

WOMEN SMOKERS OF ENGLAND PAY BIG TOBACCO TAX

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London, April 20.—The heaviest burden of the budget calling for an expenditure of £1,184,102,000, presented in commons by Chancellor of the Exchequer Austen Chamberlain, are saddled on booze, big business and war profiteers.

At the normal rate of exchange the floating debt named by Chamberlain would be \$6,377,516,300. At the present rate it amounts to \$5,170,987,700. The estimated expenditures and revenues at the present rate amount to \$4,828,150,880 and \$5,286,101,000.

Chamberlain pointed out that the difference between the expenditures and revenues left £165,000,000 (\$616,160,000) to be applied toward reduction of the debt.

Heavy smoking by women, Chamberlain declared, is largely responsible for a surplus of £14,000,000 (\$55,160,000) in the tobacco revenue.

There was a huge attendance in com-

mons when Chamberlain rose to introduce his annual budget. The secret of the budget is one of the most carefully guarded matters in British parliamentary procedure, and even the best informed experts could only hazard guesses.

While it was generally hoped there would be no fresh taxation on ordinary commodities, the chancellor announced that letter and newspaper rates would be raised and the telegraph would be practically doubled.

New taxes on motors and liquors will also become effective January 1. The duty on spirits, he proposed, shall be raised from 22 to 23 shillings per proof gallon, with a proportionate increase in the retail price.

TAX RETURN EXORCISMS
The entire tax changes he proposed, Chamberlain declared, will produce £76,000,000 during the current year and £198,000,000 (£780,120,000) for the year.

The credit borrowings of the government for the past year were £1,665,773,000, revenue £1,339,571,000, leaving a deficit of £326,202,000 (\$1,285,235,880), Chamberlain declared.

The floating debt has been decreased £100,000,000, the chancellor said.

There was a general rustle of anticipation, when at the conclusion of "questions," the clerk of the house read the orders of the day and Speaker Lowther called upon "Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer."

CHAMBERLAIN IS HONORED
The house is always sympathetic toward the chancellor on budget day, but, in view of the general feeling of optimism, Chamberlain was accorded an unusually cordial reception on arising.

Quiet, self-possessed and well groom-

JOHNSON VOTE TO WIN NEBRASKA

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at a time when a considerable number of like-minded senators fell by the wayside.

As Norris won then, Johnson may win now, as they appeal to the same vote. Norris is for Johnson. They have stood side by side in fighting the League of Nations, and the alliance is natural.

Nebraska was for a time a Pershing hope. It is Pershing's home state, and he has been industriously boosted as favorite son by organizers who were early in the field. Considerable numbers of ex-service men enlisted for his fight, but only a few of the politicians. He is expected to poll a strong vote, and perhaps go ahead of Wood. There will be no surprise if he runs second, as it is difficult to estimate the comparative strength of Johnson and Wood, who will largely draw from the same reservoir.

On the Democratic side the names on the ballot are those of Senator Hitch-

cock and Robert G. Ross, both sons of Nebraska. Ross is more or less in the joke class, but he is expected to poll a respectable vote, nevertheless, because William J. Bryan, who has no liking for Hitchcock, has advised his friends to vote for Ross.

Hitchcock, in his newspaper, has had considerable fun at the expense of Bryan and Ross by printing their next extracts from Ross' declaration of candidacy, which show his illiteracy and unique style of composition.

Assuming that Hitchcock will win the preference vote over the local celebrity, deeper interest attaches to the delegates to be chosen. There are two states, one pledged to Hitchcock, the other headed by Bryan and unpledged. Senator Hitchcock feels confident he will carry through his delegates, and that Bryan will be turned down, and refused a seat in the convention, as he was four years ago.

BRYAN FIGHTS HITCHCOCK
Bryan has announced that if elected a delegate and instructed for Hitchcock he will sit by and let his alternate cast the vote. He objects to Hitchcock because the senator is a "wet," opposed woman suffrage and fought for the League of Nations without reservations.

The Nebraska contest is of interest because it will determine whether Pershing is to remain on the horizon as a possible choice by the Republicans, and it will decide whether Bryan is to have a ringside seat when the Democratic braves assemble at San Francisco.

The voters today are selecting the party nominees for congress from all districts and choosing nominees for state offices.

The Republican gubernatorial contest has carried more interest in today's election. Governor S. R. McKelvie, asking reelection, is opposed by five other candidates seeking the nomination.

Central Point, filed for the Republican nomination for county commissioner, making the third man in the race.

