

REPORT OF TAX COMMITTEE MADE TO UPPER HOUSE

Inequalities Exist, it Declares, and Urges That These Be Corrected.

WYOMING PRIMARY BILL MEETS WITH FAVOR

New Member From Silver Bow Precipitates Debate in the House.

Helena, Feb. 9.—After investigating the matter for five weeks the senate special committee reported its findings to the senate today. It holds that the figures show that the large mining companies, the hydro electric companies, the express companies and the Pullman Car company are not paying their proportionate share of the state's taxes.

The committee recommended that legislation be enacted to reach these business enterprises, and that some method be employed to equalize the tax burden.

What it Recommends.

It believes these alleged inequalities should be corrected before the adoption of any plan which contemplates the raising of required revenue should first provide for the levy and collection of such tax or license as may be necessary to equalize the several industries; that if after such equalization has been provided for there still remains a deficiency, that deficiency should be met by a graduated license tax on corporations.

The committee finds the assessed valuations of various classes of property in the state to be as follows: Mines, \$12,000,000; railroads, \$87,000,000; express companies, \$157,000,000; telephone companies, \$570,000; telephone companies, \$1,354,000; banks, \$11,412,000; hydro-electric power companies, \$12,140,000; farms, \$159,815,000; livestock, \$52,384,000.

Percentage of Tax.

The gross income or value of output in each class of property, together with the percentage of the tax each pays.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN SHOWS NO SIGNS OF A LETUP YET

Several Large Vessels Counted Among the Victims Today.

Queenstown, Feb. 9 (via London).—The Norwegian ship Storog, of 2,191 tons gross, was sunk yesterday by a German submarine. The crew was saved and the vessel was towed to the shore. The chief officer and crew were the only ones able to return to the ship's boat, and they were picked up by the steamer.

London, Feb. 9.—The Norwegian steamer Ida, of 1,172 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine. Survivors were rescued and the vessel was towed to the shore. The captain stated that the chief mate and the steward were killed while on deck by gun fire, the submarine firing continuously without warning until the vessel sank.

Loyalty agency this afternoon announced the Norwegian steamship Hanscock, formerly the American steamer Statia, of 2,667 tons gross, has been sunk.

The British steamer Hanna Larsen, 1,100 tons gross, has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and chief engineer were taken prisoners. The remainder of the crew was landed.

PLOT TO FREE PHILLIPS AND STAGGS THWARTED

Two Convicted Felons Proposed Making Getaway in Break Which Gave Federal Prisoner His Liberty, But Under Sheriff Removed Them to Cage.

That Thomas H. Staggs, convicted of highway robbery, and O. F. Phillips, convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses, both of whom await sentence next Wednesday, are still in custody of Silver Bow county officials. In a large part to the attempt of Under Sheriff Jack Phillips to remove them from the new jail building, which for lack of steel beams is a veritable jailbreakers' de-

NEGRO FIREMAN KILLED ON SHIP

Overt Act Which Means War Has Not Yet Occurred, Says Washington.

TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF AMERICAN RIGHTS

But President Will Wait Clear-Cut Issue Before Taking Action.

Washington, Feb. 9.—George Washington, the negro fireman who lost his life in the sinking of the British steamer Turino, was reported by Consul Frost today to be "apparently" a British subject. It was stated that he was born in Alberta, Canada.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Preliminary reports before the state department today on the sinking of merchant vessels without warning by German submarines contained evidence of technical violation of American rights, yet the government was holding its peace until some outrage presenting a more clear-cut issue should compel it to act. Information on all ships torpedoed is being collected and it was officially stated that up to today the situation had not changed.

President Wilson, pursuing his general policy of having the government refrain from any act which might be construed as being prompted by an ulterior motive in the crisis, authorized an announcement that bank deposits, merchant ships and other private property of foreigners will not be seized even in case of war. This confirmed a provision of the Prussian-American treaty of 1828 without actually renegeing the convention.

Impressed With Losses.

Officials were impressed anew with the apparent success of Germany's new campaign, as they received reports of the aggregate tonnage sunk in the last few days, but they looked for early action by the British admiralty to convoy merchant shipping or to take some other steps to lessen the destruction of her vessels.

Entente Request.

The entente embassies here have asked the state department if some step cannot be taken to cease publication of manifests of ships going into the war zone. Officials realize that there is no warrant of law to prevent publication of sailings, but some step may be taken to ask American publishers to refrain from printing them on the ground of national policy.

HUGE CREDITS ASKED OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT

To Carry Government to End of March £200,000,000 Are Needed.

London, Feb. 9.—The parliamentary papers today announce that the government will ask a supplemental vote of credit for 200,000,000 pounds for war expenses to March 31, and also a vote of credit of 350,000,000 pounds as a first installment of the amount required for the year ending in March of 1918.

