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WILL FINISH AMENDED TAX BILL THIS WEEK

Report to Senate Likely On September 21, Says Penrose.

CLOSE CONTEST IN COMMITTEE

Tie Possible If Vote of McCumber Goes to Democrats.

The legislative process which will determine the Federal tax next year on this year's income will be advanced another step this week.

The Senate Finance Committee, having received Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's advice and obtained such other information as it needs, will buckle down to the task of revising the House tax revision bill. Chairman Penrose said yesterday the committee would finish the job by the end of the week and be ready to report the amended bill to the Senate when Congress reconvenes on September 21.

Fight Over Mellon's Plan.

The major contests over features of the bill in the committee this week and later in the Senate will be over the following recommendations of Secretary Mellon:

1. Repeal of the excess profits tax as of January 1, 1921, so as to apply to 1921 profits, instead of the House provision making the repeal effective January 1, 1922.

2. Reduction of surtaxes on individual incomes from the present maximum of 65 per cent to a maximum of 25 per cent, compared with the 32 per cent maximum provided in the House bill.

3. Retention of the transportation taxes until January 1, 1923, at half the present rates.

The contest will be close in the Finance Committee. There are sixteen members of the committee—ten Republicans and six Democrats. The Democrats are solidly opposed to Mr. Mellon's recommendation and voting with them will be Senator La Follette, Republican. If La Follette should be the only Republican member of the committee to vote against the administration program it would be approved, 9 to 7.

McCumber Held Uncertain.

The administration leaders, however, are not sure of the vote of Senator McCumber of North Dakota. He has displayed an attitude of opposition to the retroactive repeal of the excess profits tax and some other features of Mr. Mellon's recommendations that is occasioning Chairman Penrose considerable concern.

A large section of McCumber's North Dakota constituency are reported to be strongly opposed to the retroactive repeal of the excess profits tax and the reduction of surtaxes. Former Senator Gronna is reputed to be the sponsor of this sentiment and to be planning to contest McCumber's re-election next year.

If McCumber should line up with Senator La Follette and the Democrats, the vote on the Mellon proposals would be a tie and the motion to amend the House bill, in the particulars proposed, would fail in the committee. It then would be necessary to bring forward the proposed changes on the floor of the Senate in motions to amend the bill reported by the committee.

Fight in House Possible.

If the Senate amends the House bill in the important respects under consideration, the fight will be transferred to the House and to the conference commitee. The Ways and Means Committee wrote retroactive repeal of the excess profits tax into the bill, but its calculations were upset by the caucus of House Republicans which decreed that the repeal should not become effective until January 1, 1922. This action was brought about by the unexpected coalition of a considerable number of conservatives with the radical Republicans.

The reduction of surtaxes to a 32 per cent maximum was opposed in the House by fifty Republicans and if the Senate should put through Mr. Mellon's recommendation to lower the maximum to 25 per cent the Republican opposition in the House is likely to be increased.

STARTS NEW MOVE TO UNSEAT WIRTH

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—The latest move by the strong forces seeking to unseat Chancellor Wirth is a "trial balloon" launched by the Prussian Premier Stegerwald, who is desirous of winning the chancellorship.

In a statement today he demanded "a far-sighted cabinet" and emphasized the necessity of strengthening exchange conditions—the dollar having passed the 100 mark, a new low record with one exception.

The slump makes Wirth's position more precarious and increases his difficulty in buying dollars to meet the next reparations payment. Furthermore, according to Stegerwald, Chancellor Wirth has not shows the Reichstag any positive results with regard to Upper Silesia.

TEGUCIGALPA MADE FEDERAL CAPITAL

The department of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, has been chosen as the Federal district of the new Federation of Central America by the constituent assembly of the federation, according to word reaching the Legation of Guatemala.

The city by the same name, the capital of Honduras, thus becomes the capital of the new federation, composed of the states of Guatemala, Honduras and Salvador. It was selected because of its central location.

The city has a population of 35,000.

Coolidge Guest at Chicago Dinner Honoring Dante

15,000 Italians Parade in Memory of Great Poet's Death.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11. — Vice President Calvin Coolidge was the guest tonight of the Italian colony of Chicago at a dinner in his honor at the Hotel Sherman. The banquet concluded a day devoted to the commemoration of the 600th anniversary of the death of Dante, Italy's greatest poet, in which 15,000 Italians participated.

