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GENERAL SALES TAX FOR SOLDIER BONUS, PLAN OF PRESIDENT

Suggests in Letter to Fordney Local Commandant and Two That Legislation Be Delayed if Proposal Is Not Feasible.

CONSIDERS LEVY WILL NOT WORK A HARDSHIP TO READJUSTMENT

Fully Realizes Great Difficulty Faced by Congress in Problem-Opposed to Piecemeal Payment.

President Harding informed Congress today he considered a general sales tax the only feasible method of raising funds for a soldier bonus. The executive, in a letter addressed to Chairman Fordney of the House ways and means committee, suggested that unless Congress saw fit to enact a sales tax passage of bonus legislation should be temporarily of guardians.

Concerned in Restoration.

LAUD PRESIDENT'S STAND.

Henceforth, said members of the

FOR LIBRARY BRANCH

Carnegie Corporation Supplies Needed Amount for New Building in Southeast.

The Carnegie Corporation has al-

"I believe." the President wrote, "the American people will accept the levy of a general sales tax to meet the proposed bonus payments, and we should contribute thereby no added difficulties to the problems of readjustment. If Congress will not adopt such a plan it would be wise to let the legislation go over until there is a situation which will justify the large commies, we are pushing the legislation which will justify the large outlay. We are driving for large economies, we are pushing the legislation which will pustify to the readjustment to enact legislation which will on in anticipation of these things, but it would be a prudent plan jo of surplus war properties and other transactions, which should bring "great relief" to the federal Treasury. It is not consistent to enact legislation in anticipation of these things, but it would be a prudent plan jo of surplus war properties and other transactions, which should bring stream rollegive to the great for the exercise to the several relief to the federal Treasury. It is not consistent to enact legislation in anticipation of these things, but it would be a prudent plan jo open district the legislation of the service of the several relief to the federal Treasury. It is not consistent to enact legislation in anticipation of these things, but it would be a prudent plan jo open district the death of a sive-year-old child, who was struck by a bullet while playing in the street. A workman proceeding along Seaford in such a postponement no lack of street, in the Ballymacarsrett area,

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the difficulty which confronts the Congress in solving this difficult problem." the letter said. "I am aware of the strong sentiment in Congress in favor of this adjusted compensation. I have spoken approvingly myself, always with the reservation that the hestowal shall be made when it bestowal shall be made when it be done without such injury to country 2s will nullify the bene-to the ex-service men themselves

The letter follows:
In accordance with the promise nade to yourself and your associates on the Senate and House committees, tharged with the responsibility of charged with the responsibility of the conce for the concentration formulating the proposed hous legitation. I have carefully looked into the program of taxtion which has been suggested. In addition thereto

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men in such a manner that it will be borne by all the people whom they served, and does not commit the government to class imposition of taxes or the resumption of the burdens recently repealed, the maintenance of which can be justified only by a great war emergency.

Difficulty is Realised.

It is fully realized how great is the difficulty which confronts the Congress in solving this difficult problem. I may have spoken approvingly myself, always with the reservation that the bestowal shall be made when it may be done without such injury to the country as will nullify the benefits to the ex-service men themselves which this expression of gratitude is designed to bestow.

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It is not an agreeable thing to suggest that action be postponed again, but, frankly, I do not find myself favorable to the piecemeal payment plan, which is manifestly designed to avoid embarrassment to the Treasury. The long-drawn-out payments will not afford an effective helpfulness to the service men.

Real Problem Is Cash. We have no serious problem in beginning the allotments of public lands and the immediate issue of pald-up insurance. The real difficulty lies in the payment of the cash bonus. Rather than provide that the maximum cash payments shall extend over a period of two and one-half years, it would be vastly better bestowal if we could await the day when we may safely undertake to pay propriation bill and urged that the maximum eash payments shall extend over a period of two and one-half years, it would be vastly better bestowal if we could await the day when we may safely undertake to pay at once in full, so that the award may be turned to real advantage.

Inasmuch as the Treasury is to be called upon to meet more than \$6,000,000,000 of maturing obligations in the sixteen months immediately before use, it is not possible to recommend the issue of several hundred millions of additional short-time notes. Further excessive borrowing would likely undo all that has been accomplished in readjusting interest rates and stabilizing the financial world, both vitally essential to the resumption of industrial and commercial activities.

George F. Bowerman, librarian of the Public Libary, today appeared before the Senate appropriations subcommittee handling the District appropriation bill and urged that the subcommittee make full provision in the pending bill for the maintenance of the new branch library and the books which are to go in it.

The branch library probably will be ready for use by October 1. The site, for which an appropriation was made by Congress last year, has been purchased, and the plans for the library have been drawn.

UNCANNY RAPPING

CONVINCE TWO OF

cial activities. Believes People Will Agree. Granting that it is not fair to op-pose any proposed plan without of-fering a substitute, let me repeat that

Dog Stops Runaway Horse by Taking Reins In Teeth and Jumping

By the Associated Press. GENEVA, N. Y., February 16. —A runaway horse was stopped on a business street today by a dog that seized the reine in its mouth. The horse belonged to James Cappalo, a storekeeper. The animal became frightened at the noise of an approaching trolley car and belted.

