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WAR TAX BILL TO BE DOUBLED SAYS KITCHIN

\$1,800,000,000 Revenue Bill Will Not Be Sufficient to Prosecute the War For One Year, Treasury Department Advises.

Announcement by Mr. Kitchin Creates a Surprise in the House Where the Bill is Now Under Debate.

(By PARKER R. ANDERSON.)
Washington, May 17.—Secretary McAdoo dropped a bomb into the house today when he sent a letter to Majority Leader Claude Kitchin asking that the Congress raise \$2,245,000,000 by taxation instead of \$1,800,000,000 as originally proposed.

The original estimate called for more money than any other country in the world has ever been asked to pay in taxes and today's estimate of nearly half a billion dollars more has upset all calculations of Congress.

With business men already complaining that the house bill would seriously impair values and depress business, leaders today make no concealment of the embarrassment in an attempt to almost double the original amount.

Washington, May 17.—Democratic Leader Kitchin announced in the house today that the treasury department had notified him it would be necessary to raise \$2,245,000,000 instead of \$1,800,000,000 by the war revenue bill now under debate. He urged the support of new proposals to raise the income surtax increases on sums above \$40,000 as now contained in the bill by one-fourth.

The bill as reported to the house was estimated to raise \$1,800,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000, which was expected to defray one-half the expenses for the first year of the war.

Kitchin's announcement was a great surprise. When the movement to increase the income tax was started yesterday he fought it vigorously.

Yesterday the insurgents were successful nevertheless in getting an increase on the surtax on incomes between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Immediately after Kitchin's announcement today they renewed their efforts and Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin, introduced an amendment to increase the proposed surtaxes on incomes between \$50,000 and \$80,000 from 11 to 13.75 per cent.

"I do not see," replied Mr. Kitchin, "how any member of the ways and means committee can oppose this proposed tax."

To add an increase of one-fourth all along the line would fall far short of raising the additional \$425,000,000 and it was considered likely that even a greater surtax than the insurgents suggest would have to be resorted to.

Meanwhile hope of striking from the bill taxes on freight, light and heat by the substitution of the surface increases as proposed by Representative Lenroot seemed to disappear.

Hope that it would be possible to strike out the increased rate on second class mail matter also was waned somewhat but supporters of the proposal still were determined to make a hard fight.

The Lenroot amendment for further increases was adopted in the committee of the whole. Preparations were made to propose similar increases on all remaining divisions of the income tax section.

THE BARACAS AND PHILATHEAS OPEN THE MEETING IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, May 17.—Delegates from all parts of the state were arriving here today for the opening session of the convention of the Baracas and Philatheas classes of North Carolina. Preparations were made to receive 1,000 visitors.

The first session will be held tonight in the Battery Park hotel and the convention will continue through Saturday. The convention's closing session will be held Sunday morning. The program is a lengthy one with joint meetings at several of the churches in the city.

FOREST FIRES IN THE WEST ARE DOING MUCH DAMAGE

Duluth, Minn., May 17.—From many points in Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota reports continue to come of forest fires doing great damage. Only rain can save the situation.



JOHN D. BERRY, of Raleigh. Elected Grand Secretary.

KAISER IS TAKING NO LITTLE CHANCES

Imperialism is Doing All in Its Power to Prevent a Possible Revolution.

Amsterdam, Holland, May 17.—German imperialism is taking no chances to allow a revolution to sway the kaiser's throne and defeat Prussianism and establish democracy, as hinted in socialist speeches in the reichstag, according to advisers reaching Amsterdam from the German capital.

The chancellor's curt refusal to accede to socialist demands in amplifying on Germany's war aims, his apparent support of the junkerites, all have aroused the greatest anger among socialists. Forewarned of possible public demonstrations of disapproval, information here declared the German government had established strongly increased police guards in Berlin and other large cities to put down any possible disturbances.

Text of the remarks by the socialist leaders Scheidemann and Ledebour revealed showed how bluntly these two opposing leaders of socialist factions warned the imperial chancellor of possible trouble if sincere peace steps were not in view.

