WINE AND BEER TAX IN BONUS PROPOSAL

Chairman Fordney Tells of Committee's Purpose to Discuss Matter.

Putting a tax on light wines and beer to pay a soldiers' bonus will be considered by the House ways and means committee immediately after the Christmas holidays, Chairman Fordney announced in the House yesterday. This will be one of the methods of financing adjusted compensation for former service men, to which the committee will give its attention first, Mr. Fordney said.

The possibility of a tax on beverages with small alcoholic content will be looked into, Mr. Fordney said, to determine whether it would be advisable and constitutional to lift the prohibition ban sufficiently to permit their sale.

Talks With Secretary Mellon.

Mr. Fordney conferred today with Secretary Mellon, but said later the bonus question had not been discussed.

Other suggestions put forth by members of the House for financing a bonus include a variety of sales taxes on different commodities and different classes of manufacturers and business men.

In an address in the House, Representative A. F. Nelson, republican, Wisconsin, commenting on the proposed payment of a bonus by a tax on light wines and beer, declared former service men would not look with favor on any plan to raise revenue "in outlaw traffic in order to meet their legitimate demands for adjusted compensation."

Even if Congress attempted to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and wine, Mr. Nelson said, approximately forty state prohibition laws would prevent its sale. Friends of prohibition enforcement, he predicted, will present "a united front against this scheme for nullifying prohibition."

Condemned as Outrage.

Declaring there were plenty of sources of revenue open for actual needs, without trying "to legalize what the Constitution prohibits," Mr. Nelson asserted that "to attempt to tie the veterans of our country's battles to the dead body of the liquor traffic is an outrage."

"No soldier," he added, "wants money coined from blood and tears."

FEAR CASH BONUS DEMAND.

Some Members of Congress Reluctant, Says Leader of Veterans.

Because they fear veterans of the world war would immediately demand cash bonuses, provided in the bill, many members of Congress are loath to lend their support to an adjusted compensation bill, according to a statement made by Robert G. Woodside, national commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, at a luncheon yesterday, attended by members of the Senate and House interested in the proposed legislation.

To remove this objection, Mr. Woodside, said he as attempting to obtain pledges from the members of his organization to accept in lieu of the cash bonus adjusted service certificates of land and home aid.

GAVEL CLUB MAKES GIFTS

Food, Clothing and Toys Provided for Poor by Members.

Donations of turkeys, canned goods, preserves, clothes and toys were brought in great quantities by members of the Gavel Club, order of Master Masons, at their donation party in the clubrooms of the organization, 1317 New York avenue, last night. The accumulation of good things for the poor of the District will be distributed during the next two days.

Festival was made of the Christmas giving by a gayly lighted Christmas tree and a musical program. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Samuel Benham, Miss Lillian and Miss Margaret Faye played a piano duet, George Wheelock recited and Mrs. Sadie Dumfries sang.

DRINK PROVES FATAL.

James Colbert, colored, twenty-five years old, 1372 C street southeast, died at Casualty Hospital last night. The sick man told physicians that he had drunk of an alcoholic mixture at the bureau of standards, where he was employed.

Coroner Nevitt reached the conclusion that Colbert had drunk something containing wood alcohol. He gave a certificate of death to that effect.

Abe Martin Says:

Ground parched pig corn with cream an' sugar is a fine, wholesome substitute fer food. Also a handfull o' well parched grains o' th' same carried loosely in th' pocket or shopping bag 'll relieve hunger in an amazin'ly short time.

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SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS AT DINNER

Judson C. Welliver Gives Toast to President and Other Speakers Are Heard During Program.

Responding to a toast to "The President," Judson C. Welliver, newspaper man, now stationed at the White House, delighted members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of the District of Columbia, at their sixteenth annual dinner at the New Willard Hotel last night.

Mr. Welliver described the chief executive as "a patient, kindly man, who studies deeply into matters before acting upon them."

He detailed a trip taken three years ago to Plymouth, England, and after picturing the many points of interest to be found in the quaint old English town, said it was a singular coincidence that the community that sent out the conquerer of the Spanish armada was the same that produced the little band of colonists who founded the new world of democracy.

Thomas S. Hopkins presided as toastmaster, and others who spoke were Ernest Wilder Bradford, governor; Carter B. Keene, Representative L. W. Parrish of Texas and William Tyler Page. The general trend of all the addresses was for 100 per cent Americanism and a strict adherence to constitutional limitations.

During the evening Mrs. Ralph P. Barnard, accompanied by Mrs. John L. Cable, gave several solos.

