

MILITARY COMMITTEE AT OUTS WITH BAKER

SECRETARY HAS RECRUITED AN ARMY OF 225,000 MEN AND CREATED A DEFICIT OF NEARLY ONE HUNDRED-MILLION DOLLARS, WITHOUT AUTHORITY, SAYS COMMITTEE.

By COL. WINFIELD JONES.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The House Military Committee and Secretary of War Baker are in a big row over the army recruiting situation. Considerable bitterness has developed between Baker and members of the committee.

The situation in a nutshell may be described as follows: The last army appropriation bill only made appropriations sufficient for an army of 175,000 men, and about 14,000 officers. That is congress only provided money to pay an army of this size. Despite this fact, Secretary Baker for months has been striving to recruit the army to 287,000 men and he has already recruited the army to nearly 225,000 rank and file. As a result of this the war department will have to ask congress for a deficit estimated all the way from \$60,000,000 to \$100,000,000. This deficit is on top of the hundreds of millions of dollars asked from congress for the annual expenses of the army for the next fiscal year. The mix-up in the situation has been caused, according to Secretary Baker, because congress in the last army appropriation bill authorized an army of 287,000 men, but did not provide funds to maintain and pay an army of 287,000. The appropriation was limited to pay and subsistence for only 175,000. Mr. Baker claims that the bill not only authorized him to recruit the army to 287,000 in number, but he construed the bill so that he claims it was mandatory on him to raise 287,000 troops. Sharp issue has been taken with this stand of Mr. Baker by members of the House Military Committee, who claim that Mr. Baker, under the term of the bill, was actually authorized to recruit only the number appropriated for, viz: 175,000 men.

As a result of Baker's enthusiasm to raise the ranks to nearly 300,000

the war department, it was reported today, is faced with the fact that after February there will be no funds to pay either officers or men unless congress agrees to quick passage of a deficiency bill.

Baker and General March, chief of staff of the army, have been grilled by the House committee over this situation, and sharp clashes have resulted at some of the hearings between the Secretary, March and members of the committee.

The thing that annoys members of the committee is the fact that Mr. Baker cannot give any explanation as to why so large an army, numbering 287,000 men, is needed at this time. Mr. Baker had no explanation to this question. He merely contended that the army appropriation bill directed him to recruit the army up to the limit authorized but not appropriated for.

There are not lacking advocates of National defense, in and out of congress, who declare that Mr. Baker and the general staff did exactly the right thing in rushing the recruiting campaign to the limit, because of the disturbed condition of the world.

These men say nobody can tell at this crisis in the affairs of the world when a large American army might be needed and needed quickly. Many veterans and citizens believe that the army should be kept around 300,000 men at all times. It is probable, however, that congress will reduce the appropriations so that by next year the army will be cut down to 175,000 men and kept at that number for some years. The huge taxes and cost of the army is the thing that will force a reduction.

Regular armies of the principal nations, existing at this time, are Great Britain, 310,000; Japan, 372,000; Italy, 300,000; Russia, 480,000; Germany, 150,000; France, 794,000.

BRITAIN WELCOMES U. S. INTO LEAGUE

London, Dec. 22.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking at a luncheon in the House of Commons for the British and Dominion delegates to the League of Nations assembly, declared today that the League of Nations would never achieve real progress until all nations were represented.

The premier said he looked forward hopefully to the United States entering the league, which "was essential."

ITALIAN FORCES BLOCKADE THE CITY OF FIUME

London, Dec. 22.—Italian government forces are blockading Fiume by both land and water and fighting with D'Annunzio's forces is expected momentarily.

TAFT WILL VISIT SENATOR HARDING

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 22.—President-elect Harding is not expecting any visitors today, but Ex-President Taft is scheduled for a conference with him sometime before the holidays.

CONTOE NEWS ITEMS.