The government will introduce a bill in the house of commons on Monday for suspension of grand juries during the remainder of the war.

NEW ORDERS FOR THE GUARDS TO GO HOME

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 9.—It was announced at military headquarters here today that orders had been received from the southern department for the quartermasters' department to prepare transportation for the movement of national guard troops to their home station. No designation of troops to go home at this time was given, it was added.

Five in Plot.

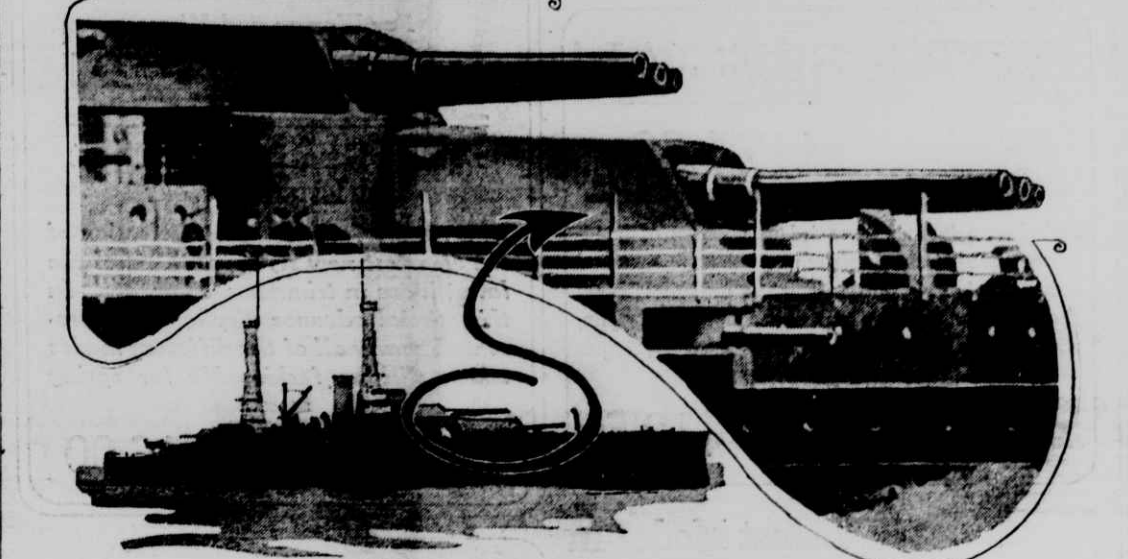
Staggs, Phillips, O'Neill, James Malahan, William Cook and James Willis, the last three doing time for vagrancy, were involved in a plot for a wholesale jail delivery, according to information which reached Under Sheriff Malla Tuesday. The sheriff in anticipation of the attempt immediately removed Staggs and Phillips to the old jail building and then posted two deputies to watch for a

light, to steel cells in the old building, where the more dangerous of the prisoners are kept. This has developed since the escape of Larry O'Neill, a federal prisoner held in the old jail building, who, since his break Wednesday morning, has not been apprehended.

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Secretary Daniels Calls for 25,000 Men to Enlist In the United States Navy for Immediate Service

BIGGEST GUN BATTERY OF U. S. DREADNAUGHT THAT WOULD LEAD AMERICAN FLEET IN BATTLE



THE PENNSYLVANIA, GREATEST WARSHIP AFLOAT, AND TWO OF HER THREE-GUN TURRETS.

The Pennsylvania is Admiral Mayo's flagship. Not only is she the strongest fighting vessel in the Atlantic fleet, but she is the most powerful dreadnaught afloat. She would lead the American line in a sea fight, with the others of the fleet, in now at the Guantanamo training grounds, the United States naval base in Cuba. She has three guns in each of her four turrets and is the first American fighter to be so equipped. Her twelve big guns could hurl a broadside of nine tons.

GERARD TO LEAVE BERLIN SATURDAY FOR SWITZERLAND

Bernstorff Will Sail on Monday for Europe by Way of Halifax.

Berlin, Feb. 8 (via London, Feb. 9).—Former Ambassador Gerard and his party probably will leave Berlin on Saturday evening, although the date has not been settled definitely. It is expected they will travel by way of Switzerland. The German government was officially informed today by the Spanish ambassador that Count von Bernstorff will sail for Halifax on Monday.

The Ambassador's Train.

Mr. Gerard was offered the choice of leaving Berlin Saturday or Sunday and decided in favor of the earlier date. The train which will take him to neutral soil will be composed of sleepers and day coaches and probably will make better time than the regular train service, which no longer attaches importance to the speed as during peace times.

To Come Via Spain.

A special train will leave Berlin Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock for Switzerland by way of Basel and Berne. The party will then travel to Spain, where Mr. Gerard will embark upon the first available steamer for the United States.

Germany Will Pay Damages to Norway

Settlement of Dispute Over Attack on Ships in Arctic is Reached.

