

Fair Saturday; Sunday cloudy, probably showers.

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TO TAX LUXURIES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BONUS TO SOLDIERS

Vocational Education Will Be Provided As Alternative To Cash Plan.

HOUSE IS RECORDED AGAINST BOND ISSUE

Details Of Measure Will Be Worked Out By A Sub-Committee To Be Named.

Washington, April 2.—Soldier relief legislation, with probable provision for a cash bonus, funds for which would be raised by a sales or luxuries tax, was approved today by the house ways and means committee by a vote of 18 to 8.

Inaugurate Special Tax

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader, after a conference today with other senate republicans as to future legislation in the senate, said he thought this would include a bill to give a money bonus to former service men, with provisions for a special tax to raise the necessary funds.

Program Approved by the House

The program approved by the house committee declares against any bond issue. It is understood to have been submitted by Representative Longworth, republican, Ohio, and was discussed at great length in executive session.

What the exact form of the legislation was not decided upon, committee discussion was said to have indicated approval of a plan of extending vocational education as an alternative to the cash bonus.

Spokesman for the committee said it was planned to have the final draft of the legislation ready for submission to the house within a fortnight.

As no decision was made as to the amount of the bonus or the cost of other plans that might be adopted, it was said that no estimate of the funds needed could be made at this time.

It also was said that there had been no decision as to whether the bonus would be paid in a lump sum or be graduated according to the length of service of each individual.

The program is understood to have the approval of the republican leaders of the house, assuring early consideration for it.

GEN. PEYTON C. MARCH INSPECTS CAMP BRAGG

Expected To Leave Fayetteville For Washington Last Night.

(Special to The Star.) Fayetteville, N. C., April 2.—General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army, inspected Camp Bragg today, completing an inspection tour which has carried him to Atlanta and Columbus, Georgia, as well as Fayetteville, Camp Benning being visited at Columbus.

The general did not get here until 4:45 this afternoon, coming by way of Sanford, after missing a connection on the Seaboard which would have placed him here at noon. His departure for Washington, planned for 11:02 tonight, may be delayed until tomorrow morning. He was accompanied by Capt. John Milliken.

The postponement of a dinner which was to have been given the distinguished visitors by Fayetteville citizens was necessitated by the uncertainty of his arrival, and General March took dinner with Maj. Gen. Williams McNaught, camp commander, at the latter's residence on the reservation.

BOTH FORDS GUILTY COMPLICITY TO ROB

One Sentenced to 17 Years While The Other Gets 10.

Seale, Ala., April 2.—Rufus Ford was found guilty of the charge of complicity to rob the Phenix-Girard Bank at Girard, Ala., and was sentenced to serve seventeen years at hard labor. Upon hearing of the verdict of guilty against his brother, Tom Ford, who drew his plea of not guilty and entered one of guilty, he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

AUSTRIA SENDS AN EASTER GREETING TO AMERICA

Vienna, April 2.—President Seitz, of Austria, through the Associated Press, sends an Easter message to the American people as follows: "Thanks to the generous food drafts on American relief warehouses, we are able to make Easter a veritable feast of joy for many poor families. I wish to thank the generous donors and wish them the same joy with benefit by their hearts of those who benefit by their generous gifts."

FRENCH MAY RESIGN

Dublin, April 2.—The Freeman's Journal, in an article today, advances the belief that Field Marshal Viscount French is to resign his post as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and that he will be succeeded by Lord Decies.

NATIONAL GUARD ORDERED ON DUTY IN TOBACCO WAR

Night Riders Have Again Become Active In Kentucky District.

Mayfield, Ky., April 2.—A machine gun squad of the state national guard was on duty here tonight following a report last night that a second attack was to be made on Mayfield tobacco chutes by night riders as a result of the recent decline in the price of tobacco.

A number of citizens spent last night in arms awaiting an attack, but none materialized. The machine gun squad was asked for by Judge Bunk Gardner, of the circuit court, as a precautionary measure, and was ordered here today from Leitchfield by Governor Edwin P. Morrow. It was accompanied by Adjutant General J. M. Deweese and was in command of Captain William Taylor. It consisted of eight other men who, in addition to the machine gun, were armed with rifles.

Judge Gardner yesterday instructed a special grand jury to investigate the burning last Friday night of the Mayfield tobacco chute by a band of night riders said to have numbered 200. The grand jury today assisted deputy sheriffs in bringing in witnesses summoned to appear before the grand jury.

Governor Morrow, it was announced, has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of any ten men who took part in the attack last week.

