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UNCLE SAM'S FINANCES

Are in Fine Condition, According to Secretary McAdoo's Report. Tells Congressmen in Conference With Him That the Treasury Will Show a Surplus Instead of a Deficit. The Deficit Last Year Was About \$75,000,000.

Washington, May 24.—Uncle Sam's finances are in far better condition than this time a year ago. This fact was revealed at a conference between Secretary McAdoo, of the treasury, Majority Leader Kitchin, Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, and Representatives Hull and Rainey, of the house ways and means committee.

The estimates for additional revenues have been reduced to almost one-half what they were three months ago, when many experts contended that it would require between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 over and above the regular revenue to finance the government next year.

Upon his return from the Latin American tour, Secretary McAdoo found the treasury in far better condition than it was when he left here, owing to the fact that there has been a great revival of business throughout the nation.

Mr. McAdoo told the congressmen that the treasury would show a surplus instead of a deficit this year. The deficit last year was about \$75,000,000, Mr. McAdoo said that if it were not for the additional demand to be made on the treasury by the preparedness measures, no special revenue legislation would be required, and about half of the war tax features of the emergency bill, passed soon after the European war began, could be eliminated.

The new revenue bill will provide for about \$150,000,000 for the extra expenses caused by the army and navy programs. In fact, this was the sum agreed upon at a caucus of the democratic members of the ways and means committee.

The taxes imposed by the present emergency or war tax law will be reduced about half; the stamp tax items will be stricken out. What is left of the law will bring in between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

It is practically agreed by the house and senate leaders of the ways and means and finance committees that the new revenue law will provide for a readjustment of the income tax, which will bring \$50,000,000 additional revenue; a levy on inheritances, which will yield between \$50,000,000 and \$80,000,000, and an excise tax on war munitions to bring about \$40,000,000 or more.

These three sources of revenue, added to what will be retained in the present emergency tax law, will run the total provided for preparedness, putting into effect the rural credits law, the good roads law, and one or two other new projects, up to about \$200,000,000. It will require about \$15,000,000 to carry out the provisions of the rural credits, good roads and other new laws.

Present indications show that the income tax law now in effect will bring more than \$100,000,000, or an increase of \$20,000,000 over the estimates of December; that customs will show \$15,000,000 increase for the year and that the internal revenue receipts will likewise show an increase of \$15,000,000. In addition to these items the receipts from miscellaneous sources will be increased over the estimates by \$25,000,000.

It is the plan of the democratic leaders to have the revenue bill ready for presentation to the house before the meeting of the democratic convention on June 14.

In the senate, Senator Thomas, of Colorado, asserted that the democrats in the next campaign would have no fear of the charge of extravagance from republicans. He presented a list of bills introduced for proposed measures to show that the republicans of the senate would appropriate in the aggregate \$883,062,207. He pointed out that bills introduced by Senator Warren would draw from the treasury \$5,792,733; Senator Works, \$153,334,915; Poindexter, \$6,013,298; Jones, \$23,573,345; Cummins \$62,163,237; and Borah \$5,064,014.

Judge A. Yancey Teachy, of Wauchoula, accompanied by his little daughter, arrived in Arcadia this morning and will remain here for a short time on a business and pleasure trip.

ENTERTAINMENT TO BE GIVEN

Under the Auspices of the Arcadia Commercial Club. The Program Will Present An Evening of Rare Enjoyment, and You Should Not Miss It. It Will Be Held in the Auditorium of the High School Building, and the Price of Tickets Is 50 Cents for Adults and 25 Cents for Children.

Next Thursday night, June 1, at the high school building, an entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Arcadia Commercial Club. The admission charged will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The entire net proceeds will be used for publishing a booklet to better advertise Arcadia and DeSoto county.

The entertainment will be put on by the best local talent to be found in the city, and you are assured a good time, as well as having the opportunity to contribute to a most worthy cause. Come and bring your friends.

