

# ACTION OF HOUSE IS TO BRING ABOUT DISTRICT TAX QUIZ

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tacked bitterly by Representative Sims of Tennessee and Representative Faraway of Arkansas, and Representative Underwood took the floor to clear the air of any misapprehension as to his position in the matter. In his speech he said:

"In the last analysis, if the Senate does not agree with the House it will be the duty of the House to yield on its proposition rather than defeat the bill. There cannot be any question about the attitude of the Senate on this proposal. Time and time again it has refused to accept the proposition. He made the same assertion that Representative Mann, the republican leader, made, that to stand back of the Johnson amendment would mean an extra session. He then continued:

"I have never contended that the half-and-half system is the correct system. I have always contended that the federal Treasury should bear a proper share of the burden of the government of this District, and I believe that is right, but as to what proportion I am not informed. I have not the information that will satisfy me as to what the proportion ought to be. I cannot tell what proportion we ought to fix on the federal government and what proportion of taxes we ought to fix on the citizens of the District. This question has been battered around in this House for ten years on almost every District day and on almost every District bill. You must come to some conclusion, some solution. How can you do it better in this contingency than to point a committee? You cannot assume that a committee appointed by the Speaker and the Vice President is not going to be fair and just. The report of that committee does not bind you to vote for its report. When they make their report you can determine the matter, hope it will be defeated by an appropriation bill, where we can consider it as a legislative matter in the night."

## Representative Mann's Motion.

Representative Mann, as reported in The Star of yesterday, had offered a preferential motion to concur in the Johnson amendment, which means the overthrow of the Johnson amendment and the passage of the bill, as all appropriation bills for the District have passed on the half-and-half plan, without the proposed investigating committee. Representative Underwood referred to the Mann motion, saying that unless his own amendment was adopted, the House would have to let the bill die in deadlock, or accept the Mann proposition, which was distasteful to many members, and which would mean the same old fight in the next Congress. Representative Mann's motion, however, was never voted on, as he withdrew it temporarily, and the conference bill, later adopted with the Underwood amendment. Representative Mann and several of his friends voted against the Underwood motion in the hope that it would be defeated, and they would have a chance to vote for the straight-out and out half-and-half plan for the bill.

Representative Page of North Carolina reminded the House of the figures in the bill in supporting the Johnson amendment. He called attention to the fact that for the coming fiscal year, under the Johnson plan, the District would pay out under the appropriation bill \$8,000,000 in round numbers and he stated that only \$2,000,000. Representative Mann of Wyoming said that there was more downright misstatement made in discussing District taxation matters than any other subject brought up in the House. Representative Mann said that the Johnson amendment of Ohio supported the Underwood motion in speeches. Representative Sims of Mississippi, in opposing the Underwood amendment, said that the Senate would make a blunder in allowing the bill to pass with a deadlock between the two houses.

During the discussion Representative Hardy of Texas asked permission to be excused from voting on the matter. He said he owned property in the District and did not think he ought to vote in a matter wherein he was interested. "Does the fact that you own real estate in the District prevent you from voting on the bill?" asked Representative Mann. "I suppose it is not wrong for me to be on the bill," began Representative Hardy. "Of course, it is not wrong," said Representative Mann. "The House did not excuse Representative Hardy, but accepted his statement, and he merely answered 'present' on the roll call."

## Citizens' Federation Acts.

Senator Smith of Maryland and Representative Page of North Carolina yesterday received letters from the Federation of Citizens' Associations opposing the Johnson amendment. The communications were signed by E. F. Calladay, president, and read as follows:

"In behalf of the Federation of Citizens' Associations of the District of Columbia, the constituent bodies of which comprise a large majority of the citizens' associations of this District, I beg to say that this time to inform you that this central body and its constituent bodies are unalterably opposed to the so-called Johnson amendment, and would rather see the pending appropriation bill for the District of Columbia fall entirely than that the said amendment, so wasteful and practically destructive of the half-and-half principle, should be enacted into law. This organization is on record as favoring a full, fair and impartial inquiry by a commission of the entire local relations subsisting between the federal government and the District of Columbia, and we cannot too strongly urge that no change be made in those local relations without such an inquiry."

## Citizens Will Be Glad of Chance to Give Facts, Committee Chairman Says

The action of the House yesterday afternoon in instructing the House

conferes to favor the creation of a joint commission to investigate the affairs of the District of Columbia is gratifying to Henry R. Macfarland, chairman of the executive committee of the committee of one hundred. Mr. Macfarland believes that an impartial inquiry is made the District of Columbia need have no fear of the outcome.

