

## REVENUE BILL GOES TO HOUSE NEXT MONDAY

### Republicans of Ways and Means Committee Complete Draft—Carries Income Tax Reduction

### TO DEMAND AMENDMENT ON TAX EXEMPT BONDS

### Jewelry Taxes are Reduced With Additional Exemptions Included

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Republicans of the house ways and means committee today completed their draft of the 1924 revenue bill which carries a reduction of 25 per cent to apply on all personal income taxes payable this year. The measure is to be formally ratified by the whole committee on Thursday and reported to the house on Monday.

The 25 per cent reduction of 1923 taxes, which was voted by the majority members today, would mean a saving to taxpayers this year of about \$225,000,000.

Secretary Mellon has approved this section. A reduction of about \$13,000,000 in the jewelry tax also was approved today by the republicans.

### Time Doubtful

When the house would take up the bill was doubtful. Chairman Green said it likely would not be taken up next week on account of delay in passage of the appropriation measure.

### Meeting to be Formal

Mr. Green intimated today that the meeting of the whole ways and means committee Thursday would be more or less formal and that only one vote, to report the measure favorably, would be taken.

Republicans have fixed the income rates in private incomes and have agreed to support the bill for a favorable report, thus assuring its passage from committee.

Secretary Mellon's proposed reductions in the income tax rates were advocated today by Representative Darrow, republican of Pennsylvania, a member of the steering committee in remarks recorded in the congressional record.

Defending the proposed reduction in surtaxes to a maximum of 25 per cent, Mr. Darrow said these taxes were evolved "during the war to make the rich pay, but now they are not paying," because much of their capital was invested in tax-exempt securities.

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## AIR IS HARNESSSED TO FIGHT BLIZZARD IN CENTRAL STATES

### Telegraphic Code Resorted To Because of Unfavorable Weather Conditions—Storm Diminishes in Force as it Moves Eastward—Center Over Indiana—Trains Stalled.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Only the air was in harness today throughout the great Mississippi valley from Minnesota to Texas, held in the grip of the worst blizzards of snow and sleet in 20 years, with trains snowbound and stalled and all lines of communication seriously interrupted.

With railway and commercial telegraph wires down in many states, and telephone wires similarly crippled, the radio was put to its severest test. News associations, commercial wires and the railroad wires were using the radio to such an extent as was possible.

### FINAL FLASHES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 5.—Emory Connell and Eulos Sullivan were shot to death in a gun battle with a posse near Redfield late today. Joe Sullivan, third member of the trio which fled the state prison here last Friday morning is in a local hospital believed to be in a serious condition from loss of blood and exposure.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—A special grand jury to investigate the conduct of the veterans' bureau under Former Director Charles R. Forbes has been summoned to convene tomorrow.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 5.—The Citizens National bank failed to open today. Its directors issued a statement saying that heavy withdrawals during the last few days make their action necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The government late today withdrew from sale in Oklahoma its savings certificates.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—The occupation of Fortin has been officially confirmed although no details will be given until a report on the fighting is received from Central Mexican forces in command of the army in this district. The advance against Cordoba is being continued.

TAMPICO, Feb. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—Vera Cruz was evacuated today by the rebel forces.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 5.—Joseph M. Carey, 79, former governor of Wyoming, died at his home here tonight.

ANNHEIM, Cal., Feb. 5.—Approximately \$6000 of the \$25,000 in cash and securities stolen from a registered mail pouch here December 23, last, has been recovered and the balance is in sight, postoffice inspectors working on the case announced tonight.

JANESVILLE, Wis., Feb. 5.—Fire is raging in the business section of Beloit tonight.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Feb. 5.—Mayor Harry Wentz, president of the Security Savings bank of this city, and former president of the South Dakota Bankers' association shot himself through the head at his home here.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 5.—Efforts to capture two unmasked bandits who held up Thomas Howison, Jr., assistant cashier of the First State bank of Clovis near here at noon today, locked him in a vault and escaped with almost \$25,000 in gold and currency, had proved futile up to late tonight.

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## WILSON KEEPS LAST VIGIL IN QUIET ROOM

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### FUNERAL TODAY THIRD IN CAPITAL RECENTLY

### Unknown Soldier and President Harding's Were Held Within Last 3 Years

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Lonely in the inscrutable majesty of death, Woodrow Wilson kept his last vigil tonight in the quiet room where life ebbed away. Eternal calm and great peace brooded over the still, strong face. Deep graven lines etched by years of pain and suffering were softened by death, the look of strain gone forever.

