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QUESTION OF SALES TAX

Senator Penrose to Call Finance
Committee Together
During Recess.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., March 8.

President Harding's conference with Republican leaders in Congress, blazing the way for action on domestic problems, brought speedy results to-day.

Senator Penrose (Pa.), chairman of the Finance Committee, and Representative Fordney (Mich.), chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, met and agreed to call a joint meeting of their committees in a day or two. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, a group of experts of the Treasury Department and Representative Good (Iowa), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, will be called in and the meeting will seek to ascertain the needs of the Government for the framing of revenue and tariff legislation.

The conclusions reached at this meeting will be conveyed to President Harding. It is the intention to begin separate hearings at once on tariff and revenue matters in both houses.

Senator Penrose announced this programme and intimated that emergency tariff legislation will be considered prior to permanent tariff and revenue legislation.

Temporary Measure Now.

In the House the prevailing belief among Republican leaders is that revenue legislation should come at the earliest date possible and be preceded only by the enactment of a temporary tariff. A permanent tariff law should not be enacted early in the present session because of the unsettled trade conditions throughout the world, they believe.

"We realize that we have a large task before us," said Senator Penrose. "Already there is great pressure from the agricultural interests of the country to have Congress act on the tariff before revenue legislation is taken up. There is every disposition to realize the necessities and requirements of agriculture."

"Of course, the revenue legislation cannot benefit the taxpayers for the current fiscal payments. At the same time the taxpayers ought to know as early as possible what relief can be expected to the end that confidence may be restored and investors may know just how they are."

Asked if there were any relations between the date of the extra session of Congress and the programme he had outlined, Senator Penrose said:

"I do not think that has any material bearing on the action we propose to take. Of course, the Ways and Means Committee will hold more exhaustive hearings than the Finance Committee for the reason that both tariff and revenue legislation must originate in the House."

Importance of Hearings.

Senator Penrose regards these preliminary hearings as of great importance to the extra session, because by holding them it will enable Congress to consider the measures that much earlier. He said there would be no advantage in calling Congress together much before the Ways and Means Committee is ready to report either tariff or revenue legislation.

"I shall be here during the Congressional recess," Senator Penrose continued, "and intend to call the finance committee together and hold hearings on some of the high spots in tariff and revenue matters."

As to the high spots, Senator Penrose referred to the agitation for a sales tax as a revenue producer. "There are some members of Congress," he said, "who regard this as a panacea for many ills, while others consider such a tax is not practical. Speaking for himself, Senator Penrose said he had an open mind as to the desirability of a sales tax and wants all the illumination he can have on the subject."

He referred to the fact that in the beginning of the McKinley Administration hearings on tariff legislation began the day after the President's inauguration.

Asked if any agreement had been reached on the proposal of Representative Fordney for an emergency tariff, Senator Penrose said this question is still open. He said there was a very strong division of sentiment on this.

"Consideration of the temporary tariff may come before anything else," Senator Penrose said. "If it is decided to adopt it first it can be done, I should think, in a very short time."

ARMY PROMOTIONS EXPECTED.

Secretary Weeks to Present New List to President.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—A revised list of nominations for promotion of army officers above the rank of Major will be submitted by Secretary Weeks to the President soon, possibly early next week, for transmission to the Senate. It is expected the list will differ quite materially from that forwarded by Secretary Baker during the last session of Congress.

Secretary Weeks is devoting much of his time to a study of the service records of the officers who failed of confirmation by the Senate, and of the records, particularly as regards the world war, of officers who were not on that list.

NO REPAIRS ON BUNKER HILL.

BOSTON, March 8.—Blemishes that the storms of years have put upon Bunker Hill Monument will not be removed just now at the expense of the State. An amendment to the State budget providing \$15,000 for the rejuvenation of the shaft was rejected by the House to-day.

Representative Molloy, of this city, who proposed the special repairs in addition to the \$10,000 appropriation for maintenance of the monument, told the House that the additional money was needed to make the landmark and grounds around it "respectable."

