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DEFER REVENUE INCREASE PLANS

White House Conference Decides There Is No Immediate Need for Government Finances Legislation.

CAN BETTER ACT AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

McAdoo Still Estimates There Will Be Deficit of \$10,000,000 at End of the Fiscal Year.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Administration leaders who have been considering plans for meeting the deficit in government revenues, have determined that there is no pressing need for legislation to increase the revenues and have agreed to await the end of the fiscal year, when the war's effect can be better gauged, before they decide on a course.

Secretary McAdoo stood by his estimate of \$10,000,000 deficit for the year, at the conference yesterday, and pointed out that the deferred corporation and personal income tax payments might counter-balance this apparent loss.

Treasury officials say they look for a revival of business and that there may be marked customs increase during the next five months. They expect large sugar importations.

The treasury officials are planning more effective methods for collecting the income taxes. But the bill goes much farther than any previous one and the fear of those who oppose, as well as those who favor it, that it will strangle things up mightily. No former legislature has come so near to touching the tastes of men and no election on that question has been held. It is the big bill of the session thus far, the one upon which all the fireworks can be turned. It is powerfully backed up by petitioners.

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BATTLE BEFORE "DRY" MEASURE

Some Prohibitionists Against Bill to Prohibit Receipt and Delivery of Whiskey in North Carolina.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE EXHIBITS COURAGE

Roberts Has Mt. Mitchell Park Bill Transferred to Appropriations Committee Which He Heads.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The Anti-Saloon league had the sublime courage of its convictions by presenting its bill to prohibit the receipt and delivery of intoxicating liquors and the manufacture and sale of such malt as is used in malt liquors.

Thus the bog organization is ready to give prohibition that will prohibit the prohibitionists, the ultima thule of dry legislation. In this correspondence some weeks ago suggestion of efforts at modification were bona fide but the league is determined to put through that slightly amended act submitted tentatively some time ago and the committee on regulation of the liquor traffic now has it.

It may go through, sentiment here suggests, but it will have a battle. Some of the best prohibitionists in the state are against it. One of the western members is constitutionally averse to it, but he says he will vote for it if he thinks, to make the prohibitionists who misrepresented him in his campaign do "down on their knees and ask forgiveness."

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Critical Stages Are Expected Soon In Both Theaters of War

Struggles in East Recently Have Been Indecisive, While Tactics of Germans in West Have Cost Heavily—A New Offensive Movement Against Strategic Points by Ottomans Expected to Develop Shortly—Ottoman Troops Apparently Marooned.

London, Jan. 29.—With the renewal of the offensive operations by the Turks in the Caucasus, apparently timed to endeavor to force the Russians to send more troops into the region, the Austro-German activity in Galicia and the Carpathians continues to dominate the military situation today. Forces of the Teutons are pushing southward and there are strong forces near the Rumanian border in readiness to meet any sudden movement through the passes from that country. Recent fighting in the Carpathians has furnished no decisive engagements, both the Russians and Austrians claiming some local successes. It is believed in London, however, that the struggles will soon be expected to enter into

critical stages both in the east and in the west. British military observers think that the Germans are keeping the preponderance of their forces in the west, where the allies are said to be expecting the Germans to start another great offensive movement. Recent German tactics at various points in the west seem to have cost them heavily and to have resulted in small gain, if one is to judge from the Paris reports. It is thought that the next development will be a concentrated blow at some strategic point. Since the concentration of the Turks for the supposed advance into Egypt, the Ottoman troops appear to be marooned somewhere in the desert. No word of their whereabouts has

been received since their presence was announced three days ago east of Kantara, and there have been no further clashes with the British outposts reported. News from Vienna indicates that there is a growing popular demand that Austria follow the action of Germany in taking over the control of all grain and flour. From Petrograd comes the news that Emperor Nicholas has approved an appropriation of \$8,750,000 for the immediate construction of a government railway from Petrozavodsk, 185 miles northeast of Petrograd, to the White sea. That would make two lines of communications with the outside world through this region, the other being in Archangel.

