

BUTLER FLAYS HIGH GOVERNMENT COST

Must Be Reduced Before High Living Cost Can Fall Appreciably.

IS NEXT PRESIDENT'S JOB

Speaker Says Hosts of Democrats Will Enlist Under Republican Banner.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 25.—A decrease in governmental expenditures, a spirit of thrift on the part of wage earners and others and increased production in factories and on farms was urged as the best means of lowering the cost of living by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, in an address before the Republican Club here to-day.

"In a large sense the contest of 1920 is not strictly partisan," said Dr. Butler. "We know there are in the Democratic party thousands and tens of thousands of high minded and intensely patriotic men who are dismayed at the results and the action and the inaction of the present Administration. This feeling is particularly strong among business men in every State and among the most rugged and rock-ribbed Democrats of the South. Just as, when the issue of union or disunion was joined in 1861, tens of thousands of Democrats became Republicans under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, so now, when the issue of American principles versus Socialism, Communism and Bolshevism is joined, tens of thousands will follow in the footsteps of the patriots of sixty years ago."

The nation was chiefly concerned, Dr. Butler said, with two aspects of what was really the same problem—the cost of government and the cost of living. He believed, he said, that unrest would not be allayed and revolutionary agitation stopped until the excessive cost of both was reduced.

When Taxes Are High.

"When taxes are high and numerous and when prices of necessities of life rise steadily over a period of years," said he, "men are driven to doubt the fundamental principles upon which our civil society rests and they become easy prey for the demagogue, the agitator and the conspirator. Just as the greenback craze and the free silver fallacy were successfully combated by common sense and sound argument, so must all present revolutionary attacks upon our government and our industrial system be met in similar fashion by the same methods."

Dr. Butler said that whereas our normal annual expenditures amounted to \$1,000,000,000 before the war, the probable normal yearly cost in the future would be \$4,000,000,000. The immediate problem confronting the administration and Congress elected next November was declared, would be how justly and wisely to raise the money to pay the tax and to direct its expenditure so that none would be wasted or improperly spent. To insure these ends, he urged the establishment of a national budget which, he recalled, had been adopted by the Democratic party in the last campaign, although the present administration had taken no steps to carry out the pledge.

"Even under a wiser tariff than the present one we cannot expect to derive from this source any considerable proportion of the vast revenue that the government needs," said Dr. Butler. "The annoyance and unfairness of many of the lesser internal revenue taxes are such as to justify their early discontinuance. We must depend for the major portion of our national income on taxes levied on individual and corporate incomes. The excess profits tax is a misnomer. It is unsound in theory and most oppressive and repressive in operation. It should be gotten rid of at the earliest possible moment in order to unshackle industry, to set free initiative and to stimulate production. The income tax rate also has been too high to be reasonable in times of peace."

Attacks Government Cost.

"Heavy taxation, especially in its more unwise forms, such as the excess profits tax, tends to increase the cost of living. We cannot do much to reduce the high cost of living until we reduce the high cost of government. When we bring down the high cost of living, it will fall automatically. There will be a fall of credit, a reduction in the public debt and a reasonable economy in governmental expenditures. Then, and only then, will the high cost of living, which every man, woman and child in the land feels, begin to decline.

"In addition, if every individual in this land who is in receipt of wages, salary or fixed income would at once determine to save something every week, no matter how little, and would deposit the amount saved in a bank or invest it in first rate securities, yet speculative, the cost of living would be sensibly lowered within six months. The reason is that money saved and wisely invested is money set to work. At the present time the world has too much money in circulation and too few goods available for purchase and use. So long as this condition lasts prices will be high and money, being apparently plentiful, men and women will be extravagant.

"One of the cleverest devices of the Bolshevist autocrats in Russia is to make money so plentiful by the use of the printing press that nobody will want it because of its lack of purchasing power. This is a shrewd way to attack the nation's economic and industrial system. The production of more goods of every sort and kind by the factory, by the farm and by the shop, and the substitution of thrift for extravagance are the two certain methods by which private persons can effectively reduce the cost of living."

IOWA DEMOCRATS UNPLEGDED.

Uninstructed Delegates Will Observe Unit Rule.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 25.—Iowa's delegation to the Democratic National Convention will go uninstructed and bound by the unit rule. That was decided to-day at the State Convention. E. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture, was named a delegate at large. While the State has twenty-six votes in the National Convention, four being by delegates at large, eight men with one-half vote each were chosen to represent the State generally. Of the twenty-two district delegates named, four were women.

A resolution adopted endorsed the present administration, the League of Nations and measures whereby women will have equal suffrage. Ratification of the peace treaty was urged.

Thirteen Socialists Sentenced.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Penitentiary and jail sentences ranging from three to fifteen months were imposed here to-day by United States Judge Peck upon thirteen Socialists charged with conspiracy to defeat the military draft.

HOOVER DECLINES TO ENTER PRIMARY

Refuses to File Name as Democrat in Georgia.

Johnson-Harding Deal Aims at Wood

Former Gets Second Place on Ohio Ticket as Sop to Radical Element.

