

FARMER BLOC ON SURTAX, DEFEATED BY G. O. P. FORCES

(By General Service) Washington, Nov. 11.—Efforts of the Republican agricultural bloc and Democrats to force immediate acceptance of the 50 per cent maximum income surtax amendment to the tax revision bill adopted by the senate were defeated in the house today.

Acting under the party whip the ranks of the bloc broke sufficiently to permit the bill to go to conference, without any instructions to the house conferees. Republican House Leader Mondell and Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee were forced, however, to give the house a fair opportunity to be given later to a vote on the senate surtax schedule.

Fordney, in moving to send the bill to conference, made the point that "without instructions." Democratic Leader Garrett at once offered a preferential motion in which the house conferees to accept the senate amendment providing for the 50 per cent surtax.

BROKEN FAITH CHARGED
The Garrett motion was finally tabled upon motion of Mondell, after charges of broken faith had been hurled at the Democrats and after Republican members of the agricultural bloc had urged their colleagues to take advantage of the opportunity to fix the surtax maximum at 50 per cent instead of 53 previously voted by the house.

The vote to table was 199 to 133, with 25 Republicans voting nay and 1 Democrat voting aye.

The 25 Republicans were: Representatives Andrews, Nebraska; Barber, California; Beck, Wisconsin; Brown, Wisconsin; Clague, Minnesota; Cooper, Wisconsin; Crampton, Michigan; Curry, California; Powell, Iowa; Frank, Wisconsin; Hoch, Kansas; James, Michigan; Keller, Minnesota; Klecka, Wisconsin; Kopp, Iowa; Lambert, Wisconsin; Little, Kansas; P. Nelson, Wisconsin; J. M. Nelson, Wisconsin; Rosambloom, West Virginia; Schall, Minnesota; Sinnott, Oregon; Taylor, Tennessee; Voight, Wisconsin; Woodruff, Michigan.

Representative Campbell of Pennsylvania was the Democrat who voted with the Republican majority.

MELLON'S HAND SEEN
Members of the house agricultural bloc and Democrats said during the debate that strong pressure will be brought to bear upon the conferees by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and other officials to force a compromise at 40 or 45 per cent.

Representative Irish, Democrat of Georgia, charged the Republican leaders with seeking to relieve the wealthy of \$50,000,000 in taxes, which, he said, represents the difference between a 40 and a 50 per cent surtax maximum.

The motion of Minority Leader Garrett to send the bill to conference without instructions was declared by Representatives Mondell and Longworth of Ohio to be a political maneuver. He said an opportunity to vote on the 50 per cent surtax schedule would be given later, but urged the house not to tie the hands of its conferees in their negotiations with the senate.

SINNOTT DRAWS APPLAUSE
"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," interrupted Representative Sinnott of Oregon, amid applause.

Representative Green, Republican of Iowa, urged the agricultural bloc to stand by Representatives Mondell and Fordney and not "turn the bill over to the Democrats."

"This question is entirely divorced from politics," Representative Frear, who is leading the fight for the 50 per cent surtax in the house, declared. "A Republican senate has sent us a proposition for a 50 per cent surtax. Why can't we accept it now? We had better pay attention to the results of last Tuesday's election and do what the people back home want."

Smuggling Scotch Steward's Undoing
Astoria, Nov. 11.—While smuggling a case of Scotch whiskey ashore from the British steamer Siberian Prince, George L. Reed, steward of the vessel, was arrested Wednesday night by federal customs officials and is being held on a charge of violating the customs and prohibition laws. Additional liquor was seized in Reed's stateroom. He has admitted that he sold three cases of whiskey Saturday for \$75 a case.

TAX DELINQUENCIES GROW
The Dalles, Nov. 11.—Delinquencies on the 1920 tax roll show that the list will total about \$46,912.78 for the county, Sheriff Levi Christian announced. The delinquency is based upon an original tax roll of \$687,391.72, of which \$440,485.94 has been collected. Delinquencies on the 1919 tax roll in Wasco county totaled but \$25,485.19.

Knights Have Class Of 60 Candidates For New Council

Oregon City, Nov. 11.—Knights of Columbus will institute a new council of the order Sunday with a class of more than 60 candidates. Delegations will be at 3 o'clock in St. John's church, Very Rev. Monsignor Hillebrand being the celebrant. The sermon will be preached by Rev. J. M. O'Farrell of St. Rose church and chaplain of the Portland council, No. 678. The initiation exercises will take place at Moose hall, opening at noon.

Officers of Portland council, No. 678, will put on the first and second degree under J. J. Burke, grand knight; J. R. Murphy, deputy grand knight; D. J. Conlan, chancellor; captain; E. J. Moore, warden, and E. J. English, financial secretary. The third degree will be in charge of Frank J. Lomagan, supreme director, assisted by J. H. Prater, state deputy, of La Grande, and P. J. Hanley, district deputy, assisted by a team from Portland and vicinity.

German Court Sends Woman to Block to Expiate 2 Murders

By Karl von Wiegand
Universal Service Staff Correspondent Berlin, Nov. 11.—For the first time in years a woman in Germany is to expiate a crime on the medieval headman's block. Frau Louise Querbeck, found guilty of three murders in Hanover, has been sentenced to death at the hands of an executioner.