HON. F. A. WOOD ADDRESSES THE VOTERS OF THIS CITY SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The Hon. F. A. Wood, well known banker of St. Petersburg, and a candidate for election to the office of governor, addressed about 200 voters of this city and vicinity Saturday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock under the Tree of Knowledge, which spreads over the band stand. During his talk Mr. Wood very forcibly impressed his audience with the fact that he is irrevocably against the present fee system, and he convinced many of his hearers that it is not an economical plan of paying the county officers for their services. Mr. Wood showed that a great many school houses could be built, or that a great many school teachers could be employed and paid for a year's work, or that many miles of good road could be built with the money that is expended every year in paying the county officers the enormous fees that they are now receiving. Mr. Wood spoke in favor of simplifying the present complex registration laws. He stated that he believed the governor should appoint a commission to look after the affairs of the banks and insurance companies doing business, because, as he said he did not believe that the banking and insurance business should be mixed with politics. In order to do away with having so many 'fool laws' passed by the legislature, Mr. Wood advanced the idea of having all bills introduced in the legislature filed with the secretary of state sixty days before the convening of the legislature. The secretary of state should have each bill printed and several copies sent to each member of the legislature. The speaker said that all of his opponents were dealing altogether in generalities rather than being specific. This was the only rap he took at his three leading opponents, but he became aroused when he alluded to Mr. Catts, and he laid the blame on him for injecting religion into the present campaign. It seems to be the rule for all candidates to state their religious preferences, and so Mr. Wood told that he is and always has been a staunch Methodist. The speaker, who made a straight, business-like talk, held his audience well for a solid hour, and many times during this time he was interrupted by hearty applause.

Hon. Perry Wall, candidate for the United States senate, was unable to be here, as he was taken very sick at Wauchoula that morning and had to be taken to his home in Tampa.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The services at St. Edmund's Episcopal church Sunday as follows: Early communion 7:30. Sunday school, baptism and Bible class 9:45. Holy communion, confirmation service and sermon 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon 7:30.

The Rt. Rev. Cameron Mann, D. D., bishop of southern Florida, will be present, performing the apostolic rite of confirmation at the 11 o'clock service, preaching both morning and evening. Special music at all services. You are invited.

F. A. SHORE, Rector.

Donald Parker, of the Parker Machine Works, of Tampa, after spending a few days in this city attending to business for his company, left this morning for points in the southern part of the county.

STATE ASSOCIATION OF TITLE MEN IS DE SOTO'S TOTAL VOTE

The Body Was Warmly Welcomed by Addresses From C. H. Mitchell, on Behalf of the City, S. R. McChesney, on Behalf of the Local Real Estate Men, D. W. McLeod, on Behalf of the Local Abstractors, and H. G. Jones, on Behalf of the Local Bar Association. The Visitors Will Be Banqueted By the Citizens of Arcadia Tomorrow Night.

The fifth annual meeting of the Florida Association of Title Men is in session in this city today and tomorrow. The association is holding its meeting in the circuit court room, and all the sessions are open to the public.

The body was called to order this morning at 11 o'clock by the president, E. L. Mack, of Bartow.

After prayer by the Rev. R. T. Bell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, brief addresses of welcome were made as follows: Hon. C. H. Mitchell, on behalf of the city for Mayor Hollingsworth, who was unavoidably absent; Mr. S. R. McChesney, on behalf of the local real estate men; Mr. D. W. McLeod, on behalf of the local abstractors; and Mr. H. G. Jones, on behalf of the local bar association. Response was made to the welcome

CARRANZA HEARTILY CO-OPERATING WITH AMERICAN TROOPS TO THE END THAT BANDITS MAY BE EXTERMINATED

Washington, May 24.—Reports to both the state and war departments further indicate plans of the Carranza government to vigorously pursue Chihuahua outlaw bands while the American forces remain comparatively quiescent.

Closely following news of withdrawal from Mexico of the second American punitive expedition sent from Boquillas, N. M., information reached the state department that General Obregon had ordered 30,000 troops to engage in the bandit hunt in Chihuahua and along the Big Bend Border.

Delay in reopening diplomatic discussions on question of American troops remaining in Mexico also was indicated in official dispatches. State department officials said receipt of the new note being prepared by Carranza was not expected before next week. It was thought probable that retirement of the Big Bend expedition to American soil has presented a new situation in connection with representations contemplated by General Carranza.

Secretary Baker said last night that the Sibley-Langhorne expedition was not withdrawn upon orders from Washington. Officials here believe the American force lost the hot trail of the bandits who raided Glenn Springs and Boquillas, and retired because the officers thought no good could be accomplished by remaining across the border.

