

LABOR MARSHALS FORCES TO COMBAT ANTI-STRIKE BILL

Flotation of 50-Year Bond Issue to Refund War Debt Proposed

BANKER PLANS PYRAMIDING OF INTEREST RATE

Submits Revenue Program Which Would Produce Four Billions. 5 Per Cent Income Tax Rate Is Recommended; Exempts \$5,000 Year.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Flotation of a bond issue into which would be refunded practically the entire bonded indebtedness of the American government, was proposed to the house ways and means committee Friday by Jules W. Bache, a New York banker, as a means of equalizing the burden of taxation resulting from the world war.

Bonds of the new issue proposed by Mr. Bache would run for 50 years. They would bear a scale of interest rates starting at six per cent for the first five years, 5 1/2 per cent the second five years, 5 per cent the third period of five years and permanent rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum thereafter until maturity.

The New York banker also submitted a revenue program which he declared would easily produce \$3,500,000,000 annually. Included in it was a sales tax of one per cent which he estimated would yield \$2,000,000,000 annually.

As regards an income tax, Mr. Bache recommended the enactment of a flat normal rate of five per cent on all incomes with an exemption of \$5,000. Taxes on incomes below \$5,000, he declared, were small and did not come from persons from whom the government should seek revenue.

In connection with consideration of tax revisions by the committee, one of its members, Representative Treadway, Republican, of Massachusetts, introduced in the house a bill which would provide for a tax of one fourth of one per cent on all bank deposits except savings accounts.

AUTOIST, WHO SLEW BUTTE MAN, DRUNK

Slayer Out on Bail Through "Pull" of Brother-in-Law, Former City Official.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—William McMurray was in an intoxicated condition while driving an automobile which figured in the accident when Curtis Lytton of Butte, Mont., was killed here a few days ago, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury returned Friday.

President Wilson Buys \$150,000 Home in Washington, D. C.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Purchase for President Wilson of the former home here of Henry P. Fairbanks is announced by R. W. Bolling, the president's brother-in-law. The house will be the permanent residence of the president after his retirement from office, March 4.

Smith-Fletcher Bill O-K'd by Washington Irrigation Institute

Ellensburg, Wn., Dec. 17.—Rejection of the Columbia basin irrigation project in eastern Washington and western Idaho and endorsement of the Smith-Fletcher reclamation bill providing for a revolving fund of \$350,000,000 for reclamation development and the accomplishment and purposes of the Northwestern Reclamation association and the Western States Reclamation association, featured the closing of the Washington Irrigation institute here Friday.

Thief Out of Luck When He Grabs Purse of Athletic Woman

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Out of thousands of shoppers who thronged State street in the heart of the Loop, Stanley Zepecki, a purse snatcher, chose Mrs. W. A. Middleton, aged 50, as a victim.

Zepecki did not know that Mrs. Middleton is a teacher of physical culture. After demonstrating a few jiu-jitsu tricks of the man and taking her purse away from him, Mrs. Middleton surrendered the astonished pick-pocket to the police.

Judge John Pridville completed the record with a fine of \$100 and costs and six months in the house of correction.

MATERNITY AID BILL BLOCKED BY DEBT CRY

Debate Serves as Vehicle for Senator Warren to File Protest.

Washington, Dec. 17.—An inconclusive debate on the Sheppard-Towner bill for federal and state aid to maternity and infancy served as a vehicle Friday for Chairman Warren, of the senate appropriations committee, to issue a general protest against rising government expenditure.

"We are facing a situation where we must cut even if we cause heartache," Senator Warren asserted. "We have had one session from immense deficit of \$1,250,000,000 existing now. Treasury Secretary Houston reports that there was this year a decrease in national indebtedness, but there is something which I don't like to bring forth, but which must be faced. This year the treasury has had receipts from immense stores of war materials sold as salvage.

According to the last reports I have been able to secure, the total received from these sales is \$700,000,000 more than the reduction accomplished in the debt.

"Now, 1919 was a year of unparalleled prosperity and the taxes we are collecting now are consequently the greatest that could be secured. The present year, with falling prices, is showing tremendous losses and when business men close up books January and the figures show where they actually stand, they will disclose an immense fall in tax collections. The government cannot meet this situation except by a stand which will cut off every new expenditure, and even then our treasury certificate borrowings may go to 6 and 7 per cent before the money can be obtained."