RECEPTION IS GRANTED.

Meletious Metaxakis, Greek Church Patriarch, Calls on President.

President Harding Tuesday afternoon received Meletious Metaxakis, patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, who has been in more or less exiled from Greece since King Constantine's return to the head of that government. Patriarch Metaxakis, who occupies the highest clerical office in the Greek Church, and who was a follower and ardent supporter of Venizelos during the overthrow of Constantine, was accompanied to the White House by one of his high bishops and an interpreter, all wearing the picturesque robes of their office.

Because of the patriarch's activities in connection with the Venizelos party he not only was banished by King Constantine, but his election to his high office has hot been recognized by the crown. It is understood that his call at the White House had no political importance, but was merely for the purpose of permitting this noted churchman to exchange felicitations with the American President before leaving this country on Saturday for Europe.

FOUND DEAD IN ROOM.

John McCullough, forty-nine years old, roomer at 311 Pennsylvania avenue, was found dead in his room about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. His death resulted from natural causes.

EX-BANDIT, CHINA'S STRONG MAN, ALMOST UNKNOWN TO MASSES

Chang Tso Lin, Who Forced Cabinet to Resign, Can Neither Read nor Write. Quick to Shoot Disobedient.

BY JUNIUS B. WOOD.

Chang Tso Lin, who has forced the resignation of the Peking cabinet and is now busily organizing a new government to suit his purposes, is known by sight to comparatively few persons in China. Though he wields more power and over a greater area than any other man in Asia, he is little more than a name to the multitude. During his early bandit days he did not court publicity and since a visitor from South China tossed a bomb in his direction his public appearances as supertuchun have been unheralded and fleeting.

Short in stature, slight of figure, with refined features, a little mustache, delicate hands and a soft voice, and almost effeninate in appearance, he is far from the popular conception of a ruthless Chinese bandit and war lord. His personal appearance, however, is deceptive, as more than one have found out to their cost. The gentle-appearing Governor of Manchuria and Mongolia is just as quick to shoot anybody who disobeys his orders, whether it be officer or food prfiteer, as he ever was in his more active days.

Can Neither Read Nor Write.

Chang Tso Lin can neither read nor write, but even with this handicap is a remarkably well educated man. He is well informed on Chinese law, knows the history of his own country and the politics of other nations, and is familiar with the natural resources and commerce of his vast territory down to the last copper "cash." He is said to be a wonderfully shrewd judge of men, and much of his success is due to his wise picking of advisers. He has half a dozen of these, and once they are decided upon places absolute confidence in them.

During the Russo-Japanese war Chang Tso Lin started out as a spy for the Japanese expedition. Without presenting his resignation, he later became a spy for the Russian army. He was captured by the Japanese troops and about to be executed, when a famous Japanese general saved his life. After that he was content to remain in the Japanese service.

Fortune Built on Banditry.

He was one of three brothers who laid the foundations of the present family fortune by banditry. Tso Lin was the wise head of the family, and he directed the operations, while the two other brothers did most of the active work. Eventually he became head of the mighty Hunhutzus ("red beards"), whose flexible organization covers everything from holding up a lone traveler to besieging a city. The Hunhutzus never kill unless the victim objects to paying the tribute.

One brother was killed in a raid, the other was captured and executed, and Chang Tso Lin became dissatisfied with the social standing of a Hunhutzu. With his military experience it was easy for him to secure a commission as colonel in the Manchurian army. He rose to the rank of general in command of a division, and when the revolution came and the republic was founded he grasped the opportunity to seize the power in Manchuria. His power, largely due to his own ability, has increased ever since.

His Soldiers Paid.

It is said that there is not an enterprise of any magnitude in that portion of China in which Chang Tso Lin is not a partner. That is a necessary preliminary to starting any undertaking. He has ten divisions under him and, what is unusual for China, the soldiers are paid. Peking is charged for their upkeep—full divisions, though they are only 60 per cent strength—and their supplies are purchased from Chang's mills, giving the business administration a double "squeeze."

Chang Tso Lin also collects the taxes in Manchuria and Mongolia and deducts his expenses before anything is turned over to Peking. The expenses are high. One recent item was $5,000,000 to send an expedition to drive Baron Ungern von Sternberg out of Urga. The expedition never left Mukden, but Peking paid for it.

Son Wants to Go to West Point.

Chang Tso Lin rules from Mukden. The great men of many nations come there there to see him. He is affable, sociable and hospitably welcomes them all. He is a wonderful character of the modern world which only China with its bizarre contrasts and cross-currents could produce. He has a vision broader than Manchuria and the little body and soft voice belies his power.

