

BORAH URGES TAX CRUSADE; HITS BONUS

One Has Right to Be for Bonus or Tax Reduction, But Not for Both Asserts Idaho Senator

NEW YORK LEGION MAN SPEAKS AT MEETING

Spafford Assails Mellon Plan on Basis of Class Legislation

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Asserting that the question of tax reduction ought to be made a crusade in this country, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho told the national Republican club of New York today that the greatest contribution the nation could make to the soldiers would be to restore the economic stability of the country and lower taxes. Vigorously opposing the soldiers' bonus which was championed by Edward E. Spafford, New York state commander of the American Legion, Senator Borah declared tax reduction and the bonus could not be reconciled.

Replies to Threat

"You cannot take off a temporary burden of \$140,000,000 or \$150,000,000 and lay on a permanent obligation of \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000 and call it tax reduction. That would be too great a strain on the credulity of the water. It would be a dangerous political experiment and would defeat any party that would undertake it."

Replying to the threat of the legion commander that the ex-service men would muster more than 13,000,000 votes to defeat the Mellon tax reduction plan and compel adoption of a bonus, Senator Borah asserted there were at least 29 senators who would oppose a bonus bill if there were 10,000,000,000 votes against them.

Secretary Mellon's plan for tax reduction was assailed by Mr. Spafford as class legislation. "Every opponent of the provision for the veterans led by the war profiteers and the whole kit and crew of those who exploit the masses of the country to their own profit," he asserted, "has seized upon it as debarring now and forever the payment of the just dues the nation owes its soldiers."

Tax reduction and a soldiers' bonus are inconsistent, declared S. Parker Gilbert, former under secretary of the treasury, and a bonus would make tax reduction impossible for many years to come.

Choice Presented

"The American people," he said, "are presented with the choice between tax reduction that will benefit directly every tax payer and indirectly the whole 110,000,000 of our population, and a soldiers' bonus that would be distributed among the four millions more veterans of the late war."

"The bonus in the long run would do good to the veterans themselves for they and their families form such a substantial part of the community that any bonus received would be overcome by increased tax burdens."

THE WEATHER

OREGON — Cloudy Sunday, moderate easterly winds.
LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)
Maximum temperature, 32.
Minimum temperature, 12.
Rainfall, none.
River 4.6.
Atmosphere, clear.
Wind, northwest.

MAMMOTH TREE WILL OCCUPY MILL 3 DAYS

Giant Redwood Cut at Crescent City Will Furnish Cargo for Two Steamers

GRANTS PASS, Or., Jan. 5.—A mammoth redwood measuring 23 feet across the butt and 70 feet in circumference was cut this week in the redwood forest near Crescent City, Cal., on the Redwood highway, according to word brought here today. The tree, which stood 300 feet tall, was the largest ever cut by the sawmill operating in that vicinity.

It will furnish 250,000 feet of lumber, enough to keep the mill running for three days, and it will furnish a cargo for two steamers of the size now entering the Crescent City harbor. It is pointed out that 50 cottages each containing 5,000 feet of lumber could be erected from the lumber cut from this single tree.

Two men labored seven days to bring the giant to earth. They were forced to make a double undercut, the vertical measurement of which was 10 feet.

This is one of the "big" trees of the Del Norte county forests. Some still standing are greater than the one cut.

EUGENE GARAGE HAS FIRE; CARS BURNED

Loss Estimated at \$80,000—Apartment House Tenants Make Escape

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 5.—Fire that destroyed the garage of the Lane county automobile company and the Oregon apartments in a two-story brick building owned by W. J. Warnock here this afternoon caused a loss estimated between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

The blaze starting in the work shop of the garage spread so rapidly that it was impossible to get many of the automobiles out and some of the occupants of the apartments had narrow escapes.

Owing to the smoke and heat firemen were unable to enter the burning structure and were compelled to fight the flames from the outside. It was an hour and a half from the time the blaze started until it was under control and was not entirely extinguished for over two hours.

Kenneth Ables and Earl Fonda, proprietors of the garage said they had no check on the number of cars destroyed but thought there were 25 or thirty inside. These included a number of new machines in stock. W. J. Warnock, owner of the building said his loss is \$30,000 and had but \$3000 insurance.

Ables and Fonda carried \$20,000 insurance and said their loss will be much more than that.

