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## SALES TAX IS NOT ACCEPTED BY COMMITTEE

Sub-body of House Ways and Means Favors Reporting Out Measure With No Provision of Source.

## ISSUE TO BE STUDIED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY

Some Members Continue to Hold Out Against Relief Legislation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—(By The Associated Press) — Rejecting seven to two a proposal to pay the soldiers' bonus by means of a sales tax, the special sub-committee of the Republican members of the house way and means committee was understood to have gone on record today, five to four, in favor of reporting out an adjusted compensation bill without any provisions for raising the revenues.

The sub-committee reported to the entire majority membership of the committee later in the day but a decision was deferred. Adjournment was taken until next Tuesday so as to give committee members, not members of the sub-committee, time to study the whole matter. Some of those protesting to have sounded sentiment among the majority members were of the opinion that unless there were unforeseen developments before Tuesday, the action of the sub-committee would be ratified.

One Motion Beaten  
Aside from the ballots on the sales tax and a bill without a revenue provision, there were said to have been several other votes in the sub-committee. It was learned that a motion to report a bill carrying only an insurance provision was defeated, six to two. Both proponents and opponents of a sales tax appeared to be surprised by the vote on the question.

Both sides apparently had expected a close vote. Representatives Longworth of Ohio and Bacharach of New Jersey, were said to have been the only members voting for a sales tax, although Representatives Watson of Pennsylvania said he favored such a tax if a bill carrying other than an insurance feature were voted out.

Watson Votes Against  
On the sales tax ballot, however, Mr. Watson was said to have voted in the negative. Others reported to have voted in the negative were Chairman Fordney and Representatives Frear, Wisconsin; Copley, Illinois; Treadway, Massachusetts; Timberlake, Colorado and Chandler, Oklahoma. Mr. Chandler was absent, but Chairman Fordney voted his proxy. On the ballot to report out a bill without any revenue proposition the sub-committee was said to have divided as follows:

In favor: Fordney, Frear, Copley, Timberlake, Chandler.  
Against: Longworth, Bacharach, Treadway and Watson.

## Zey Prevost in New Orleans; Spirited Away, Says Attorney

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—A telegram from Guy Molony, superintendent of the New Orleans police, that he believed Zey Prevost, principal prosecution witness against Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, could be located in that city, was received today by Chief of Police Daniel J. O'Brien. In reply, a subpoena was placed in the mail for her and District Attorney Matthew A. Brady telegraphed Molony asking him to urge the Prevost girl to return and testify, "in the interest of justice."

If she does not return voluntarily, Brady said, the testimony she gave in the police court hearing of a murder charge against Arbuckle will be read into the record in his third manslaughter trial, which is set for March 13.

"I am convinced she has been spirited away from here," Brady declared, "and if she fails to return there can be only one conclusion drawn, because her home and people are here."

## BORAH QUOTES FIGURES IN OPPOSING BONUS MEASURE



CARE of the disabled and mentally afflicted veterans of the world war in ten years will cost \$1,500,000,000 annually, and the total before the obligation is discharged probably will attain \$75,000,000,000, according to figures compiled by Senator Borah of Idaho in opposing the bonus bill. Pointing to the farm crisis before the nation, Senator Borah says the farm debt has grown from \$1,726,172,851 in 1910 to \$8,500,000,000 today. He asks what the farmers staggering under that burden will think of the nation shouldering an additional indebtedness through the bonus bill of \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,250,000,000.

## ALBANY MINISTER DIES OF AILMENT BELIEVED ANTHRAX

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 24.—A shaving brush of cheap manufacture, thought to have caused the death by anthrax of Rev. W. J. Bowerman, who died here today, along with a similar brush obtained on the local market were sent to the laboratory of the state health department at Portland for investigation.

These brushes were imported from China where they were made of horse hair or boar bristles.

Dr. W. H. Davis, county health officer, believed that a swelling of the face and neck which appeared about a week ago and resulted in Rev. Mr. Bowerman's death, was caused by anthrax contracted from the brush which the victim used.

## Man Under Indictment Takes His Own Life

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 24.—Benjamin F. Chambers, Southern Pacific brakeman of this city, who had been indicted by the Lane county grand jury last Monday, accused if a statutory crime against a girl 11 years old, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a pistol at his home today. He had been released from jail on bond. Chambers was 45 years old and leaves a wife. The girl who accused him has been residing with the family for several years.

## Break in Cold Wave is Not Yet Sighted Here

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 24.—A break in the cold wave which has been sweeping western Oregon for three days had not been sighted by the weather bureau, which recorded a minimum temperature of 27 degrees today. This temperature was two degrees lower than the minimum of the day before, and the wind increased in velocity. More fair weather and more cold east winds were forecast.

