

TREAT MADE IN PROGRESS OF TAX FIGHT

Republican Insurgents Offer to Compromise With Organization on 40 Per Cent Surtax Maximum

DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT IS ONLY ALTERNATIVE

Garner Plan in Line for Majority if Proposal is Not Accepted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Republican insurgents who hold the balance of power in the house tax fight, offered today to compromise with organization leaders on a 40 per cent surtax minimum provided normal income tax rates are cut in half.

The offer, which remained unaccepted after two conferences, was accompanied by a threat that if turned down the insurgent bloc would support the Democratic platform for a 44 per cent surtax maximum.

This, leaders agreed, would give the Garner plan a majority when a vote comes next week on the income tax provisions of the Mellon bill.

Compromise Hoped Efforts of the Republican organization to reach a compromise with the insurgents will be resumed Monday.

The stumbling block appears to be the insistence of the insurgents that the present normal income tax rate of 8 and 4 per cent be cut in half, a provision also carried in the Garner plan.

Representative Longworth, the Republican leader, declared he was flatly opposed to such a decrease. He contended it would alter fundamental principles of the Mellon bill which calls for a 25 per cent reduction in normal rates and a maximum surtax of 25 per cent.

House Still Argues The house devoted a third day to general debate on the revenue bill. After seven hours a discussion the house plunged into a night meeting, the first of the session.

Decision of the Republican leaders to bid for insurgent aid was prompted by a realization that without such assistance enough votes might be mustered to insure success of the 35 per cent surtax compromise agreed upon by a substitute for the Mellon figures which, it is generally believed, would have no chance in a house vote.

Frear Makes Statement

At the first of today's conference, Representative Frear of Wisconsin, an insurgent on the ways and means committee who has proposed a tax plan of his own which provides for no reduction in surtaxes, was not present. He attended the second meeting, however, and advanced the offer of his group, which several weeks ago was rejected by the Republican members of the ways and means committee.

Tonight Mr. Frear issued this statement: "Mr. Longworth invited to an informal conference several members of the Republican group that compelled modification of the rules which will now enable us to amend the tax bill reported by the committee.

Small Taxpayers in Mind "Notwithstanding the last congress repealed the excess profits tax and reduced the high surtaxes from 65 per cent to 50 per cent with an annual reduction of \$500,000,000 largely to favored interests we endeavored to effect a compromise in tax rates when the bill was before the committee. A proposal to cut normal taxes one-half and to reduce surtaxes from 50 per cent to 40 per cent was urged by me as a plan that would help small tax payers far more than the Mellon plan and would not deplete the treasury surplus so as to create a deficit. That offer was summarily refused

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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain Sunday; fresh to strong southerly gales.

LOCAL WEATHER (Saturday)

Maximum temperature, 49. Minimum temperature, 32. Rainfall, 2 inch. River, 4.8 foot. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southwest.

Builders of Oregon



RHEA LUPER

ALTHOUGH RHEA LUPER, Oregon state engineer, was born in western Oregon, it was entirely proper that he moved to eastern Oregon when quite young, for Mr. Luper, both by physique and inclination, belongs to the great distances of the wheat fields and the cattle or sheep ranges. To be real honest, and perhaps rather brutally frank with Rhea, he looks like the dickens behind a desk. He is big of bone and muscle and his face has absorbed a permanent tan from the rays of the Morrow county sun. Tog him out in a flannel shirt, a hat like Governor Pierce wears and a pair of chaps with a six-gun harnessed around his waist and Rhea would fit perfectly into Owen Wister's classic—perfectly and properly, for he knows the life that novelist depicts. He is quick on the draw, too. He can draw a cigar from his pocket and hand it to a reporter a little faster than anyone else in the state house.

This name Rhea is pronounced exactly as if it were spelled R-a-y. Kind of a funny name for one of Mr. Luper's attributes. If his folks had called him William, or Luther, or Isaac, which could have been reduced to Bill, or Luke, or Ike, it would have been much better. Rhea lends itself to no nickname whatever.

Rhea Luper is still a youth. He was born

in Lane county as recently as 1888 and was raised on a farm near Irving. He got his early education in the schools of Lane county and later completed an engineering course at Oregon Agricultural college. After his graduation he went to work as a rod man.

In his early boyhood, as has been intimated above, Mr. Luper's folks moved to eastern Oregon where he worked on wheat and stock farms near Heppner. He is keenly interested in the development of irrigation and hydro-electric power throughout the state and has charge of all irrigation projects in the state. All must have his approval along with that of the state irrigation and dringe securities commission of which he is a member. As state engineer he, by virtue of his office, gets out and into contact with many of the farmers of the state, particularly those on the irrigation projects.

In 1911 Mr. Luper was married to Miss Gladys Potter. They have two children, Jim and Eleanor, 9 and 11 years old.