MOONSHINE OUTFIT TAKEN IN YAKIMA

Dry Squad Raids Still Located Within Half Mile of Sheriff's Home

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—Four deputy sheriffs of Yakima county captured the biggest moonshine outfit ever brought in in this state this afternoon, including two 200 gallon stills, about 500 gallons of finished product ready to be bottled in bond under a well known label, and 2500 gallons of wheat mash all ready to be run out.

The outfit was found in the ten room residence owned by the city limits and John Voelker, 25, son of an old resident, was arrested by the dry squad. A five ton truck was required to haul in the spoils, which included 175 pounds of sugar and 200 empty sugar sacks, indicating the extent of the traffic evidently carried on.

"I just got started," said Voelker, when arrested, according to the officers. His sister, who lived in the house raided, said she had not been in the basement for three months.

According to a rough estimate the seized liquor and mash was worth more than \$10,000 and the stills had a capacity of 30 gallons an hour. They were going full blast when the officers burst in. The county sheriff and prosecuting attorney live within less than half a mile away in sight of the place which was in an exclusive residence district.

MELLON PLAN STORM CENTER OF CONGRESS

Democratic Members Plan Sharp Fight Against Proposal to Cut Present Maximum in Half

"DIAGNOSIS AND CURE" NEEDED SAYS LEADER

Couzens of Michigan Seeks Additional Information From Secretary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The Mellon tax program will become a storm center in congress under plans of democratic leaders. They made known today that they were preparing for a sharp fight against the proposal to cut in half the present maximum surtax on small incomes that has been proposed by the treasury secretary.

At the same time Secretary Mellon made public a letter to Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, in which he renewed his arguments in favor of a maximum surtax of 25 per cent. Mr. Mellon declared it was not those who have the capital who are hurt by a system of wartime high surtaxes; "that it is the whole country which would benefit by its productive use which suffers."

Diagnosis Needed

"Let us have diagnosis and cure—not autopsy and verdict," the secretary said in concluding his letter which was in response to one from Senator Couzens. The Michigan senator had written Mr. Mellon that the secretary's communications on the subject of a reduction in surtaxes did not seem to contain evidence that the reduction proposed "would be for the good of the whole country," he added that the legislative action in conformity with the surtax recommendations "should be supported by very conclusive evidence," that such a reduction would have this effect.

The soldiers' bonus again was injected prominently into the tax situation today with the filing of formal petitions for a conference of house republicans next Thursday night to decide whether the ways and means committee is to report a bonus bill ahead of tax legislation. Former service men who are members of congress pressed their demand for a conference despite the opposition of some party leaders to their program. A call for the conference probably will go out early next week.

WHITNEY CHORUS BACK IN PORTLAND

Twenty Portland Lads Return From Winnipeg, Canada With Director

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Some 20 lads of from 11 to 19 years of age, who comprise the Whitney boys' chorus, arrived here tonight from Winnipeg, Man., whence they had been brought at the expense of Al Kader temple of the Mystic Shrine following financial difficulties which the organization had encountered in the Canadian city. H. E. K. Whitney, their director, accompanied them.

He said that poor patronage in the Canadian province had so reduced the income of the chorus that he had been unable to continue the tour or to meet expenses. The boys are all members of families living in Portland or vicinity.

Foster Couple Married In Dome of State House

The dome of the state capitol was selected by Joseph Earl Krauger and Lillian E. Maxfield of Foster, Linn county, as the place for their wedding yesterday afternoon and the nuptial ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace P. J. Kuntz. Mr. Grauger is a machinist at Foster. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Maxfield of Foster and Mr. Krauger is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Krauger of 1145 Liberty street, Salem. His father and his brother, Will Krauger, were witnesses.

ROUGH RIDER BUST PLANNED FOR SAN JUAN

Monument to Roosevelt Will be Unveiled in Connection With Anniversary

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A bust of Theodore Roosevelt as a rough rider, designed from life by James Earl Frazer, will be erected on the boulevard running from Santiago to San Juan hill in connection with the fifth anniversary of the former president's death, George C. McMurtry, chairman of the Roosevelt Memorial association, announced tonight.

Henry Bacon, designer of the national memorial to Abraham Lincoln, collaborated in the work with Mr. Frazer, who designed the statue of Alexander Hamilton on the steps of the treasury building in Washington.

Under the bust will appear the name "Roosevelt," and above it the quotation "Only those are fit to live who do not fear to die." An inscription in Spanish on the base will read as translated: "Erected by the Rough Riders' association, the Rotary club of Santiago and the Roosevelt Memorial association to commemorate the services of Theodore Roosevelt in Cuba's fight for freedom."

