

TACOMA LINES UP FOR RED CROSS DRIVE

Pile War Tax On Silent Poor; Noisy Rich Escaping

SENATE IGNORING WILSON'S POLICY

By Gilson Gardner
WASHINGTON, June 9.—Here for the first time are the big facts on how the senate finance committee is throwing the books into the plain people to make them pay for the war. If this committee is let alone two weeks more it will slam the whole burden onto the poor and let the rich out almost scot free.

Why the finance committee is running the game this way is simple:

Reason No. 1.—When special interests are taxed they howl; when the poor are asked they keep still.

Reason No. 2.—These nine have a majority of votes in the committee: Simmons, Fenwick, Lodge, Gallinger, Smoot, Townsend, Williams, Hoke Smith, Stone. Their records are so well known they require no Who's Whoing here.

These legislative buccanniers have gone so far in the process of ramming the gouge into the poor they have even voted to tax the water that puts the flax in your ice cream soda — and that's next to taxing the air you breathe.

Choice Samples
A complete list of what this senate committee has done to pick the pockets of the poor would fill a newspaper page, but here are a few choice samples:

Knocked out 25 per cent increase in rates on incomes over \$40,000 adopted by the house. This increase made the rate on incomes over a million dollars 45 per cent.

Killed increase in inheritance tax which had passed the house without protest.

Struck out retroactive income tax which would have collected additional taxes on basis of this year's returns.

Consumer Is Hit
Killed tax on automobile manufacturers and transferred it to automobile owner.

Rescinded tax on munitions manufacturers which has been in effect more than a year and produced \$25,000,000 revenue.

Now see what has been done to the mild and inoffensive consumer:

His sugar is to pay a tax of half a cent a pound when it leaves the manufacturer. Experience shows by the time the tax is transferred to you the price will be raised at least a cent a pound. This will yield government \$45,000,000 and will cost the consumer \$90,000,000.

Coffee is to pay one cent a pound tax which will be doubled or trebled by the time the consumer pays it.

Ten is to pay 2 cents a pound tax, which will likewise increase in transfer.

Cocoa, food for the sick and for children, is to pay three cents a pound, and the price increase will be not less than six.

Candy is to pay a heavy tax. All soft drinks and soda fountain syrups are to be taxed.

Every substitute for John Barleycorn except water is to be taxed, and it is suspected that was merely overlooked.

The only substantial thing the finance committee has done in the consumer's interest has been to strike out the 10 per cent increase in tariff duties carried by the house bill.

Rich Are Howlers
Just as serious as the transfer of the burden of war-cost from the rich to the consumer is complete abandonment by the finance committee of the pay-as-we-go policy urged by the president.

How far they have carried this abandonment is shown by the following figures:

Senator McAdoo, speaking presumably for the president, urged \$2,245,000,000 be raised this year by taxation. The house bill would have produced \$1,857,000,000. Senator Simmons says only \$1,150,000,000 will be raised by taxation — more than a billion dollars less than the president asked.

Against all this business few letters of protest have come from the plain people, but sales have come from rich manufacturers howling against any tax on them.

Misused Pension Fund, Is Charge

Judge Easterday signed an order Saturday morning which will stop the payment of future mothers' pensions to Mrs. Myrtle Foster.

The pension was taken away from her because she is not supporting her infant daughter with the money, as she claimed before the court.

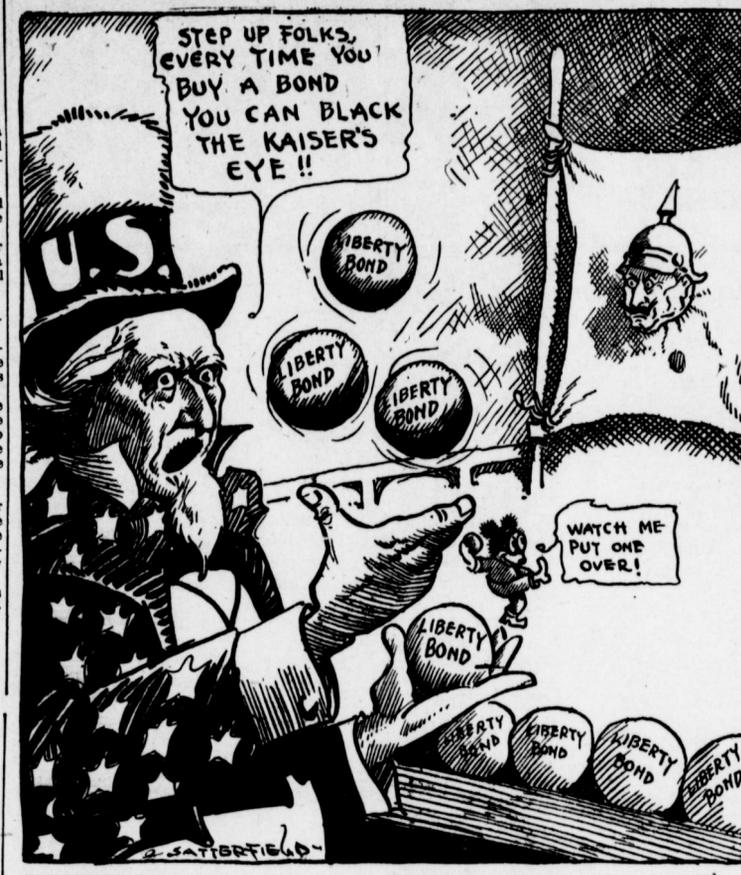
Probation Officer Healey investigated the case, and found that the child has been in Seattle for the last year, and that the mother has been keeping the money for herself.