In eastern Oregon the temperature remained about the same as Thursday, with Baker reporting the coldest weather of 14 degrees. In the Willamette valley the mercury took a drop and Eugene reported 22 degrees, Albany 26 and Salem 28 degrees.

## WAREHOUSE BURNS

BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 24.—The storage warehouse of the Lovelace Wholesale Grocery company was entirely destroyed by fire tonight with a loss on building and contents at between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

## SENATE GROUP WILL ACT ON PACIFIC PACT

Senators France, Borah and Johnson Prepare to Wage Bitter Upon Four Power Western Agreement.

## REPUBLICAN MINORITY AIDED BY DEMOCRATS

President Harding Sees no Need for Measure to Restrict His Interests

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—An agreement for final committee action tomorrow on the four-power Pacific treaty was reached by senate leaders today after the administration forces and a group of Republican reservationists had united in support of a new compromise reservation. The compromise was laid before the committee by Senator Brandegee, Republican, Connecticut, after a conference with President Harding, as a substitute both for the compromise suggested yesterday by Senator Lodge, the committee chairman, and for the reservation previously presented by Senator Brandegee, which was said to have been found unacceptable to the White House.

Committee members understood that the new draft would be satisfactory to Mr. Harding and predicted that it would be given approval at tomorrow's meeting.

The text of the compromise reservation follows:

"The United States understands that under the statement in the preamble or under the terms of this treaty there is no commitment to armed force, no alliance, no obligation to join in any defense."

Pact is Opposed  
That only opposition to the draft from the Republican side of the committee is said to have come from Senators Johnson of California, and Borah, Idaho, who contended that it did not sufficiently disclaim any moral or legal obligation to maintain the rights of the other treaty signatories, and did not give to congress the right to pass an additional reservation reached under the treaty provisions. Both of these restrictions were set forth especially in the original Brandegee proposal.

On the Democratic side Senator Pomeroy of Ohio was said to have led the fight against the reservation, attempt to eliminate the words "no alliance" on the ground that to include them was to deny directly the language of the treaty. The motion still was pending when the committee adjourned with unanimous agreement to vote on the treaty itself and all proposed reservations.

One Objection Given  
Meantime at the White House, it was said that President Harding still saw not the slightest occasion for any reservation on the four power pact. There is one very simple objection to a reservation, it was said, it is that if this government cannot do things designed to promote understandings and bring nations into accord without having such things vetoed by congress or the senate, it will be in a very poor position to accomplish anything in the world.

It was declared that the president would have been agreeable to any reservation which would have prohibited him from carrying on negotiations or conferences without the approval of the senate. It was explained, however, that there would be no objection to a clarifying reservation to satisfy the apprehensions of those who have expressed fears about the treaty, but that the executive did not see the need for that.

Congress Must Accede  
It was also explained that the president could not and would not enter into the sanction of congress as provided in the constitution.

In the senate itself, debate proceeded today on the separate treaty with Japan regarding Yap and the other former German islands north of the equator. Senators Pittman of Nevada, Reed of Missouri and Watson of Georgia, all Democrats, in turn attacked certain provisions of the treaty and notice was given by Senator France, Republican, Maryland, that he would begin a speech in opposition which might last several days.

Attack Conference  
Both Senators Reed and Watson included in their addresses a general attack on the arms conference series of treaties. Mr. Reed addressed to assail George Harvey, American ambassador at London, whose recall he demanded. Senator Watson made only a short address, in which he asked that this government should not, by accepting the arms conference program, "become an accomplice of Japan and stain ourselves with her criminal record."

## THE WEATHER

Saturday, rain south; cloudy north portion; moderate easterly winds.

## WILLAMETTE GIRLS WIN DEBATE FROM CANADIANS; SALEM HIGH HAS CLEAN SWEEP OF VICTORY

Miss Joughlin and Miss Blatchford Defeat British Columbia Students in First International Argument

## FARMER FALLS, LANTERN SETS BARN ON FIRE

Four-Thousand-Dollar Structure on Veerrier Ranch Near Silverton Destroyed

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special to The Statesman)—The \$4000 barn which was built four years ago on the W. H. Veerrier ranch south of Silverton was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday evening.

William Veerrier, a son of the owner, went to the barn about 8 o'clock to do the evening chores. He carried a lantern, as usual. He climbed to the hay loft with the lantern and began to walk along a plank which led through a passageway between the lots. The plank gave way and he fell to the floor below, a distance of 10 feet. He was knocked unconscious by the fall and the lighted lantern set the straw on fire.

Mrs. Veerrier happened to glance out of the window and discovered the fire. Mr. Veerrier rushed at once to the barn where he found his son just gaining consciousness. By this time the fire had made too much advancement to save the barn. However, the horses and cattle which were housed in the barn were saved. A silo, some farm machinery and 10 tons of hay and straw were burned.

