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WOULD FORCE CAR MERGER

Utilities Body Has Plan to Take Excess Profits in Super Taxes.

By BILL PRICE.
Legislation that virtually will absorb in taxation all surplus profits of street railways and public utilities of the District, above fair and reasonable returns upon valuation, soon will be recommended to Congress by the Public Utilities Commission of the District. If the present plans of that body are carried out.
This will be the main feature of legislation Congress will be asked to enact covering the street railway and utility situations generally in the District, although there will be other provisions of importance, the majority of them aiming at encouragement of a unification of the two street railway systems on a fair basis.
It is generally held that, under the La Follette law, a merger of the two companies may not legally be accomplished without sanction of Congress. So, it is the idea of the Utilities Commission and most of the civic organizations of Washington to have a legislative vehicle ready which may provide the desired unification.
Members of the Utilities Commission see plainly that it is going to be difficult to force a merger so long as one of the railway companies is rolling in surplus revenues while the other is barely making ends meet.
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A POPULAR POSTER



EYEBALLS CLICK AS HE REQUESTS WINE

Clergyman Starts Near Riot in Getting D. C. Permit For Sacrament.

When an elderly man walked into the office of Wade H. Coombs, superintendent of licenses, yesterday, and told a clerk he wanted to get five gallons of wine, quite a bit of excitement was caused.
At the time, the room was filled with persons seeking automobile licenses. Speaking in rather loud tones the man was heard all over the office, and an army of eyeballs were heard to click in the direction of the speaker.
But the clerk didn't seem to think anything unusual was happening. He reached into a desk, drew out a blank form, and requested that it be filled out. The man took out his fountain pen and began writing, the attention of numerous persons still centered on him. He then handed the paper, filled out, back to the clerk.
"I'll refer this to the Commissioner," the clerk said, "and you can drop in here tomorrow morning and get a permit for the wine."
The elderly man, expressing his thanks, departed, while a dumbfounded audience looked after him. For several seconds there was silence. Finally one of the men in line asked the clerk:
"What's all this about?"
"Whereupon came this answer: "Oh, you know, churches are allowed to use wine for sacramental purposes, and this man is a clergyman. Each church can get five gallons at a time. This is a permit to purchase it and bring it into the District."
The crowd looked disappointed. Superintendent Coombs later pointed out that permits for more than 1,000 gallons have been issued since the dry law became effective.

TWO HELD UP BY NEGRO FOOTPADS

Two unidentified colored men last night held up Joseph Statesman, colored, a salesman of 30 Massachusetts avenue northwest, at Twenty-sixth and E streets northwest and robbed him of \$12.

Statesman told the police that he was hired in front of the Union Station by the two men and ordered to drive to Twenty-fourth and M streets and then to Twenty-sixth and D streets. At the latter point one of the men drew a revolver while the second rifled his pockets.

A second hold-up occurred shortly after 1 o'clock this morning, when Matthew Bailey, 226 C street northwest, reported he was robbed by three negroes at the west end of the Q street bridge of \$150 and a watch.

Mrs. Helen M. Boynton, Wardman Courts, South, found a young white man in her apartment shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He said he was employed by an electric company and had come to repair some fixtures.

Mrs. Boynton later discovered that several articles of jewelry and \$65 in money had been stolen.

Emmanuel Sullivan, colored, of 41 Massachusetts avenue, a hackman, was held up by two soldiers near Fairfax Va., last night and robbed of his automobile and a small amount of money. He was the third hackman to be held up and robbed last night.

Sullivan, who is employed as a porter at the Union Station in the daytime, uses his automobile at night as a taxi. He was the third hackman to be held up and robbed last night.

20 NEW PORTABLE SCHOOL HOUSES READY NEXT WEEK

Twenty new portable school buildings will be completed within the next week, Snowden Ashford, municipal architect, announced today.

