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COUZENS CHARGES TAX 'DISCIPLINE'

Michigan Senator Declares In-
ternal Revenue Bureau
is Vengeful.

Washington, D. C.—A charge that the internal revenue bureau tried to "discipline" him through assessment for additional taxes because of revelations made in the senate tax investigation was made in the senate by Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan.

A letter from Commissioner Blair read into the record by the senator, indicated a desire by the bureau to re-open the senator's taxes paid in 1919 on the sale of Ford Motor car company stock, on the ground that there had been a large under-assessment.

Since the statute of limitation would run against a reassessment after March 15, the senator was asked to sign a waiver, which he said, he refused to do.

Evidence designed to show that the Federal government has lost millions of dollars in taxes through war amortization allowances to the United States Steel corporation, the Aluminum Company of America, and hundreds of other companies, is contained in official transcripts of hearings filed with the senate by the Couzens investigation committee.

An over-allowance of at least \$5,000,000 to the Aluminum Company of America on the amortization total of \$15,589,614 was alleged by counsel and the engineers.

Counsel and engineers for the committee contended that an amortization allowance of \$55,063,312 to the United States Steel corporation, was \$27,826,014 in excess of what it should have been and that there was involved a difference of tax of \$21,478,513.

EUROPE IN NEW PEACE MOVEMENT

Paris.—Europe made a faltering but definite step toward peace when Messrs. Chamberlain and Herriot came to a practical understanding which in high political circles is expected to be the basis of a future agreement binding France, England, Belgium and Germany in a mutual security pact under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Chamberlain told Premier Herriot that England was vitally interested in such a pact, but believed that it should have a much wider scope than a more defensive alliance. It is understood that Chamberlain broached the subject of mutual supervision of armaments, practically intimating that England was willing to guarantee France's Rhine frontier provided France was willing to give strong assurances in regard to her aviation program, the extent of which has been seriously worrying England.

CONTRACTORS START SUIT

Oregon State Highway Commission and Bonding Houses are Defendants.

Portland, Or. — Warren brothers, paving contractors, filed suit in equity in the federal court Monday against the state highway commission, nine paving contractors and four surety bonding companies for \$750,000, alleging infringement of patents. The equity suit follows a recent decision by the United States circuit court of appeals, awarding the Warren brothers \$18,835 against the late Oskar Huber.

In the latter case suit was brought for royalty on bitulithis pavement laid by Huber's company upon contract from the state in 1919 and 1920. The state highway commission, under the condition of the contract agreed to pay any damage assessed through court action as a result of using a paving process upon which patent rights were claimed by Warren brothers.

Washington Seed Wheat Body Files

Olympia, Wash. — Incorporation papers for the \$100,000 seed wheat corporation of Washington were filed with the secretary of state here Monday. J. K. McCormack, J. W. Bradley and Joseph Bally of Spokane were named as incorporators. The corporation may borrow up to \$200,000 to provide indigent wheat farmers with money to buy seed wheat, according to the incorporation papers.

Coolidge Acts in Chile Row.

Washington, D. C.—A plebiscite to determine the question of sovereignty over Tama-Arica was ordered in an award handed down by President Coolidge in the controversy over the territory between Chile and Peru.

Father of Roosevelt Highway Dead.

Newport, Or.—Benjamin F. Jones, 67, father of the Roosevelt highway and former Oregon legislator, died at his home here Monday following a stroke of apoplexy.

DAVID C. COLLIER



Colonel D. C. Collier, of San Diego, Cal., who has been named director-general of the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of Philadelphia, Pa.

BOY FAILS TO SAVE MOTHER FROM PRISON

Los Angeles.—The dramatic "confession" of 15-year-old Harold "Sonny" Willis that he murdered Dr. Benjamin B. Baldwin had apparently failed to save his mother from a life term in prison.

"The boy is lying like a gentleman," Baron Fitts, chief deputy district attorney, declared. "The case will not be re-opened."

The district attorney's ultimatum virtually means that Mrs. Margaret B. Willis, the lad's mother, must serve a life sentence in San Quentin penitentiary. She was convicted after a lengthy trial in superior court here and appeal for a new trial was denied by the supreme court.

Mrs. Willis expressed her sorrow that her son had "confessed" to a crime for which she would rather pay the penalty.

Harold, according to evidence submitted when Mrs. Willis was granted a seven days' stay of execution, has confessed that he shot Dr. Baldwin when the latter attacked his mother, but that he was sent out to play after the shooting and consequently did not know the doctor was dead until after his mother had packed the body in a trunk, cast it over an embankment north of here and finally had given herself up to the police.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

General John J. Pershing was taken ill at Havana after he arrived from Santiago de Cuba.

Dr. F. J. Stewart, 66, coroner of Pierce county, Wash., died in Tacoma following an apoplectic stroke.

W. B. Curtis, for 16 years postmaster of Marshfield, Or., died, aged 71 years. Curtis was formerly a sea captain.

The late United States senator McCormick left his entire estate of more than \$2,000,000 to his widow, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, for her lifetime.