DRUG FIRM IS SPENDING MILLION DOLLARS FOR WHISKEY

Cincinnati, April 2.—A million dollar whiskey deal was consummated here today when a Cincinnati drug firm purchased from a Lexington, Ky., distillery, for medical purposes, warehouse certificates for 5,000 barrels or 250,000 gallons of the liquor. The sale price was \$1.10 a gallon, the government tax \$2.80 on the state tax fifty cents, making the total cost per gallon \$4.

WORKMEN CEASE CONTROL IN RUHR DISTRICT OF GERMANY

Duesseldorf, April 2.—Control by the workmen ceased theoretically at noon today throughout the Ruhr district under the peace terms ratified last night at Esseny. Today being Good Friday, religious ceremonies were strictly observed. The turning over of their duties to the police in the various cities is expected to be a gradual process. The general strike was called off this morning and resumption of work will take place tomorrow.

TEACHERS ARE DEMANDING EQUALITY IN COMPENSATION

Philadelphia, April 2.—Delegates of the American Federation of Teachers, representing every eastern state from Maine to Georgia, adopted a resolution at their "better schools" conference here today recommending \$2,000 as the proper minimum annual salary for teachers in city as well as country schools. Equal pay for same work without distinction as to sex was urged.

YALE MAKES CLEAN SWEEP

Richmond, Va., April 2.—Yale made a clean sweep in the tennis tournament against the Country Club of Virginia this afternoon, its racketeers winning all sets in both singles and doubles. Garland Yale captain, featured the afternoon's play.

WILL DISPENSE LIQUORS

Richmond, Va., April 2.—Judge D. C. Richardson, in his dispensing court, having granted permits to several druggists here to dispense ardent spirits under the recently amended Mapp law, they were preparing today to seek federal sanction to procure stocks of liquor.

NOMINATED CHIEF JUSTICE

Washington, April 2.—Victoriano Mapa, of the Philippine Islands, was nominated today by President Wilson to be chief justice of the supreme court of the Philippine Islands.

WOMEN PICKETERS MAKE DISPLAY FOR IRISH REPUBLIC

Police Were Unable To Interfere In View Of Other Decisions.

Washington, April 2.—Efforts of the state department today to have the Washington police authorities break up the picketing of the British embassy by women favorable to an Irish republic failed today.

The police said that in the light of the decision of the federal courts in the case of the suffragists who picketed the white house two years ago, they were powerless to act unless there was disorder.

The women began the picketing this morning, a dozen of them marching up and down the sidewalk in front of the embassy on Connecticut avenue, displaying banners criticizing the British government. This fact was brought to the attention of the state department, and officials immediately conferred with the district commissioners and police authorities. It is said the British embassy had made no complaint.

The women undertook a demonstration under the Capitol yesterday, but were turned away by the postal police. Before going there they staged an impromptu demonstration on Pennsylvania avenue opposite the white house.

RAILROADS SUFFER FINANCIAL DAMAGE FROM BAD FLOODS

Sevierville, Tenn., Is Under Water, And Residents Are Fleeing.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 2.—Floods following unusually heavy rains did widespread damage in this section last night and today. Ten miles of the Little River Railroad company's tracks in the mountains above Knoxville were completely destroyed and from fifteen to twenty miles more were either destroyed or badly damaged. The damage to the road is estimated at more than \$50,000, will take two months or more to repair.

The Knoxville and Augusta railway also suffered considerable loss from washouts and lost two trestles between Maryville and Walland and Maryville and Canton.

A long stretch of the Southern railway tracks between Morristown and Asheville was inundated, and trains were running late, but no serious damage was reported.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad suffered severe washouts between Etowah and Copper Hill, on the Atlanta division, causing one train to be cancelled and necessitating the transfer of passengers to others.

Sevierville, twenty-six miles east of Knoxville, was completely under water today, and many families were forced to flee from their homes. The light and power plant was put out of commission and the town was cut off from Knoxville when the high water covered the railroad tracks.

The Tennessee river has reached a stage of 22 feet, but soon is expected to begin falling.

Much damage was done by swollen creeks, the banks of which are thickly wooded. Last night and early this morning police reserves were called out to assist in bringing families to safety.

French Broad Out of Bounds

Asheville, N. C., April 2.—Heavy rains and high waters last night and today did great damage to many sections of western North Carolina, the Southern railway being the hardest hit. The Murphy division of the Southern is blocked for more than half its distance by heavy landslides and washouts.

Trains from Asheville to Knoxville are marooned in the vicinity of Bridgeport, a small village near Newport, Tenn., tonight, and the Southern has made arrangements to feed the passengers and make them comfortable for the night. Other trains due here from Cincinnati and the west were detained at Morristown and Johnson City to the C. C. & O.

