

STATE HOPES TO GET MORE REVENUE FROM FOUR MILL TAX AND AUTO ASSESMENT

Commissioner Finds Public Sentiment Strongly Against Income Tariff Levied On Citizens

1924 Duty on Intangible Securities Will Bring in \$2,500,000 and Motor Cars the Remainder.

\$4,000,000 A YEAR MORE IS NECESSARY

Hartford, Jan. 17.—State Tax Commissioner William H. Blodgett said today that public sentiment was against the enactment of a law by the legislature for a state income tax, although the money was badly needed to meet the expenses of the state for the next two years.

"If not by a tax on incomes, how will the state raise the money which you say it needs?" he was asked.

By obtaining a greater revenue from the four mill tax on intangible securities and by the proposed new duty of taxation on automobiles," replied Commissioner Blodgett.

Hopes to Raise \$2,500,000

Mr. Blodgett said it was expected that a revenue of about \$2,500,000 could be obtained from the four mill tax on intangible securities, such as choses in action, bonds or private corporations that are taxable in Connecticut, etc. The balance of the money needed would come from the tax on automobiles.

Additional revenue needed to meet obligations for the next two years under existing laws amounts to \$7,000,000 a year.

Commissioner Blodgett said he had not yet formulated any bills relating to taxation to be presented in the general assembly.

BANDITS MURDER TWO AND GET \$12,000 LOOT

Six Outlaws Pour Fusillade of Shots Into Car in Toledo.

Toledo, O., Jan. 17.—Six bandits killed two railroad officers here at noon today after holding up an automobile and seizing \$12,000 belonging to the New York Central railroad. Louis Schroeder and A. E. Long were killed in resisting the highwaymen. The bandits intercepted the automobile coming up town from the Union depot with passenger fare receipts. The six outlaws in an automobile stopped the railroad automobile into a curb and immediately poured a fusillade on the railroad officers. Schroeder and Long were drawing their pistols when they were shot down.

The bandits seized a satchel containing the money and sped away exchanging shots with a taxicab driver who gave pursuit.

HIDES FROM GANGSTER

Cincinnati Man, in Seclusion in Lincoln Neb., Offers Reward for Thug Who Wants to Kill Him

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 17.—Edward B. Wertepen, of Cincinnati, who is said to have secreted himself at a hotel here for four weeks today announced that he had offered a reward of \$500 for the conviction of the leader of a gang, which he said had made seven attempts upon his life during the last two months. He said the gang represents a gambling district of Cincinnati which he believed he has opposed to the operation of places where bets are accepted on horse races. Wertepen is a shoe salesman and formerly was an official of the National Shoe Travellers Association.

Fathers to Attend General of Clerk Egan

Officials and ex-city officials are expected to meet at City Hall at 9 o'clock

Girls, Don't Be Too Confidential With Your Male Escorts

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Katherine L. Gibbons of Cleveland, before going to the theater last night left her diamond rings at the home of friends when her escort, John Burke, warned her of the danger of footpads. When she returned the rings were gone. Mrs. Gibbons in reporting the loss to the police casually mentioned that Burke had left the theater in the second act and returned late. He was arrested but released. Burke went to police headquarters today and demanded an apology. The police becoming suspicious re-arrested him and said they found Mrs. Gibbons' three rings in his possession.

11 MILITIAMEN ARE HELD AS LYNCHERS

Alabamans Arrested After Taxi Driver Makes Confession to Police and Names Men

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 17.—Eleven members of Co. M, Alabama National Guard were in the Jefferson county jail here today charged with the lynching of William Baird, a miner at Jasper last Thursday night. The men, five non-commissioned officers and six privates, were arrested last night after Leslie West, a taxi driver, is said to have made a complete confession of the part he took and named the soldiers.

Judge H. Wilkinson, special assistant attorney general, named by Gov. Kilby to investigate the lynching announced the confession.

Baird was in jail at Jasper awaiting trial for the killing of Private James Morris of Co. M, after Morris had shot and killed John Northcutt, Baird's father-in-law. Northcutt had been arrested by Morris on a charge of disorderly conduct while the company was stationed in Jasper in connection with the miners' strike.

According to Judge Wilkinson, West declared the soldiers were civilian clothes including overalls and these were burned after they returned to Townley, where they were camped.

