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HOUSE PASSES WAR TAX BILL BY 205 TO 189

House Votes to Limit Debate on Measure Extending War Revenue Taxes to Two and One Half Hours.

THREE DEMOCRATS DO NOT SUPPORT KITCHIN

Partisan Debate Marks Discussion of Measure Prior to First Test Vote.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The administration measure extending the present war emergency tax law another year passed the house today by a vote of 205 to 189.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The Democratic majority in the house of representatives was temporarily overturned today on the first test vote taken, the Republicans defeating the attempt to limit debate on the war revenue resolution by a vote of 173 to 164.

A party-men's cheering broke out among the Republicans when the result of the vote was announced.

Representative Kitchin, majority leader, then denounced a roll call, bringing in all the Democrats who were in the chambers and endeavor to regain lost ground.

After the roll call the Democrats risked supreme by the margin of 14 votes, the vote standing 208 to 192, and put through the preliminary motion necessary as the first step toward limiting the debate on the war revenue measure.

With control again in their hands the Democrats limited debate on the resolution to two hours and a half.

The vote stood 212 to 192. Democratic Representatives Callaway, Keating and Hilliard voting with the Republicans.

Before this vote, the house resoundingly passed the measure. Minority Leader Mann called the measure "a farce," Representative Fordney declared that "the Democratic party is opposed to this measure."

The senate finance committee reported the extension proposal favorably. The senate planned to pass the bill tomorrow.

Women Killed Own Chances.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Chairman Webb of the house judiciary today informed suffragists appearing before that body that there is no chance for the suffrage constitutional amendment being acted on at this session, because congressional union members campaigned against Democratic members who blocked the amendment last session.

Members of the committee intimated that an investigation of the union lobbying has been seriously discussed.

Postal Appointments.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—President Wilson today nominated Otto Praeger, of Texas, former newspaper man and city postmaster here, for the post of second assistant postmaster general.

Postmasters named included: Seward, Alaska, William E. Root, Port Townsend, Wash., H. L. Tibbels, Centralia, Wash., T. H. McCleary.

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ELECTRIC POWER WILL REPLACE STEAM IN NEW PLANNING MILL

Cost of Improvement of the Crossett Western Lumber Co. to Be \$100,000.

Within the next three weeks driving of piling will begin at Wauna at the plant of the Crossett Western Lumber company for the construction of a new electric mill.

The present steam engine power plant will be replaced by a new electric system. The cost of the improvement will be about \$100,000.

This announcement was made here today by H. S. Mitchell, head of the company's western operations. Mr. Mitchell said the new power will be on the unit principle, with a motor for each machine, the power to be furnished by a turbine dynamo engine of ample horsepower.

Mr. Mitchell stated also that his company now has a contract for delivery at the close of the war orders for a large amount of ship's decking lumber, to be sent to Germany.

Orders Are on Hand.

As an indication that the belligerent nations propose to rebuild its efforts to make its merchant marine an effective factor in world commerce, tentative orders are on hand for supplies of lumber sufficient to make at least one cargo.

"We are now working on orders for spruce lumber, which are to go to the English and French for the making of aeroplanes," said Mr. Mitchell. "A great deal of it already has been delivered and much more is being produced."

"The great scarcity of tonnage is a factor in holding back the Pacific coast lumber industry, and I do not look for a return to normal for a year or two after the war. The closing of the Panama canal has had a serious effect on our steam schooners, are marooned on the Atlantic side of the ditch, and there is no saying when the canal will be reopened."

Regarding the improvements at the plant, Mr. Mitchell said they have been under consideration for a long time, but that decision to put them in now has arisen from the scarcity of water tonnage, which compels the mills to make a stronger play for the business that can be reached by rail. The plant hitherto has been unevenly balanced, he said, with the sinking of tonnage unequal to its demands.

The company will now cater to the domestic trade more than ever, and expects to be equipped so it can satisfy any number demand. It will continue, however, to go after foreign business as before.

In commenting upon the recent purchase of Gray Harbor lumber interests of lumber carriers to make up the shortage of tonnage, Mr. Mitchell said it is doubtful that course his own company will follow in the future. Two vessels now under charter to the company probably will have to be relinquished when the charters expire next year.

