection with this last the government of one state, Maine, rejected the federal government's gratuity, and in doing so wrote a letter which is perhaps the best statement of the state rights issue in its revised form.

"Believe the time has come for the states of the union to hold to a principle and to demand a re-orientation of federal aid before accepting them. Having no doubt as to what my duty is in this matter I decline to accept the Sheppard-Towner bill and this state for the time being will stand with New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the three states that have rejected the state's right to sell its birthright."

former status and should guard against further encroachment. "The people of Maine are willing and able to care for their own mothers and children and have faith to believe that Maine men and women will do this rather than accept so-called gratuities from a federal bureau. Already we are overburdened with federal interference and control and our citizens and industries are hampered by federal inspectors and other officials from Washington. In years gone by the state of Maine has started treaties to stand for great principles and it is well for the 44 states that have accepted the Sheppard-Towner bill to know that Maine neither asks for nor will she time being accept federal aid for its mothers and children."

EDITOR'S WILL HELD UP

WOMAN CREATES SENSATION IN NORTHLIFFE CASE.

Viscountess Rhonda Receives Divorce From Her Husband Upon Agreed Grounds. (Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service.) LONDON, Dec. 22.—(By Radio.)—A sensational incident occurred yesterday when a formal motion was made in the probate court for the probate of the will of the late Lord Northcliffe...

The London court of appeals has dismissed the appeal of Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters against the death sentence for the murder of the woman's husband, Bywaters, who is only 29 years old, stabbed Mr. Thompson to death while the latter was returning from a theater with his wife, whose admiring Bywaters had been.

A categorical denial is given by the British foreign office as to the truth of a story sent out by an American news agency that Great Britain had consented to a proposal by the United States to appoint a committee of business men, headed by Herbert A. Hoover, to investigate Germany's capacity to pay and to fix the amount of reparations.

Great Britain is preparing for an old-fashioned tranquil Christmas and no newspapers will be published either Monday or Tuesday. All the London street cars, buses and trains will cease running at 4 P. M. on Christmas day to allow the employes to enjoy a dinner at home.

U. S. TRAINERS WANTED

Belgium Asks Man For Olympic Team.

Holland, Spain and Greece Also Understood to Want American to Coach Teams.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—American Olympic team trainers and coaches are already in great demand among foreign nations, although the Paris international meet is still 18 months away.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—George Snell, president of the Walla Walla Construction company, is angry. About twice a week he comes burglar-visits the office and pries open the safe. It costs the company 50 cents to get it fixed.

CAUTION MARKING AMERICAN MOVIES

Reparation Plan Far From Definite Form.

EXPERTS ARE SUGGESTED

Board Would Report Findings on Economic Ability of Germany to Pay Allied Bills.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite what progress may have been made toward extending American aid in composing the reparations disagreement in Europe, there was evidence today that much remains to be done before all the interested elements can be brought into agreement.

There is no assurance so far that France will find it possible to agree to a proposal for an American commission to survey German economic conditions and fix a basis on which a new reparations programme might be framed.

The situation relative to extension of American aid toward a European reparations settlement announced today to present a badly beclouded picture on which little light was thrown from any quarter.

American officials reiterated their denial of government backing at the present stage for the American commission plan sponsored by commercial leaders and of various published statements regarding the decision in which American official opinion was tending.

Neither did any official come forward to explain the true character of the mysterious movements behind the lines of world diplomacy which allusion has been repeatedly made in official outgivings, both in Washington and in the capitals of Europe.

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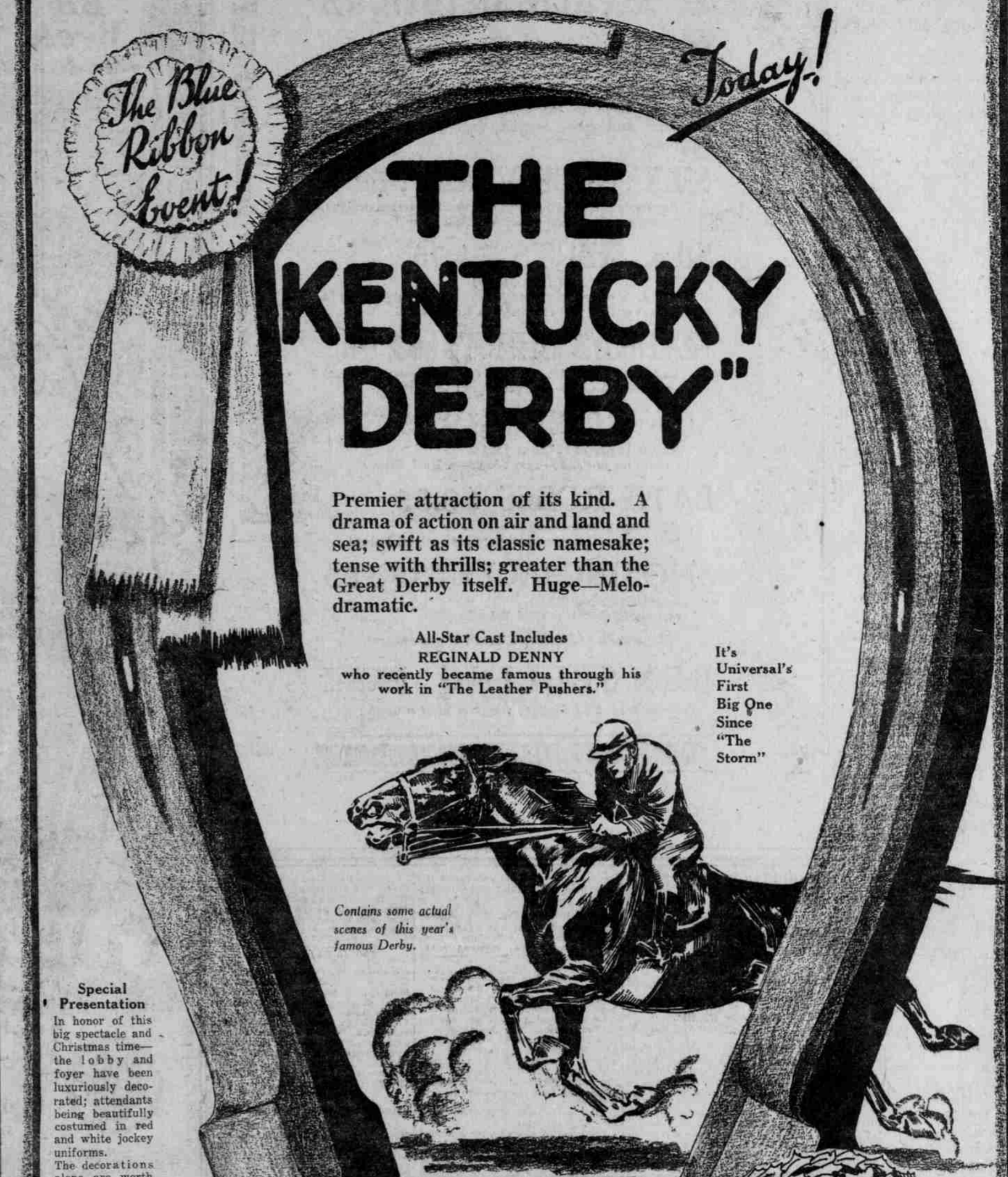
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