

CONGRESS FAILS TO PLEDGE OF ECONOMY AND TAXPAYERS CAN GET READ TO PAY MORE

Prospects for Half Billion Deficit Aside From Bonus Legislation.

"SAVING" CUT DOWN. House Pruning of Estimates Offset by Senate and New Demands.

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WASHINGTON, April 20.—The spectacle of members of Congress coming to their labors in the halls of state, attired in overalls, ought to hold some promise to taxpayers of relief from burdensome conditions. Legislators legislating in overalls may get down to the level of taxpayers who can't afford to buy even overalls if the price continues to go up.

Senator Dial, South Carolina, and Representative Cuthaw, Georgia, the overall pioneers, point a way to our national statesmen to get into touch with the common people by whatever sympathy that may associate with attire. Representative Quinn, Mississippi, has been carrying his lunch to the House in a tin pail for several weeks now.

The example of Representative Quinn has not been followed at all, nor does there appear to be any great likelihood that Representative Cuthaw and Senator Dial will become inconspicuous by reason of general adoption of their style of sartorial decoration.

But even a few suits of overalls in Congress might serve to bring to the understanding of the members of that branch of the Government that a condition exists in this country which has forced people, as an expression of dissatisfaction with prices of commodities and rates of taxation to adopt a style of clothing which seems to jibe with economy.

MANY APPEAR "MORE NATURAL" IN OVERALLS.

A more general conversion to the style set by Representative Uphaw and Senator Dial would add greatly to the outward appearance of efficiency in Congress because numerous members of both Houses would look more natural in overalls than in tailor-made suits. But, even though overalls should be adopted as the mark of a statesman's pride in his job, the prospects of reduction in taxes and cost of government could not be enhanced, in the light of the latest appropriation bill reported in the House of Representatives.

This is a deficiency bill carrying appropriations of \$309,177,161. It is supposed to wind up the cost of Federal control of the railroads and make good the deficiencies in certain Government departments for the current year.

The amount asked for the purpose of making good the loss on railroad operation was \$420,727,341. The House Appropriation Committee has cut this sum to \$300,000,000. When this bill goes through the Senate it will, if experience serves as a basis of prophecy, come out considerably swelled, because, in asking for \$420,000,000 the railroad administration figured down to what it considered bedrock estimates. However, let it go as a draft of \$300,000,000 on the Treasury for the time being.

PAYING UP DEFICIENCIES FROM LAST YEAR.

For the purpose of paying debts contracted in excess of the appropriations made for the current year, the District of Columbia, the Employees' Compensation Commission, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Library of Congress, the Treasury Department, the Post Office Department, the Labor Department, the Botanic Garden and the Government Printing Office asked for \$10,559,214. The House Committee cut down the estimates to \$9,177,161.

The bill granting increases of wages and salaries to officers and men of the army and navy is to be acted upon later. Action must be taken in this matter, especially in view of the fact that the Congress is about to pass some sort of a bill granting bonuses to specified classes of men who served under the colors in the war with Germany. Other appropriation bills which have passed the House but have not gone through the Senate are weeks behind the course of legislation as it should have moved, but for the delays caused by discussion of the peace treaty involving the increased compensation bills a couple of hundred million dollars.

This means that it will cost probably half a billion dollars more for the ordinary costs of government this year than was anticipated. The half a billion will go into the books as a liability against next year. It will all have to come out of the pockets of the taxpayers eventually.

OUTLOOK IS FOR HIGHER TAXES NEXT YEAR.

Thus far Congress has shown a saving on paper of about \$997,000,000 by cutting appropriations, and the

GLAND SURGEON HERE FOR WORK

Dr. Brinkley Has Many Applications From New Yorkers—Is Seeking Goats.

Plans are nearly complete for the first operations here by which the interstitial glands of goats are to be transferred to the human body. Dr. John R. Brinkley of the Brinkley-Jones Hospital of Milford, Kan., where this process was first tried and who in fifty-four operations has not lost a life, is to-day at the Hotel McAlpin.