See Stronger Market.

Asked if this might result in the outright purchase of ships, he said the subject was too indefinite and the shipping situation generally too unsatisfactory to venture a statement.

The chief effect of the war upon the lumber of the northwest, aside from the ship shortage feature, he said, has been a quickening of the market. The foreign countries are using mostly the yellow pine of the south, with which the Douglas fir is a strong competitor. By reason of the pine shortage, a strong domestic market for fir has been established, at more satisfactory prices.

Women Are Charged With Shoplifting

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Columbia River Highway

This year has seen the practical completion of the Multnomah county unit of the Columbia River Highway, which traveled persons declare to be the world's greatest thoroughfare.

Two pages of surpassing illustrations of this scenic route will be included in the Year's End Number of the Sunday Journal Magazine, December 26.

AUSTRIA FAILS TO SATISFY U. S. IN HER ANSWER

Break With Austria Feared Near as Result of Temporarily Answering Reply She Is Understood to Have Made U. S.

SUMMARY IS RECEIVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

Austria Asks for Amplification of Charges Against Submarine Commander.

By John Edwin Nevin.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Belief that a complete diplomatic break with Austria is inevitable was growing today.

High administration officials admitted German diplomacy was being exerted at Vienna to have concessions made, but expressed the belief that all such efforts had failed. The Austrian admiralty, following the example set by the German admiralty after the destruction of the Lusitania, not only defended the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, but attempted to justify such action in Austria's reply to America.

The American demand for a disavowal of responsibility for the sinking of the Ancona before the Austrian admiralty, which the United States that all requirements of international law were observed, and insist that the sinking of the steamship was a necessary military measure.

It was considered certain today that there must be at least one other diplomatic exchange of notes before the expected break comes.

The Austrian answer raises several points of contention. It claims that sufficient time was given the passengers to enter boats.

There were rumors in diplomatic circles today that Austria already had asked Spain to take over her interests here, in the event of a break.

Summary Is Received.

A summary of the Austrian reply was received at Washington today. The complete text of the answer was expected to reach here either this afternoon or tonight.

It was admitted in administration (Continued on Page Nine, Column Two)

MINNESOTA'S VOYAGE TO ENGLAND LIKELY WILL BE ABANDONED

It Is Expected Crew Will Be Discharged in San Francisco; Inquiry Resumed.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The voyage of the disabled Hill liner Minnesota to England with a record cargo of foodstuffs for the allies probably will be abandoned and the crew discharged here, according to general opinion expressed in shipping circles today.

While the crew is still held aboard and no one permitted to leave or board the liner pending the federal investigation, it is believed the crew soon will be allowed to come ashore and will be discharged. Members of the union have stated unofficially it may not be possible to pay off the crew for the amount of work they have done unless every member is agreeable to this settlement.

C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the Great Northern Steamship company, says he believes the paying off of the crew for the length of time they have worked complies with the law concerning such a situation.

John Williams, alias Julia Lee, aged 27 years, and Stella Jacobs, alias Kittie Williams, aged 30 years, were charged with the quantity of the goods they had taken was at 742 Girard street. They pleaded guilty in the municipal court this morning, and will be sentenced tomorrow in a report to congress by the board of army engineers because of lack of commerce.

Pankhurst Militant Paper Seized Again

London, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Police today swooped down upon the Pankhurst militant suffragist headquarters and seized the type used in publishing Britania, formerly the Suffragette.

Dr. Ausplund's Trial Begins.

The trial of Dr. A. A. Ausplund, on a charge of manslaughter, began this morning in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court. Dr. Ausplund is charged with responsibility for the death of Anna Anderson, a domestic, who died in his office October 15. The authorities allege that he performed the criminal operation which caused her death while Dr. Ausplund asserts that the girl performed it herself and came to him afterward for treatment. The taking of evidence will not begin until tomorrow.

Bank Robbers Get \$3500.

Tyrone, Okla., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Thirteen men today held the safe of the Farmers' State bank and escaped with \$3500 after fighting off a crowd of citizens. One robber is believed to have been wounded.

