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SENATE HARD AT WORK ON WAR TAX BILL

Wine Schedule Approved In Face of California's Protest.
HARDWICK AGAINST PROFIT TAX ITEM
Declares Be Worse Than Suicide For Many Firms If Government Enforced Such Act. Protest on Parcel Post Stamp Tax.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 17.—The Senate today approved the wine schedule of the War Tax bill, as revised by the Finance committee to raise \$21,000,000 in revenue as compared with \$6,000,000 estimated from the House bill.

The increased wine rates were opposed only by Senator Phelan of California, who said they would destroy the American wine industry. Senator Simmons of North Carolina, in charge of the bill, declared that the rates on Pacific coast and Mississippi valley producers as well as to raise more revenue, predicting that wine would be much used as a substitute for whiskey.

Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, opposed the war profits tax schedules, which, he said, were unjust to Georgia cotton mill owners. He expressed preference for the House excess profit rates.

Senator Hardwick said that it would be worse financial suicide for many firms, if the government enforced this act. He said that under its provisions cotton manufacturers in the south would be compelled to pay 51 per cent. of their earnings.

Senator Hardwick opposed the taxing of parcel post packages and making an increase in the rates on first class mail matter. He said that if more money was needed to carry parcel post packages, the rates should be increased but that no tax should be levied. Increasing the first class rate, however, he said, would be "a financial wrong to the people of this country." A net profit of about eighty million dollars is now being made on this class of mail, he said, while the carrying of second class mail results in a net loss annually.

Senator Hardwick said a stamp tax on parcel post packages was filed by the postoffice department, which contended that the tax of one cent for each 25 cents paid would injure the parcel post and discriminate against the farmer.

This year's war expenditures were estimated by Senator Curtis of Kansas at \$18,000,000,000. He advocated raising necessary revenue principally from incomes, war profits and luxuries, and opposing the proposed taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa and urging a substantial Federal inheritance tax on large estates.

RAILROAD MEN DEMAND LONGER DAY'S WORK
(By Associated Press.)
Mexico City, Aug. 17.—It is reported the railroad men are considering a walk out if the management continues to send locomotives to the United States for repair instead of making repairs in local shops. The shop men have addressed a petition to President Carranza asking that the work day be reduced to 8 hours. They are now working six. The management of the railroads explains that it is impossible under the present conditions to get material sent to Mexico so all the repair work can be done in the local shops. The management announces the belief that the demands are the result of work of foreign agitators.

NAT. NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING
(By Associated Press.)
Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 17.—The third day of a session of the National Negro Business League was devoted to a reception and discussion of annual reports of affiliated organizations and the bringing of papers on various business enterprises by negroes prominent in these special lines.

Officers will be elected today and the league will close its session with a banquet tonight.

QUITS BENCH TO GO IN ARMY
(By Associated Press.)
Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 17.—Though he would receive exemption on grounds of being a public official, Jerome Wideman, the young county judge of Palm Beach county, has tendered his resignation, effective August 28.

Governor Curtis has appointed Rufus M. Robison of West Palm Beach to fill the vacancy.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. QUENTIN A HEAP OF RUINS

French Soldiers in Nearby Trenches Witness its Destruction by Fire.

THE VANDALISM WORK OF GERMANS

Successful British Air Raid—Germans Make Desperate Efforts to Recapture Lost Positions.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Aug. 17.—"At night fall Wednesday," telegraphs a Havas correspondent on the French front, "we saw from our lines which at places are less than a half mile from the suburbs of St. Quentin, that the cathedral was surrounded by smoke. Soon fire was visible, increasing each moment until at midnight the imposing monument was a mass of flames, visible for 20 miles around."

"It is impossible at this time to determine the origin of the fire. The Germans cannot lay it to our shells, for St. Quentin is so near our lines that not a single French projectile has fallen into the city. The high towers of the cathedral gave the Germans an observation point unique in the region. We cannot yet understand what powerful motives induced them to destroy it. Through field glasses, it could be seen the next afternoon that the entire super-structure was gone."

The Germans last night attacked the new positions gained by the French on the Steenbeke river in Belgium. The war office announces that they were repulsed completely. Vigorous German assaults on the front also were beaten back.

The Germans also made a violent attack on the Verdun front. They gained a footing in the French advanced positions at some points, but were ejected by a counter attack. The statement follows:

Successful Airplane Attack.
London, Aug. 17.—The admiralty announces the successful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the Royal Naval Air Service, who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and siding and the Thourout railway junction were attacked. The air drome at Ghisteltes was bombed and several fires were observed. Attacks from the air were made on the air drome at Engel and Tykerke. All the airplanes returned safely.