Politically Mr. Luper is a Republican, although he was appointed state engineer by the present Democratic governor. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masons and the Elks. He claims all out-door sports as his hobby.

GREENE'S HEAD FREE OF BULLET

Operation on Vermont Senator, Who Was Accidentally Shot, Success

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The condition of Senator Greene of Vermont was said by attending physicians tonight to be "very serious" after a consultation shortly before midnight tonight.

Some unfavorable symptoms had developed during the evening, it was stated, but at the same time the physicians declared they were optimistic, although it was impossible to make any definite forecast of developments in the case.

Physicians participating in the consultation were Drs. Thomas Linville, Daniel L. Borden and Charles S. White. They issued no formal bulletin.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—An operation described as successful was performed late today upon Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont, who was wounded in the head by a pistol bullet last night during a battle between alleged bootleggers and prohibition agents and police almost within the shadow of the capitol.

Splinters of bone driven into his head by the bullet were removed, about one and one-half square inches of bone being taken out. Afterward attending surgeons said the senator was "resting as comfortably as possible, and that the prognosis was good, provided no complications set in." The operation was performed by Dr. J. H. ... (Continued on page 4)

POWERS FARM URGED FOR TRAINING SITE

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

The prohibition enforcement situation in Washington again became a matter of controversy as a result of the shooting of Senator Greene of Vermont.

The house adopted the Walsh resolution directing the beginning of proceedings to recover sections 16 and 36 within navel oil reserve No. 1 in California.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Atlee Pomerene of Ohio as special government counsel in the oil leasing cases but deferred until Monday a vote on Owen J. Roberts of Pennsylvania.

The senate adopted a resolution directing the federal trade commission to conduct a nationwide inquiry into the milling and baking industries.

Objection to confirmation of the nomination of George B. Christian, Jr., to be a member of the federal trade commission was raised by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin.

The organization and insurgent republicans of the house at two conferences failed to report a compromise agreement on the pending surtax schedule in the revision bill.

Opposition to the purchase of any site for the boys' training school at present unless the Powers site is purchased, an assertion that the Powers' farm is the best suited to the desired purposes, was contained in a resolution adopted by the Salem Grange at its all-day meeting Saturday.

This recommendation of the Powers' farm was returned by a special committee appointed by Pamona Grange to investigate and report upon a site from the viewpoint of the taxpayers. The members of the committee were S. H. Van Trump, F. F. Townsend and Dr. A. Slaughter. Cooperation, supply and demand were the chief topics discussed by the grangers. It was the general sentiment of several of the speakers that there is never an over-production but a lack of proper distribution of farm products. Talks were given on cooperation by Mr. Hallberg, A. Zimmerman and others. S. H. Van Trump, lecturer, presided at the meeting. The session was lively and had a good representative crowd present.

The resolution adopted by the Grange follows: "Whereas, an appropriation of \$55,000 has been made by the legislative assembly for the purpose of buying land for a site for the Oregon state training school; and

"Whereas, the Marion County Pamona Grange appointed a committee to investigate the advisability of moving the said school and to investigate the proposed farms for sites and report to the Grange; and

"Whereas, the governor invited the class will meet at 9:45 o'clock and be in session an hour. The first 30 minutes will be devoted to song service and special numbers by an instrumental quartet. Particular emphasis will be placed on music of a patriotic character each Sunday. The oath of allegiance to the flag will be repeated, the salute to the flag given and special recognition accorded the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War veterans and the veterans of the World war. The last 25 or 30 minutes of the period will be given to the lecture by the class leader.

BIBLE CLASS DOWNTOWN TO START TODAY

Men's Organization Opens at Bligh Theatre This Morning With Rev. J. J. Evans Leader

PLAYHOUSE DONATED BY MANAGER BLYGH

Christianity of Christ General Theme to Be Followed in Discussions

A Bible class that is unique in the northwest has been organized in Salem and will hold its first session in the Bligh theater on State street this morning. It will be conducted by Rev. J. J. Evans, pastor of the First Christian church, and will be known as the John Evans Men's Bible class. The use of the theater is being given without cost by Frank Bligh, manager of the playhouse.

Creed No Difference The Bible class is a distinct organization having no connection with the Sunday school of the First Christian church. It is non-sectarian and is designed to reach the man down town, regardless of whether he is a church goer or has any inclination to go to church. Men of all creeds or of no creeds are invited to attend. The hope is that those who attend and become interested will bring in others of their acquaintance.

Question Box Suggested Mr. Evans says the class will be conducted according to a systematic method. The general theme of the discussions will be "The Christianity of Christ." The lecture method will be used, and he has in mind a questionbox through which those who wish may propound such questions as they desire answered or discussed. The leader believes the questionbox more effective than the promiscuous asking of questions during the class period.