He said three hospitals have offered him operating rooms, many New Yorkers, rich and poor, have requested that he operate on them and distinguished specialists will attend demonstrations of the new cure for certain forms of insanity, paresis, locomotor ataxia and similar illnesses.

Dr. Brinkley is now looking for suitable goats for use in the operations. Persons with Toggenberg (or Swiss milk) goats are asked to communicate with him. He will inspect the animals on the farms. Only male goats less than two months old and female goats under twenty-two months are suitable. Dr. Brinkley denied to-day that the operation will make aged men feel like twenty-year-old boys. It will, however, have a general tonic effect on the body.

House figures on cutting out about \$500,000,000 more. But this latter \$500,000,000 is offset by the half billion expenses which have piled up while the statesmen in charge of the financial policy of the Government were not looking. At this time it looks as though the majority will not be able to cut the estimates of expenses for 1921 much more than \$1,000,000,000 net.

Unless something can be done in the way of raising on Government property by such means, for instance, as disposing of the properties of the Shipping Board, taxes next year promise to be higher than this year's taxes, even without the extra taxes which will be called for by the passage of soldier bonus legislation. In the first nine months of the current fiscal year the Government ran about \$240,000,000 behind, and is now paying from 6 per cent. to 5 1/2 per cent. for money borrowed on short term certificates.

With revenue legislation all tied up in the demands of practical politics, with increased taxes forecast on account of soldier bonus plans, the outlook for another bond issue. It is possible the Republican majority would not be averse to forcing the Democratic Administration into asking the public to subscribe to another bond issue. The blame could be put on the Administration.

One may reasonably ask if the Government is not profiting by the sale of surplus materials held by the army and navy.

It is true that this is a big item of Government income, but when all things connected with it are considered the net result is not calculated to have any effect on the tax rate.

SALE OF SURPLUS SUPPLIES HELPS LITTLE.

Up to April 2 the gross returns to the Government from sales of surplus army supplies amounted to \$306,607,000, including interest on the War Department to other departments without funds. Cash or other valuable considerations received amounting to \$44,000,000.

But the check of the war found the Government tied up in thousands of contracts. In many instances it had caused the transformation of industrial plants turning out standard and well advertised materials into factories engaged in the production of munitions and other war materials. The Government started to get out of these contracts on a fair basis, fair to the Government and fair to the manufacturers and contractors. When the Government started to get out of these contracts how their money was spent by the National Government two and a half months ago, the War Department estimated it would cost about \$700,000,000 to settle suspended contracts. That estimate has been cut down by actual practice. It is now figured that the entire cost of liquidation will not reach more than \$354,800,000. About 91 per cent. of the suspended contracts have been settled up.

As against the \$764,000,000 received for surplus material, the War Department presents a net out of \$436,000,000 paid to manufacturers and contractors in settlement of suspended contracts. The difference in favor of the Government is a little over a quarter of a billion dollars. Even if this is applied to the impending increase in deficit it will not amount to much in the way of taxation reduction prospects, because there will still be half a billion or so to the bad.

About all that remains for the taxpayer to do from this time on is watch the progress of the appropriation bills through the Senate and back to the House, assemble the totals when Congress adjourns at the end of May and get ready to give more to the Government next year. Pledges and promises have fallen down; they will be renewed before adjournment. The politicians figure that the taxpayers will forget what is being done to-day in Congress when the national campaign gets heated up.

WOMAN HELD FOR BETTING.

Detective, Who "Listened In" on Phone, Accuses Her as Bookmaker. Charged with bookmaking, Mrs. Etta Kenney, thirty, of No. 87 Buffalo Avenue, Brooklyn, was held \$500 bail for Special Sessions by Magistrate Fawell in the Gates Avenue Court, Brooklyn, to-day.

Mrs. Roderick Tower in Her Wedding Costume, Her Mother and Guest Who Attended Marriage

The wedding of Miss Flora Payne Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, and Roderick Tower, a son of Charles Magna Tower, former Ambassador to Russia and Germany, of Philadelphia, took place yesterday afternoon in St. Bartholomew's. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Dr. Leighton Parks. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Sr. was one of the many fashionable guests.