The new buildings, each capable of holding forty students, will be put into operation immediately after completion. This will bring the total of portables in the District up to seventy-nine.

RED CROSS HAS HALF OF QUOTA

Keen Rivalry Manifested as Drive for Funds and Members Nears End.

With the rivalry between the finance and membership committees of the District Red Cross Chapter increasing in intensity as the end of the annual roll call—November 11—draws near, officials of the chapter expect Washington to "go over the top" before Monday. Fifty thousand members have been recorded at headquarters, and the special fund of \$100,000, the objective of the finance committee's drive, is more than half in.

One hundred per cent enrollment of all the Government buildings is relied upon to furnish an additional \$50,000 members, and the work of canvassing these buildings is progressing rapidly. Keen competition exists among the various Government departments to see which will be the first to win the right to fly the Red Cross flag from its building. It is expected that every department will complete a 100 per cent enrollment before Monday.

D. C. Donors Tardy.
"While the new and renewed memberships are rolling in at a gratifying rate, the donations for the \$100,000 fund, which is Washington's quota to complete the wartime program of the American Red Cross, are not keeping pace with them," said Charles I. Corby, vice chairman of the finance committee today.

"It is vital to the success of the campaign to obtain this fund which was fixed by the Potomac division headquarters. Everyone should bear in mind that there are two separate and distinct objects of this campaign. One is the fund necessary to complete the work among our soldiers and their families, and the second is to aid in the twenty-nine stricken countries overseas."

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A number of meetings will be held, and the following schedule will be carried out for the different branches of the service. At these meetings representatives will be chosen to appear before the commission during the hearings.

- November 12. Administrative, supervisory, clerical and business service, 9 a. m. Filing service, 11 a. m. Governmental bookkeeping, accounting and auditing, 1 p. m. Mechanical tabulating machine service, 3 p. m.
- November 13. Messenger service, 9 a. m. Office appliance operating service, 11 a. m. Typing, stenographic, correspondence and secretarial service, 3 p. m.
- November 14. Supply and equipment service, 9 a. m. Examiner service, 11 a. m. Personnel service, 1 p. m. Recorder service, 3 p. m.
- November 15. Docket service and clerks of courts, 9 a. m. Mail service, 11 a. m. Counters, 1 p. m.
- November 17. Assessor and appraiser service, 9 a. m. Dead letter office, 10 a. m. Comparers, verifiers and checkers, 11 a. m. Miscellaneous clerical service, 2 p. m. Statistical clerical service, 1 p. m.

PICK TEAMS TO CANVASS D. C. FOR CORNELL DRIVE

Ten teams will canvass Washington in the interest of the Cornell University campaign for \$5,000,000. They will endeavor to raise \$125,000, which is the District's quota of that amount. The teams are headed by the following captains:

- F. V. Goville, Department of Agriculture; P. B. Lum, 136 Otis place; M. H. Coulston, Patent Office; T. A. Walker, County and Geodetic Survey; H. A. Hess, civil service; H. H. McLachlan, 700 Tenth street; P. E. Leah, 1512 H street; G. S. Macomber, Bureau of Standards; Liept. Col. W. A. Borden, army; and Mantion M. Wyvell, Union Trust Company, cap. in of publicity bureau.

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This Times Cup Goes to Best D. C. Window Display of Blouses



A handsome silver cup, presented by The Washington Times, is the trophy to be competed for by women's wear shops of Washington next week. The event is participation of Washington merchants in National Blouse Week. The dominant idea in inaugurating National Blouse Week is to demonstrate that the American Blouse is an established creation, a product second to none. The styles are created in this country, the fabrics come from American mills, the dyes are of American manufacture, and equal to the best in the world.

U. S. Revenue Agents Take Correspondence School Course in Prohibition

Government employees, numbering more than 1,000, today are members of the primer prohibition school of the Internal Revenue Bureau. They are taking a correspondence course in making the nation dry.

