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## SALES TAX URGED TO PAY BONUS

### President Writes Letter Holding It Feasible Plan, Though Once Discarded By House—Accept Or Delay Legislation, Edict—Asks Public for Support.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Senator Calder of New York, a republican member of the senate finance committee issued a statement recommending President Harding's stand and declaring that all proposals for a cash bonus should be abandoned.

"In the present state of the nation's finances," said Senator Calder, "it would be a mistake to pay a cash bonus."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Harding informed congress today he considered a general sales tax the only feasible method of raising funds for a soldiers' bonus.

The president's letter was regarded generally at the capital as leaving the bonus situation even more complicated than ever before. Senate and house sub-committees were to meet late in the day to receive and consider the White House communication.

The executive in a letter addressed to Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee, and Chairman McCumber of the senate financial committee suggested that unless congress saw fit to enact a sales tax, passage of bonus legislation should be temporarily postponed.

"I believe," the president wrote, "the American people will accept the levy of a general sales tax to meet the proposed bonus payments and we should contribute no added deficits to the progress of readjustment. If congress will not adopt such a plan, it would be wise to let the legislation go over until there is a turn which will justify the large outlay."

Declaring that the senate had under consideration the disposition of surplus war properties and other transactions which should bring "great relief" to the treasury, the president said it would be wise to let the legislation go over if congress did not deem it advisable to adopt the sales tax.

When the states tax was discussed in the sub-committee last week, it was understood that senators were informed that less than 100 republican votes in the house could be mustered for a sales tax as a method of financing the adjusted compensation. Such a tax had been considered by house leaders as a possibility but virtually had been discarded.

The text of the president's letter which was addressed to Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee, follows:

"In accordance with the promise made to yourself and your associates on the senate and house committees, charge with responsibility of formulating proposed bonus legislation, I have carefully looked into the program of taxation, which has been suggested. In addition thereto I have made further inquiry into the feasibility of issuing either short time treasury notes or long time bonds to meet the financial obligations which the proposed legislation will impose. It is not possible to commend to you either of the plans suggested.

"It continues to be my best judgment that any compensation legislation enacted at this time ought to carry with it the provisions for raising the needed revenues and I find myself unable to suggest any commendable plan other than that of a general sales tax."

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## FAKE LETTERS BY PHILLY SOCIETY QUEENS TO GET NEGRO WAITER FAT JOB REVEALED

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—Fake telegrams and letters sent to President Harding from Pennsylvania today caused W. Harry Baker, secretary of the republican state committee to seek a federal investigation.

Mr. Baker revealed today that fraudulent telegrams had been sent to the president purporting to endorse the candidacy of J. C. Overton, negro head waiter at a West Philadelphia hotel, for appointment as register of the United States treasury. The telegrams bore the names of Mrs. George Wharton Pepper, wife of Senator Pepper, Mrs. John Wanamaker III, Mrs. Baker and others. Baker said none of those persons knew anything about the telegrams.

## Noted Scientist Ate No Meat 60 Years; Fails to Live Century

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—The wish of Dr. John Martin Peebles, physician, scientist and author, that he live until March 23, in order to round out an hundred years of life failed gratification. He died at his home here yesterday.

Dr. Peebles who was in the diplomatic service in Turkey, a long time, wrote a large number of books, among which was one entitled "how to live a century and grow old gracefully."

The last sixty years of his life he had eaten no meat.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. C. C. Beach of Battle Creek.

## WEIRD SPOOKS ON CANADIAN FARM BAFFLE SLEUTHS

### Ghosts Slap Detective and Reporter, Raps and Cuts Up—Also Firebug—Reward for Capture—Investigators Are Scared By Uncanny Events.

HALIFAX, Feb. 16.—The first person who can prove that supernatural causes are not responsible for uncanny happenings at Alexander McDonald's farm in Caledonia Mills will receive \$100 if an offer made by Detective Carroll of the provincial police and Herald Whidden, a Halifax reporter, holds good.

After spending two days and three nights in the house with Whidden, Detective Carroll reported to his superiors his belief that neither fires nor other strange happenings there were the work of human hands.

While hunting for the spook alleged by McDonald to be haunting his farm Whidden and Carroll were slapped mysteriously, they say.

Whidden reported that he and the detective were lying on a bed on one side of the living room and McDonald on a cot on the opposite side when suddenly ghostly rappings were heard. Then the scribe felt a slap on his arm and asked the detective what he was doing. The detective declared he had not moved. Presently Carroll felt a slap and told the scribe to keep still. Whidden declared he had not moved.

The mysterious slaps were repeated and detective and scribe arose and stirred up McDonald who declared he had been asleep. The spook hunters spent the rest of the night huddled in front of a roaring fire.

McDonald left his home in mid-winter because he said unseen hands played havoc with his cattle and started fires in his home. Friends who spent a night with him corroborated his story.

## PRESS PUBLIC WORK TO AID JOBLESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The senate today took up the bill by Senator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, designed to relieve unemployment by pressing public works during slack times and retarding it during periods of prosperity, as recommended by the unemployment conference.