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BREAK IN STRIKE OF ELEVATOR MEN; M'GILL ON TRIAL

Students of N. Y. University, 50 Strong, Report for Duty as Lift Operators.

Thomas J. McGill, President of the Elevator Starters and Operators' Union, today appeared before Public Works Commissioner Fay to face charges of having obtained sick leave from his post as elevator starter in the Municipal Building to engineer the elevator strike. He told reporters the charges were "unfair, unjust and unreasonable."

He declared he had certificates from two reputable physicians to prove he was suffering from a nervous breakdown, that the vote to strike was taken against his wish and advice, and that "answering questions" had been the extent of his strike activities.

The public, including newspaper men, was barred from the hearing. After its conclusion Borough President Curran said nothing could be given out for publication until he and Commissioner Fay had gone over the testimony in private.

The first definite break in the strike was reported this morning by Douglas Grant Scott of the Whitehall Building, No. 17 Battery Place, and W. T. Ropes, with the firm of Horace S. Ely & Co., No. 21 Liberty Street.

Mr. Scott declared that elevator men in the Whitehall, U. S. Realty, Trinity and Flatiron Buildings agreed to return at \$2 a week for an eight-hour day, six day week, with no further stipulations.

Mr. Ropes said that McGill visited yesterday three buildings controlled by his firm, and asked if the men would be paid \$2 a week. Mr. Ropes insisted that \$2 was the limit. He exhibited a note which he said had been left at No. 64 Maiden Lane. It was signed "Thomas J. McGill, President" and read: "O. K. for elevator service on satisfactory agreement at No. 54 Maiden Lane."

Fifty students from the New York University, among them the entire basketball, football and basketball teams, reported this morning at the Equitable Building, No. 120 Broadway, to act as volunteer elevator operators during the strike emergency. They were guests of the New York Knicks' Club at luncheon.

The entire student body was under the supervision of James W. Storey, President of the Students' Organization. The men were divided into three groups, the Captains of which are Howard G. Cann, basketball forward, football halfback and Manager of the field team; Paul B. Mooney, basketball center, football end, baseball catcher and half-mile track man; and John J. Weinholmer, Captain of next year's football team, halfback on the 1919 eleven and basketball guard.

The track team was represented by J. H. Bloufrot, Fred W. Deciers, Q. D. Baldwin; among the field team members were G. V. Gilloon, E. J. Weatherdon, G. W. Reese and Guinny.

Charles F. Droste, Commission Merchant, Dead. Funeral services for Charles F. Droste, President of Droste & Snyder, wholesale commission merchant of No. 177 Duane Street, will be held to-morrow afternoon at the family residence, No. 18 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, N. J., where Mr. Droste died last night after an illness of a few days. Interment will be in Mount Hebron Cemetery of Montclair.

LANDLORD FINED \$25 FOR CONTEMPT OFFERS APOLOGY

Wanted Rent Case Rushed, Valuing Time at \$50 a Day—Penalty Remitted.

Jacob Greenwald of No. 328 West 131st Street was fined half of what a day's time is worth to him, according to his own calculation, by Justice John Davies in the Seventh District Municipal Court to-day. Greenwald, a landlord, demanded an immediate decision of his case, although the complaining tenant had not yet arrived, and declared that his time was worth \$50 a day. Justice Davies fined him \$25 for contempt of court, and told him to sit in the jury box until his case was called. At noon Greenwald apologized to the Justice, who remitted his fine.

About 175 cases were handled by Justice Davies. A number of them were adjourned and others were decided in favor of tenants.

Frank Ganon, a former police sergeant, of No. 90 Wadsworth Avenue, and his landlord, Joseph Eisen, principals in another action each complained the other had threatened his life. A city marshal said he could bear out the landlord's story, inasmuch as he had been threatened by the former policeman. When he went to Agnon's apartment with an order, he said, the former policeman, who is six feet two inches tall, threatened him with violence and called the marshal's badge a piece of tin. Eisen, the landlord, is much smaller than the tenant, being only five feet one inch in height.

Justice Robitsek in the Bronx disposed of a number of cases by authorizing an increase of 25 per cent. above the rentals of last year. Nine hundred cases were on the docket and there was such a crowd that the Westchester police station sent reserves to the Court House.