The party went to the jail shortly after midnight, overcame the jailer's resistance and bundled Baird into an automobile. About two miles outside of Jasper, the confession continued, Baird was shoved from the automobile and shot to death. The soldiers then sped back to camp, arriving just in time to be checked up.

To Inoculate Guinea Pigs With Diphtheria

The health department has secured a dozen guinea pigs which are to be used in making tests with diphtheria germs. It is the plan of the department to inject germs of that disease into the animals, the effect of that operation to determine the virulence of that germ. In this way, the department will be in a position to determine whether or not a carrier is too dangerous to be out of quarantine.

WAGE OUT ANNOUNCED.

South Norwalk, Jan. 17.—A cut in wages of from 15 to 20 per cent. in various departments was announced when the American Hat Co. of this city resumed operations this morning after a shut down of several weeks. Only a few of the more experienced and older employees of the company were re-engaged.

OUTS WORKING HOURS.

The Skinner Chuck company today went onto a new schedule of working hours, reducing from its previous 55 hour week to a 50 hour week.

AMERICAN WAREHOUSES BURSTING WITH FOOD; NO NEED OF ANY SHORTAGE HERE

If There is Suffering This Winter It Is Fault of Social, Economic or Political System, Hoover Declares At Meeting Today.

Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—A weak link exists somewhere in the economic, social or political system of the world as a whole when American warehouses are bursting with food and other es-

RUSSIAN DISPATCH SAYS WIFE OF LIEUTENANT LANGDON, KILLED BY JAP SENTRY, HAS TAKEN OWN LIFE

This is First Intimation That He Was Married and His Father, in Boston, Doubts Report.

ADMIRAL GLEAVES ISSUES STATEMENT

American Officer, Investigating Affair at Vladivostok Cables That Japanese Soldier's Version Coincides With Post-Mortem Statement of U. S. Naval Man.

Manila, P. I., Jan. 17.—The Russian wife of Naval Lieut. Warren H. Langdon, the American officer killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok recently, ended her life upon learning of her husband's death, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vladivostok.

Father Doubts Report

Boston, Jan. 17.—William O. Langdon, father of Lieut. Warren H. Langdon, U. S. N., who was killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok a week ago today scouted the report that his Russian wife had committed suicide after his death. It was absurd, he said. "My son was not married. Of that I am confident. He was a man who respected all women yet had declared positively he would never marry. I am sure he left no wife."

Advise Court Martial

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Japanese sentry who shot Lieut. W. H. Langdon, chief engineer of the American cruiser Albany at Vladivostok gave a version of the affair before a Japanese court of inquiry coinciding with the dead officer's ante-mortem statement, said a dispatch received by the navy department today from Admiral Gleaves at Manila. The sentry has been recommended for court martial the dispatch said.

THIEF MAKES HAUL

Elm Street Couple Lose \$550 Which Was Left in Sewing Machine Drawer—Other Loot Secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Iko Zanborke of 214 1/2 Elm street were treated to a very unpleasant surprise this noon on returning home from work at Landers, Frary and Clark company, by the discovery of a visit to their home by a thief or thieves earlier in the forenoon. Several trunks were found smashed open, and from a drawer in a sewing machine \$550 was taken by the intruder. Two watches and six razors comprised the remainder of the loot. The entrance was effected to the house by prying a door in the rear of the house. The matter was referred to the police.

WIFE AND BONDS GONE

Church Street Man Tells Police a Sad, Sad Story This Morning—\$650 Is Missing.

Alex Brooks, of 325 Church street, told Sergeant George J. Kelly a sad story this morning, which involves the disappearance of his wife and \$650 in Liberty bonds. According to Brooks, Isadore Kolinski is with his wife somewhere, and Diemel Yarmolug, a boarder at his home, is missing along with the bonds.

Corset Shop Reduces—But Wages This Time

Worcester, Jan. 17.—The Royal Worcester Corset Co., today announced a reduction of 15 per cent in the pay of its 1,200 employees, 10 per cent effective at once and 5 per cent on July 5. The cut in the prices son for the cut in pay.

Sadi Lecointi Looks Like Piker Compared to Dreyer Number 584

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 17.—The nebula dreyer No. 584 in the constellation of Cetus has broken all known speed records of the heavens. It is dashing through space away from the earth at a velocity of almost 2,000 kilometers a second, the highest speed ever attained by a celestial object. This was the word received at the Harvard college observatory today from Dr. V. M. Slipher of the Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., in announcing the result of spectrographic observations there.