Early in the afternoon members of all the Italian societies in the city marched in a mile long parade to the auditorium on the Municipal Pier, where a mass meeting was held.

The speakers were United States Senator Medill McCormick, Guido Sabetta, first counsellor of the Italian Embassy at Washington, Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago, and others.

The speakers praised the creator of "The Divine Comedy" as one of the world's great poets. One of the features of both the mass meeting in the afternoon and the dinner in the evening was the display of the gonfalon of Florence, ancient banner of Dante's time—a flag dating back to 1251.

AMERICANS WILL TAKE ARCHDUKE'S AUSTRIAN ESTATES

Syndicate Plans to Sue For Sequestered Properties.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and United News.)

PARIS, Sept. 11.—Under an agreement by American financiers, a syndicate has been formed to take over the exploitation and management of the confiscated estate of Archduke Frederick of Austria. The prewar value of the estate was $200,000,000.

The syndicate includes Charles Sabin, J. Leonard Replogle, Frank Munsey, Thomas Felder and William Honnald. Samuel Untermyer has been retained as counsel.

Will Sue for Seized Property.

In addition to exploiting the estates the syndicate plans to press claims against the new states carved out of Austria-Hungary, in which are sequestered the archduke's properties. This hiding of properties is said to be in violation of the peace treaty, since it is contended that the archduke is a private citizen and merely a Hapsburg by the most distant relationship. Furthermore, his fortune was privately accumulated through industrial ventures, and in no part due to royal gifts or concessions.

The properties include steel works, mines, large forest tracts near Vienna, dairies, beet sugar plantations and factories, apartments, palaces, castles and the Albertina museum in Vienna, which Austria recently confiscated.

Sees Violation of Treaties.

Untermyer pointed out that if hereditary states could confiscate private property in violation of treaties, there was no reason why they should not disregard other stipulations.

The syndicate members have been assured, according to Felder, by the United States State Department and the French foreign office that there was no objection to the investment. Legal proceedings will be started at once, and the syndicate members plan to introduce American methods in operating the estates.

4 DROWN AS AUTO BACKS OFF BRIDGE

BUFALO, Sept. 11.—Four of a party of six were drowned tonight when an enclosed automobile backed off a canal bridge leading to the Grand Central Island ferry across the Niagara River, a short distance north of Buffalo.

The dead, all Buffalonians, are: Mrs. Ferdinand Humm, Frank Humm, her brother-in-law; Mary Humm, daughter of Mrs. Humm; and Frank Hoen.

Ferdinand and Magdalene Humm, brother and siter, were rescued.

Mrs. Ferdinand Humm was at the wheel and apparently became confused when another car, coming from the opposite direction, approached the bridge simultaneously with the ill-fated machine.

Read This Thriller!

HIS love scorned and his rent overdue, Harry Bacon acquires sudden and secret wealth. Read the story of his adventures every Monday morning on page 2.

An Heir at Large

By John T. McCutcheon

This new cartoon serial starts on page 2 of today's Herald.

HOME BUILDING PLANNED AS AID TO THOUSANDS

Standard Basis Sought in Campaign Backed by Government.

WOULD GIVE JOBS TO UNEMPLOYED

Commerce Department Is Enlisting Help of Industrial Chiefs.

By ROBERT J. BENDER.

Thousands of standardized homes, to be built by people of moderate means—this is a project the government is now working on and may be ready for announcement at the forthcoming unemployment conference.

Both to afford employment for hundreds of thousands of workers in many branches of industry and to offer an effective panacea for industrial unrest generally, the proposed own-your-own-home campaign is looked upon here as a timely and practicable instrument.

Co-operation is Aim.

The Department of Commerce through the voluntary co-operation of committees representing all phases of home-building work, has been carrying on a study of the project on the following bases:

1. To permit of people contemplating the building of homes costing not more than $10,000, and from that figure down, to do so easily, cheaply and quickly through the use of standardized plans and equipment.

