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To-Morrow's Weather—CLOUDY; MUCH WARMER.

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JERSEY TOWNS ROCKED BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

FARMERS' BLOC WON'T HAVE SALES TAXED FOR BONUS

President's Action Simply Puts
Off Problem Until After
Election.

CONSUMER WOULD PAY.
Canadian Sales Tax Increases
Ten Times by Time It
Reaches the Consumer.

By David Laurence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Copyright, 1922).—The soldier bonus with its multitude of lives is dead again.

Whether it will bob up once more depends upon the agricultural bloc, but the agriculturists, who have from the first opposed a sales tax as a means of raising revenue, are not likely to accept it as the best way to pay the bonus. Mr. Harding doesn't believe a sales tax can pass Congress—he feared as much by his letter to Mr. Fordney. A canvass of the House on previous occasions indicated that the sales tax didn't have more than eighty votes, and the strength of the proponents of the scheme is not any greater to-day than it was.

Few men in Congress or in the Treasury Department could to-day give a definite answer to what is meant by a "sales tax." Here are the various proposals:

First, a general tax on manufacturers and producers collected at the source, but admittedly passed on to the retailer and finally the consumer.

Second, a tax on retail sales only—also passed on to the consumer.

Third, a turn-over tax on all things, being a tax of a small percent on gross receipts. This also would be passed on to the consumer to pay.

Fourth, a tax on a well defined list of commodities. This would be reflected in the final prices of goods bought by the consumer.

Many advocates of a sales tax make no bones about what they mean by a sales tax and they frankly call it a "consumption tax."

Small chance of the agricultural bloc agreeing to a tax which might mean more taxes on the produce of the farm and a higher cost to the farmer on the things he must buy for his farm and family.

In a nutshell, therefore, the President has proposed a solution which means postponement of the bonus payments. The sales tax cannot gather enough votes to pass Congress unless all other taxes are repealed and the whole revenue bill is revised. As a substitute for all taxes it had many friends. As an additional means of taxation, especially in the midst of a business year fraught with so much uncertainty anyhow, the chances are Congress will accept President Harding's formula—a sales tax will be proposed and shelved and the bonus will be postponed.

The certainty of a Presidential veto of any bill providing for direct taxes or a revival of taxes already repealed or for a bond issue has changed the whole situation. Congress hasn't wanted to pass a bonus bill. Political pressure from the soldier vote stirred

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WOMAN WHO FLED IN AUTO NIGHT OF TAYLOR'S MURDER NEW FIGURE IN MYSTERY

Raced Up to Garage in Ventura, Cal., at 3 A. M. for Gasoline and Rushed Away.

SEARCH WIRE RECORDS.

New Clues Involve Actor, Said to Have Been Jealous of Attention of Wife.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—A new mystery woman was brought into the investigation of William Desmond Taylor's murder to-day. A garage man told how a young woman, bare-headed and in evening gown, appeared to be fleeing from Los Angeles the night of the murder.

She stopped at a garage in Ventura, Cal., at 3 A. M. and ordered all the gasoline and oil her car would hold. She had driven up at terrific speed, her hair was blown away, her face was pale and drawn, and she bit nervously at her gloves. She gave a bill in payment and did not wait for change. The garage man gave detectives the number of the car.

District Attorney Woolwine has ordered a search of the records of all telegraph offices in Los Angeles for messages sent by and received by Taylor shortly before his death. Mr. Woolwine received a tip that a woman private detective in Chicago could supply evidence that Taylor was slain by blackmailers and had the Chicago police investigate, but the woman denied knowing anything about the case.

Other new developments to-day are that another woman and another actor with still another motive for the murder of William Desmond Taylor are being studied.

According to information in the hands of the authorities, an actor until recently connected with a film company here may have been jealous of Taylor. This actor went East about five months ago and was gone for two months. During that time his wife was seen several times with Taylor. The actor has left Los Angeles since the killing.

Mack Sennett, who with Mabel Normand was questioned in connection with the William Desmond Taylor murder case, left to-day for New York on a business trip. Thomas H. Ince accompanied him. Before leaving Los Angeles Sennett issued a statement exonerating Taylor.

2 N. C. U. STUDENTS KILLED BY ENGINE

Driver of Automobile Also Meets Death at R. R. Crossing.

DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 17.—Three boys were killed and three others injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a switch engine at a crossing here to-day.

With the exception of the driver of the car, who was killed, all were students at the University of North Carolina.

4,115 N. Y. WAR DEAD BROUGHT OVERSEAS

Chief of Cemeterial Division of Guard Reports to Kincaid.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The bodies of 4,115 men who died in service in the World War have been returned to this State from overseas, according to a report submitted to-day to Adjt. Gen. J. Leslie Kincaid by First Lieut. Sidney E. Buck, Executive Officer of the Cemeterial Division of the New York Guard.

In January seventy-four of New York State soldiers died overseas.

R. B. DANA, 71, TO WED N. Y. WOMAN.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 17.—Richard Henry Dana, seventy-one years old, whose first wife was a daughter of Henry W. Longfellow, the poet, has filed marriage intentions to wed Mrs. James G. Mumford, fifty-one, of New York City.

FORTY-TWO SEIZED IN ULSTER RAIDS FREED BY COLLINS

Belfast Quiets Down—Union Threatens Traffic Tie-Up if Riots Continue.

BELFAST, Feb. 17 (Associated Press).—Forty-two Ulster Unionists, kidnapped during the recent raids across the border from the South, have been released. It was announced to-day. Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, telegraphed Colonial Secretary Churchill this forenoon that he had succeeded in obtaining the liberation of this number of prisoners.

Last night was the quietest Belfast has experienced since the outbreak on Sunday night of the disorders which have taken a toll of more than thirty lives. The only incident reported was the firing of a shot at a watchman in the Mills Falls district. He escaped injury.

The local President of the Transport and General Workers' Union, in a letter to the Belfast Telegraph, says: "If there is no change in the situation on or before Saturday we will consider the withdrawal of all tramway men, motor drivers and carters from the streets for their protest."

The Executive of the Sinn Fein in Belfast, after a meeting last night, sent a telegram to Prof. John MacNeill, speaker of the Dail Eireann, in Dublin, as follows:

"On behalf of the religious and political minority in Belfast, forming 10,000 citizens, we protest against the mistaking and lying statements contained in the telegram addressed by Craig (Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier) to the Premier of England, in which he states that the recent numerous atrocities to which our people have been subjected were the outcome of the raids in Tyrone and Fermanagh and the affray at the Clones Station."

"We assert that it can easily be proved our people were being murdered almost daily for a week before either of the occurrences mentioned. Furthermore, we are convinced that Craig deliberately made this misrepresentation for the purpose of exonerating or justifying the cruel and cold-blooded murders being inflicted on the minority in this city, on whose behalf we speak."

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Associated Press).—The bill establishing the Irish Free State passed its second reading in the House of Commons to-day after the amendment offered by Capt. Charles Craig, leader of the Ulster Unionists, for altering the Boundary Commission provisions of the Boundary Commission provisions of the Anglo-Irish Treaty had been defeated by a vote of 207 to 69.

CORK, Feb. 17 (Associated Press).—When the mail train from Dublin arrived here this morning a party of armed men seized all the copies of the Irish Independent and the Freeman's Journal, both Nationalist newspapers. The Ulster Irish Times and the English newspapers were not touched.

KENYON'S SEAT GOES TO IOWA CHAIRMAN

Charles A. Rawson of Des Moines Appointed to Senate by Gov. Kendall.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 17 (Associated Press).—Charles A. Rawson of Des Moines is the new Senator from Iowa. Announcement of the appointment of Mr. Rawson, who is Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, to succeed William S. Kenyon in the Upper House of the Congress, was made by Gov. Kendall to-day.

Mr. Rawson, it is understood, will serve until a successor is selected at the general election in November. He will begin serving immediately.

FIREMEN IN COATS OF ICE FIGHT FIRES IN ZERO WEATHER

Temperature Begins to Soar After Reaching 2 Below at 7 in the Morning.

COLDEST THIS WINTER.

Two Blazes in Manhattan and One on Staten Island—Traffic Hampered.

OFFICIAL TEMPERATURES FROM MIDNIGHT.