Whether the 116 National Guardsmen of Texas who refused to be mustered into the federal service shall be court-martialed has not yet been determined. Judge Advocate General Crowder withdrew an opinion submitted to General Scott, chief of staff, which outlined the war department's authority and rules of procedure. General Crowder desired to consider whether the new army reorganization

bill, just passed by congress, will affect the situation. The record of the Texas guardsmen in responding to President Wilson's call for border duty was defended by Representative Slayden, of Texas.

"Less than 3 per cent. of the guard have failed to answer the summons," he said, "and in view of the fact that many of the men have families to support and other affairs which might prevent their immediately answering the proportion seems very small to me."

Mr. Slayden produced figures to show that the membership of the guard had increased in Texas within the last few months, and quoted General Funston as saying he thought the Texas Guardsmen had acquitted themselves creditably in the Mexican situation.

Settlement of the railroad strike in several Mexican districts was reported in state department advices. Trains at Monterey were reported operating as usual, as well as some mines, smelters and other industrial plants. A Piedras Negras, officials stated, Mexican ship employees returned to work yesterday, and traffic has been resumed, through trains from Mexico City arriving there daily.

Renewed activity of bandits near Acapulco, on the west Mexican coast, was reported.

American Consul Letcher, of Chihuahua City, who arrived here yesterday to confer with state department officials, said that Carranza officials had told him that Pablo Lopez, the former Villa leader, captured by Carranza troops, would be executed for participation in the Columbus and Santa Isabel murders.

While food is scarce around Chihuahua, there have been no uprisings, Mr. Letcher said. Consul Letcher said the five other American consuls ordered to gather at the border would meet at Laredo.

CROPS IN CZAR'S DOMAINS ARE IN A BAD SHAPE.

Berlin, May 24.—A crop disaster in Russia is reported in advices received from Stockholm by the Overseas News Agency. It is said all the winter crops of the northern and middle governments of Russia have been destroyed by a severe frost.

In the Volga district in the governments of Kazan and Simbirsk, in southern Russia, where the crops were well advanced owing to the early spring, they are said to have been frozen. The Russian government, according to this report, is deliberating whether to have the ground plowed up and immediately replanted.

These advices state also that there is a lack of coffee in Russia, as supplies to the value of six million rubles are being detained in Sweden. It is reported the Finland senate has prohibited the exportation of milk into Russia.

Frank Rice, of Punta Gorda, came up to this city yesterday afternoon to attend to business matters.

DE SOTO'S TOTAL VOTE

Will Not Greatly Exceed 2,734. There Were Over Four Thousand Who Registered, But Many Have Not Paid Their Poll Tax. A Few Being Exempt From This Tax Will Slightly Increase the Vote Above That Given Below, 2,734.

The following is the final list by precincts of the people who qualified to vote in the coming June primary. There may be a few more votes; the list below shows those who have paid their poll tax for the year of 1915. But some were exempt from this tax on account of the age limit. There were over 4,000 people who registered, but only 2,734 can vote, since many failed to pay their poll tax.

Fort Green Precinct No. 1	63
Wauchoula, No. 2	493
Lily No. 3	36
Pine Level, No. 4	34
Charlotte Harbor No. 5	49
Grove City No. 6	14
Punta Gorda, No. 7	222
Fort Ogden, No. 8	82
Arcadia No. 9	600
Crowsville No. 10	37
Zolfo No. 11	166
Venus No. 12	43
Brownville No. 13	62
Avon Park No. 14	121
Bowling Green No. 15	134
Gardner No. 16	55
Nocatee No. 17	68
Owens No. 18	42
Cleveland No. 19	17
Oak Hill No. 20	35
Lake Sterns No. 21	7
Horse Creek No. 22	15
Ona No. 23	74
Platt No. 24	5
Bermont No. 25	21
Murdock No. 26	14
Sweetwater No. 27	23
North LaBelle No. 28	18
Citrus Center No. 29	4
Bassenger No. 30	5
Limestone No. 31	39
Sebring No. 32	103
Adrian No. 33	39
Palmdale No. 34	19
Lakeport No. 35	7
Lake Branch No. 36	15
Total	2,734

LADIES' GUILD OF ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH

The regular meeting of the Ladies Guild of St. Edmund's church was held Tuesday, May 23, with Mrs. J. S. Wells as hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. G. King, and opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Shore. Twenty-two members answered to roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

A motion was made that the Guild adjourn its meetings until the first Tuesday in September, was seconded and carried. There will be no more meetings during the hot summer months, unless at the call of the president for something important.

