

COOLIDGE AGAINST CHAMBER'S TAX PLAN

Proposal to Reduce Revenue \$400,000,000 Criticized by President.

Washington, D. C.—Reiteration by the chamber of commerce of the United States that the prospective reduction in taxes should reach \$400,000,000 drew caustic and emphatic criticism from the White House. No doubt was left that President Coolidge is decidedly displeased with the chamber's view that there would be no cause for alarm even if a treasury deficit were incurred.

With extraordinary vehemence, it was explained at the White House that President Coolidge considers nothing more absurd than a suggestion that the government greatly increase its expenditures and at the same time reduce taxation.

Officials of the chamber of commerce, it was asserted on Mr. Coolidge's behalf, are trotting around to various government departments seeking as large expenditures as possible for the projects it favors and at the same time clamor for tax reduction far in excess of what both the treasury and a majority of the house ways and means committee has deemed advisable.

It would be better, in the opinion of Mr. Coolidge, for the organization to devote its energies to proposals for curbing national expenditures, as by that process only, he believes, can the tax burden be lightened.

EARNED INCOME TAX PROVISION IS SOUND

Washington, D. C.—That the earned income provision of the income tax law should be retained, but the method of calculation may be greatly simplified, is the conclusion of the advisory committee of experts embodied in the report of the joint committee on internal revenue taxation.

This recommendation, which runs counter to the opinion of almost all of the 41 internal revenue collectors and agents whose ideas were sought by the treasury department, may be followed. The revenue collectors do not like the earned income allowance because it is bothersome and the cause of many errors and arguments. They find that it has increased their office work and therefore the cost of collection, and many of them regard it as comparatively unimportant. The tax experts, however, say that reduction of the tax rate for earned income is sound and equitable, and far from insignificant.

The record shows that out of 2,501,166 individual income taxpayers all but 125,171 are affected by the earned income provision, and it makes an average difference of 15 per cent in their taxes.

FOLSOM DEATHS 13

Four Prison Officials and 26 Inmates Wounded.

Folsom, Calif.—The blame for the Folsom prison riot, with its loss of 13, two of whom were guards, and more than 30 wounded, was placed largely on six convicts, a "lifer" and a killer, three robbers, a burglar and a forger—men designated as "hard" even by the other prison inmates. They are facing the gallows for their part in the rioting.

Tony Brown, 31-year-old gangster, is thought to have been the leading factor in the revolt. It was Brown, according to prison officials, who wielded the revolver and who moved among the other convicts, urging and threatening when some of the more timid wished to capitulate.

In addition to the dead—one of the guards was slain and the other died of heart failure adduced by excitement—there are four prison officials and 26 convicts recovering from wounds.

Mourn Former Premier Bratiano.

Bucharest.—The funeral of Ion Bratiano, premier of Roumania, who died after a throat operation, was held Sunday amid pomp befitting a king. Huge crowds attended the service and joined in the procession to the special train which carried the body to Bratiano's Florice estate where the strong man of Roumanian politics was buried.

McCormick Says Will Build Pulp Mill.

St. Helens, Or.—Erection of a 100-ton a day pulp mill is assured, according to Harold F. McCormick, head of the McCormick Lumber company, who says \$3,000,000 capital has been arranged and a company incorporated. More than \$2,500,000 will be spent to build and equip the plant.

Cholera Claiming Hundreds in India

Karachi, India.—Hundreds of persons are dying daily in the cholera epidemic in Assam and Bengal.

AMOS A. BETTS



Amos A. Betts of Arizona, who was selected to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission to succeed Henry C. Hall. Mr. Betts is a Democrat.

FAVOR TAX CUT OF NEARLY 400 MILLION

Washington, D. C.—Standing pat on its demand for a \$400,000,000 tax reduction, despite the treasury view that it should not exceed \$225,000,000 and the house ways and means committee decision to recommend reductions aggregating \$238,000,000, the chamber of commerce of the United States has announced that its membership, in a referendum just completed, had approved the revenue program of its committee on federal taxation.