2. To effect such a result through the patriotic co-operation of industry, civic authorities, builders, banking institutions and others interested in home construction; and not as a government project, involving the expenditure or even loaning of funds by the Federal Treasury.

Volunteer committees of prominent Americans—contractors, real estate men, architects, manufacturers, brick and lumber men, as well as other groups—have sought through weeks of work to establish such a basis of standardized equipment for homes as to make the project nationally attractive.

To Meet Sectional Needs.

Distinguished architects have prepared plans for a large number of standard-type houses, drawn to accommodate climatic and other sectional conditions, all calling for standardized materials and fittings, available in the respective sections of the country for which the house plans are drawn. For example, the California-type house has been drafted in different styles for the Pacific coast country, calling for certain standardized building materials available in that section and standardized heating facilities to accommodate the climate there. Other types have been drawn to accommodate special architectural fancies and equipment needs in other sections.

For Standard Equipment.

Manufacturers have co-operated in the difficult work of creating

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YEGGMEN CAUGHT WORKING ON SAFE

Two, Taken by Surprise, Open Fire on New York Detectives.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—In a spectacular revolver fight that attracted a thousand persons in the Herald Square district today detectives captured two men accused of having "jimmied" a safe containing $8,000 in the store at 138 Broadway and frustrated, so the detectives say, well laid plans for a series of safe-crackings in adjoining stores to "clean up" $100,000.

The officers arrested Patrick Hannon, 25 years old, salesman, and Harry Brown, 27 years old, electrician. The men were captured with what the police say is the most complete set of yeggmen's tools ever seized in New York City.

The police say the men were seen entering the building by way of the skylight, letting themselves and tools down by a rope fastened to a chimney. At a signal the detectives on watch rushed into the building, surprising the alleged "yeggmen." Shots were fired. The police say the prisoners confessed they planned to bore their way through walls to adjoining stores, where safes had been spotted.

ROUNDHOUSE FIRE WRECKS 18 ENGINES

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 11.—Fire this afternoon spread with great rapidity through teh roundhouse in the Erie Railroad here, destroying eighteen passenger engines. Firemen, responding to three alarms, prevented the flames from spreading to adjoining structures. The loss was estimated at $350,000.

Fifteen men were at work on the engines and the flames, eating their way along the oil-soaked beams and floors, caused the men to hustle out without their street clothing. Employes about the yards got out two locomotives. Two firemen were slightly injured during the blaze when a chimney toppled over and bricks fell upon them.

Officials of the railroad stated that the fire would not in anyway interfere with service.

Railroads Help Alien Sea Lines, Report Asserts

Senator Jones Gets Copy Of Charges Against Interests.

Secret agreements between American railroads and foreign shipping companies have operated to the detriment of the Shipping Board fleet, according to a lengthy report prepared for Senator Jones, of Washington, chairman of the Commerce Committee.

Jones has sent a copy of the report to the Shipping Board for consideration. He describes it as having been prepared by an "experienced railroad man tremendously interested in the upbuilding of the merchant marine."

It is charged that trunk lines have established connections with the foreign flag lines which enable them to control, at the expense of the Shipping Board fleet, the transportation of a large number of cargoes aggregating many millions of tons, and which revenue has totalled hundreds of millions of dollars.

"The discovery of these secret contracts and their enforced filing with the Interstate Commerce Commission would enable the Shipping Board to definitely determine the principal causes for the success of foreign flag vessels in transporting approximately two-thirds of our export and import sea-borne commerce," said the report.

ARBUCKLE HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN ACTRESS DEATH

Police Claim Assaults Caused Her Fatal Illness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle is held without bail in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress.

Miss Rappe was removed from Arbuckle's suite in the Saint Francis Hotel last Monday afternoon, suffering agony. She died after lingering for days under treatment for alcoholism. Her death now proves to have been due to an internal rupture which caused peritonitis.

Arbuckle is not held on a warrant which could not be made out legally Sunday. The police said they were holding Arbuckle "for taking a human life while in the act of committing or attempting to commit a felony."

Nurse Told of Injury.

Mrs. Jean Jameson, a nurse, who was with Miss Rappe during her last hours, in a statement swore that Miss Rappe, suffering great pain, kept moaning that Arbuckle had injured her.