HOOVER FUND DRIVE RAISES \$22,040.69

Several Pledges Are Outstanding—Continued Until Friday

TEAM CAPTAINS REPORT

President of the Local Chapter of Red Cross, Paul K. Rogers Presides at Luncheon This Noon—Holmes, Bennett and McMahon Speak.

New Britain has failed, so far, in raising the desired quota for the relief of the starving children of Europe and, for that reason, the campaign will be continued until next Friday noon, it was announced at the second noon-day luncheon of the workers held at the Elks' club today. The total amount reported was \$7,723.61 which, with a total previously reported made \$22,040.69. There is outstanding, several hundred dollars which have not yet been turned in to Treasurer William H. Judd at the National bank, notable among which is about \$900 expected from the town of Berlin. Among the special contributions were, \$112.31 from the Woman's club of Maple Hill, \$4 from the Men's Sunday club of the South church, \$133.10 from St. Mark's church and last, but not least, the sum of \$3.05 from the children of the Smalley street school kindergarden.

Rogers Presides At this noon's meeting, Paul K. Rogers, president of the local branch of the Red Cross presided in the absence of Howard Platt and George P. Hart from this city. Speakers were P. S. McMahon, Supt. of School Stanley H. Holmes and Clarence Bennett. Rev. John T. Winters, of St. Mary's parish, said grace.

Holmes Speaks The first speaker, Mr. Holmes, spoke for the school children of New Britain. The school board had suspended the rules and allowed subscriptions to be taken in the schools. The appeal for funds was more than a drive, it was a cultivation of understanding between the

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CRAZED BY RUIN, MAN KILLS FOUR AND SELF

South Carolina Man Murders Mother, Sister and Two Little Children.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 17.—Crazed by brooding over financial difficulties and family troubles in which an estate worth probably \$75,000 was at stake, L. S. Bigham shot his mother, his sister, and the latter's two adopted children last Saturday, then ended his own life according to information today from Florence, S. C. The dead in addition to Bigham are:

Mrs. M. M. Bigham, Mrs. Marjorie Black and Leo and John McCracken. All were evidently killed instantly except Mrs. Brigham, the mother who lived a few minutes, and the oldest child who died the next day. The tragedy took place at the old Bigham home five miles from Pamplico, 25 miles from the city of Florence. Bigham's body was found in the woods with a bullet through the

HARDING HAS NOT YET FIXED DATE TO CALL ON TO ASSEMBLE IN SPE

DISREGARD OF 18TH AMENDMENT IS NEXT THING TO TREASON, SAYS GOV.

Lake Declares Dry Law "Must Be Taken More Seriously Than Many Otherwise Good Citizens Have Taken It."

THINKS INDUSTRIAL DECLINE WON'T LAST

Hartford, Jan. 17.—"Disregard of a constitutional provision is the next thing to treason," said Governor Everett J. Lake Sunday evening in referring to the present attitude toward the federal amendment taken by "otherwise good citizens."

Governor Lake spoke at the Fourth Congregational church at the evening service on "the world's struggle for greater liberty."

Very Serious Matter.

"It is indeed a serious matter when so many are ignoring one of the last provisions of the constitution," said the governor. "Our present problem is away above that of the use or non-use of alcohol or of the stopping of drunkenness. It's a question of whether you and I believe in the constitution as the fundamental law of our government. Citizens should live up to this amendment and public officials should enforce it strictly or else it should be done away with. It is in the constitution and it must be obeyed by every law-abiding citizen. I repeat—the amendment must be taken more seriously than many otherwise good citizens have taken it."

Governor Lake said that "real liberty is opportunity to attain greater heights of manhood and womanhood and liberty also means responsibility." After declaring that real liberty is synonymous with "demonstrative and undemonstrative Christianity," the governor paid a warm tribute to the manhood of the boys of the Twenty-sixth division.

Doesn't Fear Depression.

In referring to the industrial depression, the governor said he thought it would be of short duration because of the courageous spirit of the American people. "The world war brought a new liberty and now the world is looking to the United States to see if the country is equally strong in peace."

SILVER LINING SHOWS ON INDUSTRIAL CLOUD

Two Big Bridgeport Plants Resume Operations—Same in Pawtucket, R. I.