GENERAL WAS STRONG

Ohio Senator Did Not Measure to Roosevelt Type, Leaders Felt.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The utmost importance is attached in Republican political circles to-night to an agreement that has been entered into between Senator Warren G. Harding (Ohio) and Senator Hiram Johnson (Cal.) whereby Senator Johnson is to be carried on the Ohio Presidential primary ticket as second choice candidate and Senator Harding first. Admittedly it is an effort to satisfy the so-called radical wing of the Republican party in Ohio, taking as much strength as possible from Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, who also is entered in the Ohio primaries.

PRESIDENT URGES SUFFRATIFICATION

Sends Telegram to Speaker of Oklahoma Legislature.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Wilson today in the campaign for the woman suffrage amendment to the Constitution. He sent a telegram to Tom C. Waldrep, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, urging that the Oklahoma Legislature ratify the amendment.

Similar action was taken by the Oklahoma delegation in Congress. Oklahoma is a suffrage State, but the Legislature has not acted upon the constitutional amendment, the suggestion being put forth that there should be a referendum before there is ratification. The suffragists are working hard for sufficient States to bring about ratification. Only four more have to ratify before the amendment formally becomes a part of the Constitution.

Here is Mr. Wilson's telegram: "The Hon. Tom C. Waldrep, Speaker, Oklahoma House of Representatives, Oklahoma City, Okla.:

May I not take the liberty of expressing my earnest hope that Oklahoma will join the other suffrage States in ratifying the Federal suffrage amendment, thus demonstrating anew its sense of justice and retaining its place as a leader in democracy. WOODROW WILSON.

SMITH NOMINATIONS ATTACKED BY SAGE

Senate, However, Confirms J. D. Smith and Doyle.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, Feb. 25.—With the confirmation to-day in the Senate of several of Gov. Smith's nominations to important State positions, Senator Henry M. Sage, Albany, chairman of the Senate Committee, took occasion to criticize sharply some of the Democratic appointments.

James P. Smith, formerly Mayor of Utica, was presented as commissioner, when Mr. Sage protested "against the ruination of this great department." "The head of the department is an expert and the man put on last year by the Governor is popular but is not an expert. None ever has claimed that Mr. Smith knows anything special about taxation, and I want to object to putting two men on the committee because they are good fellows."

HALT GERRYMANDER OF STATEN ISLAND

Uproar Causes Senate to Postpone Action.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, Feb. 25.—Such strong opposition has developed to the gerrymandering scheme of tacking Staten Island to the Manhattan district, attaching its 4,000 Democratic plurality from Kings county, that the Republicans in the Senate were compelled to halt consideration to-day just as they were getting ready to jam through the bill. Senator Burlingame of Brooklyn is steering the measure and almost had it through when the cry went up from Kings Democrats, Manhattan Republicans and everybody in Staten Island.

Senator Black of Brooklyn demanded a public hearing on behalf of the Richmond County Bar Association. Senator Burlingame, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said a hearing was not necessary. "Hereforth the gerrymanders have not hit at the Supreme Court," Senator Black said. "This bill shows to what political savagery men sometimes will resort when they get a little power. It is one of the most unfair things I ever saw here. Its real purpose is to unseat a Justice and leave a vacancy in the Second district."

The New York county Republicans are threatening reprisals if the Richmond Democratic majority is elected to the Kings county Democratic organization and declares it will "get even" by Tammany and the Governor approve such a measure. As a result of the uproar the Senate postponed action.

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State Now Seen as the Storm Centre of Primaries.

MISS MARBURY MAKES REPLY

Defends Stand That Down-State Delegate Be Selected.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Ohio, a pivotal State in Presidential elections, and which promises to be one of the chief battlegrounds next November, is to be also one of the chief storm centres in the selection of delegates to the Republican National Convention.

This was made certain to-day when Major-Gen. Leonard Wood formally entered the State to contest with United States Senator Warren G. Harding (O.) the preferential choice of Ohio's voters for President and also for the State's forty-eight delegates to the Chicago convention. The Ohio primary will be held April 27.

Gen. Wood's declaration of candidacy was filed late to-day with the Secretary of State by John H. Price, his Ohio campaign manager.

Simultaneous with the filing of Wood's petition, James R. Garfield of Cleveland, Secretary of the Interior under Roosevelt, also filed as a candidate for President. His candidacy, however, it was explained at Gen. Wood's headquarters, is solely for the purpose of giving Wood candidates for delegate a second choice preference, as required by the Ohio primary law.

Lowden Files in Michigan. LANSING, Mich., Feb. 25.—Sufficient petitions to assure Gov. Lowden of Illinois a place on the Republican ballot in Michigan's Presidential preference primary April 5, were filed with the Secretary of State to-day.

L. F. Loree Elected to Old Job. L. F. Loree yesterday reelected president and F. P. Putnam vice-president in charge of operation and traffic of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company at a meeting of its managers, at which it was voted to put the company back to its former organization on relinquishment of Government control on March 1. J. T. Loree was made general manager.

Heights Church Elects Pastor. The Rev. John McNeill of Birmingham, Ala., was unanimously elected pastor of the Fort Washington Presbyterian Church at a meeting of the congregation last night. Dr. McNeill, is a native of Scotland.

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