Tacoma Police Officer Quits

Patrolman Charles B. Lindsay, former night captain of detectives, resigned his position Saturday to enter private business.

Richard Filkins, removed from the department two months ago for reduction of force, will fill the vacancy.

THE TIME AND THE PLACE



IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

This department is at the service of Times readers. Use it. In sending letters address them Editor The Times, Tacoma. Write on one side of the paper. Sign your full name and address. If you do not wish them to appear in the paper say so, and give also initials or other name as a signature. Be as brief as possible. Be fair and honest in your statements.

Congress
EDITOR THE TIMES:
If, as is generally supposed, the object of a newspaper is to furnish the public with the kind of news the public wants, permit me to suggest that you seem to be overlooking one of your very best bets.

I refer to the lack of news of the proceedings of congress in general, and the activities of the senators and congressmen from the Northwest in particular.

It is true that you give a short summary each day of what is going on at Washington. You tell us perhaps that the poor are to be taxed out of proportion to the rich, or that the two houses are in a deadlock over some detail, or that the congresswoman from Montana sobbed as she voted, or

that some aged senator blacked some lobbyist's eye. Recently, when the whole country was shouting for a certain definite action, when congress itself was already agreed on the same, the representative from this district delayed the vote, which was certain to be overwhelmingly favorable, by making a speech to show that he was with the majority.

That is all right as far as it goes; but what is the rest of it? You must remember that recent events have brought the public into real intimacy with the government.

We have petitioned congress, telegraphed senators, purchased an army post, enlisted, joined the Red Cross, bought Liberty bonds, registered for selective service, etc., etc.

We have become aroused to the necessity of defeating a dangerous and desperate enemy. We want to see it done quickly, effectively and efficiently.

We are saddled with a burdensome cost of living, we are facing a sweeping war tax. We want the money to be raised with justice and spent with wisdom.

Therefore, it would seem that the newspapers of the Northwest, either severally or jointly, would be wise to send reporters to Washington who could send us detailed reports on the activities of our servants there.

Let us have some news of our representatives and senators other than that which they ladle out to us themselves.

We need to know when they get up and when they go to bed, how they dress, what they eat, how much they drink, are they on the job early, do they stay there and tend to business?

What do they do and say? How do they vote?
Are they serving the country or special interests?
Whom do they associate with?
What committees do they belong to. When do they meet?
What part do they take? How do they stand in Washington?
How do they compare with others? How does the machinery work? What causes the delays? What are the jealousies and ambitions?

Please don't suggest that the Congressional Record is what I am looking for. In the first place, I want news before it is stale.

Secondly, I have a suspicion that the venerable Record is padded. Thirdly, there is a lot of stuff in its pages which has no interest for me or anyone else.

I would like to know how it gets there, but I don't want to read it.
Fourthly, the C. R. reports only that which is said upon the stage; I want to hear of what goes on

\$200,000 TO BE RAISED HERE

Tacoma will not allow her soldier boys to die of their wounds on European battlefields without medical aid! Tacoma is going to do her share—and it will be a big one—in the saving work of the third arm of Uncle Sam's fighting force.

Plans of the campaign to raise \$100,000 in Tacoma for the Red Cross during national Red Cross week, June 18 to 25, were outlined Saturday at a meeting of the captains of the 14 teams that are to canvass every nook of the city.

This was the first conference of captains and each one pledged his whole-hearted support for the drive.

At the meeting it was pointed out that failure of every man in Tacoma to contribute his share might result in the death of a friend, a relative, or even his own son from a superficial wound.

The team captains met in the office of A. G. Prichard, chairman of the Tacoma campaign committee. Each of the 14 captains will have a team of 10 men and to each team will be assigned a district to canvass for subscriptions.