Commissioner Daniel Roper is schoolmaster to his agents all over the country, charged with suppressing the home-made still, the bootleg, the "family entrance."

DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN WEBSTER

"The two detectives lied on me; but if it's God's will that I be punished that way, I have nothing to say."
This was the answer of Charles Ross Webster, forty-three years old, who was convicted of first-degree murder in connection with the death of fifteen-year-old Richard Duvel, at Brookland, June 7 last, to the question of the clerk of Criminal Court No. 1 as to whether he had anything to say why the sentence of the law should not be pronounced.

FIREMEN'S PAY UP IN SENATE SOON

Early consideration of the House bill providing increased pay to the Washington firemen is expected in the Senate soon. Senator Calder of New York declared today.

JITNEY LINES GET PERMITS

Utilities Commission Grants Permission to Operate Buses in City at Six-Cent Rate.

Permission to operate a motor bus line, carrying passengers at 6 cents, between Fourteenth and Park Road, and the Government buildings at Eighteenth and Virginia avenue northwest, was granted today by the Public Utilities Commission to Charles B. Whittington, George C. Cohan, and Paul C. O. Davis.

Three motor buses, each carrying twenty to twenty-five persons, will begin operating within two weeks, inaugurating the beginning of the motor line. The buses will operate from 7 in the morning until 11 at night.

Each bus will be equipped with electric lights, windows and bells, with entrance in front and exit in rear. The chauffeur will drive the car and act as conductor. A line similar to this has been successfully operated, with a 10 cent fare, in Jersey City, New Jersey. The buses are expected to reach this city from the factory next week.

Route of Buses.
According to Mr. Whittington, who is assuming directorship of the lines, the buses will be operated on these streets:
From Fourteenth and Park Road to Eighteenth and Virginia avenue northwest, via Park Road, Mt. Pleasant street, Columbia Road, Connecticut avenue, Seventeenth street, H street and Eighteenth street. The buses will return on the same route.
Mr. Whittington said today bus lines would be operated all over the city if the experiment with the three buses was successful.

Other Permits Granted.
The Utilities Commission also approved other applications to operate jitney lines. Those who received permission from the commission are:
Salvador Oliveri Fifteenth and H streets northeast, to Seventeenth and H streets northwest, via H street, Massachusetts avenue, New York avenue and H street.

COURT SENTENCES FOUR FOR ROBBERY

Ralph B. Evans and John R. Shipley, both colored, were sentenced to serve a year and a half each in the penitentiary by Justice Gould, presiding in Criminal Court, No. 1, today.

Campbell was convicted of man slaughter in connection with the death of Andrew Thomas, September 30, 1918.

CALL MEETING OF WOMEN WORKERS

A mass meeting of all the women employed in hotels, restaurants, lunch rooms, apartment houses and hospitals has been called by the Minimum Wage Board for Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the Board Room of the District Building.

Other industries in which wage rates are to be established in the near future are: laundries, cleaning and dyeing, telephone and telegraph manufacturing and mechanical establishments.

"SAINT CLOSED" IS BRAND NEW ONE ON THIS COP

Washington has a patron saint. He is St. Closed.
At least that is what a certain auto driver thought. The driver in question was spinning along through one of the city streets yesterday afternoon when he noticed a sign in the middle of the roadway. It read "St. Closed." He got about half way down the block when he was halted by a policeman, who asked him if he could read.
"Sure I can," he said.
"Then what the hell did you run by that sign for?" the policeman replied.
"What sign?" the driver inquired.
"The sign that said 'Street closed,'" the policeman answered.
"That's one on me," the driver exclaimed. "I read that sign 'Saint Closed.'"

CLOTHING PRICES TO REMAIN HIGH

Reductions in the prices of raw material for clothing will not be reflected in the retail market this winter or next spring, according to Washington merchants.
Most of the business houses of the city have placed their orders for spring merchandise, and all find that wholesale prices are considerably higher than those of the past year.
"Although prices of raw wool have been slightly reduced, as shown in Department of Labor statistics, other items entering into the manufacture of clothing have so increased as to more than make up the difference," said Clarence W. Grosner, of the Raleigh haberdasher, today.