The barn carried an insurance of \$2000. Mr. Veerrier says he will begin to build again as soon as the insurance is adjusted.

Willamette university won first honors in the women's international collegiate debate held here last night with the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, by a vote of 2 to 1.

The victors held the affirmative of the question, "Resolved, That the western nations and Japan are justified in refusing to relinquish their territorial rights which they hold in China by treaty." The Willamette speakers were Miss Louise Joughlin and Miss Lorlei Blatchford.

Governor Ben W. Olcott, Attorney James Heltzel, and Rev. J. J. Evans were the judges. Dean Alden of Willamette university was the chairman. The decisions were based upon 50 per cent on the platform appearance and 50 per cent for argumentation.

The poise, enunciation, appearance, and enthusiasm as well as argument of the affirmative resulted in the decision. Their arguments were driven home with a punch. The British debaters attracted the audience by their attractive manners and pleasing personality. The invaders also had a manner of driving home their arguments that was unique and impressive. The traceable accent of the speakers from Vancouver carried everyone along with them in every word.

Miss Joughlin opened the argument by outlining the points and arguments of the affirmative. The answering shot was by Miss Sallee Murphy who made clear the lines of attack of the negative.

Miss Blatchford, the second speaker for the affirmative showed up splendidly in her platform presence and manner of argument. She swayed the audience. Miss Dorthy Walsh, the big gun of the visitors, made quick, cutting, concise arguments that nearly wrecked those of the affirmative. Her appearance was cause for a round of applause.

Miss Murphy and Miss Walsh are both juniors at the University of British Columbia and members of the Women's Literary society. This is their first appearance in intercollegiate debate. They both have an active part in the activities of the student body at Vancouver.

Miss Blatchford is an experienced debater, having won her Bar-W in last year's battles. Her experience was largely responsible for this victory. Miss Joughlin is a debater with high school experience, this being her first appearance on a college team.

Polk Teachers Institute Postponed Because of Flu

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special to The Statesman)—The local Teachers' institute which was to have been held in West Salem on Saturday, February 25, has been postponed by School Superintendent Jobiah Wills on account of the number of cases of influenza among the pupils. The disease which is of a light form has taken hold in practically every district in the county. Many of the teachers also are down ill with the epidemic.

Mrs. Patricia Porter Succumbs to Pneumonia

Mrs. Patricia Porter, wife of W. H. Porter, died yesterday at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. L. Penton, 1405 Lee street, at the age of 24 years. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Mrs. Porter is survived by her husband, a son 15 months old, her mother and two sisters. The sisters are Mrs. Robert E. Davey and Mrs. Eugene Halley, both of Salem.

Funeral announcements are to be made later.

## JEFFERSON AND SILVERTON FALL BEFORE FORENSIC ON-SLAUGHT OF LOCAL STUDENTS IN DISCUSSION OF PLUMB PLAN

## TRIANGLE DEBATE RESULTS

At Salem—Salem affirmative wins from Silverton negative by unanimous decision. At Jefferson—Salem negative wins from Jefferson affirmative by unanimous decision.

At Silverton—Jefferson negative wins from Silverton affirmative by two to one vote.

Salem's debating teams both scored 100 per cent victories last night when Silverton and Jefferson debate teams lost to the local high school. Judges' decisions in each case were 3 to 0.

Kenneth Perry and Ralph Emmons made up the negative team which took the laurels in the contest at Jefferson. Benoit McCroskey and Ward Southworth composed the affirmative side of the Salem group, which met Silverton debaters on the platform of the Salem high school auditorium.

The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the Plumb Plan of railway control and management should be enacted into law."

Judges at Jefferson were Professors Earle Wells, P. Horace Williston and L. Eugene, of Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis. Judges who passed upon the Salem-Silverton debate were Professor Hewitt of Willamette university, Dr. John H. Gilbert and Professor Roland A. Miller of University of Oregon, Eugene; Robert Littler of Willamette university, officiated as chairman of the event at Salem.

The other match of the triangle was at Silverton where the Silverton affirmative team lost to the Jefferson negative team by a two to one vote of the judges. The Silverton debaters were John Larson and Alexander Borvik, and the Jefferson speakers were Blay and Albert.

The judges were W. G. Beatty, J. P. V. Butler and P. B. Svenson, all of Monmouth.

## SALEM TO HAVE MANY BUILDINGS

List of Permits Growing at Office of City Recorder Earl Race

Even the old reliable pessimists would be obliged to relent a bit if they should stroll into the office of City Recorder Earl Race and scan the list of building permits issued during the past two weeks. Since the first of the new year, more permits have been issued than during the first six months of the year 1921.

Here are the permit descriptions:

Marion county courthouse, alterations in building, Perrell and company, contractors, Cost \$5500.

