

SENATE FIXES 10 PER CENT. TAX ON LUXURIES

WEATHER—Fair and colder to-night and Tuesday.

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WILSON'S PLANS FOR REVIEWING ARMY GOVERNOR-ELECT SMITH ANNOUNCES HIS STAFF

HYLAN SAYS DON'T SIGN B. R. T. CARDS VOTING ON WRECK

Brazen Attempt to Get Change of Venue for Indicted Officials, He Declares.

PROTEST BY PATRONS. Passengers Asked to Fill Blanks Giving Opinion on Decision of Mayor.

Mayor Hylan this afternoon issued the following statement on the B. R. T.'s distribution of cards to residents of Brooklyn asking them to sign their approval of the Mayor's action in holding officials and employees of the New York Consolidated Railroad Company and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company in proceedings to fix the criminal responsibility for the Malbone Street tunnel wreck Nov. 3, 1918.

"The cards should not be signed by the people of Brooklyn and they should take warning that this is an attempt on the part of B. R. T. officials to change the place of trial to some out-of-State county. This method of transferring criminal cases to another county up the State was successfully resorted to in New York City when the indictments against the milk trust representatives were transferred to another county for trial. I cannot emphasize too strongly that the people in whose hands these cards fall should not, under any circumstances, give an expression of their opinion."

Thousands of these blank cards were distributed throughout Brooklyn to-day by employees of the B. R. T. President Timothy S. Williams of the B. R. T., four of his associates and Edward Luciano, motorman of the wrecked train, were indicted last Friday on charges of manslaughter. EFFORT TO GET CHANGE OF VENUE, SAY LAWYERS.

This latest B. R. T. propaganda also was said by lawyers to be a direct effort to obtain a change of venue by taking a vote to show public prejudice against them.

The blank roads: Name: Address: Mayor Hylan as committing magistrate has held certain employees and officials of the under-mentioned companies in proceedings seeking to fix criminal responsibility upon them for the wreck which occurred Nov. 3 in the Malbone Street tunnel. Q. Do you approve his action. A. Remarks: We invite the freest expression of your views. Please fill out and hand to any conductor. New York Consolidated Railroad Co. Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.

After a conference between the attorneys serving as counsel to the various officials under indictment, the following statement was issued: "It was the unanimous opinion of (Continued on Fourth Page.)"

NEW YORK ENGINEERS CITED FOR GALLANTRY IN CAMBRAI FIGHTING

Every Member of Eleventh Regiment, Brigaded With the British, Is Honored.

BRITISH NAVY TO TAKE PART IN REVIEW, LONDON REPORT

French and Italian Warships Also Coming Here, Another Rumor—Danic's Due Christmas.

\$100,000 IN DIAMONDS MONTREAL ROBBERS' LOOT

Three Bind and Gag Jewelry Store Watchman and Blast Open Safe.

LEADING GERMAN DYE MAKER IN FLIGHT

Dr. Carl Duisburg Goes to Switzerland—Was Close to Ludendorff.

PERMANENT RANK ASKED FOR PERSHING, MARCH, BLISS

Baker Also Urges That Ligger and Bullard Be Permanent Lieutenant Generals.

SENATE RESTORES TAX ON LUXURIES; FIXED AT 10 P. C.

Finance Committee's Elimination of Section Disapproved, But Rate Is Cut.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—In disposing of amendments to the War Revenue Bill with a view to its passage before adjournment to-day, the Senate expressed its first dissent from the Finance Committee's revision by disapproving, 38 to 22, the committee's action in eliminating the 20 per cent. tax on so-called luxuries.

On motion of Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, the Senate reduced the tax from 20 per cent. to 10 per cent. on all luxuries enumerated in the bill except on men's and women's clothing. The latter exception was made at the request of Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who urged that the entire tax be removed from these articles.

The Senate, without objection, adopted the Finance Committee's amendment for taxation of inheritances in lieu of the tax on estates, as provided in the House bill.

The inheritance tax plan proposes a graduated levy ranging from one per cent. on inheritances between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to 25 per cent. on those over \$250,000.

An important amendment adopted by the Senate, members explained, exempts from inheritance taxes life insurance policies payable to beneficiaries, regardless of their amount. A clause imposing taxes on life insurance receipts in excess of \$25,000 was eliminated.

It adopted, 34 to 28, the amendment of Senator Thomas of Colorado, for a tax of 100 per cent. on political campaign contributions in excess of \$500.

ALDERMEN BIDDEN GOODBY BY SMITH; STAFF ANNOUNCED

Old Custom of Visiting Governor's Room at City Hall to Be Revived.

Gov.-elect Smith took official leave of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon and announced that his resignation as President of that body will take effect Dec. 31. In bidding farewell to his colleagues of just one year's association, the newly elected Chief Executive made public the names of most of the members of his military staff and announced that every time he comes to the city in his new official capacity he will visit the Governor's Room in City Hall.

There he will receive those who desire to meet him socially or wish to speak to him on official business.

