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JEWELERS ATTACK U. S. EXCISE TAX AT SALEM MEET

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—A direct attack on the five per cent excise tax on jewelry was made by A. A. Keene, president of the Oregon Retail Jewelers association in the opening address of the sixteenth annual convention of the association here yesterday.

"The battle for complete tax relief should, and will, be continued," declared Keene. "The tax was originally made by the jewelers as a war measure. However, it was not the jewelers' war and there is no reason why jewelers should be made to pay." Keene intimated that the tax is a considerable handicap to jewelers throughout the country, branded the tax as an unfair discrimination against one particular line of business and declared that jewelers already contribute largely to the federal treasury through payment of heavy customs duties. Nearly 100 delegates from all parts of the state are present at the convention which is being held here today and Tuesday.

Governor Pierce preceded Keene with a short address of welcome at this afternoon's session. A short address was made by F. M. French, of Albany, secretary-treasurer of the state organization. His speech consisted largely of a report of the National Jewelers convention at St. Louis a year ago. A talk on "national publicity" was given by F. A. Heitkemper, Miss Ella Meade spoke on "window decorating."

PIERCE ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS

SALEM, Ore., May 12.—Governor Pierce today reappointed George S. Birney of La Grande as a member of the state board of optometry. The governor reappointed Arthur B. McKenzie of Portland on the state board of aeronautics, and appointed on the same board W. J. Chamberlain of Corvallis to succeed George R. Devarney of Roseburg and R. M. Kelly of Portland to succeed L. B. Hickman of Portland.

SECURED RELIEF THROUGH FOLEY PILLS
John R. Gordon, Danville, Ill., writes: "I have suffered with kidney trouble five years; could not sleep at night and was almost always tired. I was not strong and hard work made my back ache. I got some FOLEY PILLS and after a few treatments I felt better and could work with more ease, became stronger and could sleep better." FOLEY PILLS are a diuretic stimulant for the kidneys—make them more active. Get a bottle today. Sold everywhere.

SENATOR MOSES ANSWERS DAWES SENATE ATTACK

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 9.—(By Associated Press.)—Senate rules permitting unlimited debate, are the country's strongest safeguards against hasty legislation by a coalition of the blocs that have sprung up in American political life, Senator Moses, republican of New Hampshire, declared here recently in an address defending those rules against the assaults of Vice President Dawes.

Calling attention that the coalitions differed from day to day as new legislations to cure the ills existing in different sections, are advanced, the president pro tempore of the senate said the majorities thus momentarily welded together "are bound to be as reckless as they are ephemeral."

Senator Moses said it was axiomatic that the majority had the right to rule, but he declared that majorities differed from day to day.

"The majority in the senate," he said, "is no longer partisan or even political. In point of fact, except through artificial means, strict party division is rarely to be had nowadays at either end of the capitol, and the engrossing questions of federal legislation nowadays are the result of economic import affecting the material interests of sectional groups of states."

Detailing his own experiences in the senate, Senator Moses said he could not feel that the rules worked more than a fancied hardship. He added that he could not believe that even more seasoned legislators than himself could freely contemplate a move to change them.

"It is to be observed," he said, "that with few exceptions the demand for a change in the rules of the senate arises from those whose content with the senate is either brief or non-existent. Many a man has come into the senate with a determination to tame it, and almost without exception these men themselves have been tamed by the senate and have come to realize the value of the senate rules."

Senator Moses declared that limitation of debate already exists in the senate through unanimous consent arrangements frequently resorted to after full and free discussion. He also called attention to the rule which enables 16 senators to force a vote without debate on the question of limiting debate on any subject to one hour for each senator. Only a majority vote is necessary to enforce such limitation, he added.

A remedy for everything complained of in the senate rules, Senator Moses went on, is offered in the Norris constitutional amendment which would do away with short sessions of congress and prevent legislation by "dame ducks" by moving up the meeting time of a newly elected congress from the March after the election to January.

"I have not observed," he said, "that any of those now so busily engaged in defaming the senate have shown any unwillingness to endorse Senator Norris' proposal. It may be that they are as ignorant of it as they are of the actual effect of the rules of the senate. 'Yet in this impatient age it is surely not too much to ask that there may still remain in this country some forum in which freedom of expression in length, if not in depth, may still be found. If in the ideas of the Founding Fathers, as President Harding liked to refer to them, there still remains merit in their conception of a republic with representative institutions, surely it is worth while to retain one place where that conception may be sustained."

"But if we have discarded the principles of that earlier era and are to live henceforth under hybrid institutions resulting from the skill of the Luther Burbank of politics in engraving shreds of democracy upon the stem of the republic, then we might as well give ear to the clamor which has recently been set up."

SETTLEMENT OF FRENCH DEBT IS HELD IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Informal conversations relative to a French debt settlement are again in progress, it was disclosed today at the state department.

Confirming the fact of negotiations for the first time, the department reiterated that the Washington government had sent no formal communication of the question to France. Department officials would not enlarge on their statement confirming reports that intermittent informal conversations on the debt question had been in progress from time to time. They refused to indicate in any way the nature of developments of the last few days.