In the largest ballot by its member organizations ever recorded, the chamber reported that 91 per cent of the vote was in the affirmative.

The announcement said that action on the part of the membership committed the organization to advocate at the coming session of congress the enactment of a tax bill carrying into effect the following program:

Reductions and repeals estimated to amount to \$400,000,000 in the first full year after the changes are made.

Reduction of the corporation income tax rate from 13½ per cent to not more than 10 per cent, with the reduction applicable to net income of 1927.

Repeal of the remaining war excise taxes levied on particular businesses.

Repeal of the federal estate tax. Provision by congress of full opportunity for the joint congressional tax committee to perfect proposals for revision of federal tax laws and their administration.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Cardinal Bonzano, former apostolic delegate at Washington, died in Rome following an operation.

Noble Brandon Judah, a Chicago lawyer, has been appointed by President Coolidge to be ambassador to Cuba.

President Coolidge has completed the message which he will deliver to the new seventieth congress which meets December 5.

Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, chairman of the federal radio commission, died in Washington in his sleep. He was 60 years old.

Queen Marie of Rumania has agreed to accept honorary presidency of an association proposed by Samuel Hill of Seattle and Maryhill, the association having as its object the beautifying of the Pacific highway from Vancouver, B. C., to Mexico.

Agree on Entry of Canadian Citizens.

Washington, D. C.—An agreement has been reached between the United States and Canada governing the entry of native-born Canadians into the United States, and a similar agreement with respect to non-natives is in process of being worked out, it was learned at the state department. Secretary of State Kellogg said he anticipated little difficulty in settling the controversy over Canadian ingress into this country.

C. R. Forbes Released From Prison.

Leavenworth, Kas.—Colonel Charles R. Forbes, once director of millions in the Veterans' bureau, was released from the federal penitentiary here. Forbes had served 21 months for irregularities in connection with the conduct of the Veterans' bureau in Washington under the Harding administration.

Tchitcherin Gives Way to Litvinoff.

Riga.—Appointment of Maxim Litvinoff as soviet commissar for foreign affairs, replacing Georges Tchitcherin, was reported here.

Surtax Exemption Favored by Mellon.

Washington, D. C.—Exemption of federal securities from the surtax will be recommended to congress by Secretary Mellon.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

During the past year Benton county has retired \$87,000 worth of indebtedness, leaving its obligations at the present time \$341,000.

Official records of the city health bureau now show 10 cases of infantile paralysis in Portland. Two new cases were reported last week.

Three places were robbed in Woodburn Saturday night and an attempt to enter a fourth was unsuccessful, the robbers evidently being frightened away.

Announcement is made that a new \$100,000 theatre will be built in Medford next spring by L. Neidmeyer and Earl Fehl. The house will have a capacity of 1570.

C. E. Secoy, who farms near Ontario, had 11 acres in clover this year from which he realized from seed and hay \$1433, besides retaining 20 tons of hay for his own use.

A slide 40 feet long and 10 feet deep came down on the tracks of the S. P. & S. railway at Bugby, near Astoria, blocking out the telegraph lines and blocking the tracks.

Thirty-five hundred turkeys were shipped from Grants Pass to San Francisco for the Thanksgiving trade, leaving about 5000 in Josephine county for the Christmas trade.

The Roosevelt highway between Seaside and Tillamook is closed to traffic because of high water, according to reports reaching the state highway department in Salem.

Governor Patterson has accepted an invitation to be in Medford to open the better homes exposition scheduled to take place four days in the local armory, beginning December 7.

Residents along the Willamette river met at Champoe park Sunday to consider the construction of a new highway from Salem to Portland by way of Butteville and the Champoe reserve.

Slashing his throat with a razor in a spell of despondency, William Benton, 84, civil war veteran, a resident of the Oregon State Soldiers' home, at Roseburg, took his life last week.