Dear ones will have looked their last on those chiseled features when another sun has set. The broken machine, robbed of the valiant spirit that ruled it, will be laid tenderly away amid sculptured marble to sleep forever.

### Moves Eastward

The storm was diminishing in force today as it moved eastward, with its center over western Indiana and some colder weather in its wake, but conditions were beginning to clear up in the northwest and northern plains states today.

### Few Arrangements Necessary

There was little more of preparation necessary today for the funeral ceremonies tomorrow. They will be doubly striking by their simplicity. Even the double burial services will be short, lacking much of the cadenced sorrow of church ceremonial. Of military pageantry there will be none. It was Woodrow Wilson's wish.

Three times in less than three years the national capital has been called to witness the solemn rites of men to whom the nation would pay highest honor. First in that succession came the funeral of America's unknown soldier. Profound sorrow marked the funeral of President Harding. He also had been struck down in the full tide of his service to the flag and men mourned his untimely death.

Tomorrow comes the third day of national mourning, a day that will be strangely different from those that went before. Again the nation stands eager to lavish the full splendor of its sorrow. Again it would blaze on the world its pride as well as its sorrow in the life that has ended, but he would not have had it so and the American people have acquiesced in his longing for privacy. There will be no sound of drum or funeral note; military coloring save the uniforms of a handful of gallant comrades of the sister services over which in their great hour of trial by fire of war, he was commander in chief. They alone will lay hands upon his casket in his last journey.

### Service in Library

The funeral service at the S street home will be held in the library just below the room in which the dead war president still lay tonight.

The room looks out over the same quiet garden upon which he last gazed from the windows of the death chamber. It is a peaceful, quiet room, remote from the noise of the city or the strife and contentions of the world. Before its wide fireplace Woodrow Wilson found much ease and comfort despite the heavy hand of fatal illness that lay upon him. There in the long quiet hours of calm reflection, his tired eyes gazed back over the troubled years behind him. Before him again were marshalled the figures on that great world stage where he had played so stirring a part. Again in fancy he must have felt the heart stir men feel when the world acclaims them great; again the surge of high emotion from which he drew inspiration for the valiant workers in which he voiced the challenge of democracy as the world faltered on the brink of utter ruin.

Who knows what memories of mental anguish were his as he thought again of the day when his command must send the dauntless sons of America to render up their lives for the flag on the bloody fields of France? Who knows with what ecstasy he glimpsed the vision of a world re-made to peace, or with what bitter disappointment he watched that vision fade? As he sat in the quiet room through his stricken years, it all must have come again before his eyes, the story that the

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## SOCIAL CLUB CELEBRATES BY EATING TURKEY

### Men's Organization at Silver-ton Is 26 Years Old—Membership Is Limited

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The Silver-ton Social club, a men's organization, celebrated its 25th anniversary Saturday night at the club rooms by a turkey dinner. The turkey was furnished by William Towne. Only two of the charter members were present. These are William Towne and Julius C. Wolf. Mr. Towne has been president for the past 25 years and Mr. Wolf has been secretary. The members of the club are M. C. Woodward, R. A. Cowden, Dr. C. W. Keene, Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge, Dr. P. A. Loar, Dr. Arthur Simmonds, B. F. Patten, Charles Reynolds, J. W. Miller, J. A. Campbell, T. P. Risteigen, H. R. Irish, George Steinhilber, W. Towne and J. C. Wolf.

## MORE LINE UP FOR SECRETARY

### Arthur R. Wilson of Salem Among Those Who Would Succeed Irvine

Arthur R. Wilson of Salem, it is understood, has made application to Governor Pierce for appointment as his private secretary to succeed Ward A. Irvine, who is to resign shortly. However, Mr. Wilson is said to be one out of a large number who sent in their applications yesterday.

Among others were a Mr. Good-enough, who is connected with the Portland Journal. There is a rumor that the governor offered the position to M. J. Brown, former newspaperman and who is now connected with the state market agent's office. Also it is said that Milton A. Miller, Democratic war horse, has an application on file with the governor that has been on file for many months, since a former occasion when the resignation of Mr. Irvine was rumored. Miss Oella Bollman, head stenographer in the governor's office, is another who is mentioned as a possible appointee.

Major W. P. Simpson, acting secretary of the state bonus and loan commission, is another who is mentioned prominently and who, it is believed, stands a good chance for the appointment.