Hour	Temperature
Midnight	7 Above
1 A. M.	6 "
2 A. M.	6 "
3 A. M.	5 "
4 A. M.	5 "
5 A. M.	4 "
6 A. M.	2 "
7 A. M.	2 Below
8 A. M.	Zero
9 A. M.	1 Above
10 A. M.	3 "
11 A. M.	5 "
12 M.	5 "
1 P. M.	10 "
2 P. M.	14 "
3 P. M.	15 "

The worst is over. The Weather Bureau announced that the mercury, which had been 2 below, had risen gradually and would continue to rise.

It is usually colder in the street than where the official thermometer is placed, and so unofficial thermometers in Park Row registered as low as 4 below zero this morning, and at 10 o'clock the thermometer in front of The World Building registered just zero.

The bureau predicted that the mercury might rise to 12 this afternoon, and that to-morrow will be warmer than to-day.

The entire East is in the grip of the cold wave, with the lowest temperature known in two years. At Saranac Lake it was 42 below and 45 degrees below at Rainbow Lake in the Adirondacks. Albany and Syracuse reported 10 below, Binghamton 14 below, Scranton 6 below, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh looked in the comparative cold of 6 above.

The St. Lawrence River is frozen from bank to bank for the first time in several seasons.

It was announced at Washington that the cold wave in most of the territory east of the Mississippi would be broken to-night.

This is the fourth time in almost half a century that New York City has had zero temperature.

The Municipal Lodging House in East 25th Street had for breakfast to-day 439 men, 22 women and 5 children, which was not unusual for this time of the year. At the new shelter of the Salvation Army in West 25th Street, 690 homeless men were cared for. The number of destitute was reduced through the recent employment in snow removal.

The day's first victim of the cold was Jacob Silsky, forty-six years old of No. 217 East 82d Street. He slipped while crossing West 12th Street near Fifth Avenue and was run over by an automobile truck, having a foot broken.

The drop in temperature had been steady from late yesterday. At 5 P. M. it was 14 above, at midnight 7, at 8 A. M. 4 above, and at 7 A. M., 2 below.

To-day is the coldest since Feb. 1.

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OFFERS HOOVER \$50,000 A YEAR

Secretary Wanted as Director General of Philadelphia's Coming Exhibition.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover has been offered \$50,000 a year by Edward W. Bok of the executive committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Exhibition to become director general of the exhibition.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION KILLS TWO AND ROCKS TOWNS IN JERSEY FOR MANY MILES

Blast in Packing House of Atlas Powder Company Near Lake Hopatcong.

BUILDING IS WRECKED.

One Town 22 Miles Away Feels the Shock—Cause of Explosion Not Known.

Two men employed in the dynamite packing house of the Atlas Powder Company, near Lake Hopatcong, N. J., were killed to-day in an explosion which completely demolished the building. There were no other employees in the building at the time.

The dead men were Fred Alpaugh of Succasunna, N. J., and Eugene Lommen of Ledgewood. Alpaugh was married.

The explosion occurred about 11:10 o'clock this morning, while the two men were engaged in packing dynamite for shipment from the plant. The building is isolated and none of the other buildings of the plant was injured.

Officials of the plant declared that they would never know what was the cause of the explosion. The building was a one-story frame structure.

The explosion was heard in Newark and in other towns from fifteen to twenty miles away from the western end of the lake where the plant occupies several acres of ground.

Buildings at Newton, twenty-two miles away, were shaken by the explosion.

NO LEGISLATION ON GOV. RUSSELL

Mississippi Legislation Will Let Courts Take Care of Girls' Suit.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 17.—The Mississippi House of Representatives to-day adopted a resolution declaring it to be the view of that body that the damage suit brought by Miss Frances Birkhead against Gov. Russell should be left entirely to the court for adjudication.

The vote was 75 to 36 and was accepted by leaders as blocking further legislative action in the matter.

HAD A GUIDE TELLING HOW TO COMMIT THEFT

"Get What You Can Going Out," Said Entry in Book.

DAVID PASAROFF, twenty, No. 1765 Fulton Avenue, Bronx, a press feeder, was sent to the penitentiary to-day for from six months to three years, after conviction on a charge of petit larceny. Arrested on Feb. 4 in the building, No. 100 Lafayette Street, pawn tickets enabled the police to prove theft of two copies of a book. Entries read:

"Hide behind door till freight elevator goes up, then walk up one flight."

"Apply for a job, and if turned down get what you can going out. If you get the job, watch your opportunity and get what you can."