This means a revival of one of the oldest customs in the State. City Hall is about 112 years old. In its early history a trip from Albany to New York City was an event fraught with hardships of travel. By the time a Governor reached here he was ready for a rest, and the Governor's Room in City Hall was set aside for him. Now it is used as a museum of Colonial relics, among them the writing tables of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, the inaugural chair of Washington and the chairs and banquet boards of the first United States Senate.

WILSONS ARE FLOODED WITH CHRISTMAS TOKENS

Givers Range From Children to Statesmen and Gifts From Cards to Paintings.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Santa Claus has got the range of the Murat palace and is already laying down a preparatory barrage to-day.

Hundreds of presents from all parts of the country are pouring in every day. The gifts range from children to the highest statesmen. The presents include magnificent paintings, ivory piqueuses, jewels, handbags, cigar and cigarette cases, and even cigarette smokers, although the President doesn't smoke.

PRESIDENT GOING TO LANGRES FOR XMAS WITH THE TROOPS

Starts From Paris at One o'Clock in the Morning, and Will Make Part of the Journey by Automobile—Completing Final Conferences.

PARIS, Dec. 23 (Associated Press).—The President's Christmas programme provides for his leaving on a special train at 1 o'clock in the morning, the schedule for the run providing for the train's arrival at Chaumont, Gen. Pershing's headquarters, at 7 A. M.

The party will take automobiles thence to Langres, where the review of American troops by the President will take place. The President will take lunch at midday with the troops, returning to Chaumont in the afternoon.

On the return the train will leave Chaumont at 4 P. M., and reach Paris at 9 o'clock in the evening. The President will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, her secretary, Miss Benham; Admiral Grayson, an aide-de-camp and the President's private secretary.

President Wilson's conferences to-day and to-morrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will lay the principal part of the groundwork for the actual Peace Conference.

Mr. Wilson considers the most pressing of all problems before the Entente nations in a fair way toward being solved. This is the question of supplying food to the starving peoples of liberated countries. It now seems probable that the work will be handled principally by the United States, through Herbert C. Hoover, American Food Administrator. It has been made plain to the Entente nations that the United States has no wish to claim entire credit for the work of relief in the minds of the people who are to be fed and a satisfactory understanding appears to be in sight.

The work of the American Commissioners will not be delayed by President Wilson's visit to England. It is stated that the daily conferences will continue among the delegates and the corps of specialists employed in the various branches of the great undertaking, and also with such representatives of the Entente and Neutral Governments as may wish to communicate with the American delegates.

ASSOCIATED PRESS WINS OVER HEARST IN SUPREME COURT

Injunction Against "News Piracy" by International Service Upheld.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Injunctions granted the Associated Press to stop printing of news by the International News Service (owned by W. R. Hearst) were sustained to-day by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Restraining orders preventing the International News Service from inducing persons to communicate to it Associated Press news in advance of publication or persuading members of the Associated Press to violate that organization's by-laws were upheld. The Court affirmed decrees of the Circuit Court of Appeals enjoining the defendant from taking for the purpose of selling to its own customers news appearing on bulletin boards or in early editions of Associated Press papers.

ARMED ROBBERS BIND WOMAN AND FLEE WITH \$1,500

Jewelry Concern in 125th Street Looted—Policeman Arrested for Hold-Up.

Another daring "short and tall man" hold-up occurred in 125th Street at noon to-day when the store of the Metropolitan Jewelry Credit Company was entered by armed bandits and robbed of \$1,500 in cash and Liberty Bonds.

The Metropolitan Jewelry Credit Company has a sales room on the second floor of No. 45 West 125th Street. The only person in the place when the bandits entered was Mrs. Rose Sacks, wife of Paul Sacks, who manages the concern.

Mrs. Sacks says she was standing behind one of the counters when two men entered. One was short and the other tall. Both were well dressed, she says. The short man asked to see some jewelry, and when Mrs. Sacks reached for it the tall man whipped out a gun and covered her with it. Then the short man jumped over the counter, took a paper from his pocket and bound her. The tall man warned her that if she screamed it would cost her her life.

PEACE TABLE PROGRAMME BARS THE GERMANS OUT TILL ALL THE TERMS ARE FIXED

Compulsory Arbitration and Limitation of Armaments to Be Exacted—Germany Must Make Full Atonement.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Matin to-day was authorized to print the article which was censored yesterday. The article, the first headline of which read "Yesterday's Utopia to-morrow's Reality," sets forth the manner of procedure of the "Promoters of a League of Nations acting in agreement with the Allied Governments."

"There will be three stages," the Matin says. "First, the Allied Governments will settle among themselves the principles of the League. As a fundamental rule they will set down the right of peoples to decide their own destinies. As a practical consequence it follows that there will be limitation of armaments and compulsory arbitration among the nations. It seems indispensable that at this point the Entente countries bind themselves to put these clauses in the preliminaries of peace.

SOLDIERS—Where will you settle? Get information—Waters Canadian Farms (Opposite Grand Central Station) 174 Broadway—New York.

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