

COMMITTEE IS FOR TAX SLICE

House Ways and Means Body Gets Behind Administration's Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Setting what it hopes will be an example for the house, the ways and means committee quickly approved the administration program for a \$160,000,000 cut in 1929 income taxes today and the house will take it up tomorrow.

Under Secretary Ogden Mills, of the treasury, explained the plan for a flat one per cent reduction of taxes on corporation and normal individual incomes in the returns to be paid next year. After the committee hearing, Chairman Hawley obtained unanimous consent of the house to report the measure tonight to eliminate all obstacles to consideration.

With everything prepared by the majority leaders for quick passage of the measure tomorrow, the first opposition to the program recommended to congress by President Hoover and approved by the party leaders in both branches developed in the house.

Deficit in National Treasury Is Feared

Representative Ramseyer, republican, Iowa, expressed the opinion that such a program would create a deficit in the national treasury. The action took the republican leaders by surprise but they joined with the remainder of the house membership in granting him unanimous consent to file minority views.

Before the committee at the hearing on the resolution, Mills said the estimated surplus of \$224,000,000 for the fiscal year 1930, and the estimated surplus of \$123,000,000 for 1931, provided a reasonably adequate margin of safety that would permit the reduction.

"The treasury feels," he said, "that the taxpayers should receive the benefit of these prospective surpluses in the form of tax reduction."

Effect of Stock Market Crash Closely Watched

The treasury official said the treasury had been confronted with the difficult problem of determining what effect the precipitous decline of security values recently witnessed would have on the profits from security transactions, and with other factors almost impossible to foresee, in determining the problem.

The measure, he said, solved the problems of giving the maximum number of taxpayers, particularly small ones, the benefit of the surplus.

The corporation rate would be reduced from 12 to 11 per cent for the one year by the measure. Corporation taxes would be reduced by \$90,000,000 and individual income levies by \$70,000,000.

Communists to Arrange Parade

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 5.—(AP)—If plans of the communist party of Canada here are carried out, several hundred men, with or without permission of Chief of Police W. J. Bingham, will march on the city hall tomorrow afternoon to demand that Mayor W. H. Malkin summon the city council in special session to "hear and act upon the demands of the workless" a manifesto outlined by Chairman J. Litterick, of the party's unemployed section, today said.

NINE FISHING BOATS ARE STILL MISSING

ST. JOHNS, Nf., Dec. 5.—(AP)—No trace of the nine fishing vessels which disappeared in the North Atlantic ocean during the terrific gale of last Friday night had been found today by two searching steamers, the Meigle and the Boethic.

The Meigle has covered a 200 mile course southeast of Newfoundland in a vain attempt to discover the fate of the little fishing fleet with 70 persons that set out for Bonaville ports. The Boethic is conducting its search eastward.

Four women were among those on board the missing vessel. The boats had landed their summer catch of fish here and loaded with winter supplies, had started for their home ports.

The storm in which they are believed to have been lost wrecked three other schooners, from which the crews were rescued, and battered a number of steamers.

Among the bigger boats tossed about by the Friday night blow was the American freighter Sagauche which was towing the Norwegian freighter Hertha into port here.

The Sagauche had picked up the Hertha 35 miles off the coast last Friday morning. The Hertha's fuel supply had become exhausted and the crew was burning the ship's woodwork when sighted by the Sagauche.

STATE NEARS CLOSE OF M'MANUS TRIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The state neared the end of presentation of the case of murder it is attempting to prove against George McManus today with one of its "star" witnesses giving testimony exactly opposite from that it had expected to give.

Bridget Farry, chambermaid at the Park Central hotel, who George N. Brothers said in his opening address to the jury would testify that she saw McManus in room 349 in the hotel Nov. 4 a year ago a few moments before they contended he shot Arnold Rothstein there, took the stand today and denied she had ever seen McManus in that room.

Wearing a bright green dress purchased especially for the occasion, Bridget sat stiffly on the edge of the witness chair and loudly answered "No" and shook her head when Brothers had McManus rise and asked her if she had seen him in room 349.

"Are you willing to say on your oath that you did not see this man in room 349?" Brothers pursued.

"No, I didn't know whether he was there or not," Bridget answered.

"Madame, did you come here to tell the truth?"

The anger Bridget has felt for police and the district attorneys ever since she was held in jail as a material witness for several months after the killing, boiled out at Mr. Brothers.

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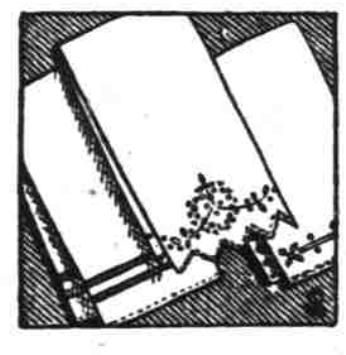
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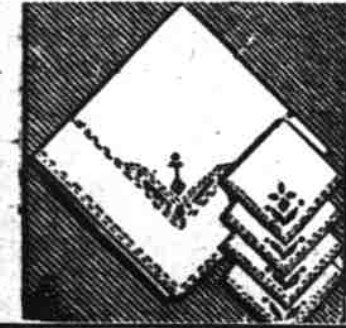
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