More than 200 people are employed at the Ashland cannery in completing one of the biggest apple-canning seasons in the history of the institution. Twenty-five carloads have been sold and shipped.

The annual Curry County Teachers' institute, scheduled in Gold Beach November 22 and 23, was postponed until the infantile paralysis situation in Coos county, as well as Curry county, is changed.

Every state institution in Oregon was ahead of its financial expectancy for the biennium October 1 of this year, according to a report prepared by Carle Abrams, secretary of the state board of control.

Debaters of the University of the Philippines defeated opponents from the University of Oregon last week by a popular verdict on the subject of independence for the Philippines, which the Oregon team opposed.

Unless there is a revival in the lumber business in the near future the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company's mills in Salem will be forced to close indefinitely. Closing of the plant would affect approximately 300 men. Guernsey cattle breeders of Linn county were organized recently after having existed heretofore as a two-county organization. The change was effected at a meeting of Guernsey breeders held in the city hall at Albany.

An exploding oil stove set fire to the Thom estate hotel in Lakeside, near North Bend, last week, and caused a loss of \$20,000 when it burned to the ground and the fire communicated to and damaged a garage next door.

Otto Erickson, well-known Washington county automobile dealer, was nominated for re-election as mayor of Beaverton by the largest vote ever polled at a town caucus last week. Mr. Erickson has served six terms as mayor.

Many fruit growers of Clackamas county, at a meeting of the Clackamas Producers' association in Oregon City recently, signed up for membership into the organization, and permanent officers will be elected at the next meeting.

A meeting of the road district was held last Tuesday night in the Mill City schoolhouse. It was voted to raise \$5000 by taxation; this money to be used for additional gravel and oil on the road between Mill City and Mehama.

Because of the increasing business of the Medford postoffice during the past year that office has just been granted two more clerks by the postoffice department at Washington, effective December 1, making a force of ten in all.

Over 1700 pounds of rabbits were canned in Medford recently at the Rogue River cannery, this making an estimate of 1128 cans which will be offered for sale at local grocery stores. Another large canning of rabbits will be held within the month.

While his breakfast burned on the stove in his shack on Catching Inlet, six miles from Marshfield, and with his dog locked in behind him, Caleb Greene, 55, was clubbed to death with a sawed-off baseball bat almost on the doorstep of his humble home last week.

Believed to be the largest vegetable of its kind ever grown in the Deschutes basin, a turnip nearly three feet in circumference and weighing 2½ pounds, is on exhibit in the Bend chamber of commerce office. The big turnip was grown on the Livesay farm, near Sisters.

The Oregon Telephone company, with headquarters at Marshfield, has filed notice with the public service commission that it has eliminated six-party line service at its McMinnville exchange. Common battery service instead of magnet service has been established at Forest Grove.

Organization of the fruit growers of Oregon, Washington and California into one large and effective association was predicted in Salem by Seymour Jones, state market agent, who has returned to Salem after attending a meeting of the fruit growers and farmers of California, held at Stockton recently.

The apportioned property valuations of all public utilities in Oregon for the year 1927, exclusive of the Western Union Telegraph company, have been fixed at \$168,967,161.25, according to a statement prepared by the state tax commissioner. The property valuations of these utilities in 1926 aggregated \$161,875,994.35.

F. G. Schattauer of Honolulu has purchased 50 head of western Oregon cattle which will be shipped to the Hawaiian islands December 1, by way of Portland. The cattle were purchased mostly in Marion and Polk counties. The total paid for the animals was \$15,000, according to Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian.

A person to be eligible to appointment as justice of the peace must have lived in the district for six months prior to such appointment, according to a legal opinion prepared by the attorney-general recently. The opinion was sought by Governor Patterson in connection with the selection of a justice of the peace in Coos county.

November has brought rain in sufficient quantity near Marshfield to start several log drives without aid of splash dams. The first drive to be brought out to boomage was that at the Baxter and Barker camp on the north fork of the Coquille river at Rock Prairie, when 6,000,000 feet were floated down to the main river north of Myrtle Point.