The statement that the discussion was "again" in progress was taken (if a reference to the rumored dispatch to Ambassador Herrick last week of instructions believed to outline the suggestions he was asked to lay before French officials in conversations he might have with them. There was nothing to indicate that these instructions included any definite project as to terms of settlement or that they marked any change in the policy of the Washington government as to the form of settlements.

It was said flatly that the Washington government had not changed front on the question of accepting an assignment of German reparation payments by France in working out a debt settlement agreement. It is understood that this question has been frequently raised and that the Washington government has always held that any settlement reached with France must be in harmony with the basic condition of the refunding agreement with Great Britain. That condition is that settlements are not made contingent upon any outside question as to where the funds are to be obtained by the debt or nation for meeting its obligations.

Developments today on the French debt question did not disclose that any advance had been made as yet toward acceptance by the two governments of a definite proposal advanced by either side as the basis for negotiations for a refunding agreement.

Apparently neither government has put forward a statement that could be used for this purpose, both taking the position that the other in each case should take the first step toward presenting a plan of settlement.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(By Associated Press.) Expressions in official quarters here and in Paris of ignorance of any important developments towards settlement of the French debt have failed to erase the belief that at least informal negotiations on the subject have been resumed.

Significance given recent events by some observers here has led to the impression that the debt refunding discussions are proceeding with a view to establishing a starting point for later exchanges. These events were the return from France of Under-Secretary Winston of the treasury with an optimistic view of France's financial outlook and news reports that Finance Minister Caillaux will place his program before parliament empowered to make it a question of confidence if necessary.

It was also taken into account by some that American opinion is regarded as desiring that satisfactory agreement be made without undue delay between the United States and debtor nations. Consideration was given also to dispatches from Paris which reported that diplomatic conversations have now reached a point where the French government must be consulted.

Officials here, while pleased at indications that France would give early consideration to the debt question, denied that any formal communication on the subject had recently been dispatched to Paris.

START RECOVERY OF VICTIMS IN RIVER DISASTER

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 12.—(By Associated Press.) Using a large anchor attached to a fifty foot chain as a hammer, United States engineers today will break the framework of the cabin of the sunken steamer M. E. Norman, in the hope of releasing bodies of some of the 23 persons who drowned when the vessel turned over and sank last Friday.

Stationed at intervals down the river, crews of government boats will watch for the bodies which the engineers are confident will be released. The cabin was definitely located last night after the workers had broken up other parts of the steamer. Attempts to reach the hull of the vessel with expert divers failed because of the strong undercurrent which swept the divers far down stream when they attempted to descend.

To raise the hull of the steamer with chains, engineers decided, would require several days. They determined on the plan of breaking up the superstructure of the Norman as the most practicable method of reaching the victims.

Fearing that some of the bodies have been swept down stream those in charge have ordered the river patrol to continue unceasingly. The steamer lies with the stern 380 feet from the shore. The vessel is resting on her port side with the smokestacks pointing towards the shore.

First success in breaking up the superstructure of the vessel was shown when the aft flagpole shot up through fifty feet of water with the American flag attached. Later the ship's clock was brought up, its hands showing that it had stopped at 4:50 o'clock which hour on Friday afternoon engineers now accept as the exact time the steamer sank.

EUGENE GOLFERS WIN TRI-CITY TOURNEY

EUGENE, Ore., May 11.—In a sea of mud and drenching rain, the team representing the Eugene golf and country club won the first leg of the tri-city tournament between Salem, Eugene and Corvallis, yesterday in Salem. The locals gathered 32 points, Corvallis 29 and Salem minus 52.

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PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—Five persons were injured in an automobile collision here yesterday. Both cars turned over.

Mrs. E. Ferguson was the most seriously hurt. She and her daughter, Mrs. Louella Duncan, were riding in a car with H. Karmouth. Mrs. Duncan and Karmouth were both injured. John O. Martin, route one, Beaverton, driver of the other car, was cut on the left arm. Mrs. Martin suffered injuries to her back.

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STILL HUNTING 2 ESCAPED CONVICTS

COLFAX, Cal., May 12.—A Colfax posse was today hunting two men said to resemble the Tanko and Hall suspects, both armed, who were seen to climb Big Hill, on the outskirts of Colfax after having come up from what is known as Slaughter House canyon.

Sheriff W. G. Robson of Nevada county is co-operating with Sheriff E. H. Gum of Placer county in outlining a plan to capture the men.

"It looks pretty good," said Sheriff Robson. "Sheriff Gum is almost positive they are the bandits."

Evidence tending to establish definitely that the two Iowa Hill suspects are the bandits who shot down Patrolman Clyde Nunn in Sacramento, came today from Max Fisher, head of the identification bureau of the Sacramento police department.

Soviet Envoy Recalled.
PARIS, May 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—M. Voline, first secretary of the Russian embassy here, has been recalled it was announced today, as a result of protests to Moscow by the French foreign office at Voline's alleged participation in a communist demonstration at Paris.

Find Baby's Body
GOLDENDALE, Wash., May 12.—The body of a baby, partly burned, was found at the Goldendale dump grounds by boys at 11 a. m. Coroner M. W. Chagnac announced today. Deputy sheriffs are investigating. No clue to the identity of the child has been found today.

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