Senator Fletcher, democrat, Florida, and others said they thought the bill would confer too great powers on the president.

## HITCHCOCK RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

### Provides for President Harding to Present Senate With Pacific Treaties and All Information—First Open Discussion of Four Power Pact—To Press Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The resolution asking President Harding for full information regarding the negotiations of the four-power peace treaty was adopted by the senate today after a debate in which the arms conference policies were discussed generally for the first time on the senate floor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The four power Pacific treaty which was negotiated at the Washington conference, again assumed today a prominent place in senate affairs both on the senate floor and before the foreign relations committee.

Pending before the senate was the resolution of Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, to ask President Harding to transmit to the senate additional information and documents relating to the treaty's negotiation. Before the senate convened today the foreign relations committee was called to resume consideration of the treaty, which began last Saturday.

The return from Massachusetts today of Senator Lodge, committee chairman and one of the American delegates to the arms conference, was expected to result in definite action on the Hitchcock resolution. The republican leaders also were planning to press committee action on the four power and other conference treaties.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The United States, Great Britain, Japan and France, as parties to the four-power Pacific treaty, have formally notified Portugal and The Netherlands that they are "firmly resolved" to respect the rights of these two nations in the Pacific in the same way that the rights of the four principal powers are to be respected under the treaty.

A copy of the note which was sent to The Netherlands and Portuguese governments on February 4, was put into the senate record late today by Senator Lodge, republican, Massachusetts, who was a member of the American delegation to the arms conference.

## SKIN BOOTLEGGERS CURBED AND TROUT FISHING REGULATED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—Fishing for trout over ten inches long is authorized in Clackamas during the months of December and January each year in an order issued by the state game commission yesterday. The commission at the same time made a rule that fishing by any means whatsoever should be prohibited in Clackamas county between January 31 and May 15 of each year.

State Game Warden A. E. Burghdoff made the suggestion that the state employ paid hunters to exterminate predatory animals, and that the present system of bounties be done away with. This would eliminate animal skin bootleggers who sent pelts of animals killed in Nevada and other neighboring states and collected unearned bounty, he said.

## PREACHER'S SON TURNS BURGLAR

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Sensational disclosures regarding the narcotic traffic in Wenatchee were made this morning at a hearing before United States Commissioner Ludington. Morris B. Hyatt, son of Rev. F. B. Hyatt, confessed on the witness stand to breaking into the Owl drug store together with Bert Williams, proprietor of a local hotel, and taking a large quantity of drugs. Commissioner Ludington decided that there was enough evidence against Mr. and Mrs. Williams, to hold them both for trial in United States district court. Bail was fixed at \$2,500 for each. They entered pleas of not guilty.

## Chicago's Girl Bootlegger Is Taken



Miss Lillian Beardsley of Chicago, who conducted a novelty candy shop, but dispensed "mixed" drinks as a "side line." The shop attracted much attention because of its lavish decorations and the novel costumes adopted by its owner. Federal inspectors entered the shop to purchase "candy drops," and casually inquired for a "good drink." Laughing Lillian supplied both and was then supplied with summons.

## WEDDED BLISS ON INCREASE AMONG YOUTHS OF LAND

### Census Shows Cupid Busy Between 15 and 20 Years Since 1910—14,834 Girls of 15 Have Husbands—Most Susceptible at 19.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Sixteen hundred boys and 14,834 girls 15 years of age in the United States were listed as married in 1920, the census bureau announced today in a statement presenting a special analysis of marital statistics. Eighty-two boys and 494 girls of the same age were recorded as widowed or divorced.

The analysis revealed a distinct increase since the 1910 census in the percentage of married persons for each year of age from 1900 especially among the younger members of this group. In 1920 the figures show 3222 boys of 16 years were married, while those 17 years of age married numbered 7699.

The number of married at 18 years of age increased from 13,321 in 1910 to 24,944; the number married at 19 years of age increased from 33,566 to 58,909; the number 20 years of age increased from 77,658 to 105,339, and the number 21 years of age increased from 152,298 to 192,662.

The number of married girls at 16 years of age increased from 34,829 in 1910 to 41,626 in 1920; the number married at 17 years of age increased from 76,683 to 90,930; the number 18 years of age increased from 166,160 to 186,645 and the number 19 years of age increased from 221,976 to 264,507.

The statistics showed the number of single persons more than fifty years of age was 1,440,514, including 804,406 men and 636,108 women.

## CHICAGO CUBS OFF FOR TRAINING CAMP

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Today was get-away-day for the advance guard of the Chicago Nationals who left this morning for the training camp at Catalina Island on the Pacific coast. The party is scheduled to arrive there next Sunday. Six players boarded the train in charge of Manager Killefer and seven others will join the party at Kansas City tonight. Six others will report at the journey's end. The second squad will leave here a week later.

## MALICIOUS RUMORS BLAMED IN CLOSING OF PORTLAND BANK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—The State Bank of Portland today was in the hands of O. B. Robertson, state bank examiner, following conclusion last night not to open today.

Conrad P. Olson, who became president of the bank February 1, announced the decision to close was due to "malicious rumors."