Concerning the action of the House, Mr. Macfarland last night said: "Under all the circumstances this is a very gratifying result. The attempt to abolish the half-and-half plan has been squarely defeated. We are very grateful to the friends of the National Capital who have brought this to pass. We accept the judgment of the leaders in Congress, who believe that inquiry by a joint committee to be necessary in view of the continued agitation for a change in the present arrangement. We opposed any change without thorough inquiry and careful deliberation and this has been done."

## Glad to Present All the Facts.

"We of the National Capital shall be glad to present all the facts as to the history of the National Capital, its relations to the country at large and the taxation, actual and comparative, of its residents to the proposed joint committee. This is just what we have been doing ever since our committee was created by a mass meeting of citizens aroused by the hostile legislation which passed the House and now in the view of petition by presenting the facts and reasons to individual senators and representatives, and to their constituents throughout the country by means of the national civic organizations having headquarters here. This work has been kept up ever since March 11 of last year. This winter it has been done without as much publicity as last spring, but none the less faithfully by a large number of public-spirited citizens, here and elsewhere. The results appear in the debates in both houses, in the action of the Senate rejecting the threatening legislation by decisive vote, and in the action of the House itself. It is, of course, to be assumed that the members of the joint committee will be entirely impartial and that the inquiry will be judicial in character. We need have no fear of the outcome."

## CAUGHT IN TANGLED WEB

### Young Woman Asks Chicago Court for Release From Two Husbands.

Special Dispatch to The Star. CHICAGO, Ill., February 27.—It was a "wonderful time" a champagne dinner in Los Angeles. Some one suggested: "Let's all get married." And next afternoon Mrs. Genevieve Baisden was surprised when told she had a new husband. She had not been divorced from her first mate.

The tangled story of Mrs. Baisden's marriage was unwound before Judge Walker in the circuit court today. The woman, an actress, appeared to ask that she be divorced from one husband and her marriage to another annulled.

## Marriage and Desertion.

She had just emerged from a convent in Cincinnati when she met Albert V. Baisden in 1908. They went at once to Dalton, Ga., and were married in February. He is in May, and she went on the stage, where she was known as "Billy Leigh."

Concerning her second marriage, she told the court: "One night in Los Angeles a party of us, three men and three women, were having a champagne dinner. We were having a wonderful time. Some one said: 'Let's all get married.' I really do not know what happened until 4 o'clock the next afternoon, when everybody told me I was married to a man named Harry. 'I packed my things and took the next train for Chicago.'"

## ENGLAND BUYS TIES HERE.

### Virginia Concern Gets Contract for About Half a Million.

Robert E. Duvall, Washington representative of the Valley Tie and Lumber Company of Staunton, Va., has received information that the shipment of the first railroad ties to be sent from this country to fill an order from a European railroad will start loading at Port Arthur, Tex., tomorrow. The ties are consigned to the Great Eastern railroad of England, and two or three steamers sent by the English government will load 60,000 of them.

The contract of the English railroad people with the Virginia tie company, it is said, is for about a half-million of ties, which the British government undertakes to have carried to England for the Great Eastern railway. Representatives of the Valley Tie and Lumber Company are now in Europe negotiating with various warring powers for tie contracts, but owing to the difficulty of finding vessels that will carry them no contracts except the English one have been closed.

## EVOLUTION OF THE HORSE.

### Missing Link in Fossil Form of Three-Toed Animal.

BERKELEY, Cal., February 27.—The missing link in the evolution of the horse has been discovered in the miocene strata of the southern Sierra Nevada, it was reported to the Pacific coast division of the Paleontological Society of America in convention here today.

The fossil form discovered by J. P. Buwalda of the University of California is that of a three-toed horse of the type long sought by scientists to fill the gap in the history of the horse. It is said the fossil is precisely the description of a hypothetical animal which scientists maintain must have existed in horse history.

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Baby Store

Spring "Opening" for Mothers

One of the practical souvenirs—Baby's Long White Coat and Silk Cap. The two for \$2.98.

## Complimentary Prices

For Three Days—March 1 to 3.