Mrs. J. J. King, chairman of the altar committee, reported that at the two meetings held at her home, the ladies had finished six Purificators one Chalice Veil, and that several more were almost completed, and that these would be sufficient until fall.

Mrs. F. S. Market resigned from the altar committee, as she is now living in the country, and Miss Mildred Morgan was appointed to take her place.

The ladies will be busy during the summer on their boxes for the bazaar, and some have already started on this work.

No further business coming up, the meeting was adjourned until September. At the conclusion of the business meeting, delightful refreshments of chicken salad, with tomatoes and mayonnaise, pickles, olives and saltines were served by the hostess, who was assisted by Mrs. Sampey and Miss Link. Punch was served all during the afternoon.

Visitors welcomed at this meeting were Mrs. W. G. Welles, Mrs. J. A. Parker, Mrs. I. G. Royall, Mrs. Sampey, Mrs. T. G. Lawrence, Mrs. Jones, Miss Link and Miss Linda Mathis. All spent a most delightful afternoon with their work and chatting.

Major W. J. Driscoll, of Bartow, who represents a large fertilizer company of Jacksonville, arrived in this city this morning and is registered at the Arcadia House for a few days' stay in town.

Donald R. Cameron, of this city, left on the yesterday afternoon train for Lakeland on a short business trip.

THE FOOD PROBLEM

In Germany Will Be Handled by a Board, According to Official Announcement. The President of This Board Will Be Empowered to Dispose of All Food Stuffs, Raw Materials and Other Articles Necessary to the Supplying of Food Within the German Empire.

London, May 24.—Advices from Berlin say that it is officially announced there that the federal council has authorized the imperial chancellor to establish a new board which will handle the entire food problem, and be directly responsible to him.

The president of this board will be empowered to dispose of all food stuffs, raw materials and other articles necessary to the supplying of food, all fodder and material necessary for the feeding of animals which are stocked within the German Empire.

The authorities of the president will include regulation of imports and exports and the establishment of maximum prices. In urgent cases the president is empowered to send direct instructions to the authorities of the federal states. Adolph Tortilowitz von Batocki, president of the province of East Prussia, has been appointed president of the new board.

The appointment of a "food dictator" in Germany was forecast by the Cologne Gazette on May 15, following the resignation of Clements Delbrueck as minister of the interior. The resignation of Delbrueck, ostensibly on account of ill health, was declared in unofficial advices from Berlin to be due to his failure to deal satisfactorily with the food situation.

Unequal distribution, due to the conflicting laws and rival authority of the various states of the empire, was blamed as the principal cause of the food problem.

Von Batocki is regarded as a very able organizer. He won high praise for his success in restoring order in east Prussia after that country had been ravaged by the Russians in the early months of the war.

BAPTIST WOMEN RAISED \$416,843

Cash and Presents Sent to Missions During Year Reached Enormous Sum, Report Shows.

Asheville, N. C., May 24.—Women of the Southern Baptist church raised \$416,843 in cash and in value of boxes sent to missionaries during the last year, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, treasurer of the Women's Missionary Union, announced at a meeting of the women's section of the Southern Baptist church.

The sums raised for different purposes were as follows:

Foreign	\$181,849.00
Home	111,327.00
Sunday school fund	1,258.71
Margaret fund	787.89
Training school	22,878.24
Scholarship fund	6,126.68

Total \$324,226.92

Jubilate offerings to foreign missions 71,732.27

Jubilate offerings to home missions 9,974.67

Cash total \$405,933.86

Missionaries' boxes 10,909.91

Cash and box total \$416,843.77

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY METHODIST CHURCH.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. T. S. Carlton May 23rd, with twelve members present. Mrs. D. G. Barnett led the meeting, subject, Japan and Japanese in America.

Mrs. Carlton and Mrs. Kemp read very interesting leaflets on the subject. Quite a large number of calls were reported. The society has arranged for a public meeting to be held at the church Saturday afternoon at 2:30, at which time Mrs. Holland, president of the Bartow district, will give an address. A large attendance of all the ladies interested is desired. At the close of the meeting the hostess served delightful refreshments.

Miss Carolyn Staley, who was in charge of the Coney Island entertainment which was given in this city Monday and Tuesday nights of this week, left this morning for Ocala, where she will direct the same production. Miss Staley during her short stay here made many friends, who hope that she will return to Arcadia.