His family pride is the eldest son of one of his several wives, Brig. Gen. Chang Hsu Liang, twenty-five years old, and an active member of the Mukden Y. M. C. A. The young heir speaks English fluently, sincerely likes Americans, is popular with the many foreigners who know him and during the last year has been persistently making every effort to secure permission from the United States government to enter West Point and complete his education.

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WEST END CITIZENS PRESENT PROGRAM

Musical Entertainment, Christmas Tree and Refreshments Are Provided by Association.

Yuletide cheer prevailed at the meeting of the West End Citizens' Association last night in the basement of the Concordia Lutheran Church, 20th and G streets, in the nature of a musical program, arranged by Mrs. Samuel Burleigh Milton, a member of the association. Mr. Milton acted as master of ceremonies.

All regular business was dispensed with after twenty-nine new members were admitted, and Capt. George W. Evans, one of the ardent workers of the association in behalf of municipal improvements, withheld several resolutions.

Among the entertainers were Miss Nellie Carlan of Virginia, who gave several piano solos; Prof. Harry Siegel, violinist, accompanied by Mr. Kline; Miss Elsie Schultze, in vocal solos, accompanied by Miss Elsie Montgomery, and Claughton West, in vocal soles, accompanied by H. E. Saltsman.

After the musical program the members gathered around a small Christmas tree on a table and refreshments were served. Dr. William P. Herbst, president, presided.

A resolution of sympathy was adopted, to be incorporated in the minutes, expressing the regret of the association at the death of Mrs. Harriet Randal Webb, wife of Judge Webb, who had held the office of president for a number of years.

NEWSPAPERS XMAS DAY.

English Papers Will Publish for First Time in Several Years.

English newspapers will be published on Christmas day this year for the first time in the past few years, it was learned at British headquarters here. It has been a rule started in London comparatively recently that Christmas editions be omitted, but this year, with Christmas falling on Sunday, the regular Sunday morning editions, being printed Saturday night, will appear.

However, in order to give a holiday to newspaper men, the public will have to remain uninformed all of Monday following Christmas, as no papers will come out that day, it was learned.

ROMA SAILS FOR HOME.

Having been christened and officially dedicated to the service of the United States Army, the 400-foot semi-rigid airship Roma took to the air at 2:30 yesterday afternoon and sailed for her home hangar at Langley Field, Va., before a strong northwest wind in a two-hour-and-a-half trip.

Originally it had been planned to take officials of the United States Army and Navy and Italian military guests, with other members of a distinguished party, for a sightseeing trip over Washington, but the high winds prevented the tour, and Maj. Gen. Patrick, chief of the air service, gave orders for a start for the home hangar as soon as possible after the arrival of the craft.

Urges Replacement of Trees.

To the Editor of The Star:

Every one who visits our National Capital agrees that it is a beautiful city. In spite of the fact that many repairs were postponed during the war, and although our park and playground program has fallen behind what it should be, Washington is still one of the outstanding large cities noted for beauty.

Some of our visitors are impressed by the magnificence of our prominent public buildings; some are enthusiastic about the wonderful interior decorations of our Congressional Library; some are impressed by the beauties of Rock Creek and Potomac parks, but all, without exception, join in the praise of the beautiful trees which line our streets for miles and miles, and agree that the chief beauty of Washington lies in its natural shade provided by systematic tree planting along our highways.

It is a distinct shock, therefore, to find whole blocks of shade trees being destroyed along H street northeast. I understand that some of these are to be replaced. Why cannot all be replaced by young and vigorous trees of slow growth, which will, in time, restore this street to some semblance of beauty? Certainly there is practically no beauty in the electric signs and advertisements on our business streets.

PERCIVAL HALL,
President Gallaudet College.

Among the earliest trade unions of women in the United States were those of the seamstresses of Philadelphia, the women bookbinders in New York, and the shoebinders of Lynn.

RUDOLPH JOSE CHOSEN HEAD OF CIVITAN CLUB

Other Officers Elected and Work of Organization Presented in Various Reports.

Rudolph Jose was unanimously elected president of the Civitan Club, to serve during the ensuing year, at a meeting of the organization held at the Shoreham Hotel, Tuesday.

Mr. Jose succeeds Edward S. Brashears, who refused to permit his name to be used as a candidate for re-election.

Other officers elected were Charles E. Hood, first vice president; Chester A. Worthington, second vice president, and Dr. Grant S. Barnhart, third vice president. The directors chosen to serve for three years included Mr. Brashears, James C. Proctor and B. W. Murch. The secretary and treasurer are not elected at the annual meeting, but are chosen by the new board of directors.