The Germans made two counter attacks last night against the new British positions near Loos. The statement follows:

"Last night the enemy twice counter attacked the new positions gained by us yesterday east of Loos in the direction of Cite St. Auguste. At the second attempt he succeeded in pressing back our lines slightly at some points but later in the night our troops again attacked and re-established our positions. A further hostile counter attack was completely repulsed. We secured a few prisoners. The artillery has been active on both sides in the night east of Ypres."

U-BOAT WARFARE CAUSES CHINA TO ENTER STRUGGLE

President of Republic Assigns Reasons For Declaration of War.

MAY NOT EXTEND AID TO ALLIES

German and Austrian Citizens Given Five Days In Which to Depart—German Bank Has Been Closed—Little Excitement Aroused.

(By Associated Press.)
Peking, Tuesday, Aug. 14.—(Delayed.)—China's declaration of war on Germany and Austria-Hungary beginning at 10 a. m. today and the other documents relating to the conflict do not mention the association of the Chinese republic with the Entente powers. They indicate that China's action will be entirely independent.

The declaration of war aroused little excitement in Peking or in other north China cities, the long discussion of the question having discounted its effect. The Netherlands minister to China today took over the Austrian interests and received the arms of the Austrian garrison. The doors of the Deutsch Asiatische Bank have been sealed.

Chinese troops at Pien Tsai took over the Austrian commission and the German bank and German barracks there without incident. Regulations issued today by the Chinese government permit the departure of Germans and Austrians within five days. Registration within ten days is required to permit Teutons to continue doing business if it does not affect China's welfare. Enemy subjects are forbidden to travel without permits. The regulations also provide for the withdrawal of German money.

DRAFT WILL TAKE MANY EDUCATORS

(By Associated Press.)
Durham, N. C., Aug. 17.—Seventy-five high school principals will be taken by the selective draft from the North Carolina high school system, it was estimated today by N. W. Walker, State inspector of secondary schools. He is making plans to fill such vacancies with women.

TO GET CAPACITY FROM SHIPYARD

Government to Hurry Up the Vital Work By Apportioning Material For Ships.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 17.—Proper apportionment of materials to insure capacity production in all American shipyards was discussed today at a conference of shipbuilders with Rear Admiral Capps, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The builders are members of the National Shipbuilders' Association, formed here last week to co-operate with the government in increasing tonnage production.

An arrangement will be worked out whereby building plants will not be forced to bid against each other for supplies and by which prompt deliveries of materials may be made. Since the fleet corporation has been commandeered the contracts of all ships building of more than 2,500 tons, the government itself will undertake to see that materials are furnished properly and at fair prices.

To increase the amount of transatlantic and coastwise tonnage the shipping board is considering diverting a large number of ships from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic. Much tonnage that otherwise would be tied up during the winter would be released under the plan. Most of the ships would not go back to the lakes during the war, but would be replaced by tonnage now building in lake ports.

JAP. STEAMER GOES AGROUND; TOTAL LOSS

(By Associated Press.)
A Pacific Port, Aug. 17.—The Japanese freight steamer Koto Hira Maru went ashore in eastern Pacific, July 27, and vessel and cargo, valued at \$1,000,000, will be a total loss, according to message received here today by the chamber of commerce. No details regarding the fate of the crew were received.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR SHOT BY AMBUSH

(By Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 17.—A Jackson, Tenn., special says that E. T. Lombert, aged 35, a postoffice inspector, was shot from an ambush last night in Chester county and died today. He was in Chester county investigating charges against a rural carrier. No arrests have yet been made.

VESSELS OVERDUE GIVEN UP AS LOST

Supposed to Have Been Wrecked by Explosives Secretly Placed Aboard

(By Associated Press.)
A Pacific Port, Aug. 17.—Five ships, three American, one British and one Japanese, are over due at this port, and have been practically given up by their owners and agents. Mariners say they believe the vessels have been destroyed by time-bombs placed in the cargoes by enemy agents. This theory was strengthened today when a sailor employed near this port told of having seen fragile bottles containing acid taken from cargo powder cases, where they had been placed in such a manner that the breaking of the bottles would have ignited the powder.

The overdue vessels are the American schooner Winslow, the American sailing ship R. C. Slade, the American schooner Betuga, the Japanese freighter Koto Hira and the British freighter Wairuna.