\$295,000,000 BILL PASSED WITHOUT A VOTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Without a second vote the House to-day passed and sent to the Senate the annual Interior Department Appropriation Bill, carrying approximately \$295,000,000 provisionally a motion to rescind the measure to eliminate provisions for the offices of Surveyor General in five Western States was voted down, 219 to 102.

BABY LEFT IN DOCTOR'S CAR.

When Dr. Nathan Hirsch of No. 87 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, left No. 27 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, where he had made a call early to-day, he rode about a block before he heard a cry in the rear of his sedan car. He found under the sagging on the rear seat a ten-month-old baby boy, which was taken to the City Nursery.

PEOPLE HEED A QUART OF GEN.

LEAFVILLE, Ga., Feb. 17.—People living in this neighborhood have suddenly developed a great appetite for punch. A peddler picked up a few punchnuts on the side of the road last night. When opened it was found to contain four half pints of fairly good gin.

PAULINE LORD SUED BY ANOTHER WIFE FOR LURING HUBBY

Mrs. Mitchell Harris Says Actress Won Actor's Affections—Demands \$50,000.

Miss Pauline Lord, leading woman in the play, "Annie Christie," against whom an action has been brought by Mrs. Ruth Harris for alienation of the affections of Mitchell Harris, an actor, declined to discuss the case to-day. Mrs. Harris is suing for \$50,000. Both sides submitted papers to Justice Ford in Supreme Court to-day when the application was made by Mrs. Ruth Harris for additional counsel fee in her suit for separation. These papers could not be seen.

Miss Lord, who gets a great deal of sympathy as the fifth daughter of the big Swede baroness in the play, recently had her salary of \$500 a week garnished to pay a judgment of \$5,000 obtained against her by Mrs. Nellie Roche, wife of Billy Roche, the prizefighter referee, whose affections the jury decided she had alienated from Mrs. Roche.

Not only once did Miss Lord alienate the perfectly good affections of Mitchell Harris, according to his wife, but she took him away a second time. Mrs. Harris says she and her husband were married in 1916, and in 1918 Miss Lord began to lure him away. She says she accused him of misconduct and he returned to her.

According to Mrs. Harris, Miss Lord started to charm her husband a second time in September, 1920, and alienated his affections to such an extent that he left his wife and child and consorted openly with Miss Lord.

Mrs. Harris says she was forced to leave the home of her husband's parents and establish a separate residence for herself and their daughter June, now ten years old.

In the summer of 1921, she alleges, Miss Lord induced her husband to desert entirely from contributing to the support of his wife and daughter.

Included among her papers are copies of several letters she says Miss Lord sent to her husband.

"Darlene" begins one of the letters:

"The sea hath its pearls.
The heaven hath its stars,
But my heart, my heart,
My heart hath its love."

"You know that I don't feel so good. I'm all busted up like. I wish you were here that I might sob on your shoulder. Mother is indifferent. Faith doesn't care, father doesn't understand, and I'm not on speaking terms with mother's son. I have decided not to allow you to take the car to Boston. Whoever heard of such a handsome man riding around alone. The car's out. Write me soon, dear heart. Thine, PAULINE."

"If I tell you I had a grand time when I was away" is written in another letter. "Oh Lord! I suppose you would plump divorce me. . . . You don't deserve a letter, so I shall send only three kisses and about half a yard of love just to push you GOODY."

"Lord knows I never did say any of my men like this" and "It's a wise dame who knows her man" are two extracts from another letter.

Sept. 16, 1920 Miss Lord is alleged to have written:

"Darling, I miss you, oh, so much, and I love you, oh, so much. Do you think I shall get used to being without you? And to you my sweetest, did you love me? an how much, and if you my darlene? an it you my pie? and if you nice? and for my sake and your sake destroy this. Love, PAULINE."

Miss Lord said to-day that she had no statement to make concerning the suit.

Mrs. Nellie Roche, wife of Billy Roche, well known fight referee, was the woman who obtained the \$5,000 verdict.

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU.

Armed thugs held up, shot and probably fatally wounded Richard Kahrs, a bank messenger, in First Avenue near 61st Street at 10 o'clock to-day, stole a bag containing \$5,000 in bills and escaped in an automobile while a Captain of Police, drawn to the scene by the sound of the shot that disabled Kahrs, emptied his revolver at them.