Counsel for L. Blumenthal, who owns the property at No. 115 Intervale Avenue which he has leased to Isaac Kessler at \$6,500 per annum, said he found that Kessler is getting \$12,000 gross out of the property from the tenants who are protesting against rent raises. He announced that his client would try to break his lease and reduce the rent.

Tenant of Louis Steinberg of No. 1041 Bryant Avenue showed their rents had been raised 60 per cent. when he had represented they were not more than 25 per cent. The landlord withdrew the case.

Justice Prince in the Eighth District Municipal Court disposed of seventy-five cases affecting a compromise in most cases.

Justice Jacob Panken, in the Ninth District Municipal Court, Manhattan, announced that on April 25, he would hand down a decision dealing with the action of the new rent laws in relation to business properties.

Charles Bural, captain of the New York tennis team, and Craig Bartlett, editor of the New Yorker, were also among the volunteers.

JEWELS STOLEN ON TRAIN.

Woman Reports \$1,400 Loss on Way From Chicago to New York. SYRACUSE, April 20.—Mrs. L. D. Hartwell of Chicago was robbed of jewels valued at \$1,400 on a train of the New York Central from Chicago to New York. She discovered her loss at Jordan, seventeen miles west of Syracuse.

Local police were notified by telephone and met the train, but found no trace of the missing jewels.

OVERALLS MAKERS PROMISE THEY'LL NOT RAISE PRICES

Leading Manufacturers Assure Evening World They Are Not Profiteers.

In answer to The Evening World's query, leading overalls manufacturers of the country have announced that they are in the fight to reduce the cost of clothing and will not advance prices on overalls unless forced to do so by increased cost of raw materials.

To assure the public that the fight against the clothing profiteer would not result in a boost in overalls prices, The Evening World sent the following telegram to eight of the leading overalls manufacturers throughout the country:

NEW YORK, April 19.—Note that the movement to accept overalls instead of expensive men's clothing is spreading throughout the country, may we announce that your company will assist in lowering the high cost of living by retaining your present prices?

THE EVENING WORLD. To date the following answers have been received:

CINCINNATI, O., April 19.—Evening World, N. Y.—Replying your telegram, price of overalls is based on the price of denim, over which we have no control. However, we will do all in our power to retain present prices as long as possible. THE CROWN MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

OSHKOSH, Wis., April 19.—Evening World, N. Y.—We expect to retain present prices on overalls unless there is a decided advance in material. OSHKOSH OVERALLS COMPANY.

CINCINNATI, O., April 19.—Evening World, N. Y.—Will material present prices as long as material going into manufacture of overalls does not increase. Increase will necessarily be in proportion to increase in cost of material. UNION SPECIAL OVERALLS COMPANY.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Evening World, N. Y.—We will not advance our prices while our present stock of goods on hand holds out. If, when this stock is exhausted we are forced to pay higher prices for raw denim, we shall, of course, be forced to raise the price. SAMUEL ZAVAN, Overalls Manufacturing Company.

DETROIT, Mich., April 19.—Evening World, N. Y.—There will be no advance in the price of Headlight overalls until we are compelled to pay higher prices for wear. Under no circumstances will we use present extraordinary Nation-wide demand as an excuse for raising our prices. LARNED CARTER & CO.

NEW YORK, April 19.—Evening World, N. Y.—As long as materials and labor remain unchanged, our commensurate prices will not change. SWEET, ORR & CO., INC.

DETROIT, April 20.—Evening World, N. Y.—We are not at all in sympathy with this movement. We see the dealer exclusively and will not be a party or part to a movement that might bring us distress to the thousands of employees who manufacture clothing. We firmly believe that it is not the high cost of living but the cost of high living that is causing all this tumult in a tea pot. HAMILTON CARHART.

Had 750 Gallons of Wine; Fined \$1 Each. Found guilty by a jury in the Federal Court, Brooklyn, of violating the Volstead Act in transporting 750 gallons of wine on Feb. 3, three men were fined only \$1 each by Judge Howe. They are Salvatore Fontana, Joseph Magliocco, 2-1 his brother, Ambrose Magliocco. The wine was confiscated by the Government.