Senators Sheppard, Democrat of Texas; Francis, Republican of Maryland; and Pittman, Democrat, of Nevada, promptly countered with suggestions that the \$2,500,000 involved under the bill for aid to mothers and infants during the present year could easily be taken from military appropriations. Likewise the government expenditures for boll weevil eradication and hog cholera remedies, Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, agreed to withdraw opposition to the bill if its sponsors would accept an amendment under which no new governmental organizations would be built up to administer the expenditures for boll weevil eradication and hog cholera remedies, Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, agreed to withdraw opposition to the bill if its sponsors would accept an amendment under which no new governmental organizations would be built up to administer the expenditures for boll weevil eradication and hog cholera remedies.

Advice to Trappers Is Not to Trap This Year, Boost Fur Price

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Admonition to stop trapping to check the rapidly declining prices of raw pelts was given to trappers throughout the world today by the International Fur exchange.

Prices of raw furs have declined an average of 50 per cent in the last year. Albert M. Avern, vice president of the exchange said: "If the trappers of this country," advises the exchange, "will refuse to trap furs this season they will in our opinion make far more money for themselves next year, by getting double the furs and doubling the price."

The principal cause of the tobogganing prices was attributed to the strike of employees in the manufacturing branches of the industry.

Adventuresses and Relatives Drive Wealthy Scion of Mop Off Job; Seeks Higher Places

Malden, Mass., Dec. 17.—William R. Hanson, who says he is heir to a quarter of a million dollars, lost his job as janitor in a drug store Friday because of the sudden popularity that followed announcement of his inheritance.

DISABLED SOLDIERS VICTIMS OF GOUGING STATE INSTITUTIONS

New York Exacts Value of \$3,000,000 Hospital in Ten Year Rental Bill Approved by House Discloses; Cook County, Illinois, Exposed by American Legion Officer Before Public Committee.

Washington, Dec. 17.—After hearing charges of ill treatment and improper housing of disabled ex-service men, 10,000 of whom were reported to be suffering in state hospitals and poor houses, the house committee on public buildings voted Friday to report favorably the bill authorizing the government to lease a proposed \$3,000,000 hospital to be erected in New York city by the state government.

Under the bill as approved the government would pay the state an annual rental of 10 per cent of the annual cost of construction. Estimates were submitted showing annual rental would total the actual cost of \$3,000,000 in the 10 year lease period specified in the bill.

H. H. Raeger of the national legislative committee of the American Legion, charged that New York State was profiting to the extent of \$300,000 a year on 800 totally disabled men farmed out to its state institutions by the federal government.

Cook county, Illinois, was pointed to by the witness as another instance of what he described as profiteering under the present system of the national government turning disabled service men over to state and county institutions. Veterans, he said, were being cared for by institutions in Cook county at an expense to the government of from \$2.50 to \$3.50 a day each, while the cost to the institutions was only \$1 a day. Mr. Raeger asked that all ex-soldiers be placed in federal hospitals. Surgeon General Cummings of the public health service said reports of a similar nature had reached him.

Cardinal Gibbons' Condition Improved

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 17.—Cardinal Gibbons, who has been ill at the home of friends at Union Mills, Carroll county, Maryland, for the last ten days had a restless night but was reported to be in good condition late this afternoon.

His physicians said that while the cardinal's condition was serious, it was not necessarily alarming.

Fear of German Power by French War Chief, Imaginary, Say Solons

Chamber of Deputies Vote Confidence in Government After Resignation of Andre Lefevre; Castelnau's Interpellation Speech on Sufficiency of Military Cheered Even by Socialists.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The chamber of deputies voted confidence in the government Friday, 493 to 65, after discussing the resignation Thursday of Andrew Lefevre, the war minister. General Castelnau, interpellating Premier Leygues on the resignation of M. Lefevre, said:

"The fears of former Minister Lefevre would be justified if Germany were not disarmed. We asked the premier: 'Is Germany disarmed or in a fair way of disarmament? If not, why are you waiting to perform the operation, which this chamber has been requesting unceasingly the past year?'