Music Opens Session The class will meet at 9:45 o'clock and be in session an hour. The first 30 minutes will be devoted to song service and special numbers by an instrumental quartet. Particular emphasis will be placed on music of a patriotic character each Sunday. The oath of allegiance to the flag will be repeated, the salute to the flag given and special recognition accorded the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War veterans and the veterans of the World war. The last 25 or 30 minutes of the period will be given to the lecture by the class leader.

Committees Named

The class will work largely through committees. There is an executive committee composed of O. J. Hull, Frank Carnett, Ben Walcher, Jesse Campbell and W. M. Morris. The music committee is composed of Dr. H. C. Epley, S. E. Wolfe and Frank Zinn. There will be a lookout committee to enlist new members, a committee to procure employment for men who need it and a charity committee whose work will be in secret. The instrumental quartet members are Ivan G. Martin, Frank Zinn and the Mills Brothers.

For All Good Things It is announced that the class will promote and back up any civic improvement or any movement for the betterment of the community.

MAY AGREE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—Prospect of an agreement on a three year wage contract for bituminous coal miners of the central competitive field early next week was bright tonight.

IS INSTRUCTOR OF BIBLE CLASS



REV. J. J. EVANS

M'ADOO IS HELD CLEAR OF STAIN

Cummings Avers That Not One Democrat Is Besmirched By Scandal

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Not one Democratic official and not one person mentioned in connection with the Democratic presidential nomination has been touched by the senate committee's oil investigation, Homer S. Cummings, former chairman of the Democratic national committee and present member of the committee from Connecticut declared in a statement issued today from campaign headquarters of William G. McAdoo.

It is a "reflection upon the intelligence of the public to assume that the slanderous attacks upon Mr. McAdoo will either deceive the people or impair his availability as a candidate," Mr. Cummings' statement said. "Bringing Mr. McAdoo's name into the inquiry," the statement said, was an attempt by Republicans "to divert the attention from their own derelictions."

HIRAM JOHNSON FILES IN SALEM

Candidate for President Prepares to Get His Name on Oregon Ballot

Hiram W. Johnson, aspirant for the Republican presidential nomination and whose name will appear on the Oregon primary ballot in May, yesterday filed his declaration at the office of Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state. The filing was made by Sanford Macdonald of Portland, Oregon campaign manager for Johnson. The address of the candidate is given as 857 Green street, San Francisco. No slogan and no platform appear with the declaration.

J. W. Allen of The Dalles filed his declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for district attorney for Wasco county.

Lumber Cut in Northwest Is Bigger This Season

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—According to a report today by the West Coast Lumbermen's association, lumber cut by mills in Washington and Oregon the first six weeks of this year was 11.16 per cent greater than the first six weeks of 1923. The report gave 571,125,986 feet of lumber; 592,128,776 feet sold and 669,449,430 feet shipped this year.

DIVERSITY EDITION Annual of the Oregon Statesman

THE FIRST PAGE of the Statesman's Annual, which will be known as the Diversity Edition will be a work of art. The drawing has been made by F. Ray Felker, local artist, and carries out the idea of the edition in an illustrative way. The Salem Engraving Company is making the cut from Mr. Felker's drawing. One section of this edition went to press yesterday and other sections are nearly ready now. It is expected that the entire edition will be released some time during the week. Advertising copy will be accepted for a few days and good positions are yet available. If you are not already represented in this annual order a space at once and be sure to place an order for a few extra copies to send to your friends.

GREAT STRIKE IN ENGLAND IS IMMINENT

Walk-Out of 120,000 Dockmen Started Yesterday—Macdonald May Give Help

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 16.—A strike involving 120,000 well organized dockmen, which started automatically at noon today, will arrest the port work of the whole nation, and if it considers for any considerable time may also make idle another million or more men concerned in auxiliary waterside work and dependent trades and industries.

This dockers walkout is likely to prove much more inconvenient to the public than the recent railway strike, in that any prolonged cessation of work at the docks would prevent the unloading of incoming food and raw materials—a matter almost impossible for even the most willing government to remedy. Premier Macdonald is spending the week-end in the country, but it is hoped that next week he may take some step in an endeavor to find a way out of the difficulty.

Having ample notice of the strike, the authorities have been able to speed up the unloading of vessels and make other arrangements to meet the situation, but inevitably there will be heavy losses from perishable goods and should the strike last long there is certain to be a speedy rise in the necessities of life.

FINAL FLASHES

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 16.—Four Americans are the outstanding men of the 20th century in the opinion of President M. L. Burton of the University of Michigan. His selections are Theodore Roosevelt, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Orville Wright.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Dr. Charles H. Levermore, author of the peace plan that won the Bok prize of \$50,000, told the Foreign Policy association today that his aim had been the construction of "a sort of temporary constitution containing only a statement of principles and an outline of procedure."