An unpleasant situation exists for the Gold Hill school budget for the ensuing year. At a recent election the taxpayers were asked to pass on the budget and vote on a 6 per cent increase on the levy. They adopted the budget, but rejected the increased tax levy necessary to provide for the budget. A new election will be called to reconsider the tax levy.

Locked in the Bulletin office in Bend for several hours, a dog, Sunday afternoon, gained its liberty by "calling" a telephone operator, the operator's query, "Number, please," being answered by a "woof, woof." The operator listened to further "woof, woofs" then called a number of the Bulletin staff. A telephone instrument was found upset, with dog tracks nearby.

Reports have reached Astoria to the effect that a train of five loaded oil-tank cars, two boxcars loaded with provisions and a flat-car had broken away from the engine hauling the seven cars up the B. W. Timber company branch of the Kerry line and dropped down a four-mile grade at terrific speed before tearing up rails and leaving the track. The cars were demolished and it is estimated that about a week will be required to repair the line.

Business men and farmers in the Bandon area are desirous of obtaining a fifth ferry, which would operate over the lower Coquille river at the Danielson place and connect with the Roosevelt highway, which is 2000 feet southward. The ferry would permit travel over either the North Bank or the Roosevelt highway and would be a convenience for the ranchers living on the North Bank road between Coquille and Bandon, yet cut off from communication across the river.

Approximately 497 cars of celery were shipped from the Lake Labish district, five miles north of Salem, this season, according to announcement made by directors of the marketing association. Shipments in 1926 aggregated 364 cars.

The valuation on taxable property in Coos county for 1927 shows an increase of \$934,471, according to figures available at the county assessor's office. This shows a gain of 11.23 per cent and does not include the valuation of public utilities.

MRS. MEDILL McCORMICK



Mrs. Medill McCormick, wife of the former senator from Illinois, who has announced her candidacy for the Republican nomination for congressman-at-large from Illinois.

POLISH DISPUTE TO GO BEFORE LEAGUE

Warsaw.—Warsaw does not share the uneasiness said to exist in governmental circles in Berlin, Moscow and Kovno concerning the Polish-Lithuanian dispute which will be dealt with by the league of nations.

Soviet Russia's joint note to Lithuania and Poland expressing concern at the strained relations of the two countries passed almost unnoticed when the full text was published in Warsaw newspapers. It is considered here that Russia merely desires to create an atmosphere that will enable her to participate in whatever preliminary discussions are held, thereby making it sure that Russia will not be left out when the matter is brought up on the floor of the league of nations.

Lithuania's attitude toward Poland is considered here nearly to have reached the limit of tolerance. It is pointed out that there now exists between the countries no railway, postal or telegraphic communication and the hermetically closed frontier renders stabilization of conditions in eastern Europe impossible.

WITHDRAW COOLIDGE DRAFT

Chain Letter Draft Plan is Withdrawn By Originator.

New York.—The plan to draft President Coolidge into candidacy for re-election by means of a series of chain letters was abandoned by its originator, Philip M. Tucker, Boston banker. The idea was entirely his own, he said. He denied published stories that Frank W. Stearns and former Senator William M. Butler, close friends of the president, had anything to do with it.

Abandonment of the project was in response to the expressed wish of the president that any petitions favoring his candidacy be discontinued. "In view of the president's wishes," Mr. Tucker said, "it seems best to desist from trying to bring further pressure upon him."

Mexico Puts Tax on Banana Exports

Mexico City.—With the national treasury pretty well drained in meeting the cost of putting down the recent Cerrano-Gomez revolt, the federal government Sunday announced a tax of 3 centavos on every bunch of bananas, regardless of size, exported from Mexico after December 1.

Philadelphia In Race for Convention

Washington, D. C.—Philadelphia bidding for the republican national convention, opened campaign headquarters here Monday. A \$200,000 expense fund has been raised for the convention, those in charge said.