She was convicted of the killing of her two daughters and a young student. The government recently increased the headman's fee for beheading from 100 marks to 150 marks per head. At the present rate of exchange this would be half a dollar in American money.

Geraldine Farrar Serves Notice of Suit for Divorce

New York, Nov. 11.—(U. P.)—Arguments before Justice Guy in the New York supreme court Thursday afternoon on a motion by attorneys for Geraldine Farrar, famous star of the Metropolitan Opera company, revealed for the first time that Miss Farrar has actually served upon her husband, Lou Tellegen, the actor, notice of suit for a divorce. This was Miss Farrar's counter action to the suit for separation filed several months ago by Tellegen. She asks absolute divorce.

CLASSIFICATION POSTPONED
Olympia, Wash., Nov. 11.—Classification of state employees and revision of their salaries has been postponed to November 14.

\$5,000,000 DRESS MAKES PEERS GASP AT 'VICTORY' BALL

By Forbes W. Fairbank
London, Nov. 11.—Mrs. Smith Wilkinson, hailed in Paris and on the Riviera as the world's greatest spender, transferred herself into the world's greatest splendor Thursday night for the famous Victory ball at Albert hall.

Mrs. Wilkinson blazed her way into the Prince of Wales box, a literal walking diamond mine. Attired as the "Queen of Sheba" she absolutely stopped the proceeding at London's most famous armistice celebration.

Members of the royal family, peers and peeresses and Europe's most famous fashionables stood aghast at the marvelous display of wealth on the gown of this stout Nottingham matron.

The gown was manufactured by Revilla, the famous dressmaker, and was insured this afternoon for \$5,000,000. It contains more than 75,000 diamonds and pearls. She wore a coronet of fine diamonds over a skirt of silver lace embroidered in pearls.

Her shoes of silver cloth with high Louis XV heels, covered with tiny yellow diamonds.

The most startling feature of the whole costume was the head dress, which was 18 inches high. It was a loose cap laced with diamonds, with three ropes of wonderful pearls of graduated length draped from the ends of the cap at the ears and falling below the chin. From the top of the diamond cap stood three white peacock feathers studded with diamonds. These were guarded on either side by wonderful birds of paradise.

Mrs. Wilkinson also wore long diamond earrings and a magnificent chain of diamonds around her neck and chin.

HOUSE PASSES BILL EXTENDING TARIFF

(By General Service) Washington, Nov. 11.—The bill extending the emergency tariff law until it is displaced by the permanent tariff measure was passed by the house and sent to President Harding for his signature Thursday.

By a vote of 225 to 93 the house accepted the senate amendment making the extension effective "still otherwise provided by law" instead of until February 1, 1922, as originally provided.

Acceptance of the senate amendment was urged by Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee. He warned the house that, should congress be unable to enact the permanent tariff law by February 1, 1922, a lapse of even two or three days between the time the emergency tariff law ceased to operate and the permanent law becomes effective would "see importers flooding our warehouses" with goods.

Albany Freshman Marries Teacher

Albany, Nov. 11.—Considerable excitement was aroused on the Albany college campus Thursday by the report that Roy Harris, a freshman in the college, and Miss Lenore Schmitz, who resigned her position as vocal teacher in the conservatory last week, were married in Vancouver, Wednesday. The couple will make their home in Albany, according to the report.

SEVICES HELD FOR MRS. CROSS

Sandy, Nov. 11.—The funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Cross were conducted at the Methodist church here Wednesday by Rev. S. F. Pitts of Cottrell. Music was furnished by Dr. Julius Sture, Mrs. M. C. Miller, Mrs. R. E. Benson and Mrs. George Ferrel. Mrs. Cross was 85 years old. She was a member of the Methodist church and of the Sandy Rebekah lodge. The Boring Rebekah lodge had charge of the burial services at the Gresham cemetery.

Gold Hill Water System Has Profit

Gold Hill, Nov. 11.—The city of Gold Hill, in preparing a 1921 budget, found a much improved financial situation. The budget shows that the municipal water system is making approximately 400 per cent profit. The total tax to be levied is only \$6,178.22. The Gold Hill school district budget calls for \$15,400.11. The school district, during the last year, built a \$12,000 addition to the main school building.

Astoria Watchman Admits 3 Charges

Astoria, Nov. 11.—Bernard Sherman, indicted and awaiting trial in the circuit court on three counts, Thursday

changed his plea to guilty of charges of larceny of an automobile, embezzlement and forgery. He will be sentenced Saturday by Judge Eakin. Sherman was night watchman at an Astoria garage last summer. He stole an automobile belonging to Frank C. Hesse, attorney, carried away the money left with him by his employer for making change and cashed several worthless checks on the garage man before leaving the city. He was captured in Redlands, Cal.

GOOD ENGLISH WEEK OBSERVED
University of Washington, Seattle, Nov. 11.—"Good English" week is being observed this week by the college of forestry at the University of Washington for the first time.

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