Everything for the baby and as it develops. These "Opening Days" come after months of preparation. Fully ready tomorrow—first see the window display on G street—then to the third floor. All the new types of spring garments will be found for baby and children of all ages up to 14 years. During the "Opening Days"—beginning tomorrow morning—the following complimentary prices will prevail:

\$5.00 Garments None Excepted	\$3.98	\$2.00 Garments None Excepted	\$1.88
\$4.00 Garments None Excepted	\$2.98	\$1.50 Garments None Excepted	\$1.29
\$3.00 Garments None Excepted	\$2.29	\$1.00 Garments None Excepted	89c

The department for Children's Millinery—on third floor—will create the greatest furore these "Opening Days." The new spring coats will also prove a delight.

Some idea of the variety is gleaned in the price list below. Note that many prices are between the extremes quoted:

For the Baby And Children to 6 Years.	For the Girls —From 6 to 14 Years.
Coats ..... \$1.98 to \$15.00	Coats ..... \$3.98 to \$15.00
Hats ..... 50c to \$10.00	Hats ..... \$1.98 to \$10.00
Dresses ..... 50c to \$15.00	Dresses ..... \$1.00 to \$15.00
Bibs ..... 50c to \$1.50	Guimpes ..... 25c to \$2.00
Shoes ..... 50c to \$1.00	Princess Slips... 50c to \$2.50
Bonnets ..... 25c to \$7.98	Drawers ..... 15c to \$1.50
Guimpes ..... 50c to \$2.00	Gowns ..... 50c to \$1.50
Undergarments 10c to \$2.00	Rompers ..... 50c to \$1.98
Rompers ..... 50c to 75c	Carriage Robes \$1.00 to \$5.00
Carriage Robes \$1.00 to \$5.00	Pillowcases ..... 50c to \$2.50
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Free

"Good Dressing," the Ladies' Home Journal fashion sheet for April will be presented to tomorrow's visitors.

On Second Floor Pattern Department.

The spring and summer fashion book, containing certificate for any 15c Ladies' Home Journal pattern, is 25c.

Second floor—6 elevators.

All-wool Chiffon Hop Sacking

54 inches. 69c Yd. \$1 value.

Such quality and width of strictly all-wool fabric, so desirable for spring suits, dresses and the pleated skirts now in vogue, is a seasonable bargain, at 69c instead of \$1.00 yard. In black and navy blue only.

\$2.50 Silks, \$1.39

\$3.50 Silks, \$3.00

## Blouses

Due From New York Tomorrow Morning At \$1.39

The department chief asks the news rushed into The Star—of six dainty styles of sheer Voile Blouses, military and all-over embroidered effects, finished with black tie. Values, \$2.00 to \$2.50, at only \$1.39. To arrive by express Monday morning—and placed on street floor tables.

"Candy Stripe" Blouse, \$1.95

Pictured to the left hand—the Tub Silk Blouse, with satin stripes in brilliant colorings. This is the smart tailored model the spring girls of 1915 are to adopt. Ask for the Candy Stripe Blouse—on third floor.

The "Georgette" Blouse, \$7.50

Pictured to the right hand—this superb Blouse is of Georgette crepe and crepe de chine in combination. The touches of hand embroidery and the filet lace adorning the collar relieve this model of too mannish an effect.

Two Adaptations at \$1.95

Reproduction of \$3.00 Blouses—of crepe de chine, plain and with touches of embroidery. Poems in flesh, sand, maize, gold and white. Third Floor—6 elevators.

## Sample Suits \$16.50 Spring Models

The Materials

Covert Cloths, Gabardines, Serges, Black and White Checks, Poppins, Striped Woolens, West of England Mixtures.

Last week's sale at this price has made these suits famous. Additional important purchases—of Suits worth considerably higher prices—are to be included tomorrow at only \$16.50. All are sample garments, finished with unusual care—and all are representative of the last moment spring vogue. No two alike—an exclusive style is assured. Third floor—6 elevators.

The Colors

Sheffield Steel Gray, Navy and Copenhagen Blues, Belgian and Prussian Blues, Greens, Blacks, Dark and Light Grays, Wistaria, Browns, Sand and Putties.

## 3,218 Corsets \$3

Winter lingers in the lap of Spring—the stimulus of reduced prices is to be applied to corsets—beginning tomorrow morning at this G street establishment.

A Quick Sale

With prices the lowest on record a quick disposal of these 3,218 corsets is assured. High, medium and low models, all styles are included.

Third Floor \$3

Values to \$15.

Including the world's best French "Fasso," "La Premiere," La Adria, Binner, Lyra and Successo Corsets, \$4 to \$15 models, at \$3.