"It wouldn't be right for me to pay for all this when it was Roscoe's fault," Miss Rappe moaned to the nurse, according to Mrs. Jameson.

Mrs. Jameson said that Miss Rappe in her dying moments repeatedly requested her to "get Roscoe; he is responsible for all this." The nurse said Miss Rappe meant her to summon Arbuckle to her bedside, not to "get" him in the sense of revenge.

This afternoon Arbuckle's counsel permitted him only to deny the charges altogether.

Party Held in Suite.

The police gave out the following names as participants in the party in Arbuckle's suite last Monday: Roscoe Arbuckle, Miss Virginia Rappe, Ira G. Fort Louis, a New York wardrobe salesman; Miss Alice Blake, a San Francisco cafe entertainer; Mrs. B. M. Delmonte of Los Angeles, friend of Miss Rappe; Lowell Sherman, of Los Angeles, a friend of Arbuckle; Fred Fishbeck, of Los Angeles, motion picture director; Al Semnacher, manager of Miss Rappe; Miss Zey Yyvron, a San Francisco show girl.

All of these people have now made affidavits. Some disagree on some incidents.

Heard Girl Moaning.

Liquor was served, the affidavits agree on this. Miss Pyvron and Mrs. Delmonte, in affidavits, swear that they heard Miss Rappe moaning and rushed to get into Arbuckle's room to aid her. They found the door bolted. Finally, they declare, Arbuckle emerged, and they rushed in past him to find Miss Rappe almost without clothing, her costume torn to shreds and strewn about the room.

"I am dying! I am dying!" the young actress was moaning, they assert. They plunged her into a cold bath. This had no beneficial effect. A doctor was called.

Death Due to Rupture.

The autopsy surgeons reported officially that Miss Rappe died from the effects of an internal rupture, adding that the girl's physical condition might have contributed to the tragedy. Dr. William Ophuls, one of the surgeons, declared the injury to have been due to natural causes.

"There was absolutely no evidence of a criminal assault," Dr. Ophuls stated.

SHELL CELEBRATES 133D BIRTHDAY

HYDEN, Ky., Sept. 11.—"Uncle John" Shell, who claims to be the oldest living human being, has just passed his one hundred and thirty-third birthday at his home on Greasy Creek, Leslie County. Shell says he was born in 1788, when Kentucky was part of Virginia.

He and his father, Samuel Shell, gained fame more than 100 years ago as gunmakers. The oldest man says his people came from Holland to Pennsylvania 200 years ago, and that he is connected with the great Shell oil family. Shell's memory is excellent and his sight fairly good. His hearing is slightly impaired.

HARDING WORDS DASH FIGHTERS' HOPE OF BONUS

Red Diamond Veterans So Interpret President's Speech.

EXECUTIVE PRAISES MEN'S WAR SERVICE

Says He Is Not Unmindful of Deeds Overseas.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 11.—President Warren G. Harding notified world war veterans this afternoon, speaking to 500 former members of the Fifth Division athered on the Boardwalk, that he is "not much concerned" with the desires for a bonus payment of men who suered neither wounds nor other physical impairment.

This interpretation was placed on that portion of his address to the Red Diamond men, in which he said:

"The man who came back wounded and impaired in ability to carry on the vocation of his life deserves the fullest aid in our power to give and I propose the use of all the influence that I have to see that he gets it. I am not so much concerned with those who came out of the war unimpaired. They have the compensation of supreme service and experience."

Think Bill Dead.

The Fifth Division had been in reunion at Philadelphia and the party came to Atlantic City on a special train. Learning that the President was at the Hotel Ritz, on the Boardwalk, the men asked that he address them. He did so briefly and at the conclusion of his remarks the veterans, from their comments, seemed to regard the bonus bill, recently pigeonholed, as defunct.

"You have done me a signal and gratifying honor to come and greet me this beautiful Sabbath," said President Harding to the veterans, who were ranked in front of a huge gathering before the hotel. "There is nothing in America too good for its veteran defenders. All America is proud of what you and your division did at the Meuse. All America is proud of what our soldiers did in the critical days of the war. I would be the last man to say that we of America won the war. But I am glad to say that we of this republic saved the morale of the allied armies. We saved for ourselves and for the world the present-day status of civilization.