In Asheville, the French Broad river reached the highest stage today, eight feet, of any time since the great flood of 1916, the water being in the basements of the big factories along the water front and scores of families have been compelled to move out.

SHOE FACTORIES CLOSE DOWN

Marble Head, Mass., April 2.—Demands of turn shoe workers for increased wages will tie up the shoe industry here, according to announcements by making arrangements which he said would accrue to the nation by adoption of that system.

He did not touch upon the "favorite son" issue, and made no reference to Senator Warren G. Harding.

General Wood declared that the nation needed a budget system, and recommended as one means of improving the present system that every cabinet member should be permitted to appear on the floor of either house of congress to defend the policy of his department.

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Physician Testifies She Could Not Have Caused Daughter's Death Alone.

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Dr. Warthin performed an autopsy over Mrs. Virgo's body shortly after it was found in the woman's "hope chest" in the basement of her Lawton home, and found, he testified, that death was due to illegal surgery. The operation he believed could not have been performed by Mrs. Tabor unassisted. He also testified that the body had been partially embalmed.

LABORERS INSIST ON WAGE INCREASE; CONFERENCE ENDS

Attempt To Settle Strike At Atlantic Ports Results In Failure.

SHIPPING COMPANIES DECIDE TO STAND FIRM

Employers Refuse To Grant Increase Because They Are Losing Money Now.

Washington, April 2.—A conference of coastwise shipping interests and longshoremen, which convened at the department of labor today to attempt a settlement of the strikes at Atlantic and gulf ports, dissolved late today without having reached an agreement.

Assistant Secretary Post, of the labor department, said he saw no hope of bringing the two sides together, and could "see no other conclusion than to declare the conference dissolved."

Employers Won't Recede. Mr. Post said employers were unwilling to recede from their demand for an immediate increase in wages, and employers refused to grant the increase at present "because they are already losing money and cannot add to their deficit."

Representatives of a dozen coastwise shipping companies and of organizations representing the 20,000 men who are out on strike attended the conference. Neither side had any announcement to make at its conclusion, beyond a reiteration of their intention to stand firm.

Reports that employes of railways serving the docks affected by the strike have threatened to refuse to handle freight consigned to these points reached the labor department today.

Food Supplies Affected. The tie-up at important ports has excited the interest of government officials, it was explained at the labor department, principally because of the effect upon food supplies in New York and New England. Much of the early produce of southern truck farms is moved by steamer at this season, as well as important quantities of cotton and naval stores, it was said.

GEN. WOOD DEFENDS MILITARY TRAINING

Also Advocates Upbuilding of A Strong American Merchant Marine.

Canton, Ohio, April 2.—Major General Leonard Wood, in an address here tonight, emphasized universal military training and the benefits which he said would accrue to the nation by adoption of that system.

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Mrs. Tabor, who is 80-years-old, was re-arrested this morning on a new charge, the original proceedings having been dismissed when the supreme court found the evidence insufficient.

The hearing is expected to continue into next week.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE ADVOCATES FIGHT TO WIN DELAWARE

Will Attempt To Influence Voters Over The Eastern Holiday Period.

Dover, Del., April 2.—Undismayed by the defeat of the resolution to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment by the lower house of the Delaware legislature, suffragist leaders today started a state-wide drive in an effort to win over members of the legislature by changing the opinion of their constituents.

A large delegation of suffrage workers started from here on a tour of the state. It is planned to visit every town and hamlet and in speeches urge the voters to assent upon their representative in the assembly to support the suffrage resolution.

It is also planned to obtain petitions and signed statements from as many voters as possible to present to the legislature on Monday after the Easter holidays suffrage advocates said tonight they were confident their strength in both branches would be materially increased. They hoped to obtain reconsideration of the ratification resolution by the house, but, should this fail, they pointed out that an identical resolution would be introduced and passed by the upper branch, it could be brought before the house at any time.

The suffragists claim to have a majority of one in the senate.

MISTRIAL DECLARED IN URSULA BRODERICK CASE

St. Louis, Mo., April 2.—A mistrial was declared tonight in the case of Ursula Broderick, 16-years-old, charged with the murder of her stepfather, Joseph F. Woodlock, shot to death in their home here last April. After deliberating more than twenty hours the jury reported "hopelessly deadlocked." Judge Klein declared a mistrial and ordered the case re-tried on May 3rd.

OLD HICKORY DIVISION WILL MEET AT ASHEVILLE

Greenville, S. C., April 2.—Selection of dates and adoption of a tentative program for the second annual convention of the Old Hickory Association (30th division, A. E. F.), to be held in Asheville this fall, will be attended to at a meeting of the executive committee which Colonel Holmes E. Springs, chairman, last week held in Asheville Saturday afternoon.