"Peace by agreement would be good fortune for Europe," Scheidemann declared. "Ninety-nine per cent of all people look with hope and longing to Stockholm. If France and Great Britain renounce annexations and Germany insists thereon, we shall have a revolution in the country. It has not gone so far as that yet, since the enemy has not renounced annexations."

"Herr Scheidemann must take up cudgels against the government," said Guyot Ledebour, leader of the anti-war and anti-government socialists, as opposed to the Scheidemann peace and pro-government faction, "if he does not want strong words, which do not shrink even from announcement of a revolution to be followed by deeds. We are convinced that events must happen in Germany as they have happened in Russia. We must soon introduce a republic in Germany and we shall soon propose that the legislation committee take preparatory steps to that end."

Speaking in the reichstag the socialist member David declared:

"The chancellor has not replied to our demands, but his references to possible peace with Russia are most valuable."

FUNERAL OF FORMER RESIDENT WILL BE HELD ON TOMORROW

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. E. C. Barker, who died Tuesday evening at Salisbury, will be conducted from the First Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Coble, and Dr. Sylvester Newlin, pastor of the Friends' church. The deceased lived in High Point until six months ago and is survived by the husband and two small children. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

THE NATIONALISTS REFUSE PLAN OF PREMIER FO RHOME PLAN

London, May 17.—According to a report in the lobbies of the house of commons the nationalists have refused the premier's first offer to set up home rule and have accepted the proposal for a convention to map out another scheme.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED FOR LEGAL ACTION

Southern Baptist Convention Will Determine if the Organization is Legal With a Committee of Ministers, Lawyers and Laymen

Report on Consolidation of the Two Boards Advises Waiting until Next Year's Session to Take Further Action.

New Orleans, May 17.—The committee appointed by the Southern Baptist convention to make recommendations on the consolidation of boards and also on the question of the legality of the organization presented reports today on each matter both of which were adopted.

The report on consolidation of boards provided they remain separate as at present and that an executive committee of seven be appointed to supervise arrangements for annual meetings.

Under the committee recommendation on the legality question the president was authorized to appoint a committee of 7 lawyers, ministers and business men to consider the questions and report at next year's convention full recommendations as to any action needed.

IS TEDDY'S ARMY ONLY A PAPER ONE?

New York World, After An Investigation, Says the "Army" Is a Joke.

New York, May 17.—Is Theodore Roosevelt's so-called "volunteer army" merely an army on paper? That is what the New York World charges as the result of an investigation it has completed with a view to finding out just how strong an army the Colonel has actually ready to mobilize. The investigation, the World says, was conducted in the sections the Colonel is alleged to have secured so many volunteers from. The World's investigation, it was stated, was carried on in districts where 32,000 troops were to be raised and in most cases, it found only tenders of men and not actual enlistments. It was found that 1,175 men were actually enrolled for service with 5,250 on the "doubtful" list and 25,407 yet to be enrolled.

Captain William E. Dames, recruiting officer in charge of organization for the Roosevelt division, told the World, it is stated, that the impression that the division already is recruited is a mistake. Only tenders of service have, for the most part, been received, he said.

WOULD USE POWER TO LOWER PRICES

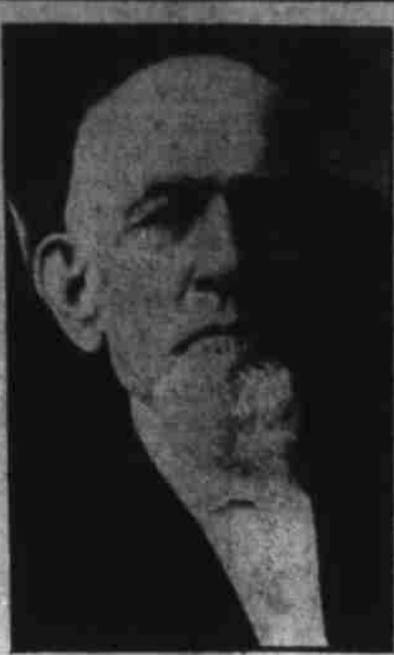
If Given Power to Fix Food Prices That Would Be Function of the Government.

Washington, May 17.—The government if given power to fix food prices would exercise the authority only to break up corners or to prevent extortion, Secretary Houston explained today in a letter replying to an inquiry.