## HIGHWAY CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR 1924

### Meeting of Commission in Portland Promise California Highway Completion

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—In 1925 The Dalles-California highway will be finished and by next Christmas people of Bend and further south can drive to Portland on standard grade, finished road, the only missing link being the proposed bridge across the Crooked river at Trail crossing. It was announced at today's meeting here of the state highway commission.

Contracts awarded follow:

Wasco county—The Dalles-California highway, Criterion-Cow Canyon section, 14.1 miles grading, Bauer & Bauer, \$7,247.

Wasco county—Cow Canyon-Sherman county line, 20 miles grading and surfacing, Morrison & Knutson, \$220,820.

Gilliam county—Columbia river highway, resurfacing from Morrow county line to Linton, 27 miles, Lyon & Price, \$25,000.

Union county—Old Oregon trail, resurfacing Lone Pine-Telecast section, 15.6 miles, Eckstrom & Co., \$51,420.

Clatsop county, Columbia River highway, bridge across Mary's river, W. N. Luce, \$4270.

Umatilla county—Oregon-Washington highway, five small bridges between Pendleton and Adamson, Pierce, \$16,630.

J. D. Caldwell was awarded a contract for eight graders at a price of \$682.76 each.

## Atlanta Millionaire Wins Breach of Promise Suit

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 5.—The jury in the De Bouchel-Candler \$500,000 breach of promise suit today returned a verdict in favor of Asa G. Candler, Sr., the defendant. Only one ballot was taken by the jury in its 30-minute deliberations. Neither of the principals was in the court room when the verdict was announced.

Mrs. De Bouchel had alleged breach of promise to marry in bringing her action against the Atlanta millionaire.

## POISON DEATH TOLL EXPECTED TO BE TWELVE

### All Hope for Recovery of Any of Those Who Partook of Saturday Dinner Abandoned By Doctors

### EIGHT ARE DEAD, FOUR NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

### Funeral for Eight Victims Will Be Held Thursday in Albany Church

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 5.—All hope for the recovery of any of the 12 persons who were present and partook of the Saturday noon meal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Gerber in this city, and who were poisoned by botulinus from a jar of home preserved beans that were served at the meal, was despaired of this afternoon.

This morning announcement was made that only one would survive, but tonight, this one, Horst Ruehling, aged 2, showed the first symptoms of the poisoning and it is expected that he too will die within a day.

The list of dead today was increased to eight by the death of Esther Gerbig, 13 months old baby, who was poisoned by her mother through nursing Saturday or Sunday.

Reinhold Gerber died early this morning and this afternoon Mrs. Gerber's life was despaired of, as were the lives of Paul Gerbig and Margaret Gerbig.

### The List of Dead

HILDA GERBIG, 10.  
MARIE GERBIG, 7.  
MRS. PAUL GERBIG, 34.  
MRS. GOTTFRIED RUEHLING, 23.  
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WERNER YUNKER, 10.  
REINHOLD GERBER, 73.  
ESTER GERBIG, 13 months.

Those who were believed to be dying late this afternoon are Mrs. Reinhold Gerber, Margaret Gerbig, 3, Paul Gerbig and Horst Ruehling 2.

Gottfried Ruehling and his wife and baby had been in Oregon only one month, coming her from Germany. Horst Ruehling, the last to become ill, is the only survivor of the Ruehling family. Paul Gerbig and his three-year-old daughter Margaret, are the sole survivors of a family of six, and Mrs. Reinhold Gerber, the mother of Mrs. Paul Gerbig, is now the sole survivor of her family.

Funeral services for the eight victims will be held here, Thursday at the First Presbyterian church. Ministers of the Lutheran church will have charge of the services. Interment will be in the cemetery here.

## CIVIC CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

A Woman's Civic club which will be an auxiliary to the Salem Chamber of Commerce, is to be organized in Salem Wednesday, Feb. 12, according to announcements from authoritative sources yesterday. It will be composed of representatives from the various women's organizations in Salem. Plans for the club have been in process of formation for several weeks.

## Six White House Staff Members Asked to Funeral

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—At the request of Mrs. Wilson, six members of the White House staff who served there under the war president will be admitted both to the private funeral services at the house and the ceremonies later at the cathedral.

They are:

Rudolph Forster, since McKinley's time chief clerk at the executive offices.

Nelson P. Webster, cashier at the executive offices throughout the last half dozen administrations.