President Is Given License to Be Wedded

Age of the Groom Is Given as 59 Years, and the Bride as 43; Rector Smith to Officiate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—A marriage license was issued at the city hall today to President Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt. He gave his age as 59 years and that of Mrs. Galt as 43. The license was obtained by a member of the White House clerical forces.

No preliminary arrangements for the issuing of the license were made. Some confusion was caused, however, when the White House official walked into the office and quietly asked for the license. The proceeding occupied but 10 minutes' time.

The name of the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal church, was filled in the blank space as the clergyman who will perform the ceremony. No mention was made as to when the ceremony would be performed.

Ivan Hoover, chief usher at the White House, was the attache who got the license.

"Now a dollar, please," said the clerk, as he handed over the license. Hoover grinned, stripped off a dollar bill, and returned it to the White House official who delivered the all important paper to President Wilson.

Men Are Needed to Build Alaska R. R.

Between 3000 and 4000 Will Be Required Next Spring, According to W. S. Eades of Alaska R. R. Commission.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Between 3000 and 4000 men will be needed on the construction of the Alaska railroad in Alaska next spring, said W. S. Eades, one of the Alaska railroad commission members.

Eades is on his way to Washington for a conference with Secretary of the Interior Lane and Thomas Riggs, another member of the commission.

Members of the commission in Alaska, and will not attend the coming conference. Congress, in its bill providing for the construction of 1000 miles of steam road, fixed a maximum cost of \$25,000,000. To the present time, \$3,000,000 has been spent, 470 miles of the route surveyed from Anchorage, on Cook Inlet, 15 miles and to be laid and 75 miles of the Alaska Northern railroad track purchased.

Portland I. W. W.'s Are Found Guilty

Carl Farlin and Mrs. Jean Bennet Who Had Trouble With Police Here Are Convicted of Counterfeiting.

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Carl Farlin, Clara Lawless and Mrs. Jean Bennet were found guilty today in Federal Judge Dooling's court on three counts of an indictment charging counterfeiting. Farlin, 45, and Mrs. Bennet, 40, were fined \$100 each and fifty cent pieces of United States coinage.

They will be sentenced Saturday. Lawless is said to have been a racing man, 15 miles and to be reputed to own several valuable horses. Farlin and Mrs. Bennet had trouble with the Portland police. It was brought out at the trial during the trial that the Secret Service Chief Moffitt, Chief Inspector Costanzo and city detectives raided the workshop of the trio recently.

Will Auction Off Prima Donna's Furs

Collection Left by Late Mme. Lillian Nordica Young, Valued at \$14,000, Will Go to Pay Expenses of Contest.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Due to the expensive litigation attending the settlement of the estate, the famous collection of furs left by the late Mme. Lillian Nordica Young, better known as Lillian Nordica, prima donna, will be sold at auction today. The collection is worth \$14,000. The proceeds will go toward the liquidation of expenses incurred in the fight over two wills left by the prima donna.

Arizona Warden Saved Insane Man

William Faltin, Whom Warden of Penitentiary Refused to Hang, Declared Insane by a Jury.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—A jury today found William Faltin insane, and he was taken to the state asylum.

Faltin was sentenced to hang for murder, but Warden Sims, of Florence penitentiary, refused to execute the sentence. Sims was cited before the supreme court for contempt, but was exonerated.

New Sleet Storm Hits Middle West

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(U. P.)—The second sleet storm this week again paralyzed wires in central Illinois today, and extended as far west as Kansas City.

Starts in Tennessee.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Rain, snow and sleet which started in Tennessee two days ago today struck Kentucky and is continuing northward. Communications in every direction are badly crippled.

WOMAN OF 76 IN FATAL FALL FROM AEROPLANE

Mrs. T. A. Comstock of San Diego and Aviator O. S. T. Meyerhoffer Fall From a Height of 100 Ft. Into Bay.

WING OF AEROPLANE COLLAPSES IN FLIGHT

Aviator Painfully Injured; His Passenger Is Killed by Shock of the Fall.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Mrs. T. A. Comstock, 76, of San Diego, was killed and Aviator O. S. T. Meyerhoffer was painfully injured when a wing of his aeroplane collapsed at a height of 100 feet over the bay today, and the aircraft fell.