Referring to popular misapprehension regarding the proposal that the government set a price on foodstuffs, Secretary Houston explained that only two suggestions have been made. "One is that the government be given power to fix a minimum price to stimulate production. This price would be high enough to insure producers against loss. The other is that the government will be given power to fix a price in emergencies to break up corners or extortion," he said.

Churchmen at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., May 17.—The 129th general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States opened in the Central Presbyterian church in this city today with an attendance of more than one thousand commissioners, prominent divines, leaders in missionary, education and other fields of denominational activities. Communion and the session of the ruling moderator, Rev. John A. Morgan of Cedar Rapids, Ia., were the features of the opening session.



RICHARD J. JONES, of Wilmington. Late Grand Treasurer Who Died April 30, 1917, Aged 95 Years.

GERMANS FAIL TO CHECK THE ALLIES

"Our Troops Made Progress in the Hindenberg Line," Says British Statement.

The Germans have failed to stop the British advance. The most furious and sustained counter attacks have withered before the blast of the British artillery and the sapping of the Hindenberg line goes on slowly but without halt.

The efforts made by Hindenberg to regain the initiative have failed. Von Hindenberg apparently used every ounce of strength at his command to wrest from the British the villages of Roex and Bullecourt and the outcome is summed up in the repetition by the British war office of the statement:

"Our troops made progress in the Hindenberg line." More ominous for Berlin, in view of the wabbling condition of her Austrian ally, is the news of the great blow of Italy in the direction of Trieste. The Italians have opened their spring offensive in brilliant fashion attacking a wider front and apparently with greater force than any other previous operation. General Cadorna appears to plan a great flanking movement against the Corso plateau, the great natural barrier defending Trieste. The operation is, however, in too early a stage to permit judgment of its exact import.

The allied offensive in Macedonia continues with success for the British, but the fighting is on such an extended front and so sporadic in character that its meaning is obscured. Reports from Bulgaria of nationwide discontent and weariness of the war may be significant in connection with General Sarrail's campaign.

The Russian factions have patched up a truce, but the outcome is dubious. In any event it seems certain little can be expected for a long time to come.

TWENTY VACANT LOTS WERE PLOWED FOR THE BOY SCOUTS YESTERDAY

Twenty vacant lots in the city were plowed yesterday and will be turned over to the Boy Scouts to be used for growing garden truck. Three teams and plows were busy throughout the day preparing the soil for the embryo gardening sharps and it is planned to have several more vacant pieces of property plowed during the next few days, although the fact that farmers are busy with their crops makes it rather hard to secure teams and plows.

The plowing of yesterday was done under the auspices of the plow day committee.

Cotton.

New York, May 17.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 1 to 3 points today, eased back from 19.92 to 19.85 for July and from 19.43 to 19.34 for October and fluctuated within this range toward the middle of the morning. Sentiment seemed to be cheerful with reference to general political conditions and the tone of the stock market may have encouraged buying by Wall street.

Cotton futures opened steady. May, 20.03; July, 19.90; October, 19.41; December, 19.50; January, 19.50.

Celebration Postponed.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 17.—The elaborate celebration to have been held in this city today in honor of the centennial anniversary of the founding of the American Sunday School Union has been indefinitely postponed on account of the war.

Reichstag Adjourns.

Amsterdam, May 17.—The reichstag has adjourned until July 1. The social democratic deputies voted against the military and other budgets, both factions making in opposition.

U-BOAT SINKS AMERICAN SHIP NEAR GENOA

Four Members of the Crew Are Lost When the American Ship Gilonian is Sent to Bottom Off Italian Coast.

Steamer Sailed From New York on April 27 With a Cargo and Carried a Crew of 39, 18 of Them U. S. Citizens.

New York, May 17.—The American steamship Gilonian has been torpedoed and sunk off Genoa, Italy, with a loss of 4 members of the crew, according to a telegram received here by the owners, the Universal Transportation company. The Gilonian was not armed. She left here April 27 for Genoa with cargo. She was a vessel of 2,921 tons gross, was commanded by Captain H. H. Williams and carried a crew of 39 men, of whom eighteen were Americans.