Supt. R. E. Stentle visited the Contoe school Monday. His many friends are glad to know that he is again able to resume his work. Miss Blanche Stewart spent the week-end with Misses Elizabeth and Annie Watson Tolbert. Mrs. Bruce Pope, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here Sunday. Mrs. Ben Whitley, of Washington, is visiting friends here. Mr. Bill Emson was here Sunday. Miss Elizabeth Thigpen arrived today from Greensboro, where she is a student at the State College for Women.

Herbert Gorham returned last night from Carolina. Miss Elizabeth Thigpen, from N. C. W., arrived last night on her way to her home in Contoe.

WILSON ACCOMPANY HARDING MARCH 4

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson plans to accompany President-elect Harding from the White House to the Capitol on March 4 and back again to the White House for luncheon, the latter being the usual inaugural custom.

President Wilson will then retire to his new home on S street and resume the life of a private citizen, after eight years' service in the White House.

Secretary Tumulty stated today that he was in good spirits and he expected Wilson would write a history of the world war soon after he retires to private life.

MINORITY DELAY DUTIES' ADVANCE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Democratic opposition to the Emergency Tariff Act, favored by the Republican majority and reported out by the House Ways and Means Committee, was solidified by the adoption of a resolution by the steering committee of Democratic senators pledging them to fight all proposed increases in tariff rates not demanded by the present conditions in the agricultural industry.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ADJOURNS TO JANUARY 6

Washington, Dec. 22.—The House Ways and Means Committee has adjourned until January 6, when it will consider a general revision of the tariff.

Mr. Maynard Keech, of Trinity, and sister, Miss Vera Keech, of N. C. W., arrived last night.

JOHN D. IS SUED FOR INCOME TAX

Claims Statement Failed to Show Full Value of Stock.

DEMANDS \$292,678 MORE

New York, Dec. 22.—Assistant U. S. District Attorney R. S. Holmes for the Government has brought an income tax suit upon John D. Rockefeller. In the action the Government seeks to obtain judgment against Rockefeller for \$292,678.78, with a penalty of 5 per cent and interest thereon at the rate of 1 per cent from June 30, 1916.

The suit concerns the income tax return which the millionaire filed on March 28, 1916, with the collector of internal revenue of the third district of New York. This purported to be a true and complete statement of the gains, profits and income received by or accrued to him during the year ending December 31, 1915.

The complaint drafted by Prosecutor Holmes alleges that the Rockefeller return was incorrect, misleading, and false in that, among other items, defendant failed to include as part of his profits and income for 1915, any part of 50,104 shares of the capital stock of the Illinois Pipe Line Company, or 67,176 shares of the capital stock of the Prairie Pipe Line Company or the value of these shares.

"The net income," the complaint states, "for said calendar year ending December 31, 1915, irrespective of said shares of stock received by defendant as dividends as set forth was in excess of \$500,000, and by reason of the premises an additional tax in the sum of \$292,678.78 became due, and owing from the defendant to the plaintiff, namely an additional tax of 6 per cent on the sum of \$4,377,979.661, the difference between the market value of the shares of stock at the time the same were distributed and received by defendant, to wit: \$16,606,013 and the par value of said shares of stock, to wit: \$11,728,033.84."

The complaint in conclusion asserts that no part of the additional tax of \$292,678.78 has been paid, although demanded, and the same is now due and owing, together with a penalty of 5 per cent of the amount thereof and interest at the rate of 1 per cent per month from June 30, 1917.

EVELYN NESBITT SUES HE BROTHER

New York, Dec. 22.—Leaving a sick bed in her apartment, Evelyn Nesbitt, the former wife of Harry K. Thaw, went to West Side Court to appear against her brother, Howard Nesbitt, whom she had summoned on the charge that he was withholding \$350 belonging to her which she intended using to go to Pittsburgh to see her son, Russell Thaw at the home of her mother.

Evelyn's illness showed itself unmistakably on her countenance when she appeared in court. She was very smartly attired as ever, wearing a brown coat with a leopard skin collar and leopard skin cuffs, a purple Tam-o-Shanter and a purple veil and fancy dancing pumps.