COLORED BOY IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Negro Boy Killed This Morning by Discharge of Gun at Y. M. I. Store.

Frank Matthewson, a negro bootblack, was shot and instantly killed at 3:20 o'clock this morning by H. E. Jones, colored, proprietor of the Y. M. I. drug store, the shooting taking place in his front part of the store. A coroner's jury, composed of F. Austin, G. P. Jones, M. A. Cressman, J. C. Fitzgerald, J. M. Ingle and H. P. Coffey, at 11:30 o'clock returned a verdict finding that the deceased came to his death by a bullet accidentally fired from a pistol in the hands of Jones.

Only three witnesses were examined at the inquest, Tom Moore and Emmanuel Butler, colored, clerks at the Y. M. I. drug store, and Mose Harris, colored, a driver of an ice wagon, all of whom were eye-witnesses to the shooting.

According to the testimony of the witnesses, all of which was about the same, Jones was standing behind a counter in the store examining a .32 calibre automatic Colt pistol, holding the gun on top of a showcase, when Matthewson walked in. The deceased was standing about 10 feet from Jones when the pistol fired and Jones said: "Did it hit you?" the deceased replying: "Yes, it hit me in the heart." He turned and walked about eight feet, sinking to the floor there dead. One of the witnesses testified that Jones told him to call a doctor and an officer as the boy was dead. Dr. John W. Walker, colored, was called but the boy died before he arrived. Chief of Police C. N. Lomax was reached and came to the store, placing Jones under arrest. He was brought to the police station and locked up.

It was brought out in the testimony that a negro man brought the automatic pistol to the drug store last night and asked Jones to take care of it, as he wanted to show it to a man. Soon after the store was opened this morning, Jones took the pistol out of the drawer where it was placed last night and started to examine it. When Mose Harris, the ice man, came in, Jones, upon being requested, explained to Harris how the gun worked, and was still examining it when Harris passed on through the store to the rear. As he came back towards the front it fired and Matthewson was killed.

Matthewson was about 15 years of age and came here three weeks ago from Rutherford, where he had lived for many years. He was employed as a bootblack by a stand located on Eagle street and had been in the habit of coming to the drug store frequently during the day, it is stated.

The inquest was held at the Peoples' Undertaking company's place at No. 31 Eagle street. Sheriff E. M. Mitchell and Deputy Sheriff L. E. Revis took charge of the body of the deceased until the arrival of Coroner E. R. Morris, who, after making an examination of the body, called the inquest.

Mrs. C. D. Gardner and children, Lois and Graham, who have been in Birmingham for several weeks, will go soon to Tampa, where she expects to spend the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Gardner is said to be rapidly improving in health.

Germans Claim Heavy Losses To The Enemy

Berlin, Jan. 29.—"In the western theater of war, the villages of Middelkerke and Kippe, on the coast of Flanders, have been bombarded by the enemy," says the official report of the German war department on the progress of the war.

"On the heights of Craonne, another 500 meters of trenches adjoining those on the east of the positions, which were captured day before yesterday, have been taken. French attacks were repulsed without difficulty.

"The enemy suffered heavy losses in the battle on January 25 to 27. Over 1,500 Frenchmen were left dead on the field. Including the prisoners reported January 27, there are now 1,100 Frenchmen in our hands.

"In the Vosges, there have been several French attacks in the neighborhood of Senones and Ben-de-Sapt which were repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy. One officer and 50 men were taken prisoners. Our losses were small.

"In upper Alsace, on the front of a line between lower Aspach, Heldweiler and Wurzbacher forests, the French attacked our positions at Aspach, Heldweiler, Ammerzweiler and Wurzweller forests. The attacks were repulsed with heavy loss. The losses of the French were especially heavy south of Heldweiler and Ammerzweiler, where the French retreated in disorder, leaving behind five machine guns.