Mr. Grosner declares that prices may drop a year from now, but that they cannot possibly come down in the near future. Increase in labor costs, he says, is largely responsible for the rise in price of clothing.
"One manufacturer recently raised the wages in his plant 30 per cent," said Mr. Grosner. "What difference does it make if raw wool drops 2 or 3 per cent when the price of labor and coal and everything else has risen from 10 to 50 per cent?"

15 YEARS FOR SLAYING.

A sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary was imposed on Joseph Campbell, colored, by Justice Gould, presiding in Criminal Court, No. 1, today.

Frank Kidwell's Markets

- Stores 5
- Meats Priced Right—Not One Day, Every Day
- Extra Fancy Smoked Hams, lb. 27c
- Fancy Small Smoked Shoulders, lb. 22c
- Lean Pork Chops, lb. 32c
- All Pork Sausage Meat. . . 35c
- Sliced Machine Bacon. . . 40c
- Pork Puddings, lb. 25c
- Pig Tails, lb. 15c
- Round Steak, fancy . . . 25c
- Porterhouse Steak 25c
- Sirloin Steak, lb. 25c
- Hamburg Steak 20c
- Chuck Roast 19c
- Fancy Legs Spring Lamb, lb. 27c
- Shoulder Lamb 20c
- Breast Spring Lamb . . . 15c
- Loins and Rib Chops, lb. . . . 30c
- Fancy Frying and Roasting Chickens, special, lb. 30c

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APPROVE D. C. SCHOOL FUND

Commissioners Place O. K. on \$133,900 Appropriation to Pay 132 Additional Teachers.

The District Commissioners have approved of the request of the Board of Education for a deficiency appropriation of \$133,900, which provides for 132 additional teachers in the schools, and today forwarded the board's request to the Treasury Department to be submitted to Congress.
Members of the board and the Commissioner will endeavor to have this appropriation passed at an early date if possible. The need of teachers is so great at this time that the education of the children of Washington may be seriously impaired unless Congress gives immediate relief.
Announcement that 132 new teachers would be asked for came unexpectedly. It was thought the board would make a request for twenty or thirty. Ernest L. Thurston, Superintendent of Schools, said recently he would ask the board for the exact number of instructors actually needed with the present enrollment. The Superintendent urged the board to hurry the appropriation.
The present enrollment in the schools is 60,213, the largest in the city's history. The increase in the teaching staff has not gone forward with the increase in the student body and as a result many classes are without teachers. In the high schools, in several instances, it has been necessary to cut out classes because of lack of teachers.
The deficiency appropriation also provides for an increase in salary of Miss Alice Deal, principal of Junior High School, at old Central High, and Miss Lucy D. Stone, principal of the Coolidge Junior High School, from \$1,860 to \$2,500 a year.
Congress will be asked to provide as follows:
In Group A, class 6 fifty teachers at \$1,900.
Class 5, thirty-one teachers at \$1,000.
Class 4, twenty-six teachers at \$900.
Class 3, twenty teachers at \$860.
The board provides \$240 additional for school clerks at \$720 a year and two school in the appropriation request.

JUNIOR MARINES TO AID LEGION DRIVE

Col. Phillips Hill, of the Junior Marines, a nephew of Maj. Gen. George B. Earnest, commander of the United States Marine Corps, and a number of other members of the Junior organization have volunteered to assist the American Women's Legion in its membership drive.
Colonel Hill and his followers will be stationed at the War Risk Insurance Bureau this afternoon and tomorrow, where they will distribute dog tags tellings of the aims of the American Women's Legion.
The whole junior marines regiment 165 strong, will march from the Mason house in full uniform, and take their stand in the business districts where they will "scout" for members.

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