I. H. Hoover, for ten years chief usher at the White House.

E. W. Smithers, chief telegrapher.

P. E. McKenna, usher at the executive office.

C. C. Wagoner, chief stenographer.

## POND BOTTOM FALLS INTO CROSBY MINE; 41 WORKERS KILLED

### Workmen Caught In Lower Levels of Small Milford Iron Mine in Minnesota—Men Suffocated by Slimy Mud and Water Gushing In Through Workings and Filling Mine Shaft.

CROSBY, Minn., Feb. 5.—Forty-one miners perished when the bottom fell out of a small pond and flooded the workings of the Milford Iron Mine near here late today.

Caught in the lower levels of the small mine, only seven of the crew of 49 at work were able to gain the safety of a skip and ascend to the surface.

Like rats in a trap their comrades died, suffocated by the slimy mud and water that gushed through the workings, soaring the shaft to within a few feet of the top within 15 minutes.

## ENFORCE LAWS, URGES PIERCE

### Governor Advises Baptist Brotherhood to Be Careful at the Polls

One of the largest gatherings of the year among the Baptist men took place last night in the regular monthly meeting of the Men's Brotherhood, the occasion taking on a special feature in the fact that Governor Pierce was the honor guest, and delivered the principal address of the evening.

Supper was served by the women of the church at 6:30, and over 100 covers were laid. After several songs in which the men joined heartily, W. F. Foster, president of the brotherhood, introduced the new pastor, Rev. E. H. Shanker, Dr. Shanks made a few remarks, paying high tribute to the late Woodrow Wilson.

"Whatever our political faith may be, we all feel a distinct loss in the passing of ex-President Wilson," he said. "He has been called an idealist, perhaps rightly so. But we must all feel that his ideals were of the highest and most altruistic character. No one would have the slightest hesitance in acknowledging that if his ideals were put into practical execution the whole world would be better. If his ideals were impractical, as some have claimed, it is because we are so backward and impractical and unworthy that we cannot rise to them. His character was positive. He knew what he wanted, and what the world needed, and he had the courage to attempt to do what he honestly believed. He had the faculty of making strong friends and strong foes. It is a pity that his friends were not strong enough to carry through his program during his lifetime. But we believe that when history is written, the name of Woodrow Wilson will be inscribed high on the scroll of fame, and the principles for which he stood and contended and gave his life will be written into the life of nations."

Following these words by Dr. Shanks, the governor was introduced, and he gave an address that was listened to with very great interest by the men present. "Laws were made to be enforced," Governor Pierce declared. "If these are wrong, repeal them. The greatest danger today is from people who are indifferent toward enforcement. All of us are lawmakers, and we must respect the laws we have made. Disrespect breeds moral diseases."

Though it is often hard to support the law, it is necessary as long as it is the law. Governor Pierce said, illustrating his remarks by calling attention to the capital punishment law, which he said is his duty to enforce, regardless of personal sentiments.

"The greatest obstacle in the path of law enforcement today is that the men in charge of the enforcement are in sympathy with the law violators and often are law violators themselves, not only regarding the prohibition law, but others as well. It is the duty of groups of men like this one tonight to see to it that men are elected to office who are for enforcement and are practitioners of what they advocate."

"There is no class of men today who should be thinking seriously as men of wealth, property and standing. The nation is in danger, with a million and a half communists. If there is any class which should awaken and stand for law enforcement it is this class."

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## NOTE IS ACCEPTED BY KING CREDITORS

### Dallas-King Food Products Co. Gives Unsecured Note to Creditors

THE DALLES, Feb. 5.—A joint promissory note for \$168,000 from The Dalles-Kings Food Products company, was accepted by unsecured creditors of the company at a meeting held at the local debitor this afternoon.

A motion to this effect, made by George Cooper, on behalf of the growers, was adopted unanimously, after various phases of the situation had been explained and discussed.

This means that the local company will be given time to liquidate its indebtedness, incurred through purchase of local produce, through the sale of the finished product.

## PRATUM WINS GAME

The Pratum basketball team won from the Fruitland team last night by a score of 33 to 19. Pratum also won two volleyball games. Fred Bishop of Salem refereed the basketball game.

### THE WEATHER

OREGON—Rain west, fair east portion Wednesday; gentle variable winds.

LOCAL WEATHER  
(Tuesday)  
Maximum temperature 54.  
Minimum temperature 42.  
River 11.1, falling.  
Rainfall, none.  
Atmosphere, cloudy  
Wind, south.