HUNDREDS SLIDE DOWN THE HILLS

Lincoln Street Alive With Fun-Makers—Officer Stays on Job

"A coasting we will go!" Several hundred Salem kids of all ages carried out the spirit of the old snowtime song last night when the Lincoln street hill was crowded with those who had caught the spirit of the winter pleasure, an infrequent one for this city.

Bobbed, steel cutters and hand saws of every description were to be found on the Lincoln street slide. Of course there are several small sleds, but this is the mecca of those who want a thrilling ride.

Of course there is quite a bit of danger when it is considered that this street crosses South Commercial. Chief of Police Birtcher has for several nights detailed Traffic Officer William Vogt to the task of swinging the red lantern as a projection for the well loaded, fast moving sleds. There are few local autoists who refuse to slow down at the intersection, but occasionally there is an individual who is willing to claim the right of way over the brakeless coasting vehicles.

Observers last night commented upon the fact that men and boys owning the coasters were willing to share the ride with kiddies, and not a few women who wanted to enjoy the fun. Of course there were fair maidens in plenty, but nearly all of the loads were made up of mixed crews of pleasure seekers.

The joy of coasting over the icy surface might not have been enjoyed had the advice of well-meaning but consistent pessimists been followed. These have been growling, "Throw clinders on these hills so we can speed by without worrying about these wild kids."

Perhaps there would be more safety involved, but with every one co-operating there is little real danger and the shouts of genuine mirth are proof that this is healthy sport for red-blooded folks.

PORTLAND YOUTHS ARE INDICTED

Brothers are Charged With Arson and Seeking to Collect Insurance

PORTLAND, Jan. 5.—Albert and Joel H. Coe, brothers accused of having set fire to the St. Nicholas cafeteria here on the night of November 9, were jointly indicted on two counts—arson and burning with intent to secure insurance—by the county grand jury today.

The men were accused of having set the fire for the purpose of collecting \$15,000 in insurance. Evidences of incendiarism were discovered by the city fire marshal's office the day following the fire and investigation by Fire Marshal Grenfell and District Attorney Myers led to the arrest of the Coe brothers.

According to the police Albert Coe, who was the first to be questioned, confessed.

VIRGINIA DARE MAY BE FOUND; LEAD SLAB CLUE

Name of First White Child Born in America Found on Excavated Block

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—One of the unsolved mysteries of history has been called to the attention of scientists of the Smithsonian institution as the result of the discovery of a slab of lead here today three feet underground, bearing an inscription which may throw light upon the disappearance of Virginia Dare, the first white child born in America.

Digging in his back yard Russel Kaufman uncovered the slab, one eighth of an inch thick, 14 inches long and six inches wide. When cleared by acid the following inscription, apparently cut with a hot instrument, was disclosed:

"Virginia Dare.
"Died here
"Captif powhatan
"1590
"Charles R."

Virginia Dare was the granddaughter of Governor John White and daughter of one of his official staff. White's expedition to establish an agricultural colony left England in 1587 arriving in the summer at Roanoke island, Virginia, whence the child was born the same year.

Governor White soon left for England, and returning one year later, was unable to find any trace of the colony or the child.

Officials of the Smithsonian institution declined to express any opinion on the genuineness of the find pending a more thorough examination next week.

CAPITAL POST TO ENTER NEW HOME

First Meeting to Be Held in Headquarters in McCormack Hall

The legion will hold its first meeting of the year in its new home in McCormack hall Monday night at 8 o'clock. Installation of officers, a big entertainment and a feed are in store for the legionnaires. This will be the first meeting under the recent change of meeting night. Prior to this time Capital post met Tuesday night at the armory. All American legion members and eligibles are invited to attend the installation.

All American legion posts are advised by state headquarters to withhold support or endorsement of the movement to secure funds for "relief of German children," according to official notice received by Brazier C. Small, post adjutant. These orders were received by the state department from national headquarters. The withholding is to be in effect until further advices are given.

FINAL FLASHES

SPOKANE, Jan. 5.—Five Spokane boys were arrested here today believed to have been members of a gang of a dozen or more who have been responsible for most of the city automobile thefts during the past several months.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 5.—The lowest temperature in Eugene last night was 15 degrees and the highest today was 31, according to the weather bureau. It was predicted that the col period would last another day.