The dog jumped from the back of the rig to the seat, selsed the reins in its mouth and jumped backward, bringing the horse to a standardill.

REPUBLICAN ARMY OFFICERS IN TOILS OF ULSTER GUARDS

Others Captured and Rushed to Barracks.

34 DEAD IN BELFAST: INJURED NUMBER 114

Effort to Burn Workhouse Is Frustrated-Evacuation to Be Carried Out at Once.

By the Associated Press.

BELFAST, February 16.—Seums onaghan, local commandant of the Irish republican army, and two other republican officers, Patrick and Mi chael Murnel, have been arrested at Newry by Ulster special constables Kilkeel, County Down, in the direc tion, of Killowen when captured they were searched, and afterward were conveyed to the Newry military barracks, under heavy escort. The Murneys are brothers of P. Mur ney, chairman of the Kilkeel board

It is stated that an automatic pisto

"I take it that the ex-service men themselves are no less concerned than others about the restoration of business and the return to abundant employment. Those of their wounded or sick comrades who were impaired by their war service are being cared for with the most liberal generosity the nation can bestow. There are here and there exceptional cases of imagect and attending complaint, but we are seeking them out and correcting with all possible speed. It has not been possible to meet all the demands for special hospitalization, but we are building to that end, without we are building to the weather we will be a building to the weather we will be well be a building to the weather we will be a building to th total of 114, with the deaths number-

stairs and bedding. The district hospital adjoins the workhouse.

It appears that a number of armed men entered the Strabane workhouse, overawed the nurses and placed them in a corner of the main room and covered them with revolvers. The band then seized the bedding, which was used in the attempt to set the building ablaze.

The firearms act is now in force in northern Ireland, and the authorities announce that it will be strictly adhered to. The possession or sale of firearms without police certificates is punishable by two years hard labor. The period of grace for the surrender of arms expires Saturday in Belfast and February 25 eisewhere.

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BLAME ULSTER OFFICERS.

Friends Claim Republican Officers Were Abused.

By the Associated Press.

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Commissioners have been informed.

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UNCANNY RAPPING, GHOSTLY SLAPS.

CONVINCE TWO OF "SPOOK" HOUSE By the Associated Press.

HALIFAX, N. S., February 16.— The first person who can prove that supernatural causes are not responsible for uncanny happenings at Alex Macdonald's farm in Caledonia Mills will receive \$100 if an offer made by Detective Carroll of the provincial police and Harold Whidden, Halifax reporter,

holds good. . . . After spending two days and After spending two days and three nights in the house with Whidden, Detective Carroll reported to his superiors his belief that neither fires nor other strange happenings there were the work of human hands. While hunting for the spook alleged by Macdonald to be haunting his farm, Whidden and Carroll were slapped mysteriously, they say.

Whidden reported that he and the detective were lying on a bed on one side of the living room and Macdonald on a cot on the opposite side, when suddenly ghostly rappings were heard.

Then the reporter felt a slap on his arm and asked the detective what he was doing. The detective declared he had not moved.

Presently Carroll felt a slap, and told the reporter to keep still. Whidden declared he had not moved.

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The mysterious slaps were repeated and detective and scribe arose and stirred up Macdonald, who declared he had been asleep. The spook hunters spent the rest of the night huddled in front of a rearing fire.

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Macdonald left his home in midwinter because, he said, unseen hands played havoc with his cattle and started fires in his home. Friends who spent a night with him corroborated his story. Carroll is credited with having



PLEA OF DISTRICT

Congress Will Be Asked to Provide for Three Field Men

street, in the Ballymacarsrett area, was shot dead. Youthful gummen held up workers in the Low Market district, and wounded one of them.

The authorities today commandeered Ulster Hall, the commodious structure on Bedford street ordinarily used for concerts and assemblages, for the use of the troops now engaged in combating the disorders here. Up to 10 o'clock this morning the casualties had reached a total of 114, with the deaths number-

day directed Maj. Brown, assistant Charles McMullen and shot him. He vised Maj. Brown to prepare to e is in a dying condition.

Five young men, arrested at Hilltown, South Down, last Friday after the charged in the commandant, will be tried at Rathfryland tomorrow, she of them charged with carrying a rife and the others with unlawful alleger.

At the sant time it was announced. enlarging the personnel of that de

An attempt was made this forenoon to committee at the Capitol Saturday I have made inquiry into the feasibility of issuing either short-time Treasury notes or long-time beight to meet the financial obligations which the proposed legislation will impose. It is not possible to commend to you either of the plans suggested.

It continues to be my beat judgment that any compensation legislation enacted at this time ought to carry with it the provisions for raising the needed revenues, and I find myself unable to suggest any commendable plan other than that of a general sales tax. Such a tax will distribute the cost of rewarding the ex-service men in such a manner taxt it will be a continued to the manner taxt it will be a continued to the manner taxt it will be a content of the United States had insisted that making compensation legislation enacted at this time ought to carry with it the necessary commendable.

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BEVERIDGE WILL RUN.

nnounces Candidacy for U. S. Senator Before Delegations.

