

URGES REPEAL OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX TO SWAT H. C. I.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Repeat of the excess profits tax law is urged by William B. Colver of the federal trade commission as one means of forcing down living costs.

"It seems quite clear," said Colver in an interview, "that one of the chief contributing causes to the high cost of living is the excess profits taxes. Certainly it is both a burden and temptation to business. In the beginning the tax, as I understand it, is not a revenue device at all. During the war, when it became necessary to fix prices, it was found that there was a wide range in the cost of producing any given commodity. One concern or a group of concerns, it was found, could produce the commodity at a price which often left no profit at all to other concerns or which made it impossible for them to operate. There was a wide range between high cost operation and low cost operation. So long as the theory of fixing a single price was adhered to, it was necessary to fix that price high enough to bring into production the needed output of high cost operation.

"The excess profits tax was proposed as a means whereby undue profits which might accrue to low cost operators could be brought back into the treasury to provide in part the money with which the government could pay the high fixed prices. In the excess profits tax when a concern has reached beyond what is considered to be its normal in profitability the surplus is partially taken from it by increasing percentages. What follows? Waste and extravagance; or any effort to make as much profit with excess profits tax in operation as though it were not in operation. That is done by charging excess profit tax charges to cost prices. It means collection from all the people, when the sixty per cent excess profits tax rate has been reached, of a dollar, unnecessarily, in order that forty per cent may be added to the divisible profit."

The population of the eastern Oregon state hospital has decreased during the current year from 524 patients to 490.

BEZDEK REFUSES JOB

State College, Pa., Dec. 15.—Hugo Bezdek, athletic director at Penn State and former manager of the Pittsburgh Pirate, declined a trip to the Pacific coast to help get the Oregon team in shape for the Harvard game at Pasadena New Year's day.

COMMITTEE MAY SEEK COMPROMISE ON PEACE TREATY

Washington, Dec. 13.—An effort to reach a compromise on the peace treaty by appointment of a committee of conciliation to include republican and democratic senators was urged in the senate today by Senator Underwood.

He declared that Senator Lodge, republican leader, should move for such a committee at once. Underwood brought a laugh by saying he would accept any compromise that President Wilson and Senator Lodge could agree on. Lodge replied that the president can bring the treaty again before the senate.

"The rules provide he can withdraw it without the consent of the senate," Lodge said. "But he does not seem inclined to do it."

THERMOMETER DROPS 14 BELOW AT DALLAS

Dallas, Dec. 15.—Dallas is covered with 26 inches of snow as a result of the heavy storm of the past five days, and as a result business of every description with the exception of that of the plumbers is at a standstill.

All day Wednesday and until late Thursday afternoon no trains either came to the city or left for other points and the citizens had a taste of what it means to "be cut off from the rest of the world." A crowd of local citizens who were either in Portland or Salem got as near home as Gerlinger Tuesday night but were unable to get farther and were forced to spend until late Thursday afternoon in the Capital city. A large number of traveling salesmen and other travelers were marooned here.

The heavy fall of snow caused several large roofs in the vicinity to collapse among them being the big pavilion at the Polk county fair grounds and the livestock shed at the same point. The roof on the big barn at the F. E. Lynn farm near Perrydale also collapsed but none of his blooded stock were injured.

Friday morning was the coldest ever experienced in this section of the state the thermometer registering 14 below zero at seven o'clock. Practically every home in the city is suffering with frozen pipes but unlike the east there is no shortage of fuel.

POLISH CABINET REPORTED FORMED

London, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Warsaw today reported that M. Skulski, former mayor of Lodz, has succeeded in forming a new Polish cabinet from the resignation of Ignace Jan Paderewski.

CORN SHOW HELD UP; BAD WEATHER BLAMED

Because of the inclement weather that is preventing farmers and possible exhibitors from coming to the city, the sixth annual Marion County Corn show scheduled to begin here Monday, has been postponed one week, according to advice this afternoon from officials in charge of the show. Requests from farmers that the show be postponed to give them an equal chance to exhibit were received and are largely responsible for the postponement.

The show, then, will be held at the tractor department of the Valley Motor company, Front and State streets, beginning December 22.

BORDEN TO RETIRE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15.—(United Press.)—Sir Robert Laird Borden, premier of Canada, will retire from public life in a few weeks on advice of his physicians, it was learned from reliable sources today.

INCORPORATIONS.

The Perfection Grain and Milling company of Portland, capitalized at \$500,000 filed articles of incorporation with the corporation department here Saturday. The incorporators are R. M. Tuttle, E. Rohlfing, J. M. Hodges, G. Lanning Hurd and J. D. Zurcher.

Other corporations filing articles Saturday were: Farmers Produce company, Portland, \$10,000; I. D. McCutcheon, W. D. Pearis and E. P. Conroy. Alpha Epsilon chapter of Xi Psi Phi Fraternity, Portland, \$500; L. J. Cain, president; R. H. Sator, vice president; W. S. Cole, treasurer; R. S. Howell, secretary.

LOW TEST GASOLINE NOT SOLD IS CLAIM


Reports to the effect that gasoline of test lower than the 56 degrees specific gravity required by state law, is being sold in Oregon, are emphatically denied by William A. Dalzell, deputy state sealer of weights and measures.

"If there is any such gasoline being sold in Oregon at this time it is without our knowledge or consent and discovery of such an infraction of the law will result in the immediate closing of the offending station," declared Mr. Dalzell when told that there were reports to that effect in circulation.

Mr. Dalzell denies that any permits for the importation of gasoline other than that which meets the requirements of the law have been issued by his department. Something must be done to in some way relieve the situation which has resulted in considerable hardship in some communities, he admits, but declares that his office is only one of administration and that he is content to enforce the laws that are passed by the regularly constituted legislators.

Umatilla county will receive \$2280 as a share of money received by the federal government from rentals, sales of timber and other sources from the forest reserves.

Apple packing and shipping has come to a close at Hermiston, with a run of 41 carloads, valued at \$57,000.



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30 DROPS COUGHS

DALLAS CONCERN ELECTS

Dallas, Or., Dec. 15.—Officers of the Dallas Machine & Locomotive Works were elected at a meeting of the incorporators held in Dallas last week. The officers of the concern are: Carl Gerlinger, president; Geo. T. Gerlinger, vice-president; Walter E. Ballantyne, secretary and treasurer. The buildings of the new corporation are being erected near the S. P. tracks in south Dallas.



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