Help was pushed from United States warships lying nearby, and both were taken aboard the U. S. S. Oregon, where every effort was made to save the aged woman's life. She was the oldest passenger that had ever made an air flight in San Diego.

A few minutes before Mrs. Comstock made the fatal flight she was conversing with newspaper men and remarked that she was "afraid to fly."

"I want to go up any way 1500 feet and fly over both land and water," she said.

The cause of the collapse is attributed by the owners of the machine—the flying boat type—to imperfect brazing of the iron holding the wings to the body.

Death is attributed to shock. Mrs. Comstock had a broken leg and collarbone. A sailor from the United States supply ship Glacier, with a rope around his body, dove under the wreckage and recovered her body.

BULGARS' HALT NEAR BORDER TEMPORARY, ACCORDING TO SOFIA

Saloniki Reports Say Cavalry Has Already Entered Greek Territory.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—That the Bulgarian troops may continue their pursuit of the allies into Greece was indicated today by Sofia's official statement.

This said the Bulgarians had "temporarily" stopped at the border.

Report Cavalry Over Border.

The Hague, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Unconfirmed Saloniki reports today said that Greek auxiliary cavalry had entered Greece, west of Giavina.

Italian Army Lands.

Paris, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—That Italian troops and munitions have landed in Greece today, and that the bulk of the Serbians was indicated today in a Rome dispatch admitting destruction of the Italian destroyer Intrepido and the transport Roma by drifting mines in the Adriatic. The message stated that 43 perished, and declared the losses were so light because of the destruction of men and material had already reached the north, has been learned. From this it was taken that the destination was Albania.

Saloniki to Be Impregnable.

Athens, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The allies are confident that Saloniki will be an impregnable fortress in an attempt of an attack from the central powers.

Members of Greek laborers are working tirelessly of allied soldiers in throwing up earthworks. On the heights commanding approaches to the city, the allies' fighting has been stationed, and the railway to the north has been mined to prevent the central forces from having a clear road. Three transports debarked their forces yesterday.

The allies at Saloniki have no doubt that the central allies' troops will invade Greece in force within a few days. Nevertheless, Greeks here doubt that the Serbians and their Bulgarian cohorts will attempt such a move. Those holding this view say that the Germans realize that an attempt to dislodge the allies at Saloniki would be hopeless.

The newspapers declare that not a single Bulgar soldier will be allowed on Greek soil.

Mohammedans Help Austria.

Vienna, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Mohammedans and Albanians have come to the aid of the Austrians in their anti-Serb operations. The war office claimed today. The official statement related capture of the enemy's positions south of Vranogora, and the scattering of a battalion near Clibass.

King Peter to Live in Italy.

Rome, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—King Peter of Serbia will arrive here in a few days from Sofari, King Victor Emmanuel has placed the royal villa at Caserta at his disposal, and is also preparing to receive the Montenegrin royal family in case the Austrians overrun Montenegro. The Italian queen is a daughter of King Nicholas of Montenegro.

BULLETINS

"Count" Admits Plots. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—A Calgary dispatch this afternoon said "Count" van Koolbergen, alias J. H. von Montford, admitted he had plotted with others in San Francisco to destroy Canadian bridges and railways, and American munition plants.

Affidavits signed by Koolbergen told of a plot to blast Canadian tunnels and claimed he had been hired by Baron von Bismarck to make bombs to be placed aboard munitions steamers.

To Stop Parcel Post. London, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—England is determined to shut down upon every possible method by which Germany could not connect itself with the world in her power.

This was made evident here today when Lord Cecil, under secretary of foreign affairs, informed the house of commons that considerable quantities of food was being sent to Germany from America by parcel post and that the foreign office was in communication with the British ambassador at Washington on the matter.

Get Seventh Aviator. Berlin, City Wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Lieutenant Hummelman, over Valenciennes, shot down an English monoplane, his seventh British flyer, the war office said today.