Included are de luxe models for brides, of rich brocades, in pink, blue and white. Hurry for these \$15 models—at only \$3.

Note that the Corsets at lesser prices are on street floor—and be reasonably assured of prompt attention in these third-floor parlors.

## \$5.00 for \$8.00 to \$20.00 Corsets de Luxe

See Display in Eleventh Street Windows—Then to the Third Floor Parlors.

Lots 1, 2 and 3 on Street Floor, Near G Street Door

Lot No. 1 Values to \$5.00	Lot No. 2 Values to \$4.00	Lot No. 3 Values to \$2.50
\$2.00	\$1.29	50c

Such a price for the \$3.50 to \$5.00 models of the Bon Ton, Nemo, La Victore and other famous makes of corsets surely means a quick sale and the Palais Royal first on your shopping list for tomorrow.

Included in this lot are best W. B., Royal Worcester, R & G, C. B., P. N. and other \$2.50 to \$4.00 models, lace and embroidery trimmed.

At \$1.29 for choice—with the \$4.00 models to be acquired by early visitors.

Brassieres—choice of all the new styles, lace and embroidery trimmed, at 50c instead of \$2 to \$2.50. The line of the corset is obliterated with the brassiere, which is growing in favor daily. See them—on street floor.

## Balcony Parlor

Street Floor—Near Elevators.

Hairdressing, Shampooing, Manicuring, Violet Rays treatment by a specialist. An artist noted for cutting children's hair is also here.

Every scientific appliance and only skilled attendants—no apprentices.

Look for the marble stairway to these Balcony Parlors—Near elevators.

## Paristyle Hair Combing

\$4.00 Brown and Blond Switches \$3.00

20-inch Switch, the "Special" \$2.49

20-inch Switch, the "Fluffy" \$1.49

20-inch Switch, the "Wavy" 89c

Made into Switches and Transformations at \$1 up.

Psyche Puffs at 39c up.

the Palais Royal

A. Lisner. Hours: 9:00 to 6:00. G Street.

## The New Wash Dress Goods, Laces, Embroideries and Ribbons

White Goods Colored Goods

—Second floor, 6 elevators.

36-inch White and Cream Nub Voiles, fine quality. Yard 19c

36-inch Imported Check Nub Voiles, sheer quality. Yard... 59c

31-inch Embroidered Silk Mulls, suitable for waists, etc. Yard... 59c

36-inch Skirting, basket weave design. Yard... 49c

40-inch French Seed Voiles, new line of patterns and colorings. Yard... 29c

40-inch French Voiles, sheer quality, small designs; good colorings. Yard... 35c

27-inch Printed Lace Cloths, large range of new designs and colorings... 10c

40-inch Striped French Voiles, dark and light grounds. Yard... 25c

Laces, 10c and 15c

Values are up to 50c yd.

The Bargain Spots associated with the opening of the new spring stocks—at 10c yard are superb imitations of duchess lace, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 inches wide. At 15c yard are Cluny Laces 2 to 5 inches wide. Street floor, near G street door.

42-inch Platted Chiffons, white, black and evening shades. \$1.00 Per yard.

18 and 24 Inch Shadow Flouncings, white and cream. Values 50c and 75c per yard.

Val Lace Edges and Insertions, matched sets; 12-3/4 pieces... 50c

Net Top Demi-Flouncings, white, sand and black. Worth to \$2.00 yard... 50c

## Embroidery and Ribbons

Four "Specials" are here in each.

18-inch Batiste and Swiss Embroidered Flouncings, blind and openwork effects. 75c value. Yard... 50c

40-inch Organdie All-over Embroidery, various beautiful designs. Yard... \$2.25

27-inch Batiste Embroidered Flouncings, dainty patterns for children's dresses, etc... 59c

18-inch Swiss and Nainsook Corset Cover Embroidery, also rate or neat designs... 25c

Ribbons—Plain taffeta, taffeta and moire with satin edges, etc.; all colors; 4 1/2 and 5 inches 17c wide; 6 inches 22c wide; all colors. Yard... 22c

Ribbons—Black moire, extra heavy quality; 6 1/2 inches wide; for millinery purposes and girdles. Yard... 35c

Wash Ribbons, pink, blue and white; ten (10) yards to piece. No. 1, 12c; No. 1 1/2, 15c; No. 2, 18c; No. 5, per piece... 40c

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