PAPER MONEY ONLY IN CIRCULATION

(By Associated Press.)
Lisbon, Aug. 17.—The official journal announces that all silver and copper money will be withdrawn from circulation. It will be replaced by paper currency.

WINSTON-SALEM NEGRO MIGRATION BECOMES SERIOUS

Free Transportation to Virginia Cities Given Negroes Every Other Monday.

SECULAR PRESS ASKED TO ASSIST

In Silencing Dr. H. Q. Alexander—Editor Poe on the Job. In Military Circles—Small Law Class.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Raleigh, Aug. 17.—Winston-Salem's labor embarrassments have been brought to the Corporation Commission's attention, and Senator James A. Gray, Jr., asks that body to look into the "every other Monday" train that carries blacks from the burg of tobacco to Roanoke and other Virginia cities.

From what Senator Gray writes, the negroes board without transportation the special car carried by the Norfolk and Western train and go to another State. Somebody must pay their way, Mr. Gray thinks, and the Interstate Commerce Commission may be asked to take it up. In Raleigh it was learned today that a special governmental agent had gone there to watch these strange doings, but that gentleman, though looking for things, did not see them. It is not known whether he got hold of the wrong "every-other-Monday" or not.

General Francis A. Macon, of Henderson, has been made State property and disbursing officer of the North Carolina Guard. That announcement was made yesterday from the adjutant general's office and Major Joseph J. Bernard has accepted the office of Federal disbursing officer with the rank of captain.

Members of the Farmers' Union have called upon the secular papers to do their part toward the silencing of Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the Farmers' Union. The daily papers, in the nature of things, do not reach the bulk of farmers, but the dailies would do many members of the union a great service if they would open on Dr. Alexander and lambaste him to a finish. Last week Doctor Poe had a mighty nice editorial urging the farmers not to be misled, and while his inspiration was in large part Dr. Alexander and his alleged utterances, Dr. Poe did not refer even remotely to the Mecklenburg leader or anything that he said.

The most interesting interrogatory in local newspaper circles is what will Poe do now since there is no longer any doubt that Dr. Alexander is not in sympathy with the government in the war and can do nothing but try his utmost not to break loose again.

J. Paul Lucas has returned from Charlotte and is winding up the work of the food conservation commission, which opened offices here three months ago. The commission will go out of business September 1st. Mr. Lucas, who has been executive secretary, has a few days' work here as president of the State Farmers' Convention. This convention will hold its sessions August 28, 29, and 30. The commission will then disband.

Thirty applicants only for law license at the fall term of the Supreme Court do not indicate the final number who will stand the examination next week, but do prophesy the smallest class in a great number of years. The examinations will begin Monday of next week and Chief Justice Walter Clark and associates, Platt D. Walker and George H. Brown, will conduct it.

The State Board of Health today dispatched Dr. Crouch to Bertie county to investigate an epidemic of typhoid fever about Lewiston and Kaurat. The county has no quarantine office, it is understood, and the report of 18 cases caused the board to inquire into the seriousness of the health situation. Incidentally it cleared up the Durham situation. That county had statisticians so well on the job that it received two reports of trouble. It developed that the 12 cases were twice counted and there is no further trouble.

FAREWELL PARADE OF NEW YORK TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Aug. 17.—The farewell parade of soldiers who will train at the mobilization camp at Spartanburg, S. C., will be held here August 28 or 29. Plans for the parade are being given the entire city an opportunity to honor the soldiers before they start South have been virtually completed. On the night preceding the parade a turkey dinner will be served to the men.

KANSAS CITY STRIKE OF CAR MEN SETTLED

(By Associated Press.)
Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 17.—Street car service was resumed today after a nine-day strike of motormen and conductors. A settlement was reached yesterday. In the settlement the car men gained the privilege of membership in a labor organization and to select committees of employees to deal with grievances while the car company was victorious in its contention for the "open shop."

WITH FURY TEUTONS HURL THEMSELVES AGAINST ALLIES LINE

FIPPS AND M'COY FOUND GUILTY

Sentenced to Five Years in Federal Penitentiary—Significant Statement

(By Associated Press.)
Big Stone Gap, Va., Aug. 17.—J. W. Phipps and W. V. McCoy, Virginia mountaineers, were found guilty by a jury in Federal court here today on an indictment for "recruiting men to destroy arms and ammunition of the United States government." Penalty was fixed at 5 years in the Federal penitentiary in Atlanta.