End Germany's Power. "We must end, at least temporarily, the military power of Germany and end it for as long a period as possible. If Germany has not been disarmed, she must be disarmed immediately. Germany is a troublesome power and is opposing resistance to execution of the treaty. The preparations question is unsettled although the fact remains that Germany was defeated. France cannot reduce her military expenses without sacrificing the highest national interests until Germany is disarmed."

The whole chamber applauded General Castelnau, even the Socialists joining in. Premier Leygues, replying, said the military bill, which caused the resignation of M. Lefevre, was insufficient to protect France, had been endorsed by Marshals Foch, Joffre and Petain, and General Mangin, and others.

Illinois Cock Crow Is Heard in Texas, Awakens Housewife

Rock Island, Dec. 17.—Rock Island claims to have the world's record long distance crowing rooster. His crow can be heard more than 600 miles away. While R. K. Karl who was sending a wireless telephone message to Dallas, Texas, the rooster crowed and the operator at the receiving end said the cock's morn morn was so loud it awoke his wife and she got up to get breakfast.

Wool Growers to Meet in Salt Lake, Jan. 16

Salt Lake City, Dec. 17.—The fifty sixth annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association will be held here January 16, 17, and 18, according to announcement today by F. C. Marshall, secretary of the association. Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve board, Washington, D. C., has accepted an invitation to address the convention on financial matters.

JAIL SENTENCE DEMAND ENDS BUILDING PROBE

New York Investigating Committee Praises the Work of Untermeyer.

Spectators Cheer, Boo, Hiss Kaplan's Motion; Subsidiary Is Absolved.

New York, Dec. 17.—The joint legislative committee investigating the "building trust" abruptly adjourned its public session Friday when its hearing was thrown into confusion after an attempt by Senator Kaplan to have the committee instruct Samuel Untermeyer, its counsel, to demand maximum jail sentences for anyone pleading guilty to an indictment, so that no defendant would receive leniency for turning "state's evidence."

The Kaplan motion, which was vigorously opposed by Mr. Untermeyer, as a "monstrous outrage upon public interest," was overruled by Senator Lockwood, chairman of the committee, who asked that the body go into executive session immediately to consider Kaplan's appeal from the chairman's action.

Confidence in Counsel. The committee then adopted a resolution expressing confidence in its counsel, who have "produced results most beneficial to the people of the city, the state and nation through their untiring efforts."

The public hearing was thrown into confusion during the wrangling over the Kaplan motion, hundreds of spectators in the room alternately cheering, booing and hissing the remarks of Senator Kaplan, Mr. Untermeyer, and Senator Lockwood.

At the executive session Senator Kaplan cast the only dissenting vote against the resolution, but he stated he approved that part of the statement expressing the fullest confidence in counsel and congratulated them upon the wonderful results produced.

Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corp., in a statement issued here late Friday, absolved the American Bridge Co. from any irregular practices in reference to the committee's investigation of the structural steel industry.

"I have not had opportunity," Mr. Gary said, "to read the full proceedings before the committee, but I believe full investigation of the subject matter will show that nothing has been done by the American Bridge Co. concerning the matter, which is contrary to law or in any respect reprehensible—certainly not with knowledge or approval of officers of the United States Steel Corp. or of the American Bridge Co."

Clever Counterfeiter Is Arrested in Butte by U. S. Secret Service

Butte, Dec. 17.—A federal secret service operative and Butte police Friday night unearthed a complete counterfeiting outfit in a cabin in the business district. A man who gave the name of Fink was arrested as he started to enter the cabin.

The federal agent, who came to Butte from Spokane a month ago and has been endeavoring to locate the counterfeiting plant since, believes Fink to be one of the cleverest counterfeiters in the United States.

REAPPORTIONMENT SET

Washington, Dec. 17.—Republican members of the house at a caucus Friday night decided to put through at this session of congress a bill reapportioning the membership of the house to correspond with increases in population as represented in the 1920 census.

Police Raid Dublin Following Slaying

Dublin, Dec. 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—The entire business section of Dublin was raided by the police Friday evening following the shooting of District Inspector O'Sullivan, of Dublin castle. The inspector was passing a fancy fair in Henry street, accompanied by a Miss Moore, to whom he was engaged to be married.