NO AUTOMOBILE FOR HAYS
AT UNCLE SAM'S EXPENSE

Rift Between Burlison and a Brother Democrat Blamed for Hard Luck of Postmaster-General, Who Must Drive Horse, Supply Own Motor Car or Walk.

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When Postmaster-General Hays appeared at the executive offices this morning to attend the Cabinet meeting, Secretary of State B. C. Christian, Jr., secretary to the President, called out:

"Will you hitch your horse and buggy outside?"

"George, why mock a man in his adversity?" retorted Mr. Hays.

The Postmaster-General is the only department head who cannot have an automobile at the expense of Uncle Sam. He must use a horse drawn vehicle or walk. For him there is nothing doing

in the motor line. Mr. Burlison, his predecessor, explained, this when he turned over the office.

"It's hard luck, Hays," said Burlison, "but you're the victim of a Democratic kicker who did not like me. When the matter of appropriations for the automobiles of department heads came up in Congress this person arose and remarked that inasmuch as Postmaster-General Burlison was so zealous about economy and keeping down salaries he guessed the Postmaster-General would not mind going without an automobile to help the Government along, and could do well enough with a horse and carriage. Congress took that view, and there you are."

DR. SAWYER APPOINTED
WHITE HOUSE PHYSICIAN

Marion Man Will Rank as
Brigadier in Medical Corps.

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Dr. C. E. Sawyer of Marion, Ohio, who for more than twenty years has been the physician of the Harding family, is to be commissioned a Brigadier General in the Medical Corps of the army and assigned to active duty as the medical attendant of the President. This developed to-day at the War Department when it became known that the necessary papers for the appointment are being prepared in the office of the Adjutant General.

The knowledge that Dr. Sawyer is to be retained as the medical attendant of President Harding disposed of the considerable speculation in that connection. It meant that Dr. Cary T. Grayson of the Naval Medical Corps, with the rank of Rear Admiral, would leave the White House staff after a long period under both Woodrow Wilson and William H. Taft. Dr. Grayson recently was detailed to be the officer in charge of the Naval Dispensary in Washington.

Dr. Sawyer is nationally known in the medical profession, having for years conducted a sanitarium known as White Oaks Farm, for nervous diseases, at Marion.

SALT WATER SECRETARY
IS TO BE DENBY'S AIM

Will Join Fleet at Guantanamo
for Spring Manoeuvres.

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Secretary Denby purposes literally mounting the quarterdeck of the Navy Department. He will be a salt water Secretary. He has acquired his sea legs in two years and will join the Admirals of his department in actual sea service.

He announced to-day that he would join the fleet at Guantanamo and remain with it during the spring manoeuvres if his duties will permit.

Secretary Denby does not expect the unusually experience he will acquire in the actual sea conditions that confront the fleet.

Naval officers have ascribed a title to the new Secretary on account of his salt water interludes. He will now be known as "the Boat Admiral."

SMOKING BANNED IN UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 8.—An anti-cigarette bill, forbidding the sale of cigarettes in Utah was signed by Gov. Charles R. Mabey to-day. The bill also prohibits other smoking in public places.

BEER DRINKERS, HERE'S
HOPE—IF YOU'RE ILL

Palmer Decided It's Medicine,
but Ruling Got Lost.

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A ruling made by Attorney-General Palmer that beer is medicine within the meaning of the Volstead act just as much as whiskey and wine, was discovered to-day in the files of the Department of Justice, and was sent at once to the Treasury Department for transmittal to the Prohibition Commissioner and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. This ruling was one of the last acts of Mr. Palmer before he left office, but it appears to have been lost until found to-day.

Under this ruling, a physician may prescribe beer as medicine in whatever quantity he may decide is necessary for his patient's health. It follows almost word for word the ruling which held that whiskey could be prescribed as medicine. It will, however, necessitate a complete change in the existing rules governing the manufacture and distribution of beer, and it may be several weeks before beer may be sold as a medicine on a physician's prescription.