Evelyn told the court that a week ago she gave her brother a diamond ring worth \$32,500 which she asked him to pawn for \$1,000, as she needed some money. She said her brother got \$500 in one installment from a pawnbroker which he turned over to her, but of the second installment he had given her but \$150.

UTAH BABES SOLD, REPORTS A JUDGE

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 22.—Declaring that hundreds of babies are being sold in Salt Lake City every year, a judge of this city recommends to the governor that legislation be enacted to prevent this dastardly traffic in humanity.

Mr. Benjamin Havens, of Gainesville, Ga., has arrived to spend the holidays with relatives.

'DE LUXE ANNIE' HELD FOR MURDER

New York, Dec. 22.—Was Police Lieutenant Floyd Horton shot and killed with the revolver owned by Mrs. Lucille Emma Brooks, wife of John W. Brooks, well-to-do Atlanta insurance man and, with his wife, well-known in a number of cities?

Four shots were fired from Mrs. Brooks' gun, or at least a gun that greatly resembles her own—the gun gives evidence of that, it being found in the cooler in her apartment.

But on what occasion and for what purpose were the bullets discharged? This important phase of New York real-life "De Luxe Annie" case remains unexplained. Mrs. Brooks went before the grand jury refusing to sign a waiver and thereby granting immunity from prosecution and she told her story. "De Luxe Annie" was not responsible for her many fictional crimes because of a twist of mind later cured, and Mrs. Brooks told the district attorney's office that she had become dazed immediately after the shooting and knew absolutely nothing until she awoke in her new apartment the next morning with the revolver on her table. She denied she had fired a shot and she denied that she had seen a man killed in her automobile and his body later abandoned in a hallway.

"Did Mrs. Brooks say: 'If there are any more cartridges in that gun I'll use one on myself?' Was that the next morning after she realized the terrible crime?"

The Criminal Court was alive with a report that Mrs. Brooks had threatened to kill herself but she denied it.

SENATE DIVIDED ON IMMIGRATION

Washington, Dec. 22.—Of seventy-five senators interviewed here, thirty expressed themselves as being in favor of suspending immigration until congress is given ample opportunity to make a careful study of the entire question. Thirty-three others withheld judgment pending further investigation. Only twelve expressed themselves flatly as being opposed to suspension.

'BIG SURPRISES' IN G. O. P. CABINET

Washington, Dec. 22.—Some big surprises are in store for the public when President-elect Harding names his cabinet, according to Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana, who has just come from a visit with Harding at Marion.

The senator said that while no definite tender of a cabinet place has been made by Senator Harding, a number of the positions have been practically agreed upon.

It is not likely that any appointments will be announced until the entire cabinet slate has been fixed, it is understood.

"Considerable progress has been made" by Senator Harding in selecting his cabinet," Senator New said, "and while I am not in a position to say anything about the probable selections, I can say that when it is composed there will be some surprises."

Senators Would Bar Soviets.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A resolution declaring it to be the sense of the United States senate that the United States should not recognize the Soviet government of Russia as a de facto government was introduced in the senate by Senator King, Democrat, of Utah.

In introducing the resolution, Senator King criticized the department of labor for "taking two years to learn what everybody else knew, that Mr. Martens was spreading seditious teachings."

Mrs. A. E. Brown, who has been sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Johnson, is reported some better today.

N. Y. CRIME WAVE NETS 205 ARRESTS

Persons Out After Midnight Are Searched for Arms.

TAXI NUMBERS TAKEN

New York, Dec. 22.—Two hundred men and five women have been arrested by the police in their round-up against the crime wave, and in consequence criminals who infect the city are in flight.

The police, in a formal order by Commissioner Enright, are directed to stop all persons found on unfrequented streets between midnight and dawn and search them for arms.

Another notice suspends the half-hour meal time period heretofore allowed members of the force.

Commissioner Enright also gave out the following statement: "Persons using taxicabs should take the numbers so that in case any crime is committed, or attempted, there will be some clue which will aid the police. The public should use only reputable taxicabs or other vehicles."