Inspector O'Sullivan died in a hospital an hour after the shooting. He was fired upon by two masked civilians. Barricaded Castle. In order to prevent a surprise attack at points considered vulnerable Dublin castle was being strongly fortified. On the northwest corner of the castle, the street was closed and barbed wire barricades were placed.

FOES CATCH LABOR GROUP OFF WATCH; CONFERENCES CALLED BY LA FOLLETTE

Meetings Initiated for Purpose of Achieving "Better Co-Ordination of Liberal Forces of Country With Their Representatives in House and Senate", Word Given Out by Conferees.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A series of conferences attended by several senators, representatives and labor leaders, was begun Friday for the announced purpose of achieving "a better co-ordination of the liberal forces of the country with their representatives in the house and senate." Senator LaFollette was understood to have figured largely in initiating the conferences as an immediate result of the senate's passage Thursday of the Poin-dexter anti-strike bill while its foes were "off watch."

WANTS STATE'S AID IN CARE OF VETS DISABLED IN WAR

Director of War Risk Insurance Urges Consideration of Related Federal Bureaus.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Recommendations that the state assume part of the care of disabled world war veterans and for consolidation of all federal agencies dealing with ex-service men were made by Director Cholmley-Jones, of the bureau of war risk insurance, in his annual report just made public. He urged that the states build hospitals and lease them, with option to purchase, to the government.

The proposed consolidation of federal agencies would be "to the mutual advantage of the government and its beneficiaries," the director said, adding that it was "unsatisfactory" to administer separately several distinct services to ex-service men.

Over-payment of \$9,796,734 was made in allotments and allowances section the report said, 90 per cent of which was due to delay in the receipt of notification discharges from the military service, usually unavoidable. More than half of the over-payments have been refunded. Some is being returned in periodical payments.

"The achievements of the bureau are less likely to attract public attention than its errors," the report says. "As a result of the war risk insurance act, never in history was a war fought with so few privations in the homes of the men called to war."

Premium protection has been approved on \$12,526,956 in insurance transferred to commercial companies, the report says.

U. S. BANK PROFITS BILL TO AID FARMERS

Second Proposal Would Make Cotton Factories' Paper Eligible for Discount.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Two separate proposals looking toward alterations in the federal reserve system in the interest of farmers were presented Friday in the senate.

Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, of Nebraska, presented a bill to amend the federal reserve act so as to permit the secretary of the treasury to place profits resulting from operations of the federal reserve system as special deposits in such reserve banks as he might select. These deposits would remain in the banks not to exceed one year and would be used to discount paper of member banks loaned on agricultural products or livestock.

The second proposal, an amendment to the federal reserve act, offered by Senator Smith, Democrat, of Georgia, would make cotton factories' paper eligible for discount at federal reserve banks.

65 Phone Companies Make Seven Millions Profit in September

Washington, Dec. 17.—The 65 major telephone companies of the United States operated at a profit of \$7,525,913 during September, an increase of \$3,024,179 over the corresponding month of 1919.

The income of the companies for September amounted to \$41,738,621 and the operating expenses amounted to \$31,690,367. For the nine months ending with September, the total revenues of the companies amounted to \$339,287,277 and the expenses amounted to \$274,988,937. The total operating income for the 10 months was \$60,324,636.

Caught Off Guard

This suggestion was emphasized by passage of the Poin-dexter bill prohibiting strikes in interstate commerce because opponents of this measure had not been properly warned that it was to be taken up by the senate.

When the senate fight to overturn passage of the Poin-dexter bill would be made had not been determined.

MOTHERS PLAN WAR PREVENTION LEAGUE

Pilgrimage to Battlefields and Cemeteries of Europe Is Announced.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—An international league of mothers, to prevent war for all time is the goal of the National American War Mothers, as announced here Friday night by Alice M. French, president of the organization, who Friday announced a plan whereby 500 or more war mothers throughout the nation will book voyage on a special ship to visit the battlefields of the world war and cemeteries where lie American war dead.

"Our idea is to enlist the efforts of the brilliant women of the world, and particularly the mothers who suffered through the war, to perfect a league which will continue peace forever," Mrs. French said today. "We figure that as long as men lead the affairs of the world we will have war, for they will fight, but we mothers will agree on peace."

The ship is scheduled to sail early in June.