Following the reading of reports by the treasurer and secretary, S. T. Cameron, chairman of the playground committee, detailed the activities of that body, while Mr. Murch, representing the school committee, outlined a program that is to be followed in that direction.

Ernest Greenwood, recently returned from a ten-week trip to Switzerland, France and England, spoke on the economic conditions in Europe as obtaining at the present time.

OPERA TO BE GIVEN.

"Sweethearts," Victor Herbert's opera, will be presented by the Washingtonians at Central High School auditorium December 28, 29 and 30, at community prices, it was announced today. The cast includes Raymond G. Moore, Harry Stevens, Edward Hines, Stephen Fegan, Joe N. Bourne, John Pennybaker, J. Frank Duggan, J. Robert Rabun, Ruth Peter, Estelle Murray, Norma Eaton, Marguerite Wickersham, Elsie Jorss, Gayle Hunt, Berenice Stevens, Genevieve Bond, Gladys Hunt and the seventeen Mother Goose tots in character.

CHILDREN'S HOME IN COUNTRY PRAISED

Officials Tell of Its Value to Children Suffering From Undernutrition.

Work of the Children's Country Home is especially important, in view of the extent of malnutrition among the children of Washington, according to Dr. Joseph A. Murphy of the District health department, who, with other officials, strongly indorses the effort to obtain funds for the home.

Dr. Fowler, health officer; Commissioner James F. Oyster and Mrs. R. Thomas West of the board of children's guardians are among those indorsing the work of the home for the undernourished and convalescent children of Washington.

30 Per Cent Underweight.

"The health department's study last year of between 3,000 and 4,000 children here showed that, at a conservative estimate, about 30 per cent of the school children of Washington are more than 7 per cent underweight," said Dr. Mercy. "Recent studies in special sections of the city by parent-teacher associations and by school nurses show that the percentage of undernourished children rises in these parts as high as 50 per cent.

Taking 30 per cent as a general average it may be estimated that at least 18,000 school children in our nation's capital are seriously underweight, which usually means that they are malnourished. In view of this situation, I think it is evident that the work of the Children's Country Home is needed."

"I heartily indorse the work done for the children of Washington by the Country Home," said Dr. Fowler, "and hope that the money needed to extend the work will be quickly received, for I feel that the work of the home is not only of inestimable value to the children of the city who most need it, but also worthy of public confidence."

Grateful to Country Home.

Commissioner Oyster, indorsing the work, said that he felt the new year an appropriate time to ask help for an institution which has brought to many children the chance for a new year of health and strength never before experienced.

Mrs. West of the Board of Children's Guardians stated that the board felt personally grateful to the Country Home for the care it had given children sent by the board of guardians for a chance to convalesce after serious illness.

The funds needed for the home will be raised in large part by a ball on January 2, under the auspices of prominent woman members of the board, the sale of tickets being open to the general public. Direct contributions are received by the treasurer.

SPEAK AT ARTS CLUB.

Woman Journalists Address Meeting for Foreign Correspondents.

The second foreign correspondents' evening at the Arts Club of Washington was held on Tuesday. The speakers were Mme. Seri Hard of Stockholm, Sweden, and Miss Nellie Scanlan of New Zealand, press representatives at the conference. Mme. Hard is the only representative of Swedish journalism at the conference. She spoke on the part of Sweden in the art and literature of the world. Miss Scanlan is the special travel representative of the New Zealand Free Lance. She spoke on the part of New Zealand in the world and the attitude of the island colony toward world peace.

A third foreign correspondents' evening at the Arts Club is expected to be held early in January, 1922.

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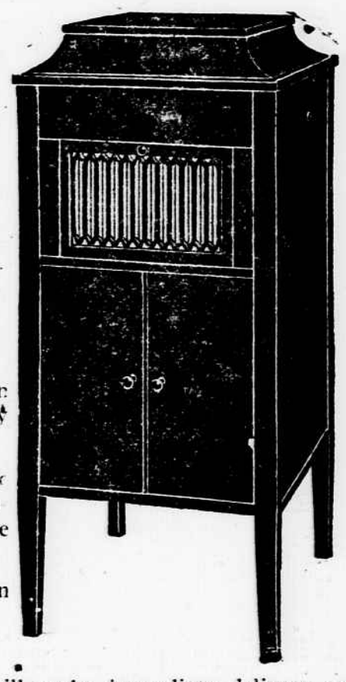

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