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Bainbridge Colby, former secretary of state, and law partner of former President Woodrow Wilson, rejected a retainer offered by Henry F. Sinclair to obtain the services of the law firm in the Teapot dome oil lease investigation, it was revealed today in a Washington dispatch to the Evening World, which obtained confirmation of the story from Mr. Colby.

MEDFORD, Or., Feb. 16.—The Ashland High school basketball team showed a complete reversal of form tonight and defeated the University of Oregon freshmen basketball team, on a tour of southern Oregon, by a score of 33 to 21, at Ashland.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 16.—Gertrude Fouts, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Fouts, was drowned in the Willamette river here today. She was playing with her dog on her houseboat home when the animal accidentally pushed her into the river. The body was recovered a short time later by the parents.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Representative Rogers, Republican, Massachusetts, announced tonight he had dropped his plan to have congress go on record in favor of having the dirigible Shenandoah make a flight this summer into the Arctic region.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 16.—Roy Vincent, 21, of Tipton, Tulare county, wanted at The Dalles, Or., for a bank robbery, died of wounds in the office of a Tipton physician today, after he had been shot by Sheriff Robert L. Hill of Tulare county, when he attempted to evade arrest, according to word received here.

Noted Lumberman Dies At His Home in Seattle

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—Daniel J. Reichert, 85, who has been a prominent figure in the lumber industry of the state of Washington for 35 years, died in a local hospital today. He is credited with building the first mill at Ballard, part of the city of Seattle. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. A. Ritchie of Seattle, and five sons, Charles D. of Seattle, Edward S. of Anacortes, William E. of Ferndale, Sylvester, L. of Duluth, and Harry W. of Portland.

BODY FOUND

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 16.—The decomposed body of a woman about 25 years old was found in the Big Lake at city park here this afternoon.

LOS ANGELES HAS \$200,000 JEWEL THEFT

Diamonds, Liberty Bonds, Watches and Gems Taken in Hold-up From Provident Loan Association

STORY IS WITHHELD UNTIL ADS APPEAR

Quick Wit of Appraiser Prevents Robbery of Much Greater Magnitude

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—Diamonds, liberty bonds, watches and jewelry valued at \$200,000 were stolen from the Provident Loan association, 408 Chapman building, this city, on February 9, in addition to \$20,000 in cash and checks, it became known here today, when a private detective agency posted a \$5,000 reward for the return of the property. The extent of the robbery is borne out by a list describing more than 400 articles, made up for the most of diamonds and diamond set jewelry.

Advertisements Tell Story

The issuance of the bulletin, together with newspaper advertising offering the rewards, was the first intimation that other than cash and checks had been taken in the daylight holdup, the police say.

Records at the police department show that shortly after noon on February 9, a call was received from the Provident Loan association that a holdup had occurred. Investigating officers found, according to the report, that three unmasked robbers had entered the offices, covered Theodore Weik, the manager, with a gun and asked for the gems from the safe. In the office at the time were two diamond appraisers and a customer, Mrs. Zella Frame.

Robbers Are Spoiled

According to the police report, Joseph Morin, one of the appraisers, went to the safe and handed over what he told the thieves was the jewel box. Instead he stated the box contained \$5000 in cash and \$15,000 in checks. The report further stated that the thieves had overlooked a tray containing \$300,000 worth of diamonds. The holdup trio also took \$500 in cash from Mrs. Frame, bound her along with the three store employees and fled.

HOTEL MEN ARE PIERCE'S GUESTS

Historical Addresses Given By Sam A. Kozier and John Gill

Nearly 75 members of the Oregon Hotel Men's association and their wives were guests of A. N. Pierce, manager of the Marion hotel, at luncheon Saturday afternoon. This was one of the bi-monthly meetings of the organization, the next one to be held in Astoria. Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, was the principal speaker, with a talk by John Gill of Portland on Indians, illustrated by a chart. Phil Metchen of Portland gave a short talk. Mr. Pierce presided at the meeting.

Early history of the Oregon territory leading up to the final settlement of the location of the capitol at Salem in 1864 was outlined by Mr. Kozier. Competition and legislative acts which tended to locate the capitol at various places were told in detail. Official records that Eola lost the location by one vote are lacking, Mr. Kozier said, though this has been the subject of much speculation and discussion by old pioneers.

Excavation for the state house was begun in May, 1873, Mr. Kozier said. Brick was used from the penitentiary and the labor cost but little in comparison to other costs. The estimated cost of the building was \$500,000, and it is said that the Oregon capitol building is the only one in the United States that was built with the original plans within the appropriation allowed. Alterations were made by the legislature of 1876-1878, including the construction of the dome. Photographs of the laying of the cornerstone and of the completed building, minus the dome, were exhibited. Mr. Kozier gave the visitors a detailed description of the building. (Continued on page 4)