U. S. TROOPS MOBILIZE; HEAR OF MEXICO REVOLT

Ry the Associated Press.

EL PASO, Tex.. February 16.—Five thousand troops at Fort Bliss were being held today ready for any emergency which might arise along the border. They were mobilized last night when rumors were scattered in Juarez and El Paso that 3,000 men were assembling in the hills south of Juarez, and that the Juarez garrison was expected to "revolt." Juarez military and civilian officials strongly denied each report, but admitted they are aware that revolu-

REPORT GENERALS REVOLT. Alvarado and Green Opposing Obregon, Revolutionists Claim.

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partment will have to curtail to some couldn't conduct conversations "withextent its work this spring if it buys out a stenographer following them two tractors, Mr. Hacker believes around" he didn't think their efforts this step should be taken. The tract- ever would get very far. INDIANAPOLIS, February 16 .- Al- ors, he explained, would not be idle | Senator Williams, democrat, Missispert J. Beveridge, formally announced between snow storms, because they sippi, also opposed it because he his candidacy for the republican nomi- are needed to haul ash wagons on thought it was "bad policy."

ment is already arranging to purchase out of the current appropriation two tractors for snow work.

In view of the fact that the storm of January 28 demonstrated the inventor of January 29 demonstrated the inventor of January 20 demonstrated the

Col. Keller has stated that when the committee he appointed completes its work, which will be in a few days, he will submit its findings to the full board of Commissioners and ask them to decide whether the facts gathered by the committee are to be made public.

Commissioner Oyster expressed it as his personal belief today that the condition of any the changes if the condition of any the actor is found to any the added, however is and solution. The four motor, plows, working in teams of two, so red findings of the full board of commissioners and suburban street gangs were put to work on snow.

The four motor, plows, working from daybreak until yesterday evening, cleared ninety miles of streets.

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nation for United States senator for Indiana today.

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MAN ATTENDS HIS OWN INQUEST AND JURY THEN DECIDES "HE'S ALIVE"

By the Associated Press.

MONTREAL, February 16.—Jeremie Belliveau enjoys the distinction of having been the central figure at his own inquest. The

jury decided he was alive. Six months ago a body found in the Lachine canal was identified as that of Belliveau, who had been missing from his home. A coroner's jury found a verdict of accidental death, and in time Mme. Belliveau made plans to remarry. Then Belliveau made a rearrangement of plans necessary by coming back.

The coroner was called upon once more, this time to state what was to be done about the living. Belliveau explained that he had been unavoidably detained in jail for six

U. S. HOPES PARLEY **WILL BE POSTPONED**

America in Awkward Position Over Genoa Conference, Spars for Delay.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, February 16.—The probability of a delay of three weeks in the opening of the Genos in British official circles today. This was the first intimation in such circles that the French were it was impossible to start the conference on the date originally chosen, March 8.

The United States government pesn't want to be in the position of asking for a postponement and would

but there are a half dozen reasons why the United States hopes it will

The mystery of the missing note an By the Associated Press.

FIVE MEXICANS HELD.

Charged With Setting Military Expedition on Foot in U. S.

By the Associated Press.

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Circife Rodrigues, Enrique Light-borne and Guellermo Porras were arborne for the frequency of the treasury in the Obregon challes.

Agents of the resolutionary junts in Ell Paris correspondents cabled the substance of the note nearly a week ago, the Department of State officially across the Department of State officially across efforts to locate the note. The general impression prevails here that Ambassador Herrick received unomount of the Correspondents and telling in the Correspondents and telling in the correspondents as to its attitude just about the time that the French premier was calling in the correspondents and telling in the correspondents and the paris.

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BUSINESS MEN ASK

TWO CENTS.

Merchants and Manufacturers' Association Declares D. C. Prosperity Imperiled.

IN REDUCING RENTS

300 TO 400 PER CENT **INCREASES REPORTED**

Failures Attributed to High Costs of Business Properties-Remedial Laws Asked For.

Declaring that business prosperity Washington is being imperiled beause rents on business properties have increased during the last five years as much as 300 and 400 per cent, local industrial interests, through the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, today petitioned Congress "to take immediate steps to bring about legislation correcting this great

The petition was in the form of a letter to Senator Ball, chairman of the Senate District committee, drawn up by a special committee of the association appointed by President Anton Stephan, and was signed by R. P. Andrews, chairman; Louis Levy, George E. Hebbard, George P. Killian and F. W. Harper. This committee was appointed following the BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

America would be immensely obliged if Italy, France, England or somebody would postpone the Genoa economic conference indefinitely, or, at
least, until the Senate of the United

Was excluded from the operation of
the rent law. the rent law.

Corrective Legislation Asked. The petition points out that while it is believed that the control and supervision of business and the person "should be limited at all times." the business men are nevertheless

The statement contains the opinion that "a substantial part" of business calamities for 1921 were due to the "inording 's rents that were assumed by retail merchants."

"The value of the dollar decrease to the 50 per cent in the most trying period ment from the White House a week fact that practically everything ex-

buildings is in no sense due to a lack of enterprise upon the part of the business community, but came about through the exigencies of war, when

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