"In the eastern theater, in Poland, unimportant attempts of the Russians to attack our forces northeast of Gumbinnen, were repulsed. "Near Biazum, northeast of Sierpek, (near the west Prussian border in Poland) the Russians were driven back and attacks repulsed. "On the other fronts in the east there has been no change."

Guadalajara Is Captured By the Carranza Forces

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, has been retaken by the Carranza troops with great losses to the Villa forces, according to advices received yesterday by the Carranza agency. Added to the complications in the interior between Villa, Zapata and Carranza, it is learned that General Yney Salazar's troops on Sunday occupied Cusa Grandes, an important railroad and supply center. In the state of Chihuahua, Salazar formerly represented the federal scientific element and was a supporter of the Diaz and Huerta administrations. Large quantities of arms and ammunition are said to be en route to Salazar.

Confiscation of Grain Is Demanded In Austria

Venice, Jan. 29.—(By Way of London)—Dispatches from Vienna state that the city council and the press are demanding that the Austrian government confiscate all the stocks of grain, flour and meat. The press dispatch states, declaring that a catastrophe threatens unless confiscation is adopted, and denounces the selfish attitude of certain Hungarian agriculturists, who are charged with having hidden thousands of tons of grain and flour.

Responding to the appeals of land owners, the Austrian government has consented to the employment of producers of war in the fields.

CARRANZA AGAIN HOLDS CAPITAL

Troops of Former Provisional President Enter Mexico City—Zapata Followers Flee.

CARRANZA EXPECTS TO GO TO CAPITAL SOON

Considered Capture of City as Matter of Course—Obregon Entered City Without Serious Fighting.

Mexico City, Jan. 29.—The capital today is again in the possession of the forces of General Carranza, who while acting as provisional president of Mexico, was forced to leave the city in November, being threatened by the forces of Villa and Zapata. The new authorities have re-established order and there is general confidence prevailing.

It has been determined that the shooting which occurred before the national palace when General Alvaro Obregon reached the city yesterday was done by snipers, who were hidden on the cathedral roof. General Obregon states that the shots were undoubtedly directed at him. The perpetrators have not been captured. Three men were killed and a number were wounded.

All the saloons have been closed and commercial houses and banks are to resume business at once. Late yesterday, after 20,000 additional Carranza troops had entered the capital, the forces of Zapata retreated southward.

Counted on Capture. Vera Cruz, Jan. 29.—The occupation of Mexico City by General Obregon, at the head of Carranza troops, created no surprise here. It is said that Carranza will probably go to the capital next Friday. So sure was Carranza of re-taking the capital that his postmaster general and a sufficient number of employes to handle the work of the postoffice department were already on the way.

The occupation was accomplished without any serious fighting.

PRESIDENT DOUBTS VISIT'S PROPRIETY

Does Not Think He Will Be Able to Come to Greenboro July 4, Anyway.

Washington, Jan. 29.—President Wilson told a delegation of prominent North Carolinians, among them Dr. E. K. Graham, president of the state university, that owing to his expected absence from Washington at that time he could not promise to speak at Guilford battlefield July 4. The president stated that he expected to visit the canal zone about that time. Among those in the party were: Dr. E. K. Graham and Dr. George Howe, Chapel Hill; L. J. Brandt, Rev. Melvin Clark, J. E. Latham, R. G. Vaughn, A. M. Scales and wife, C. G. Wright, Paul Schuch and W. M. Ridenhour of Greensboro; and Senators Overman and Simmons and Representatives Webb, Doughton, Gudger, Kitchin and Stedman.

It is inferred from the president's talk with the North Carolinians that he has about made up his mind that there will be an extra session of congress and in consequence the opening of the Panama canal will be postponed until the first week in July. It is rumored, too, that the postponement of the opening of the big ditch is because of slide disturbances in the canal.