Christiania, Feb. 9 (via London).—It is announced that Germany has notified Norway of her intention to pay damages for loss of life on Norwegian boats torpedoed in the Arctic ocean and also for those killed when two Norwegian boats were sunk in the North sea last fall. These cases have been the subject of prolonged negotiations. Germany stipulated that the payment is made without admission of any violation of international law, but out of humane and sympathetic consideration for the hardships suffered by the families of the dead sailors.

PASSENGERS IMPATIENT OVER PRECAUTIONS OF AMERICAN LINE STEAMER

Many Cancel Reservations to Sail on American Ship St. Louis Because of Delay in Putting to Sea, and Reserve Passage on Vessels Flying Flags of Belligerent Nations. Steamer Ryndam, Almost Within Sight of British Coast, Was Spared by Submarine and Warned to Turn Back to America. She is Returning to New York.

New York, Feb. 9.—A number of persons who had engaged passage for Europe on ships of the American line cancelled their reservations today and booked on ships flying the flags of belligerent nations. Some of them took passage on the French liner Espagne which sails on Sunday for Bordeaux and a few engaged cabins on the White Star liner Lapland, which will sail for Liverpool on Tuesday or Wednesday. There are now only about forty first-cabin passengers left on the St. Louis of the American line but it is predicted that more will be booked as soon as the line decides to send her out. There are also sixty second-class and twenty third-class passengers.

A wireless message from a passenger on the Holland-American line steamer Ryndam, given out here, contained information that the liner, which sailed from New York for Rotterdam Jan. 29 and turned back when within a few hours of Falmouth, was warned by a German submarine to turn about just before entering the war zone.

Sweden IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH WILSON'S PLAN

Note Says America Has Taken Peace Steps Contradictory to Sweden's.

GERMANY WAS ASSURED IN ADVANCE OF STAND EUROPEANS WOULD TAKE

Amsterdam, Feb. 9 (via London).—Germany was satisfied in advance that the European neutrals would not take action of a radical nature against her because of the launching of her new submarine campaign, according to a statement attributed by the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin to Count Tizza, the Hungarian premier. Premier Tizza, says the newspaper, told his followers that before Germany announced her ruthless submarine campaign the central powers had sounded the European neutrals and satisfied themselves that these neutrals would undertake no warlike action against the central powers.

COMMITTEE REFUSES TO RUSH PREPAREDNESS BILL

Administration War Measure Must Take Regular Course.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The house rules committee today refused a special rule to hurry the three administration amendments to the naval bill to provide for a \$150,000,000 bond issue for ships and war supplies, \$1,000,000 for aircraft patents and authorization to commandeer shipyards and munition plants.

The three propositions constitute new legislation now in order on an appropriation bill without a special rule. The naval bill again was considered in the house.

SAY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PLAYED STOCK MARKET

Washington Broker Testifies He Carried Accounts With Representatives.

Washington, Feb. 9.—New life suddenly was injected into the "leak" inquiry today by the testimony of George B. Chipman, local manager for Harriman & Co., New York brokers, that certain members of the house of representatives dealt in stocks with him. Chairman Henry called for the names of the members and Chipman promised to furnish them.

Quit Buying Tips.

Chipman declared that he had not paid for "tips" on governmental activities since 1914. He found, he said, that information he bought usually was of no value.

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WAR STRENGTH OF NAVY FIXED AT 87,000 MEN

As Result of Recruiting This Winter 58,000 Are Now in Service.

WAR DEPARTMENT ALSO OUT FOR A BIG FORCE

If Army of 500,000 is Raised 50,000 Officers Will Be Needed.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Navy recruiting agents have been instructed to immediately enlist 25,000 additional men. While the current naval bill authorized a peace strength of 74,000 men it carried appropriations for considerably less than that number since the department had estimated that in the normal course of events not more than 10,000 recruits above the number necessary to replace men discharged could be found.

Officials have been encouraged by recruiting returns during the winter months, however, which have brought the actual strength up to nearly 68,000 men already.

In War Department.

In the war department steps are under consideration for hurrying organization of the officers' B reserve corps. Less than 1,000 men have been commissioned so far, although approximately 50,000 would be required for a volunteer army of 500,000 men. An official statement issued calls attention to the classes of men eligible for commissions and urges them "there is no reason why eligible men should hesitate to apply for commissions on account of being rusty or even deficient in technical military matters." It says personality and probable efficiency of the individuals are given greatest weight by examining officers. The establishment of examining boards in every city or town where a fair number of applicants come forward is now being considered.

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The Post's Washington Bureau. Washington, Feb. 9.—The calmness with which the national capital is buckling down to all of the possible eventualities of war is equaled only by the lack of excitement that seems to prevail throughout the country, if Washington may be regarded as an index of the nation's pulse.

One of the most amazing features of the historic developments of recent days has been the admirable way congress has kept its head.

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