THREE SMUGGLERS SHOT

Laredo, Texas, April 2.—In a battle yesterday between four American customs inspectors and seven alleged Mexican smugglers, forty miles southeast of Laredo, three of the smugglers were shot and killed. The others escaped into Mexico. None of the Americans was injured.

SECRETARY FOR IRELAND

London, April 2.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, under secretary for home affairs, has been appointed chief secretary for Ireland, according to official announcement this afternoon. Sir Hamar succeeded Ian MacPherson, who resigned yesterday.

RAILROAD WAGE CONTROVERSY

Washington, April 2.—The whole railroad wage controversy was revived today when President Wilson today for the third time since railroad labor, filed its demands for a general increase in wages last summer.

SOUTH AMERICAN EDITOR SHOT AND KILLED IN DUEL

Former President Of Uruguay Was Victor On Field Of Honor.

Mentevideo, Uruguay, April 2.—Washington Beltran, editor of the newspaper El Pais, was shot and killed in a duel today by Jose Batlle Ordonez, former president of Uruguay.

The duel took place this morning with the usual formalities and with seconds and surgeons in attendance. The weapons used were pistols. Beltran was shot in the breast and died shortly after ward.

The morning newspapers today printed announcements of the impending duel. They said that former President Batlle had sent his seconds to Beltran, challenging the journalist because of statements published in El Pais, which Batlle considered offensive.

Beltran was a nationalist member of the chamber of deputies and a leader of that party, which is opposed to the "Batlle" party. Batlle has twice been president of Uruguay.

Yesterday was not the first time that Jose Batlle y Ordonez met an adversary on the field under the code of honor. On January 13 last, Batlle was twice wounded in the arm during a duel with swords fought with Senator Leonel Aguirre. He was rendered incapable of continuing the fight a few seconds after it started, and the duel was suspended.

It was said at the time that Batlle had sent his seconds to Aguirre because of an article printed in El Pais, of which Aguirre was the proprietor, charging that the former president was seeking to acquire predominance in the chamber of deputies to further his personal ends.

In 1906, while president of Uruguay, Batlle agreed to fight a duel with Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera, a member of the chamber of deputies and former secretary of the legation at Washington after Batlle's term of president was ended. Nothing so far as is known ever came of this agreement.

VANDERLIP SAYS FALSE PROSPERITY SERIOUS DANGER

Sixty Per Cent. Efficiency Of Labor Is Responsible For Low Productivity.

Chicago, April 2.—America has entered an era of false prosperity, Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly president of the National City Bank of New York, declared today in an address.

Mr. Vanderlip is en route to Japan where, in connection with a committee of commissioners, he will investigate conditions governing trade relations between the United States and Japan.

"There are three things upon which real prosperity must be based," he said. "These are ample capital, efficient labor and an application of sound economics. We are prosperous today in the face of all three fundamentals and our prosperity is false as well as dangerous."

"Incomes today are larger than ever before; profits are larger, and yet fresh capital for business enterprise is less than more than anything else being the reason for this is the government taxes."

"But even were taxes reduced, the situation would not be sound. I have talked with scores of big business men and the consensus is that labor is sixty per cent efficient. There is no non-employment today.

"And yet despite this fact our productivity is lower than it has ever been. But even with labor efficient and capital plentiful, our prosperity still would be on a false bottom. The inflation of currency and of bank credit has more than anything else been responsible for the 250 per cent rise in prices in the last six years."

STEAMER REPORTED AFBRE

New York, April 2.—The American steamship Eastern King, bound from New York to Cuban ports, is on fire near Sagua de la Grande, on the Cuban coast, according to a wireless message received here today by the naval communications service.

The steamer Lake Medford responded to the call for assistance and is pumping water onto the fire, the message added.

OFFICERS AND CREW SAFE

New York, April 2.—Chief Officer Collins and 39 men of the crew of the steamer Natanna which was lost off Cassablanca, Morocco, March 8, arrived here today on the steamer Black Arrow from Constantinople. They were on the steamer when it was found off Brest for Cassablanca with coal when she foundered.

CHICAGO TRAINMEN STRIKE

Chicago, April 2.—Seven hundred switchmen and switch tenders employed in the Chicago terminal of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad were on strike today. They walked out last night to enforce demands for a wage increase of from 52 cents to \$1 an hour and in protest against the discharge of a yardmaster, they said.

RUSSIA READY TO PAY

Stockholm, April 2.—Russia is ready to pay in gold and cereals for all kinds of industrial products, principally farming equipment, tools and locomotives which are needed urgently, according to a statement issued here by representatives of Russian cooperative societies.