SPOKANE, Jan. 5.—Robert Dwyer, eight years old was badly injured here today when he coasted into a moving truck. He is expected to recover.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 5.—After a week of weather reported to be warmer than that which prevailed over central and eastern Washington the mercury dropped here today to five degrees below zero.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—(By the Associated Press)—The Seine flood is abating, the cessation of waters coinciding with a sharp frost.

Vancouver Telephone Service Is Crippled

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 5.—Telephone service was badly crippled and several thousand dollars damage was caused when fire broke out in the Seymour Telephone exchange tonight.

A short circuit in the switchboard is believed to have started the blaze. There was no panic, most of the telephone girls making their way calmly to the street. Others remained on duty until the blaze was extinguished.

FULL CONTROL GIVEN PALMER UNDER PLAN

New Member of Shipping Board Will Head Emergency Fleet Corporation—Farley Resigns

RETIRING CHAIRMAN GIVES OVER SHARES

President Expected to Name New Commissioner on Board From Interior

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Steps were taken today for putting into effect the administration's plan for a more efficient merchant marine through the transfer from the shipping board to the emergency fleet corporation of all duties embraced in the actual control and operation of government tonnage, the board retaining its regularity and advisory powers.

At a meeting of the shipping board, Edward P. Farley, who is serving as chairman pending the selection by President Coolidge of one of the board's present members for the chairmanship, announced his resignation as president of the emergency fleet corporation and the one qualifying share he had held as a trustee of the corporation was turned over to Leigh C. Palmer, who will be the new directing head of the government's merchant fleet.

Before the new plan of operation of the government fleet can be made effective the shipping board must adopt a resolution placing it on record with reference to the plan agreed upon by President Coolidge with members of the board and merchant marine leaders in congress.

Plan Not New

Under a resolution adopted September 30, 1921, when A. D. Lasker was chairman, a somewhat similar separation plan was authorized but the spirit and letter of the resolution, officials say, were not strictly adhered to in the naming of Mr. Farley as head of the fleet corporation while at the same time he was chairman of the shipping board. The board considered a draft of a new proposal today and it is expected a resolution will be put in final shape for adoption next week.

President Coolidge is expected to name soon a new commissioner on the board from the interior of the country in place of Mr. Farley. Several recommendations have been made to him for the appointment, among those suggested to represent the farmers of the country being J. R. Howard of Iowa, former president of the American farm bureau federation; H. L. Keefe of Nebraska and E. S. Hill of South Dakota.

PENDLETON GIRL INDICTED BY JURY

First Degree Murder Charge Brought Again Nora Ellis of Albee

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 5.—Miss Nora Ellis was indicted today by the Umatilla county grand jury on a charge of first degree murder. She is accused of shooting to death Gordon Mettie, a married man near Albee, October 27 last.

Miss Ellis was given until Wednesday to make her plea.

Woman Given Title to Land By Railroad Co.

WINLOCK, Wash., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Matt Koski of this place has started the new year with a clear title to a tract of land bought on installments by her husband and on which she was unable to meet the payments after his death. The land was about to revert to the Union Pacific railway, the seller, under the contract, when the situation was brought to the attention of officials. A decision to give Mrs. Koski title without further payment followed.

ROUND-WORLD VOYAGE BEGUN FROM PACIFIC

President Gives Radio Signal Which Starts Vessel on Long Journey

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—President Coolidge interrupted a bon voyage celebration here at dusk today when he flashed a radio signal which sent the liner President Harrison from its moorings, initiating the first round the world passenger and freight service under the American flag. The signal came as John Phillip Sousa was leading his band in the "Stars and Stripes Forever" and Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco accompanied by a number of high naval officers and civic leaders congratulated the captain, K. A. Ahlin and the passengers who were embroiled in a network of paper streamers which covered the decks.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce trade excursion committee was aboard the ship to make the cruise for the purpose of bidding for trade opportunities.

PLUMBER STRIKE IS NOW SETTLED

Opposing Sides Agree to Arbitrate—Return to Work Monday

With a final interchange of communications between the striking journeymen plumbers and the master plumbers Saturday, an amiable understanding was reached and the men will return to work Monday morning. Final settlement of the differences will be made by a special board of arbitration early in the week, probably Monday night.

Amendment of former communications from the master plumbers to the journeymen was effected Saturday morning, when the master plumbers suggested a board of arbitration consisting of five disinterested Salem business men to be selected by a joint committee of two master plumbers and two journeymen plumbers. This board will take up the question as to the wage scale for the year.