THUGS GRAB BANK'S \$5,000; SHOOT MESSENGER; FLEE IN AUTO NEAR POLICE STATION

ACTRESS ACCUSED
OF TAKING ACTOR
AWAY FROM WIFE

Four Men Wait in Machine While Three Leap From Doorway and Grapple With Guards, Leaving One Hurt.

Capt. Corcoran Hears Report of Pistol, Races to Scene and Fires on Flying Auto Till His Ammunition Is Exhausted.

First Avenue Crowds Driven From Sidewalk as Robbers Swerve and Speed Along It, Unable to Turn in Roadway.

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The hold-up and escape occurred in the presence of scores of persons and within 100 feet of the 27th Precinct Station House, which is under the Queensboro Bridge in 60th Street. Seven men participated in the crime.

Kahrs, who is fifty-six years old, of No. 17 West 106th Street is employed by the Pacific Bank in the branch at 57th Street and Madison Avenue. Accompanied by another messenger, Joseph P. Hynes, fifty years old, who was unarmed, Kahrs left the bank at about 9:30 o'clock carrying a black bag in which were two packages of money. Kahrs had a revolver in his overcoat pocket.

After delivering one of the packages at the Economy Laundry, 32d Street and First Avenue, Kahrs and Hynes walked south to make the second delivery of \$5,000 to the Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., No. 430 East 53d Street. As they reached No. 1101, which is on the west side of the avenue, four doors north of 60th Street, three men ran out of a hallway and grappled with them.

One of the men grabbed the bag. Kahrs held tightly to it and drew his revolver. Another of the men snatched the revolver from his hand. The third man stepped behind Kahrs and shot him in the small of the back. The messenger sank to the sidewalk, releasing his hold on the bag, which the robber who had first grasped it appropriated.

Standing at the curb was a Ford touring car. There were two men on the front seat, one of them at the wheel and two in the tonneau. The three thugs jumped into the car and the driver started at top speed with a jerk.

Instead of proceeding south, he drove in a curve to the left. Unable to make the turn in the street, he drove up on the sidewalk on the eastern side of the avenue and headed the car north, driving pedestrians into doorways and the gutter.

Capt. Patrick Corcoran of the Queensboro Bridge Squad, bound for the station house under the bridge, was walking east in 60th Street when he heard the shot. He ran to the avenue, reaching the corner just as the automobile straightened out for the fight on the opposite sidewalk.

Taking the risk of hitting an innocent person, Corcoran, who is a good shot, fired five times at the automobile. One of the men half standing in the tonneau dropped to the floor, but whether he was hit by one of Corcoran's bullets or ducked for safety nobody knows.

At 61st Street, the car, still on the sidewalk, was headed east. Plunging across a pile of snow in the gutter, it

FIND FROZEN BODY OF YOUNG WOMAN; MARKS ON THROAT

Tracks in the Snow and Auto's Marks Show Two Men Had Fled From Scene.

CAMDEN, N. J., Feb. 17.—The frozen body of a young woman bearing the imprint of fingers on the throat was found to-day twenty feet from the driveway that leads from the Kargin Avenue bridge over the Cooper Creek to Forest Hill Park, this city.

Tracks of an automobile and the footprints of two men were discernible in the hard crust snow leading from the spot where the body was found to the driveway.

The body was found by a lamp-trimmer employed by the Public Service Corporation. The woman was about thirty years old and good looking. The body was dressed in what detectives described as a "second mourning" costume. The feet were encased in high tan shoes, and the hat the woman wore, made of light, soft material in sport style and giving a mannish appearance, was found nearby. She wore a gold signet ring bearing the initials "E. G."

There was no evidence of a struggle, leading the police to believe the woman was either dead or unconscious when laid in the snow.

The throat showed several deep scratches. The body must have been exposed to the cold for many hours in the opinion of Coroner Holt, of Camden County, who made a preliminary examination to-day.

MINISTER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Convicted in Death of Arkansas Woman and Gets Life Sentence.

MOUNT IDA, Ark., Feb. 17.—The Rev. Harding Hughes, superannuated minister, charged with the murder of Mrs. Anna McKennon last May, was found guilty by a jury early to-day. The punishment was fixed at life imprisonment.

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