Prohibition Commissioner Kramer said to-night he had not yet received the ruling, and would make no statement until it reaches his office.

JERSEY ANTI-FRAT
BILL IS WITHDRAWN

Backers Refuse Compromise
Making It Less Drastic.

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Abandonment for the present session of the bill to abolish fraternities and similar organizations from the public schools of the State was announced to-night by Mr. Dater of Bergen, who introduced the measure in the House. The bill was opposed by pupils, particularly those of high schools, throughout the State. It was backed by the Women's Federated Clubs and organizations of a similar character.

Mr. Dater at the suggestion of members of the State Department of Public Instruction and others proposed to amend the bill by making the abolition of fraternities optional with local boards of education. This amendment was not acceptable to the original backers of the bill, which led Mr. Dater to conclude that it would be unwise to press the measure further at this time. The fight, it is said, will be resumed next year.

COLOMBIAN TREATY
UP TO PRESIDENT

Senate Will Not Act on Compact Until It Hears From Harding.

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The Senate found itself with nothing to do when it convened to-day because of the demands on President Harding and his Cabinet, which afforded no opportunity for submission to the Senate of further appointments or requests for action on treaties. An adjournment was taken until to-morrow.

It was made known that until a special message is sent by President Harding the Senate will not act on the Colombian treaty, one of the important matters before the special session. There is some doubt about the President's course, furthermore, because of growing opposition to ratification of the Colombian compact.

This opposition is due, for one thing, to the belief on the part of Senators who were close friends of President Roosevelt that its ratification would be at least a discourtesy to his memory, since he was very strongly opposed to it. The opponents, who include such Republican Senators as Poindexter (Wash.), Kellogg (Minn.), John (Cal.), Borah (Idaho) and Kenyon (Iowa), have also other reasons for their opposition, one of which is that they think its ratification would be a confession of wrongdoing against Colombia by the United States, which they are not prepared to admit. They insist further that discussion of the treaty shall be held in open session rather than in secret, and they threaten to discuss it in open session whatever rule is adopted.

Several of the critics of the treaty conferred to-day, mapping out a programme of action. It was learned that Senator Kellogg has protested personally to President Harding against ratification of the treaty. He and others intend to fortify their objection to it by quoting from the minority report made March 14, 1917, signed by Senators Lodge (Mass.), McCumber (N. D.), Borah (Idaho), Brandegee (Conn.) and Fall (N. M.), in which among other things this language was used:

"We cannot afford to purchase cordial relations with any country. We cannot afford to answer a blackmail demand. Any friendship which is bought is worthless, especially when bought under threats which, when successful, breed contempt in the mind of the seller and a sense of bitter dislike and humiliation in that of the buyer."

Senator Knox did not join in this minority report, but on the contrary, filed separate views favoring ratification of the treaty if it could be done without impugning "the past attitude, acts or motives of the Government." He believed that was possible, emphasizing the importance of such action in furthering more friendly relations with Latin American republics.

"Believing that the power and prestige of the United States in its foreign relations no less than funds of the Treasury are entrusted to the Government not for dissipation in shadowy or millennial projects," said Senator Knox, "but for the practical benefit of real American interests, I have considered this treaty from the point of view of its contribution to the general welfare of this nation in the sense of the Constitution. I find the treaty consonant and proper in that respect."

It is understood President Harding is being kept advised of developments in the Senate relating to the Colombian treaty. He probably will be guided to some extent at least by the advice of friends of ratification of the treaty.



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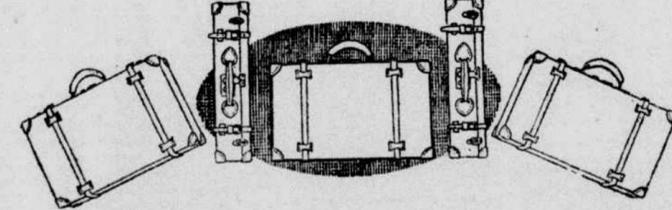
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