The British steamer Harpagus has been torpedoed.

FEW ACCIDENTS ON RAILWAYS IN 1916

Only Once Before in History Have Railway Accidents Been So Few.

Chicago, May 17.—Returns issued by the Interstate Commerce commission show one of the greatest safety achievements in the history of railways in their records for the summer of 1916. In the quarter from July to September they handled the largest passenger movement in their history. The returns show but two were killed in accidents. Only in one previous quarter, when traffic was lighter, was this record equalled. This was from April to June, 1915.

Three hundred and two railways reporting to the bureau of railway news and statistics for the fiscal year to June 30, 1916, show complete freedom from fatalities to passengers in accidents on their 138,993 miles of tracks. This report embraces more than half the total mileage. Three roads, with a mileage of 1,073, have gone through 13 years without a single passenger fatality in train accidents.

WILL HURRY ACTION ON CONTROL OF FOOD SUPPLY

Washington, May 17.—To hurry action on food control legislation a senate agriculture subcommittee has been selected by Chairman Gore to act with a like house subcommittee.

When the food survey bills, now the senate's unfinished business, are taken up again Senator Gore plans to offer amendments designed to authorize preferential railway transportation of food and to curb speculation among boards of trade.

GERMANS CAPTURE A FEW ENGLISHMEN AND FRENCHMEN

Berlin, May 17.—So far during the month, says the official statement today, the Germans on the western front have taken 2,800 English prisoners and have captured 2,700 French.

The ground which was captured by the Germans in the village of Roex yesterday was later lost following a British attack, says the statement.

RUSSIAN CABINET CRISIS IS SAFELY PASSED AT MIDNIGHT

Petrograd, May 17.—The cabinet crisis has been settled. A declaration of the government policy has been accepted by the council of workmen and soldier delegates with slight alterations, and was signed at midnight.

New Wake Superintendent.

Raleigh, May 17.—Edgar W. Knight, professor of education at Trinity college, today was elected superintendent of the Wake county schools to succeed D. P. Gilles, who has been appointed a member of the state board of education.

Troops Are Recognized.

Raleigh, May 17.—The newly organized cavalry troop 'C' at Wilmington and D at Andrews have been recognized by the war department, it was announced today.



CALVIN WOODARD, of Wilson. Chosen Grand Master.

CHARGE LOCAL MAN STARTED MAIL FRAUD

Chief Justice of Florida Taken Up On High Point Dog Buying and Defrauded.

George P. Winfree, a young white man of this city, a resident of Adams street, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Warren G. Brown this morning charged with using the United States mails to defraud, it being alleged that he collected sums of money from various persons in Florida and Wilmington, under promises to deliver blooded dogs. After the money was received correspondence immediately ceased. An unusual feature of the case is that the chief prosecuting witness, the man responsible for the warrant being issued, is Jefferson B. Brown, of Key West, chief justice of the state of Florida, who was defrauded to the extent of \$50.

The receipt of the money through the mails occurred several months ago and after waiting for weeks and receiving no dog, the Florida chief justice communicated with a local firm of attorneys and placed civil action in their hands to recover the money. Winfree, it was alleged, had been doing business, at least the receiving part of the business in the name of the "Northside Kennels" and his name at no time was used in connection with the breeding and disposal agency of valuable canines. The local attorneys, seeking to find the man against whom they were to take action, had to resort to the postoffice authorities and then it was learned that Winfree was receiving the mail addressed to the kennels.

Postoffice Inspector Hodgkin, with offices at Greensboro, then was called into case and Justice Brown was notified that the proper course was to file complaint with the postal authorities. The investigation by the inspector disclosed the fact that the operations of the fictitious kennels had resulted in persons in Key West, Tampa, Miami, St. Petersburg and other points in Florida and at Wilmington being defrauded. In each instance, it is stated, the scheme was the same—the money was received and the failure to ship the dog as contracted for constituted fraud under certain sections of the postal laws.