Not Unmindful.

"I am not unmindful of the job you did over there. I am not unmindful of the service you rendered the country under your former Commander-in-chief, and I ask that you will render to me the same faithful service during the years I am in office. There is still a greater service to be rendered in establishing national lines of peace. It is up to you to help solve the problems that have been thrust upon us by the enemy from within. I want this to continue as an America of opportunity and service, and as an America of grateful appreciation."

Mayor Edward L. Bader in a brief

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HUNDREDS VIEW HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Four Auto Bandits Beat Up Victim at Thirteenth and E Streets N. W.

In view of hundreds of persons, four men leaped from an automobile at Thirteenth and E streets northwest, shortly after 9 o'clock last night and after severely beating Harry Schrifren, 25 years old, residing at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Y. M. C. A., Tenth and E streets northwest, robbed him of a diamond ring valued at $300 and sped away.

Schrifren, who suffered a fracture of the nose and painful bruises of the face and body as the result of the attack was rushed to the Emergency Hospital for treatment.

Witnesses, who were unable to render the victim assistance owing to the speed which the bold robbery was executed, declare that the robbers in their automobile disappeared into the westbound traffic on E street immediately after the assault.

From witnesses and the victim, the police of the First precinct have secured an accurate descriptio of the highwaymen, and expect to make an arrest within a few hours.

Margaret Bursts in Tears As Neighbors Greet Her

Little "Miss Washington" Overcome With Emotion at Home After Triumphal Entry Into Capital as Nation's Beauty.

THE Washington Herald eight-page Rotogravure Magazine will carry next Sunday a full page of new art photographs of Miss Margaret Gorman—"Miss Washington."

Away from the cheering thousands at the Union Station, the excitement and bustle of the last week, little "Miss Washington" and her party turned into her home on Cambridge place about 11 o'clock last night, and there the final tribute from the "neighbors" topped the climax of her triumphs.

As the car crawled up to the family residence the crowd of home folks, young and old, let out a rousing cheer for "Margaret" and little "Miss Washington," for the first time in her series of conquests, was overcome with emotion. Attempting to answer as she stepped from the car, Miss Washington burst into tears, and the neighbors received their silent answer.

Miss Margaret Gorman, "most beautiful girl in the United States," entered the city last night from her triumphal conquest of natioanl beauty honors at Atlantic City in a blaze of glory.

Promptly at 10 o'clock last night the petite little beauty jumped blithely from the trai nat Union Station and received the well-earned plaudits of "the home crowd."

Cheered by Crowd.

As the little winner walked down the station aisle the cheers of the 3,000, who gathered to pay homeage, outthundered the puffing engine whistles in a demonstration which would well fit the greeting of a national hero, a President or a returning battle leader.

A special detail of police forced a passageway through the wildly enthusiastic crowd as "Miss Washington" and her party made their way from the train sheds to the car, an American Balanced Six, which carried her to her home, 3015 Cambridge place, for the first time since she was picked to represent the Nation's Capital in the national beauty event.

Waves to Her Admirers.

"Miss Washington," her handsome face lightened with a smile which carried her to victory in Atlantic City, waved a cheery greeting to the crowd. She was accompanied by her parents and Mrs. William Atherton DuPuy, chaperon.

The party was ushered into the car and with the aid of mounted police, the machine worked its way through the scores of automobiles, all, seemingly, sounding their horns in greeting and celebration.

Miss Washington was taken to her home where she plans to enjoy a complete rest. Her trophies the Arnold Watkins beauty urn and the Alamac trophy, were taken to the Harrington Hotel for the night. The large golden mermaid, intercity beauty prize, also captured by Miss Gorman, was left in Philadelphia to be engraved.

The party arrived at 10 o'clock, twenty-five minutes ahead of schedule, due to confusion in changing trains in Philadelphia. H

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COLLINS PREDICTS FREEDOM FOR ERIN WITHIN SHORT TIME

Dublin Hears Interned Prisoners Will Be Released Soon.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and United News.)