Charles Bayes, one story frame dwelling at 2855 South Church street, C. S. Robinson, contractor, Cost \$2000.

Standard Oil company, office building at Sixteenth and Oak streets, Al Stewart contractor, Cost \$350.

W. H. Burger, to erect a one and one-half story dwelling at 408 North Sixteenth street to cost \$3000.

O. E. Price, one story frame structure to be erected at 269 South Twenty-third street at a cost of \$2500.

H. R. McDowell, one story frame dwelling at 1515 Bellevue street, to cost \$2500.

O. E. Price, one story frame residence at 44 North Cottage at a cost of \$5000.

Thomas Kellaher, one and one-half story dwelling at 1250 D street, Cost \$2000.

Bleasung Granite company, To erect a one story frame building at the City View cemetery at a cost of \$400.

Edgar Rowland, to build a one story frame dwelling, 2095 South Church street at a cost of \$2000.

## LANDRU'S HEAD FALLS IN BASKET

Bluebeard of Gambais Guillotined as First Rays of Dawn Appear

VERSAILLES, Feb. 25.—Henri Landru the "Bluebeard of Gambais" was guillotined at 6:50 this morning.

Landru died gamely. He walked the few paces from the jail door to the guillotine unaided.

His head fell into the basket as the first rays of dawn gleamed in the sky.

## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CONFESSES HE WROTE BLACK HAND MISSIVES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—George E. Dong, a clerk in the bureau of insular affairs of the war department since 1904, confessed today, according to the police, to the authorship of blackhand letters recently received by Henry White, former ambassador to France, and by several women prominent in Washington society. The letters demanded large sums of money and threatened death if the sums were not forthcoming.

Long was taken into custody today after department of justice agents were said to have traced the letters to him by a peculiarity in the handwriting and by a water mark used in war department stationery.

## HONORS GIVEN TO HERO DEAD OF ROMA CREW

One Unnamed Soldier Selected to Represent All Who Died in Recent Disaster of Air.

## IMPRESSIVE RITES AT NEWPORT NEWS

Airplanes Circle Above Catafalque and Strew Flowers on Coffin

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 24.—An unnamed soldier from among the dead in the disaster to the airship Roma was selected as representative of all those who gave their lives in the fatal flight for a public funeral which was held here today.

Resting in a plain casket under the folds of the flag on a grassy prominence in the center of a high hollow square, he received for himself and the 25 others who died in the disaster a last farewell from his comrades and from others among whom he had lived.

Plans Are Changed  
It has been planned for Newport News and other cities near Langley field to do honor at a public funeral for all the men who died when the great airship Roma was destroyed last Tuesday but, because many of the bodies, destined for homes in widely separated parts of the country, had been sent from the city earlier, it was arranged for only one body to represent all at the service. So a lone soldier without a name was chosen from among those remaining that all might be honored.

Moving in funeral step to the straits of the Dead March from Langley field, the funeral procession entered the square which had been roped off on the Casino grounds overlooking the James river. Gathered about the square were the thousands.

Airplanes Scatter Flowers  
As the body was laid on its natural catafalque a squad of airplanes from army and navy flying stations nearby swept in great circles high over the flag-circled coffin, swinging nearer and nearer to earth in ever-smaller turns. Finally with a mighty roar they swooped one by one over the square, scattering showers of lilies and crushed rose leaves.

There was a short prayer by Chaplain Samuel J. Smith of Fortress Monroe, and another by the Rev. J. B. DeCafferly of this city. Attorney General John T. Saunders of Virginia delivered a eulogy.

Then a crisp order rang out and the rifles of a Langley field firing squad clicked their cartridges into place. Three sharp volleys cracked and as the echoes died, a bugler's notes mounted the breeze with the soldier's last farewell.

During the funeral services which were attended by representatives of every military, commercial and civic organization, and of the state and city governments, every business house in Newport News remained closed. Flags were at half mast throughout the day all over this section of the state and church bells tolled.

## Bread in Spokane Goes to Ten Cents a Loaf

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 24.—Bread goes to 10 cents a loaf in Spokane Monday, the master bakers announced today. The new price is based on the higher price of flour, which since the new year have climbed over \$2.50 a barrel and a 25 per cent increase in the price of fat, it is said. This increase is one cent a loaf, both wholesale and retail, in most cases.

## Medical Student Pleads Not Guilty of Murder

SPOKANE, Marris Codd, young medical student charged with causing the death here of Private Frank Brinton, today pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree murder, and was ordered held without bond. He is said to have thrown Brinton over a balustrade in a downtown office building, causing injuries from which the man later died. Codd's attorneys entered a special plea of temporary insanity, at today's arraignment.

## Government Employee Confesses He Wrote Black Hand Missives

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