MRS. ROY PRESIDENT

Cincinnati, April 2.—Mrs. Harry Roy, Louisville, today was elected president, and Mrs. Lois Springer, Duluth, secretary of the Delta Omicron national musical society, which convention here tomorrow. Louisville will receive the 1921 meeting.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO LEND NITRATES TO DISTRIBUTORS

Will Take Care Of Situation Until Chilean Nitrates Begin To Arrive.

(Special to The Star.) Washington, April 2.—A great many inquiries are being made by the farmers of North Carolina as to whether the department of agriculture is selling nitrate of soda this year.

In response to these inquiries Senator Simmons has conferred with officials of the agricultural department about the matter, who informed him that on account of the fact that commercial distributors have been able to get adequate shipments of nitrates the department has been taking no hand in the distribution.

The agricultural department states that while reports indicate a shortage of nitrate in some sections, the shortage of ships to bring the nitrates from South American countries has evidently been the cause, and it is believed that such conditions will not exist longer than the latter part of April.

A joint resolution is being introduced in congress authorizing the war department to lend to commercial distributors a sufficient quantity of nitrate of soda to meet the present shortage. If congress grants this authority, and concerted effort is being made to secure prompt action, the war department will be in a position to furnish ample to meet the need.

RAILWAY CLERKS' STRIKE IS ENDED; TO RESUME DUTY

Conference Between Strikers And Norfolk and Western Officials Reached Result

WALK-OUT OF TRAINMEN FAILED TO EVENTUATE

Passenger Trains Operated On Schedule Time Yesterday Throughout the System

Roanoke, Va., April 2.—At a conference here early today between officials of the Norfolk and Western Railway and local and international representatives of organized crafts on the system, who have struck in sympathy with the clerks who walked out March 22, a settlement was reached under the terms of which all employes of the company will resume work immediately.

According to company officials, under an agreement with the union representatives no further statement regarding the settlement of the differences between the road and its employes will be made public. Whether the terms of adjustment contemplate the removal of W. T. Divers and Amos Headley, non-union clerks, whose discharge was demanded by the railway clerks, or whether these men will be retained in the service, could not be ascertained, neither company officials nor union heads would divulge any information.

Roanoke, Va., April 2.—A conference here between Norfolk and Western railway officials and union officials representing fifteen railroad crafts, at which the grievances of striking railway clerks was discussed, was concluded at 6:15 o'clock this afternoon. Railway officials declared a statement would be made public late tonight. Union heads stated they had no announcement to make.

Officials of the company will hold a conference again tonight, they announced, before the results of the meeting by the union officials will be made public. It was unofficially announced that a conference of the union heads also was scheduled tonight.

Trainmen Make Complaint. In making the announcement railroad officials reiterated that they have received no official notice that members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen would walk out because of what they claimed are "unfair conditions" on the road as a result of the strike of railway clerks.

About 5,000 men assembled at the company's passenger station here shortly after 4 o'clock to see if the announced walk-out of the trainmen to walk-out at 4 o'clock would be carried out.

The first train left Roanoke for the west at 4:40 o'clock. It was soon followed by another. A fireman on the first train was called away from his cab by a group of men, but after a hurried conference with them returned to his engine and was aboard when the train left. The assemblage then broke up.

Freight Trains at Standstill. Durham, N. C., April 2.—Nine clerks in the local freight office of the Norfolk and Western and two yard brakemen quit their jobs today, joining union men elsewhere in a general walkout. No freight trains were operated to and from Durham over the Norfolk and Western lines today. All passenger trains, however, have been operated on scheduled time.

Seven clerks in the local office, including two telegraph operators, did not join the strikers.

W. H. Pritchard, agent here, stated tonight that without operation of freight trains his reduced force can amply take care of the situation. No freight is being received, and deliveries of such freight as is being made as was on hand when curtailment of trains started.

WALK-OUT IN OHIO

Columbus, Ohio, April 2.—Almost 9,000 workmen employed by the Norfolk and Western railway at the local terminal and at Portsmouth struck today in sympathy with the brotherhood of railway clerks, whose members went out March 22.

Union officials predicted a complete tie-up of the system within a few days. Passenger trains still were running, but freight transportation was badly crippled. No care for connections are being accepted by the company.

Attempt to Settle Strike

Washington, April 2.—John D. Colpoys and Charles Benheim, of the labor department bureau of adjustment, were ordered to Roanoke, Virginia, today to confer with representatives of the striking clerks of the Norfolk and Western railroad with a view to attempting a settlement of the strike.