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Dublin is unquestionably growing more and more inclined to the belief that the Dail Eireann, in its session next Wednesday, will appoint plenipotentiaries to meet Lloyd George in the interests of Irish peace, on the basis of the premier's last offer to Eamonn de Valera.

The Sinn Fein cabinet, however, has thus far arrived at no decision, and is still concerned in reviewing the entire situation preliminary to making a formal report to the Irish parliament.

May Free Interned.

All predictions, therefore are more or less conjectural. There are, however, certain indications of the continued growth of amity or rather a decrease of antagonism, between the British and Sinn Fein governments. It is rumored, for example that two weeks more will see the entire body of interned members of the Irish republican army released from the prisons and camps.

Again, there is the speech of Michael Collins, "brains" of Sinn Fein's active war upon England, in which the Irish commander-in-chief predicts freedom for Ireland within a surprisingly short time.

"It is not because of any action by our enemies," he qualifies the prediction, "nor for any hope that they hold out to us. But it is because of the strength of our position. It is coming because of the men who died for Ireland."

Asks Aid for Dependents.

Collins asked the country for support for the dependents of Irishmen now held prisoner. He declared that 5,500 men are still undergoing imprisonment or internment, and that because of this 15,000 members of their families are suffering.

Details of the sensational escape of fifty prisoners from the Rath interment camp are beginning to come to light. It is believed that all the tedious work of excavating the tunnel through which they fled was accomplished from within the camp. Just adjacent to the Rath camp is another unoccupied stockade, into which the men crawled during the night.

Near Cork, a young man was found chained to a church railing today, bearing a placard which read: "Blackguards, Beware of the Irish Republican Army."

The Herald's Ad-Index

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RED CROSS AIDS 3000 HOMELESS IN SAN ANTONIO

Thousands Search for More Bodies in Flood Wreckage.

CITY STILL LACKS DRINKING WATER

Mexican Boy Saves Child By Clinging to Tree Five Hours.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 11.—The exact number of dead in the Texas floods which centered in this stricken city probably will never be known. Thirty-nine bodies have been recovered. Two victims died in the hospital, making the known death roll forty-one. But at least a hundred are believed to have gone down in the sweep of waters since Friday night.

Relief committees began today caring for approximately 3,000 homeless. The local chapter of the Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion and other organizations are combining in the rescue and relief work.

Searching For Dead.

Thousands of volunteer workers have been sent through the zone of wreckage in search of dead and injured, and to bring out those who are too ill to help themselves. Late tonight the workers believe there are still many bodies in the debris.

Estimates of the damage done to business houses, home and stocks of goods are still about $5,000,000. Municipal property, including bridges washed away is set at approximately $300,000.

Boy Hero Saves Child.

One of the outstanding bits of heroism that has come to light was that of a 12-year-old Mexican boy, told by a number of women who witnessed his courageous act, but who were powerless to assist him. The boy, according to the women, clung to a tree in South Flores street for five hours, holding on his shoulders above the water a child 5 years old. The boy hero was battered nearly unconscious by floating wreckage, and was taken to the Robert B. Green Hospital. The child was unharmed.

The greatest danger at present is from lack of drinking water. Artesian wells are sending up hardly any fluid fit for consumption, and in some districts the flow has stopped.

Guards Patrol Streets.

It is feared that an epidemic may result unless the situation radically improves. The city is quiet, and armed guards patrolling the streets are imposing a quasi martial law. No looters have been found, although the city has been without lights since the flood.

A force of men worked throughout today tearing down what remained of the damaged bridges in order to permit the water to sweep through unimpeded. The search for bodies was necessarily slow because of the natural difficulties of entering the submerged quarter of the city.

"Open for business Monday," is the sign which has appeared in front of almost every business establishment that was wrecked by the rush of water that reached a depth of twelve feet on the down town streets—but in displaying such placards there is more optimism and never-say-die spirit than there is serious intent of really reopening their shops tomorrow.

In a dozen parts of the city, principally on the west side, where the death toll and suffering was heaviest, places where food and clothing are available to those who lost their homes have been established by city and county authorities.

In the same district a score of army field kitchens have been set up and are dispensing food to both flood victims and volunteer workers and are laboring night and day to clear away the wreckage.