The president received the delegation with his usual cordiality. He would like to visit the battlefield and Greensboro, but he does not believe he can do so at the time suggested. He intimated, too, that it would not be proper for him to visit this battlefield on July 4, while the European war is on. He might be charged with disregarding the spirit of his neutrality proclamation, he thought.

MOREHEAD CITY VOTES BONDS FOR SANITATION

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Morehead City is to be a clean city. Nothing else will suffice. Recently she voted unanimously \$20,000 bonds for the purpose of installing a sanitary sewer system. The work is to begin at once and will be in the hands of sanitary engineers.

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CHILDREN'S AID TO BE ENLISTED

Movement Started to Enroll 20,000,000 in Army for Relief of the Suffering Here and Abroad.

PROMINENT EDUCATORS INITIATE MOVEMENT

Believed Children Can Raise \$1,000,000 With Ease and Make Clothing and Other Things.

New York, Jan. 29.—The enlistment of the 20,000,000 children of the United States in an army of helplessness to relieve suffering both in this country and abroad is the purpose of a movement which is announced here by a committee of educators of nationwide reputation. It includes Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard university, David Starr Jordan, president of the National Educational association, and Richard McLaurin, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It is the belief of those interested in the plan that evil influences in the schools of the United States are arising from the war. "Influences of lying, hatred and murder are moulding the lives of America's 20,000,000 children," says an announcement of the committee's plans, "which tend to crush out truth, justice and love. As a nation we are evading our responsibilities in not seriously attempting to counteract these evil influences.

"In many of our schools we even forbid all discussion of the war. We cannot, however, hide this war from our children nor keep its destructive influences from their lives.

"With a nation-wide relief movement of our children we can turn their minds from destructive murder to helpful life-giving and build on the terrible need the strongest, most helpful race of men and women the world has ever known.

"The school children are organized, and can begin immediately on relief work. They can raise at least \$1,000,000 without burden on any one as the funds will be raised in small sums—the people's gift through their children. They can make millions of needed articles of clothing and other things. Working shoulder to shoulder to offset the influences of organized murderous warfare they will feel the quickening helpful impulse of their great life-giving organization—a mighty impulse in their lives and a great example to the world. They will do more to establish international peace and good will based on kindly acts than years of diplomacy and peace conferences."

The plan announced is that each child earn or make what he gives, or give from what he has, that he may feel he has worked or sacrificed to help. The fund is to be known as the "Children of America's Fund," which boards of education, superintendents, teachers and others are urged to address at Oak Hill, Newton Center, Mass., for working details.

One-half the fund is to be used to relieve local suffering and will be distributed through home charities as far as possible. The other half will be distributed to the sufferers in Europe by the national committee. Arrangements have been made for the free transportation to Belgium of all gifts of non-perishable food or new clothing in packages weighing 20 pounds or more.

It is announced that the plans for carrying out the movement have been based on suggestions received from 5,000 practical educators. They call for free use of the public school buildings for entertainments to raise funds for the co-operation of teachers in getting the children to earn small sums out of school hours; the manufacture of useful gifts by boys in manual training classes; and one day a week devoted by all girls in sewing as a part of their school work.

W. H. TAFT'S OPINION ABOUT PARCELS POST

Marinette, Wis., Jan. 29.—"There is one thing connected with the parcel post that ought not to meet the approval of anybody, and that is that we have not given to the railroads appropriate compensation for the additional burden that they have to carry by reason of the parcel post, but after a time congress will use its duty and make reparations in this regard. I hope," declares former President William H. Taft in a letter to Frank H. Noyes, of this city, publisher of the "Parcel Post News."

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BELIEVE AUSTRIANS WILL ATTACK ON THE RIGHT

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—(By Way of London)—Colonel Shumsky, the military critic of the Bourgeois Gazette, who declared that the Austrians meant to deliver an attack on their extreme right wing in Bukovina, where they hoped to halt the Roumanians, thinks his view is supported by the concentration in southeast Hungary of Archduke Joseph's fourth army, with four corps of Germans.