In a French raid on Muehlen, one of ten was killed and another wounded, while wind-wings of the military hospital were broken.

On the eastern front, the statement said Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army attacked the Russians and drove them from a German position near Riga.

Los Angeles Cold Deadly. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Edward W. Wether was picked up unconscious, a victim of the early morning cold here today.

The aged man was hurried to the receiving hospital, where he was rescued by Dr. Wether. He was the first victim of cold in Los Angeles in many years.

Accuse Dr. Haiselden. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The Illinois state board of health today filed written charges against Dr. H. J. Haiselden, of Chicago, for "gross unprofessional" conduct in deliberately allowing Baby Dollinger to die without surgical attention despite the parents' approval of his course.

Agree on Neutral Zone. Athens, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Greece and Bulgaria have agreed upon a neutral zone of four kilometers extending on both sides of the frontier in order to avoid all responsibility of clashes between advanced guards of the Greek and Bulgarian border forces.

Cruisers Not Sunk. London, Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—The government press bureau today officially denied reports published by the Russian auxiliary cruisers had been sunk by mines in the vicinity of Mitylene.

Kansas City Southern Train Held Up in Arkansas; Passengers Left in Dark.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Three bandits early today held up a Kansas City Southern passenger train near Lexington, Ark., forced the engineer to detach two baggage cars and the mail car, then dynamited the Wells Fargo express car and robbed the mail.

The contents of the safe were so badly scattered that the bandits did not attempt to gather the loot. Four registered mail packages, however, were taken. Mail clerks who barred the door of the car were compelled to open it under threats that the engine crew would be killed if they did not.

Six passenger coaches were left for hours in the darkness on the side of a mountain.

The bandits, masked and heavily armed, crawled over the tender and covered the engineer and firemen. After seeing that the mail car had reached a short distance away, the holdup men blew the safe of the combination baggage and express car, badly damaging it.

With their task finished, they commanded the engineer to proceed ahead slowly, while they made good their escape. The balance of the crew was left with the passengers.

The engineer proceeded to Caron, where he aroused the authorities, who at once started posses in pursuit of the bandits.

Tom Meagher of Haines, Kills Self

Haines, Or., Dec. 16.—Tom Meagher, 36 years old, single, and well known in Haines, this afternoon took his own life by shooting himself in the heart.

He was dependent because of heart trouble. Physicians say he cannot recover.

Laundry Driver Arrested.

On an information more than three years old, J. E. Hardin, formerly a Portland laundry driver, was arrested last Friday morning. The charge is larceny by embezzlement preferred by the Crystal Laundry. The amount is said to be between \$90 and \$100.

SMYTH IS RELEASED; ORDERS FROM CHIEF OF POLICE CLARK

Man Held at Cheyenne Is Not Bartholomew, Accused of Murder.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 16.—(U. P.)—Portland police wired the local authorities this afternoon that William Smith, held here, is not the man wanted in the "green trunk murder mystery" at Portland. He was given his freedom.

William E. Smyth, a man under arrest in Cheyenne, Wyo., is not the man wanted for the murder of John Lind.

Pictures of Smyth arrived in Portland by special delivery from Cheyenne today, and these photographs, shown to persons who saw Bartholomew, were positive and not like the man suspected of the "green trunk" murder.

Acting upon the statements of these witnesses, Chief Clark at once wired the Cheyenne police, stating that Bartholomew was not the man, and asking for his release.

Chief Clark at first considered sending the pictures on to San Francisco to see if the men there, who were included in the reports of Bartholomew, could identify the pictures.

No positive, however, were the Portland persons interdicted, in their assertion that Smyth is not the man, that the chief decided further investigation would be useless.

Photo Is Exhibited. The three photographs, showing front, side and full length views of Smyth, were turned over to Detective J. J. Moloney and T. H. Corsey, Anna DeCorsey, proprietor of the rooming house at 497 Stark street, who is alleged to have been the victim of the crime.

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"In fact, the man shown in this picture does not look as much like the man who was with Lind as did the picture published in the newspapers."

It will be recalled that the picture supposed to be Bartholomew's was yesterday proved to be the photograph of a man named a San Francisco chum of John Lind.