Interrogation of scores of business men who were the heaviest sufferers from the high waters developed the fact that few if any of them carried flood insurance.

To the Sixteenth Cavalry stationed at Fort Sam Houston in this city is being credited today the saving of most of those who were caught by the sudden swirl of waters and who unaided would have been unable to make their way to safety.

With the Twentieth Infantry and a regiment of engineers, the cavalrymen were rushed into the city early Saturday morning. Half of them were sent madly galloping to the Alazan creek district, where the peril was known to be the greatest.

Time and time again, in squads, by twos and often singly, the men of the Sixteenth Cavalry spurred their horses into the rushing torrent of water and brought out helpless victims. Frequently the cavalrymen had to swim their horses to effect rescues. Several cavalrymen were swept from their mounts and themselves swept down stream in heir heroic work. Fortunately none were drowned.

NAVY YARD SCALE NOT LIVING WAGE, WORKERS ASSERT

Mass Meeting Petitions President to Revise Order.

The new maximum wage of 73 cents an hour fixed for the Washington Navy Yard was declared to be beneath that fixed by the government itself as the minimum on which a man may now support a family decently in Washington, by a mass meeting of 3,000 navy yard workers yesterday in resolutions of protest to be presented to President Harding, asking him to alter the order. The meeting, which was held yesterday morning in a theater at 645 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, jammed the place to the doors.

Herbert P. Leeman, president of Lodge 174, Machinists' union, which comprises machinists employed at the navy yard, presided. Among the speakers were William H. Johnston, president of the International Machinists' Union; J. P. Anderson, international vice president; E. C. Davison, secretary-treasurer of the international, and N. P. Alifas, local president, district 44.

Say Standard Too Low.

Speaker after speaker denounced the new wage order as "an attack upon the fundamental right of an American workman to a decent standard of living."

At one time it seemed that the meeting would vote that every navy yard employe take a half-holiday Tuesday and accompany the resolutions to the White House, but this motion was sidetracked when W. N. Huttle, former president of the navy yard machinists, took the floor and bluntly advised his friends, "Don't make asses of yourselves!"

"The folks that have brought this thing about," said he, "are just lookng for an excuse to close the navy yard and let the work out to private contract. An exhibition of 'mob spirit' is what they expect of you. Don't send a crowd with these resolutions."

The resolution, which will be sent

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POLICEMAN FIRES AT FLEEING CAR

Downtown Crowd Seeks Shelter as Bullets Fly Through Air.

Several hundred Washingtonians who were walking in the vicinity of Fourteenth street and New York avenue northwest shortly before noon yesterday, sought shelter in nearby doorways, behind trees and other convenient places when Traffic Policeman Gittings fired five shots at an alleged fleeing "bootleg car."

Owing to the suspicious actions of the occupants of the automobile which emerged from an alley near Fourteenth street and New York avenue, Policeman Gittings ordered the driver to stop. Mounting to the running board Gittings raised a cloth uncovering more than a dozen quarts of liquor.

As Gittings was conducting his invesigation, one of the occupants of the car struck him over the jaw, knocking him from the machine. The car started speeding east on New York avenue. Having recovered partially, Gittings fired five shots at the fleeing car.

Man Who Served For Slacker Buried

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.—The man who served in the place of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft dodger, and who fell in the battle of the Argonne in 1918, was buried with full military honors here today. Russell Gross, underweight, but anxious to enter the fight when a vacancy in the quota was left by Bergdoll's desertion, went to France in May, 1918. In October he was killed.

Members of the American Legion and G. A. R. together with soldiers from Camp Dix, marched in the funeral procession.

FIREBOATS SAVE THREE BIG SHIPS

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—Strenuous work by firemen on piers and fireboats today saved from destruction the El Cid and her two sister ships of the Morgan line, tied up at piers 52 and 53, North River. The blaze destroyed 600 tons of coal.

Because of the lull in shipping, the El Cid, the El Mundo and El Silgo have been moored alongside piers between Gansevoort and Horatio streets for the past year. Early today flames were detected by a watchman in the bunkers of the El Cid.

Three fireboats and a dozen or more fire-trucks extinguished the fire in a short time. Last spring the El Mundo was almost destroyed by fire