The campaign is to be launched at a dinner Monday evening, June 18. At noon of each day during the week the teams will gather at luncheon and make reports.

The names of the men who will act as team captains are: A. B. Howe, William Jones, John S. Baker, E. J. Walsh, August von Boecklin, T. E. Ripley, Everett G. Griggs, Louis H. Bean, Joseph L. Carman, Ralph Stacy, Joseph Maddock, Meyer Jacobs, H. Y. Walker and A. V. Love.

The national campaign is under the direction of a Red Cross war council of five men appointed by President Wilson, composed of Henry P. Davinson, chairman, Cornelius N. Bliss jr., Edward N. Hurley, Grayson M. P. Murphy, Charles D. Norton, William H. Taft and Eliot Wadsworth.

Side by side with the big Red Cross campaign will be the drive to raise \$100,000 for the Tacoma General hospital.

This campaign will be launched at a meeting next Tuesday evening in the Masonic temple at 8:15 p. m.

Among the speakers will be Dr. James B. Eagleson, Seattle, an authority on hospital work; Dr. Clarence A. Smith, editor, Northwest Medicine; John Duncan Speath, Ph. D., of Princeton university; Bishop F. W. Keator and S. M. Jackson, president of the board of trustees of the hospital.

Scenes of the work in the hospital will be shown in the moving picture, "Five Minutes at Tacoma General hospital."

Preceding the meeting there will be a dinner in the Union club, with Dr. Eagleson, Dr. Clarence A. Smith, Dr. Speath and A. H. Zink.

Comes From Alberta To Offer Services

Coming all the way from Alberta, Canada, Benjamin J. Smith, age 30, a farmer who formerly lived in Tacoma, appeared before City Clerk Nickeus Saturday and registered under the selective draft act. He explained that he had been unable to reach Tacoma June 6, but that he wanted to serve his country. He has a wife and child on his Alberta ranch, but refused to claim exemption.

Maurice Sherman, age 26, an alien Russian, registered Saturday but claimed exemption because he is a member of the I. W. W. and has scruples against warfare.

More than 30 persons have registered since Tuesday, each claiming that he was unable to appear at any registration place on the day set aside by the government for the work.

Plan Rally For Liberty Bonds

A 100 per cent efficiency campaign to make the final week of the Liberty Bond campaign a rousing one will be started Monday night at a meeting of Tacoma business men in the Commercial club.

"We want to plan a shoe-leather campaign, where several of the Tacoma men can wear out their shoes in giving Tacoma 100 per cent on sales of the Liberty bonds," said E. R. Elliott Saturday morning.

The clock moved ahead Saturday to \$1,884,500, 119 sales having been made Friday, totaling \$23,900.

MAN FOR MAN ARMY MUST PASS TEST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—The war department will maintain its present rigid standards in selecting the new army.

This means that America will have on the western front youths the physical equal or superior of any now engaged. Estimates are that one of three or two may fail to meet the rigid tests.

Sound heart, lungs, eyes, teeth and feet are among the prime requisites, while other tests are more severe than the strictest life insurance standards.

The work of drafting the new army members should start by the last week in June. After a man has been drawn he then presents his reasons for exemption if he has claimed exemption.

The matter of exemption is still up to President Wilson who, it is expected, will soon determine what men shall be free of actual fighting service under the first draft.

Logger Killed; Neck Is Broken

Richard Gube, age 24, employed at the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber company's logging camp at Kapowsin, was instantly killed Friday afternoon when a snag which was being removed by a donkey engine suddenly became uprooted and struck him in the back of the neck. His neck was broken. Body taken to the J. R. Farrell undertaking plant, Orting.

older one of conscripting men. The fact that it never has been done before, however, does not diminish the justice behind such action.—Editor.

ALLEGED PLOTTERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

(United Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, June 9.—Gustav Jacobson and Albert Wende, indicted last week with Baron von Releswitz, former German vice consul of Chicago, and others for alleged conspiracy to foment a revolution in British India, today pleaded not guilty in federal court.

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Telephone Gossip
EDITOR THE TIMES:
Some people believe it is perfectly right to sit at a telephone from one-half to three-quarters of an hour and talk nonsense. If an emergency arises and the phone is needed right away, the person who is paying for it has to wait, fearing he might hurt the feeling of the long-winded talker. This happens day after day. Must we go on resenting it privately?
WORRIED.

Conscript Capital
EDITOR THE TIMES:
The government does not beg for men; it conscripts them.
The government does beg for capital. Can you tell me why it does not conscript capital?
E. A. HOLMES.
Capital certainly should be conscripted, and we can each help by writing our congressmen to that effect.
It is true that never before has any war been paid by the conscription of wealth—and the idea is therefore new and harder to put over than the

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