Winfree was arraigned in municipal court this morning before Judge Peacock charged with committing an assault on his mother-in-law and after the charge was changed to simple assault, he was assessed with the costs. Then Deputy Marshal J. C. Kennette, of Greensboro, placed Winfree under arrest and Commissioner Brown was on hand to try the case. The deputy marshal stated that the government was not ready for trial, that the witnesses would have to be brought from Florida, and that a postponement was requested. Winfree was not ready for trial and the date of the preliminary hearing was set for Saturday, June 2, when the witnesses will be present. Federal court opens at Greensboro on Monday, June 4, and it is intended that the Florida judge will have to make but one trip for the preliminary hearing and trial. Bond in the sum of \$500 was named to insure the appearance of the defendant at the preliminary hearing.

Famous Airman Killed

Amsterdam, May 17.—The Telegraph quotes a statement printed in a German paper that the famous French airman, Captain Donner, who is reported missing, was shot down behind the lines and killed.

Memorial for Choate.

London, May 17.—A memorial for the late Joseph H. Choate will be held at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, on Monday. The service will be conducted by the archbishop of Canterbury and Canon Christie.

ODD FELLOWS CLOSE ONE OF BEST MEETINGS

The Meeting of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs is Declared to Have Been Most Successful Ever Held in State.

The Morning Was Devoted to Receiving Reports From the Committees and Hearings of Recommendations.

What is accredited with having been one of the most successful meetings the grand lodge Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the state assembly Daughters of Rebekah has ever held came to a close today at noon. The item of chief interest of the closing day was the election of officers by the Rebekahs, the women having been too busy to get this business transacted until just a short time before noon. Miss Lillian Byrd, of Asheville, was chosen president; Mrs. Mabel Garrison, of Wilmington, vice-president; Mrs. C. B. Taylor, of Wilson, warden; Miss Lillian Flora, of Sligo, chaplain; Miss Mary Jones, of Hendersonville, marshal; Mrs. Ballard, conductor; Mrs. Epps, inside guardian; Mrs. Bessie Spry, of Coinjock, outside guardian.

The Odd Fellows devoted the morning exclusively to receiving reports and recommendations from various committees and were ready for adjournment a short while before 12 o'clock. The Rebekahs were kept busy until the very last minute and just as it was thought that it would be necessary for them to hold an afternoon session, as scheduled, the necessary work began to clear away and many of the women were enabled to catch the early afternoon trains for their home. The Odd Fellows were also ready to leave and by tonight it is thought that all of the 800 or more delegates will have departed for their homes.

The degree work of last night was extremely interesting to the lodge members, the Repton lodge team putting on the Friendship degree at 8 o'clock and the team from the Winston-Salem lodge conferring the Rebekah degree at 9:30. The Odd Fellows finished in time to witness the presentation of a fraternal film at the Rose theater at 11 o'clock, the Rebekahs did not.

Yesterday afternoon, while the state assembly Daughters of Rebekah were having the contest on unwritten work for the cup presented by the treasurer, the grand lodge was electing officers. The contests were close and spirited and resulted as follows: Calvin Woodard, Wilson, grand master; C. G. Smith, Goldsboro, deputy grand master; C. O. McMichael, Wentworth, grand warden; William L. Smith, Wilmington, grand treasurer; John D. Berry, Raleigh, grand secretary; Guy Weaver, Asheville, grand representative to sovereign grand lodge for a term of two years; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Sanitarium, trustees of orphanage for term of five years to succeed himself. The contest for grand warden was spirited, S. B. Currin, of Wilson, and John Thacker, of Greensboro, each having a number of supporters. J. R. Young, of this city, was urged to run but refused to allow his name to come before the gathering when that of Mr. McMichael was called.

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SOUTHEAST TO BE NEW CAMP CENTER

Southeastern Department Will Have 12 Camps for the New War Army.

Washington, May 17.—The chief center of the new army training camps, by the war department's decision today will be the new southeastern department under General Leonard Wood. Twelve of the 32 camps will be placed under General Wood's department which will be responsible for as many as any other two.

Grouped by departments 12 of the camps are to be located in the southeastern department, one in the northeastern department, four in the eastern department, six in the southern department and three in the western department. Selection of sites will depend largely upon transportation, water and other facilities and upon location of land to be used for the purpose.