DEMOCRATS IN SESSION TO CHOOSE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN
Chicago, April 20.—(U. N. S.)—The executive committee of the Democratic national committee went into executive session here today to select a temporary chairman for the Democratic convention. It was reported that five men are under consideration for the chairmanship—Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby, former Governor

Martin Glynn of New York, Homer S. Cummings, Carter Glass and Arthur Mullen of Nebraska.

HOOPER PREDICTS HOOVER WILL WIN IN CALIFORNIA
Salem, April 20.—That Herbert Hoover will carry California in the forthcoming primary election over Hiram Johnson, the state's other favorite son, is the prediction of Colonel E. Hofer, who has returned to Salem after a tour over the southern coast state. Fully half of the former Johnson adherents are out for Hoover, according to Hofer, who de-

clares that the old Johnson machine has gone to pieces.

Burton Speaks to G. O. P. Club
Judge Charles G. Burton, past com-

mander in chief of the G. A. R., will address members of the Republican club of Oregon this evening at 8 o'clock, at 540 courthouse. This meeting will also elect the club board of governors for the next two years.

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JOHNSON AFTER NEW JERSEY TO GET FOOTHOLD IN EAST
New York, April 20.—(U. P.)—One of the most bitter fights of the pre-convention campaign is under way in New Jersey.

The state is much more comprehensive than its 28 delegates indicate. Senator Hiram Johnson is struggling for a foothold in the East. Major General Leonard Wood is working to prevent a repetition of the Michigan disaster. Johnson's friends regard the New Jersey primary as vital. Many trained political observers hold the belief that the senator must make a showing in the East.

Wood's backers claim that their candidate must repel Johnson in New Jersey, not only to maintain a comparatively unbroken front in the East, but to wipe out the memory of the Michigan primary.

Wood also has a severe task on his hands in the Nebraska and Montana contests this week and in Ohio next week. It is learned on the highest authority that in view of the strenuous program confronting the general, his friends have decided to attempt to induce Frank Hitchcock, who managed the campaigns of William H. Taft and Charles E. Hughes, to take a more active part in Wood's campaign.

Hitchcock, at Wood's invitation, became manager of the Wood organization some time ago, but he has remained in New York without apparently participating greatly in the direction of the campaign.

POINDEXTER TURNED DOWN BY KICKITAT COUNTY G. O. P.
Goldendale, Wash., April 20.—Kickitkat Republicans held a convention at Goldendale Saturday and elected 11 delegates to the state convention. Nineteen of the 39 voting precincts in the county were represented. An attempt to have the Kickitkat delegation instructed to vote for Senator Miles Poindexter as a presidential preference failed, and the Kickitkat delegation will go to the state convention uncommitted.

A motion favoring the endorsement of Senator Poindexter was made by John A. Miller, formerly leader of the Bull Moose faction of the Republican party in Kickitkat county, but was withdrawn after a storm of protests by the old line Republicans present. Lengthy resolutions that started out by condemning the national administration and wound up by asking all true Americans to show openly and without party consideration at this time that a change is to be preferred to the Non-Partisan league, I. W. W. and triple alliance propaganda were denounced as disloyal.

Delegates to the state convention were elected as follows: John R. McEwen, George H. Baker, E. C. Ward, Goldendale; John A. Miller, Centerville; John G. Myers and William Melville, White Salmon; W. E. Yates, Kickitkat; F. W. Sanders, Alderdale; Dr. A. F. Brockman and S. A. Rossier, Bickleton; W. H. Reader, Roosevelt.

FIRST WOMAN TAKES PART IN DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE
Chicago, April 20.—(U. P.)—Women politicians wrote a new chapter in the history book on woman's evolution here today.

For the first time a woman took part today in an executive conference of a major political party, when Mrs. George Bass, national committeewoman from Illinois, attended the meeting of the committee on arrangements of the Democratic national committee. Mrs. Bass is one of the two women members of the committee. The other is Miss Mary Foy of Los Angeles. She is expected to attend, but early today had not arrived.

Mrs. Bass is expected to cast an equal vote with other members and will have a say in the selection of the temporary chairman of the convention to be held at San Francisco. This was expected to be settled today.

Georgia Primary Held Today
Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—(U. N. S.)—Voting in the Georgia primary started this morning, and the outlook is for one of the largest votes in the history of the state. Georgia primary is the first contest at the polls between the national administration and its opposition within the Democratic party, and interest in the outcome is nationwide.

Farmer Seeks Nomination
Medford, April 20.—Victor Bursell, well known farmer between here and

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