THE MARKETS

Portland

Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, \$1.30; hard white, \$1.29; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.27; northern spring, \$1.25; hard winter, \$1.23½; western red, \$1.21½.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$16.50@17; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.

Butterfat—47c.

Eggs—Ranch, 40@45c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@10.25.

Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8@9.50.

Lambs — Medium to choice, \$11@12.50.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white \$1.27; hard winter, \$1.25; western red \$1.23½; northern spring, \$1.26; blue stem, \$1.33; dark northern spring \$1.42½; dark hard winter, \$1.46½.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—52c.

Eggs—Ranch, 35@42c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.25@10.10.

Hogs—Prime, \$9.75@9.90.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.50@10.

Hogs—Good, \$9.15@9.25.

NATIONAL GRANGE FOR DEBENTURE PLAN

Organization Favors Reduction of National Debt Instead of Lowering Taxes.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The National Grange closed its annual convention here after adopting resolutions directed to congress reaffirming its position that the "export debenture plan" is the only sound and workable way to achieve farm relief, favoring an increase in the tariff on corn, demanding a tariff commission investigation on wool imports and asking appropriations for an extensive program of fundamental research by the department of agriculture.

"Farm relief through export debentures depends neither upon appropriations nor special taxes," the adopted report said. "By debenture method farm relief can be attained with administrative simplicity, directness and economy of operation."

The grange approved proposals for legislation to reduce the national debt rather than achieve further tax reduction, but went on record as favoring the repeal of the war tax on automobiles in case congress insisted upon further tax reduction.

A resolution to the American Medical association asking that steps be taken to check the dwindling supply of country doctors, "who threaten to become extinct within 10 years if the movement toward the city and specialization continues at the present rate."

FEDERAL MARKETING FUND IS PROPOSED

Washington, D. C.—One of the trends in the attempt to solve the vexing farm relief problem, as evidenced by conversations of agricultural leaders in congress, is toward a bill to create a government fund to be used in disposing of surplus crops.

While the farm leaders are confining their discussions of a new bill to their own circles just now, it is known that some of them have reached the view that since President Coolidge vetoed the proposal to raise money for marketing surpluses by levying an equalization fee on the farmers the only alternative is for the government itself to produce the funds.

To this end, consideration is being given to a measure calling for creation of a revolving fund of \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000. This fund not only would be available for loans to co-operative marketing associations, as provided in past administration plans, but it could be used to meet losses from the marketing of surplus crops.

It is understood that President Coolidge has been advised that such a plan is regarded by most farm senators as the only alternative to the equalization fee which he has disapproved as unconstitutional, and it is believed he is giving the proposal serious consideration.

OREGON LOSES SAND CASH

Washington in Future to Get Most of Sand Revenue.

Salem, Or.—Although the states of Oregon and Washington have agreed to an equal division of any royalty that is collected on sand removed from the Columbia river during the past seven years, virtually all future revenues from this source will accrue to the state of Washington.

A member of the Oregon state land board said that virtually all of the sand removed from the stream in recent years had been obtained from the Washington side, and that there was no reason to believe that the operators would shift their dredges to the Oregon side of the channel in the future. The state of Washington, while agreeing to a division of the royalty received on sand taken from the Columbia river during the past seven years, has refused to operate under such an agreement in the future.

Jap Liner Ashore off Grays Harbor.

Aberdeen, Wash.—After grounding near the mouth of the Copalis river as she was feeling her way along the coast for the Grays harbor bar entrance after a voyage from Shanghai, the Mitsui & Co. freighter Miyamoto and a crew of about 45 men aboard, was abandoned to her doom.

France Releases Legion Deserter

Paris.—Bennett J. Doty, American member of the French foreign legion has been released. Doty, who was court-martialed in Syria for desertion during the Druse rebellion, was released from serving the remainder of his enlistment in response to "American public opinion."

Quebec Archbishop to Be Cardinal

Rome.—Archbishop Pouleau of Quebec will be made a cardinal at the consistory on December 19, it was learned here.