CREATED DISTURBANCE.

Six boys were before the recorder and let off with the costs and an admonition against creating a disturbance on the school grounds contrary to a statute which they were charged with violating.

FOUR MEN ARE KILLED IN DUPONT EXPLOSION

Seranton, Penn., Dec. 22.—Four men were killed and two injured in an explosion in the DuPont Powder Company's plant near here.

HUNDREDS KILLED ON RUSSIAN TRAIN

London, Dec. 22.—Several hundred persons are reported killed or injured in a railway accident near Petrograd, due to overcrowding a train.

ALLIED PREMIERS TO CONFER IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 22.—A conference of the premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy will be held at Nice or Cannes, beginning December 28, to discuss a possible revision of the peace treaty with Turkey.

AIRPLANES FITTED FOR GAS ATTACKS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Plans for an invention whereby airplanes may make gas raids were submitted today to the war department by Jean Dimitrie, a Kansas City inventor.

Dimitrie has plans for air gas battles between planes carrying a tube trailing to the ground and attached to huge gas tanks.

Dimitrie also submitted to the postmaster general secret plans for a new method in mail delivery between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. He claims that, by the use of this invention, mails could be transported in absolute safety to Europe within thirty-six hours.

The postmaster general has not yet given Dimitrie any reply as to whether the government will consider his plan, but Dimitrie states that if the government does not take it up he will seek private aid in its development.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:40.
Jan. . . .	14.65	14.65	14.10	14.10
Mar. . . .	14.60	14.60	14.03	14.03
May	14.70	14.70	14.20	14.20
July	14.70	14.70	14.30	14.30
Oct.	14.86	14.86	14.35	14.50
Dec.	14.55	14.55	13.85	13.85

Wife of R. I. Governor Drops Dead. Providence, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Eleanor B. Beckman, wife of Governor Beckman, died at White Sulphur Springs, Va., from heart trouble.

Miss Almythe Wilson returned last night from G. C. W. Messrs. Sam Jenkins, and Charlie Smith returned from Carolina and were met in Rocky Mount.

TARBORO'S INITIATIVE FOR FARMERS' RELIEF

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STARTS ENDLESS CHAIN OF PUBLICITY FOR McADOO AS HEAD OF THE REVIVED WAR FINANCING CORPORATION—GREATEST FINANCIER IN AMERICA.

Tarboro, through its Chamber of Commerce, has taken the initiative for the benefit of the farmers of the entire south, by calling upon President Wilson to act favorably upon the Farmers' Relief Bill and to appoint W. G. McAdoo as head of the War Finance Corporation, which has passed both houses of congress.

"The whole south is looking to you for aid," is part of the telegram sent the President by Secretary Foster this morning. The full text of this telegram and another to Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo, urging him to accept in "the name of humanity," as well as one to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States to circulate the demand, through the Chambers of Commerce in every section of the country, for immediate action by the President in the appointment of Mr. McAdoo, appear hereunder.

The Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce has started an endless chain of publicity in that every civic body throughout the country will, if it does its full duty to the people it serves, agitate for the appointment of Mr. McAdoo, the most capable financier in America, as the head of the revived War Finance Corporation, brought into being for the aid and benefit of the farmers of the United States through these trying times.

Secretary Foster, in addition to his communications to national leaders, has been in touch with Secretary Beaman, of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, also all other chambers of commerce within a hundred miles radius, assuring the cooperation with the plan of extending the publicity by the insistent demands of the civic bodies of the towns and cities of North and South Carolina.

If the Chamber of Commerce of the United States will do as much in urging quick action upon this most

essential appointment of McAdoo, as has Tarboro, then it is a foregone conclusion that the demands of the people of the south will be responded to by President Wilson and Mr. McAdoo and in consequence relief will be speedy.

The telegrams sent today are as follows:

Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Washington, D. C. "We realize that the salvation of the southern farmer depends upon the favorable action by President Wilson on the War Finance Corporation Act and urge that you bring all necessary pressure to bear to have measure signed. Also handle with the Chambers of Commerce throughout the country and urge them to wire President Wilson, stating urgent need of measure and ask him to sign it for the salvation of the south. Also to urge the appointment of William G. McAdoo as head of the corporation."