Bridgeport, Jan. 17.—Industrial conditions here became somewhat improved today when the Salts Textile Mfg. Co. reopened its plant with 1,500 employees or about 60 per cent of its normal force. The wage schedule is a 2 1/2 per cent reduction exclusive of the 12 1/2 per cent making the net cut about 10 per cent. The Harvey Hubbell, Inc., plant also resumed operations with 1,500. Here a 20 per cent cut in wages went into effect.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 17.—An extension of time schedules announced as reflecting improvement in business was reported several textile mills today.

The Jenks Spinning Co., employing 2,500 after being closed last week resumed operation with several departments on a four and five day schedule. The Lorraine Mfg. Co., employing 2,000 changed from three days a week to a five day schedule. The Weyposet Co. employing 1,000 began a 5 1/2 day schedule after operating some departments three and others four days a week. The Smith Webbing Co., employing 105 went on practically full time.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 17.—Twenty mills of the McKeesport Tin Plate Corp. resumed work today after being idle since December 23.

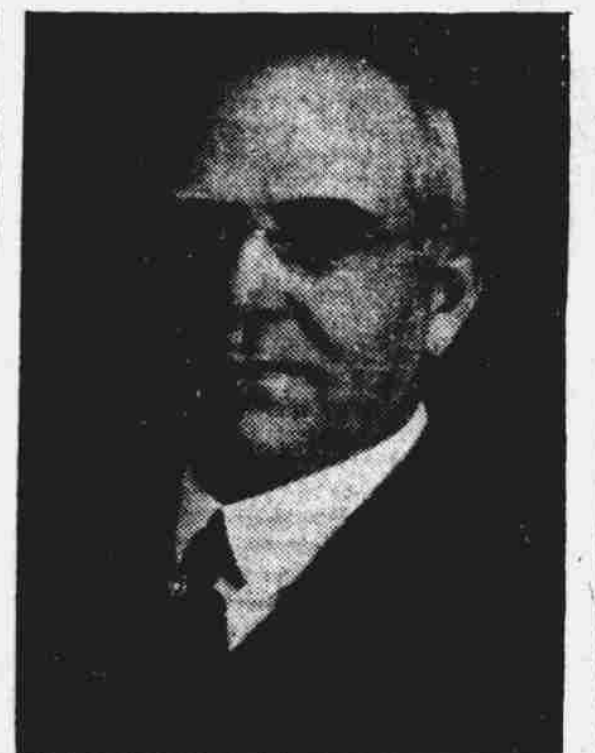
GREYS ARE

Reported

COOPER RESIGNS AS CORP. COUNSEL

City Official in Office Ten Years—Republican Council Members to Name Successor.

Judge James F. Cooper, for the past 10 years corporation counsel for the city, tendered his resignation today to Mayor Orson F. Curtis, to take effect immediately upon the appointment of his successor. Judge



JAMES E. COOPER.

Cooper will devote his entire time to his interests in the Stanley Works business.

A caucus of the republican members of the council will be held tomorrow evening at which time the matter of his successor will be taken up and a recommendation will be drafted to be submitted to Wednesday's common council meeting.

The letter sent the mayor by Judge Cooper is as follows:

Hon. O. F. Curtis, Mayor, Dear Sir:

I herewith tender to you and through you to the common council my resignation as corporation counsel of the city.

I have made arrangements with the Stanley Works which require my time to the exclusion of other work and make it imperative that I retire from this office. After the many years that I have served as adviser, it is with genuine regret that I take this step; and I wish to express to you and the members of the common council and the boards and commissions, my thanks and appreciation of many courtesies, continued patience and the great assistance which they have shown me in the performance of the duties of my office.

If I can be of service to the city in matters now pending, or in problems which have been the subject of past study and consideration, I trust you will not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours, JAMES E. COOPER, Corporation counsel.

ROTARY CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED THURSDAY

Luncheon At Elks' For Preliminary Steps of Organization.

If plans mature, New Britain will have a Rotary club in a short time. On Thursday, January 20, local men who are interested in such a club will meet at the Elks' club grill at 12:15 to have lunch and talk over the proposition.

At present, there are 63,000 rotarians in the United States and officials of the organization of business men are especially desirous of starting a chapter here.

Willard Lansing, past district governor and Forrest Perkins, present

Reported