Other indictments against the men charging interference with the selective draft law were dismissed. Both prisoners, in a statement made to the court, said that 3 men, strangers in the community, induced them to attempt to organize and arm mountaineers in this section on a promise of a large sum of money. Government agents are confident these men were Germans.

Witnesses for the government testified that Phipps and McCoy sought to organize the mountaineers into an army and that they offered \$12,500 to a number of men to join their forces. The government produced a written "declaration of war," alleged to have been drawn up by the defendants, but there was no mention of the Federal government in it.

According to testimony offered at the trial, the purpose of organizing the mountaineers was stated by the defendants to have been to check capitalist domination and to destroy public and private bridges, rob banks and farms and divide the booty among the "privates" of the army, as a reward for their patriotism in the movement. Government agents are understood to have the names of scores of men who agreed to join the movement and it was said that in the event of the conviction of Phipps and McCoy, these men would be brought to trial.

Agents of the government are convinced that German influences were behind the movement as the organizers were said to have large sums of money which were spent freely.

HARDWICK RANTS AGAIN IN SENATE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 17.—Exclusion from the mails of The Masses, a New York Socialist publication, was assailed in the Senate by Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, as arbitrary and unjust. He said he proposed to introduce a resolution asking the Postoffice Department for information regarding the action.

HOLLAND PROTESTS GERMAN GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)
The Hague, Aug. 17.—Official announcement was made today that The Netherlands minister at Berlin had been instructed to protest seriously to the German foreign office against the violation on August 7 of Dutch territorial waters by German airplanes and torpedo boats off the Scheldt.

TO SEND TROOPS TO THE NORTHWEST

In Case State Authorities Cannot Handle the Threatened I. W. W. Strike.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 17.—Sending Federal troops to Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho to keep war industries moving and to check disorders is regarded by officials as a possibility in the near future should the threatened I. W. W. strike attain serious proportion and the civil authorities, State and Federal, in the affected area be unable to meet the situation adequately.

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FIERCE FIGHTING CONTINUES WEST

British Airmen Drop Tons of Bombs on Military Establishments in Belgium—Teutons' Fire Breaks Down an Attack.

The Germans made violent and repeated efforts last night to regain important positions recently wrested from them by the French and British. They gained some small advantages on the Verdun front, otherwise the only result of their attacks was to add to the heavy losses sustained in their fierce local offensive operations of late.

The British report three counter attacks against their new lines near Loos. At the second effort the Germans gained slight successes at points, but were driven back again and the third assault failed to shake the British defense.

Heavy artillery fighting is reported in the Ypres sector, where the British, after gaining high ground in yesterday's attack on a nine mile front, were finally pressed back.

The attacks on the French were made at widely separated points. In Belgium, the Germans attempted to recapture the ground taken by the French along the Steenbeke river, but met with no success.

On the Aisne front, the Germans made vigorous assaults near the Californie plateau and east of Cerny. Shattered by the terrific artillery fire of the French, the German infantry formations were swept back with heavy losses.

On the Verdun front heavy fighting was resumed with a German stroke on a front of two kilometers between Caurleres wood and Bezonvaux. At points the attackers gained a foothold in the foremost French trenches, but later they were driven out of most of these positions.

British aviators yesterday dropped several tons of bombs on military establishments in Belgium. The French brought down two German airmen in Belgium and forced two others to land back of the German lines.

Another winter campaign is regarded as inevitable by Lieutenant-General Korniloff, Russian commander-in-chief.

In an interview at Petrograd he also predicted operations on a vast scale along the Rumanian front, and hinted at important developments in the north with the possibility of combined land and naval actions.

Teutons Break Down Attack.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—Attacks made yesterday by Russian and Rumanian forces north of Pskhland and on the lower Sereth river on the Rumanian front broke down under the Teuton fire, according to the official statement issued today by the German war department.

Canadian Repulse Germans. British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 17.—German troops last night made a determined attempt to recover a small section of ground taken by the Canadians yesterday afternoon north-east of Lens, but three successive counter attacks were driven off with heavy losses to the enemy.

The first counter attack on the Canadian center made in the early evening was an absolute failure. About 9 o'clock the Germans again surged forward and succeeded in pushing back a few advanced posts, but the Canadians later moved forward and re-occupied the positions.

The sections which had seen such hard fighting were heavily shelled by the Germans through the night. The British and French were proceeding satisfactorily with the consolidation of their new positions all along the front.

GENERAL KORNILOFF HOPEFUL FOR RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Thursday, Aug. 16.—Lieutenant General Korniloff, the commander-in-chief, arrived here today and had a long conference with Premier Kerensky.