The proposal was given careful consideration at a meeting of the journeymen in union hall during the afternoon, with the result that John H. Humphrey, recording secretary of Local 347, notified J. A. Bernardi, secretary of the master plumbers' association, that the men had been instructed to return to work Monday morning pending the decision of the board of arbitration.

Nearly 20 journeymen refused to go to work Wednesday morning after their demand for an increase from \$7.50 to \$8.50 a day had been refused by the master plumbers. The journeymen stood pat for a local board of arbitration, to consist of a representative of the journeymen, the master plumbers and a Salem business man. The master plumbers held out for a board consisting of Portland men. All misunderstandings were cleared by the two communications exchanged Saturday.

In their letter to the journeymen Saturday noon the master plumbers said: "At a special meeting of the Master Plumbers' association called for the purpose of considering a proposal of the journeymen's local No. 347 that we amend our former communication by agreeing to a board of arbitration to settle the wage scale question."

"We have decided to amend our last communication by adding 'we will agree to have a board of arbitration, said board to consist of five disinterested business men of Salem. The board to be selected by a joint committee of two master plumbers and two journeymen. The board of arbitration to take up the question as to wage scale for this year. No other question to come before this board. In consideration of the above the journeymen are to receive no additional wages beyond last year's scale for all work contracted for before January 1, 1924."

"J. A. BERNARDI,
"Sec. M. P. A."
To this communication the journeymen made the following reply about 5 o'clock:
"J. A. Bernardi, secretary, master plumbers' association. Dear Sir: I have been instructed to notify the master plumbers' association that the communication of January 5 is accepted and that all men have been instructed to report back to work Monday morning."
(Signed) JOHN O. HUMPHREY,
Recording Secretary of the local 347.

MANY DEATHS FOLLOW COLD; TEN SUGGUMB

Most Severe Cold Wave of Years Sweeps Entire Country—North Central Section Coldest

MINNESOTA TOWN HAS LOWEST TEMPERATURE

Northwest Except Oregon Coming Back to Normal Conditions Fast

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(By The Associated Press)—Upward of a dozen deaths resulted today from one of the most severe cold waves which has swept the entire country in years, disrupting transportation and communication and causing untold suffering.

The north central section of the United States was the greatest sufferer from the cold, Chicago and Illinois have low marks which have not been passed since 1905, while Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa also reported exceptional cold.

The coldest point in the United States today according to unofficial report was Virginia, Minn., where 29 degrees below zero was reported, but this record was closely approached by Mankato, Minn., where the thermometer registered 28 below and Gordon, Neb., with 27 below.

16 Below in Chicago
Tonight the death list in Chicago, where the lowest official reading today was 16 below, stood at six. Three deaths had been reported at St. Louis and at St. Paul a park policeman was found frozen to death.

The Detroit, Michigan, newspaper reported that the coldest temperatures in Fargo, N. D., 35 below zero was recorded. Weather in parts of Wisconsin, was such that milk deliveries were virtually abandoned, bus services discontinued and rail transportation delayed. At St. Louis and Kansas City the coldest weather since 1918 was reported. At the latter point, the thermometer reached 15 below and at the former nine below. Salina was the coldest point in Kansas with 23 below.

Considerable snow fell along Lake Erie and sub-zero weather prevailed throughout Ohio for the first time this winter.

Below freezing temperatures were recorded in Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee and Georgia. A forecast of freezing temperatures predicted to reach as low as 23, above called for a warning in the south for protection to citrus fruit trees.

At Fulton Junction, Ky., it was reported that large numbers of negroes were passing through in their annual exodus to the south from northern states.

Coast Near Normal
In the extreme west and rocky mountain states, the cold wave had passed and warmer weather resulted. All of the Pacific coast states except Oregon again were fast approaching normal conditions and Southern California reported that the weather man had resumed his usual conduct. New Mexico and Arizona were enjoying fair and warmer weather.

Although the government weather forecast for the coming week predicts generally fair weather throughout the upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, the Rocky Mountain and plateau region the Pacific states, subnormal temperatures also are forecast. The same is true of west gulf states and Ohio valley, while it is predicted that the Atlantic and east gulf states will experience much colder weather early in the week and the great lakes region will be visited by snow flurries and subnormal temperatures.

WHO WINS?

Owing to the very heavy rush of subscriptions and votes in the final hours of the contest and the necessity of careful counting of votes the Automobile contest results will not be announced before Tuesday morning.

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