FOOD PRICES FALL AS FREIGHT MOVES; SOME DROP 75 P. C.

Big Tumble in Wholesale Market Affects All Vegetables Except Potatoes and Onions.

The stream of foodstuffs which has been pouring into New York since the collapse of the "outlaw" railroad strike brought promise to-day of greatly reduced retail prices. The wholesale prices already have taken big drops.

Almost all vegetables were lower in price this morning at the various commission markets, and merchants were worried because the low price of incoming food threatened them with loss on what they had left of the high priced goods received during the strike.

The prices of potatoes and onions remained generally high, but other foods dropped from 50 to 75 per cent. The Pennsylvania Railroad to-day brought in 42 cars loaded with spinach, cabbage, lettuce, kale, radishes, apples, oranges, grapefruit, celery, etc. The Erie and the New York Central also brought in large quantities of food.

Commission merchants say their main source of worry is that with large quantities coming in they are having difficulty in getting shipments to retailers outside of the city.

"The embargo on freight has been lifted," said one merchant, "but things are so uncertain that the outside merchants are not ordering from us and we are therefore overloaded."

Here are some of to-day's wholesale prices: Radishes, \$2.50 to \$3 a basket; celery, \$3.50 to \$4.50 a box; asparagus, \$2 to \$10 a box; old potatoes, \$15 a barrel; new Bermuda potatoes, \$20 a barrel.

Strawberries at Washington market dropped from 60 cents a quart to 35 cents and in some instances to 20 cents.

PRISONER ACCUSED OF HAVING 4 WIVES

Bronx Woman Prosecutor Describes Babcock as Champion Lover for Speed.

Miss Julia Alice Gainey, Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, who has been working up the cases against Archibald J. Babcock, twenty-eight, a prisoner in the Bronx County Jail charged with being a bigamist, declares he is the "swiftest little lover" she ever knew of. Babcock was arrested in Westchester County yesterday as he was freed after serving a three months' term in the East View Jail for the larceny of a \$150 diamond ring.

According to Miss Gainey, Babcock began his career as a heartbreaker when he married Miss Tillie Thibman in Paterson, N. J., on July 30, 1912. In December, 1914, he divorced her, but prior to that divorce, Miss Gainey says, he married an actress in Brooklyn, Miss Emma McLaughlin. She has disappeared.

The next bride, according to Miss Gainey's information, was Irene De Vane of Hoboken, whom Babcock is alleged to have married, April 30, 1916, and the last, Miss Mabel M. Greig, of 978 Trinity Avenue, the Bronx, married on Jan. 18, 1918. While Babcock was wearing an army uniform.

Two Held in \$35,000 Fur Theft. Benjamin Keard, twenty-three, of No. 359 East 163rd Street and Edwin Foss, twenty-seven, were held in \$10,000 bail for examination Thursday by Magistrate Downs in the Jefferson County Court in connection with the theft of furs valued at \$35,000 from the loft of Edgar Lehman, Inc., No. 45 West 27th Street. Both pleaded not guilty.

CARRANZA TROOPS BEATEN IN FIGHT BY SONORA REBELS

But in Another Skirmish They Wound Obregon's Chief General.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Gen. Benjamin Hill, leader of Obregon's rebels, was wounded in fighting at Contreras, near Mexico City last night, the Mexican Embassy announced to-day. Most of Hill's followers were killed, the embassy asserted.

Gen. Eduardo Hernandez leading a "strong force" is pursuing Gov. Enrique Estrada of Zacatecas who revolted against Carranza.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, Mexico, April 20.—Carranzista troops failed in their first effort to penetrate Sonora through Pulpito Pass on the Chihuahua border. With concrete breastworks and machine guns clamped to the sides of the pass, it proved a death trap to the Federal troops.

The Carranzista soldiers in this skirmish lines last night fell out the

strength of the defense. A stronger effort to force the pass is expected, but officers of the Sonora Army declare the defense makes it possible for fifty men to hold it against an army.

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