He declared he anticipated no loss to depositors but had taken action to prevent a run on the bank which might result in loss to late comers as well as to the stockholders.

## ATTEMPT TO KILL ADMIRAL HORTHY

VIENNA, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—An attempt was made on the life of Admiral Nicholas Horthy, the Hungarian regent, last week, according to reports published in Vienna today. A volley of shots was fired through the windows of a castle outside of Budapest, where he was attending a hunt dinner.

## KENYON'S RESIGNATION SENT TO GOVERNOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The resignation of William S. Kenyon as United States senator from Iowa, to take effect February 23, today was enroute to Governor Kendall of Iowa.

Senator Kenyon, who is resigning to take the federal court judgeship to which he recently was appointed by President Harding, mailed his resignation to the Iowa governor late yesterday it was learned today.

## Claim Daugherty Jab At Retail Merchants "Mail Order" Stuff

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—H. E. Hart of Long Prairie, Minn., speaking before the Inter-State Merchants' council here today said that there seemed to be only one class of merchandise distributor that had a "good standing with either the democratic or republican administration and those are the mail order houses."

"If the accusations of the attorney general against the retail merchants were not inspired by the mail order interests," he asked, "by whom were they inspired?"

"If you are going to be successful in 1922 you must meet this vicious propaganda, you must answer the question in your advertising to your own community. You stand convicted without a trial by one of our national officials."

## SENATE DESIRES TO 'GAD DOWN' TO SEE SHOALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The senate agricultural committee today asked the senate in a resolution, for authority to visit the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate project in connection with the committee's consideration of Henry Ford's offer to lease the properties. The resolution, which proposed that the whole committee of 17 make the trip was referred to the auditing committee because of the expenditures that would be entailed.

The resolution was submitted to the senate by Chairman Norris, who said it was not his intention to ask immediate action but that he desired the senate to know what the committee contemplated in the nature of an investigation of the projects and of the Ford offer to take them over. He added that members of the committee believed they should know personally of the physical features of the properties.

Members of the house military affairs committee earlier in the day expressed the view that should the senate committee decide to go to Alabama the house committee also should make an investigation of the ground.

## WAGON LOAD HALF DOLLARS FOR BAIL

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 16.—An express wagon load of silver half dollars—\$2,000 worth of them—was brought to the Oakland police station by George Bruno, manager of an Italian bank, to provide bail money for Lorenzo Giusini, under arrest today on a charge of falling to render assistance to a woman who had been run down by his automobile. Bruno, in explaining the half-dollars, hid all other money in the bank was locked in a time vault.

## HOTEL WHERE DAVD HARUM SOLD 'HOSSES' RAIDED, AND LANDLORD FOUND WITH BOOZE

HOMER, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The David Harum hotel here, where the original of the character in the famous novel made many of his "hoss" trades, has been raided by Izzy Enstein and Moe Smith, federal prohibition agents with headquarters in New York City who have gained much newspaper attention through their disguises.

## IRELAND IN NOTION TO GO BOLSHEVIKI

### Winston Churchill Predicts That Coup d'Etat Would Mean Soviet Republic—Mike Collins Is Dissatisfied With Results of Conference in London.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Prediction that a coup d'etat in Ireland which would result in the setting up of a soviet republic would ruin Ireland's cause for a century, was made by Winston S. Churchill, secretary for the colonies in moving in the house of commons today the second reading of the Irish free state bill. Such an occurrence was not at all likely, however, in the opinion of the British government, he said.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—(By Associated Press)—Michael Collins' return to Dublin after only twelve hours in London and his admission that he was dissatisfied with the results of his conference with government officials here are taken to mean that the British evacuation of South Ireland will be resumed forthwith and continued uninterrupted.

This will relieve the situation of one of its most serious features. No official explanation of the assurances given Mr. Collins, however, has yet been made.

No troops have been moved from the south since Monday except 400 cavalrymen who embarked at Dublin for Liverpool last night.

Notwithstanding declarations that several kidnapped unionists were released yesterday only three have reached their homes, according to latest dispatches from Belfast, where there is no relief in tension, pending arrival of the others.

The house of commons was again to take up today the bill establishing the Irish free state, Mr. Churchill moving second reading.

Strength of conservative opposition to the measure which is stated to be growing owing to recent events in Ireland, cannot yet be satisfactorily judged and probably will depend upon developments between now and the vote as well as upon the statements of the government ministers.

Best informed opinion now is, however, that the dissidents will not prove powerful enough to prevent passage of the bill.

BELFAST, Feb. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Seamus Monaghan, local commandant of the Irish republican army and two other republican officers, Patrick and Michael Murney, have been arrested at Newry by Ulster special constables.

The officers were proceeding from Killeek, county Down, in the direction of Killowan when captured. They were taken to the Newry military barracks under heavy escort.

The Murneys are brothers of T. Murney, chairman of the Killeek board of guardians. It is stated that an automatic pistol was found in the possession of Monaghan, and seditious literature in the pockets of the two Murneys. Subsequently John McDowell and Richard Doran were arrested by other special constables.