"J. D. FOSTER, Secretary, 'Edgecombe Chamber of Com.' Hon. Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C. "As representative of the farmers we urge you to act favorably upon the Farmers' Relief Bill which has passed both Houses of congress. We also urge the appointment of William G. McAdoo, as head of the War Finance Corporation. The whole south is looking to you for aid."

"J. D. FOSTER, Secretary, 'Edgecombe Chamber of Com.' Hon. William G. McAdoo, New York, N. Y.

"Press reports indicate revival of War Finance Corporation. We are urging President Wilson to appoint you as head of this organization. If appointment is tendered, we urge you to accept in the name of humanity. Present conditions of the farmers are the worst in the history of our country, and they believe that under your leadership the present conditions can be improved."

"J. D. FOSTER, Secretary, 'Edgecombe Chamber of Com.'"

DR. RUMELY GETS YEAR IN PRISON

New York, Dec. 22.—Dr. Edward A. Rumely, former owner and publisher of the New York Evening Mail, and S. Walter Kaufmann and Norvin R. Linheim, attorneys associated with Dr. Rumely, were sentenced to one year and one day each in the Atlanta Federal Prison by Judge Wm. I. Grubb in the Federal Court.

All three were found guilty of conspiracy to conceal from the United States Alien Property Custodian the fact that the Mail was bought with \$1,451,700 loaned by the German government.

Although liable to fines as well, no fines were imposed by the court. The three prisoners were paroled in the custody of their counsel, pending an appeal.

Just before sentence was imposed Dr. Rumely addressed the court and declared that the past two and one-half years had been "black as hell" for him.

He said he had been hounded during that period for the part he played in the transaction and had spent a fortune in endeavoring to clear his name. He claimed that he had given the "best in me" to the United States.

COMMISSION ON IRELAND TO HEAR OF CORK BURNING

Washington, Dec. 22.—The American commission investigating conditions in Ireland will hear a firsthand account of the burning of Cork when the Misses Annie and Susan Walsh, sisters-in-law of the late Lord Mayor McCurtain of that city, testify.

The Misses Walsh, who left Cork the day following the fire, arrived in Washington last night.

Messrs. William Carstarphen and Bruce Wynne passed thru Tarboro this morning enroute to their homes in Williamston after being in Trinity college, Durham.

Mr. Aubrey Shackell returned this morning from Carolina. Miss Hazel Hoard returned today from Greensboro.

DELAY SWEARING IN STATE OFFICERS

(By MAXWELL GORMAN.) Raleigh, Dec. 22.—The formal inauguration of Governor-elect McRison and the swearing in of the other state executive officers will be postponed a week later than is customary because of the program to put a measure through the legislature providing for an increase of salaries of the various heads of departments.

As this must be done before the beginning of the new term, and as it will require some ten days to put the measure through, the inauguration will take place the third Wednesday after the first Monday in January, instead of the usual second Wednesday the legislature convening as usual on the first Wednesday after the first Monday.

The delay will be agreeable to the governor-elect, as he is of counsel in an important case at Charlotte to be heard early in January. Lieutenant-Governor Cooper is expected to be sworn in when the new senators are, as the term of Mr. Gardner expires with the old senate.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner returning from Richmond, where he attended a meeting of tobacco growers, represented in committees from North and South Carolina and Virginia, declares definite plans were made for state, county and township organizations in the state and that out of this meeting last week grows faith that tobacco growers will find their financial salvation and economic emancipation.

Aaron Spiro, California attorney for four successful cooperative marketing associations as well as associations in other states, advised with the tri-state organization which elected Dr. Joyner chairman of the Richmond meeting and E. C. Moss, of Raleigh, secretary.

Miss Emily Hart is home from St. Mary's school.

Miss Mary Collins Powell from N. C. C. W. returned home last night.