An explosion of kerosene used to start a fire in a heating stove resulted in the death of Mrs. James W. Sheltis and her three small children at Lostine, Or.

Postal employees throughout the country will receive in their pay envelopes March 14 an additional check covering the increased pay voted them in the new postal pay and rate bill. The pay increase was retroactive to January 1.

Seizure of Booze Ships Held Legal.

New York.—Vessels landing or attempting to land bootleg liquor in the United States from any point on the high seas are liable to seizure under the tariff act of 1922, Federal Judge E. L. Garvin ruled in effect in deciding in favor of the government in its forfeiture action against the Dutch auxiliary schooner Zeehoed. The victory gave the government possession of one of the most valuable cargoes ever seized on a rum boat—liquors said to be worth more than \$200,000.

General Mitchell Loses Air Job.

Washington, D. C.—The name of Colonel James E. Fehet was sent to the White House as the war department's choice to succeed Brigadier General William Mitchell, assistant chief of the air service, whose public utterances in the controversy over air power have kept official Washington on edge for several weeks.

Wearing of Masks Barred in Texas.

Austin, Tex. — A bill prohibiting wearing of masks in public was signed by Governor Ferguson. The law provides severe penalties for persons entering public buildings, churches or private residences while masked. It was a democratic party pledge of the last campaign.

REPUBLICANS' OUST INSURGENT BLOC

La Follette Followers Assigned to Committees as "Independents."

Washington, D. C.—Over the protests of Senator Borah of Idaho, and other republicans, a new fourth party was created in the senate when the La Follette insurgent bloc was formally driven out of the republican party and assigned to committees as "independents."

Formal approval of the demotion of the La Follette insurgents from their rank on the standing committees was given by the senate.

The vote was 64 to 11 and came after five hours of debate, confined largely to the republican side. Democratic leaders interrupted occasionally, but mainly to reiterate their desire to keep clear of the row within the republican ranks.

The real test as to whether the majority party was to complete organization of the senate according to a program, came on the proposal to remove Senator Ladd of North Dakota, one of the insurgents, from the chairmanship of the public lands committee.

Senator Stanfield of Oregon, the majority candidate, was elected, receiving 35 votes to 12 for Ladd and three for Senator Jones, democrat, New Mexico. Senators Wheeler, democrat, Montana; La Follette's running mate on the independent presidential ticket last November, and Copeland, democrat, New York, supported Ladd, while Bruce, democrat, Maryland, voted for Stanfield.

Twenty-five democrats voted present, as did Ladd and Stanfield.

ACTION TO VOID OIL LEASE BEGUN

Cheyenne, Wyo.—With Teapot Dome and its supposed vast stores of crude oil as the prize, the government entered into a momentous legal battle in federal court here Monday in an effort to reclaim to the government the lease which was granted by Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior, to the Mammoth Oil company.

Atlee Pomeroy, associated with Owen D. Roberts, as special counsel, opened the case for the government in a statement before Judge T. Blake Kennedy, reviewing the transactions between Harry F. Sinclair, president of the Mammoth company; Edwin Denby, ex-secretary of the navy; Mr. Fall and others, which led to the granting of the lease.

Prepared to defend at every angle the legality of the lease and to disavow all charges of corruption in connection with it, the Mammoth Oil company and Mr. Sinclair brought into play a galaxy of brilliant legal minds. Martin W. Littleton, R. W. Ragland, O. T. Stanford, J. W. Zeeveloy and John W. Lacie are among the attorneys who will represent the defendants.

Mr. Fall and Mr. Sinclair have been subpoenaed as government witnesses.

1500 LOSE HOMES

Court Orders Lavoye, Wyo., to Quit Oil Field Site.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—The 1500 residents of the town of Lavoye, Wyo., were deprived of their homes by a ruling of Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy here, who ordered that the townsite must be vacated in favor of the Ohio Oil company, which holds a government lease on the land. It is in the Salt Creek oil field.

Business leaders of Lavoye promptly called a mass meeting at which 100 persons publicly reiterated their stand not to vacate their homes and buildings and announced a continuance of their fight in higher courts.

The townspeople authorized counsel to carry the case to the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Louis.

Mayo Says Cancer Will be Controlled.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., one of the country's leading surgeons, told the Philadelphia forum in an address that he believed cancer would be "under control" within a few years. By this Dr. Mayo said he did not mean that cancer would be cured nor that it would be preventable, but that it would be more amenable to treatment and that its working would neither be so rapid nor so serious. He based this belief, he said, on the theory that cancer is caused by an organism, perhaps by a germ, and on the Wasserman test through which it is claimed the presence of cancer may be detected.

Dennis Nominated for Tariff Post.

Washington, D. C.—Alfred P. Dennis of Maryland, was nominated by President Coolidge to succeed David J. Lewis, also of Maryland, as a member of the tariff commission.

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- No. 17
- No. 18—Ford top.
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