

President and Treasury Not Ready For Tax Cut

Size of Estimated Surplus Is Still Too Uncertain to Make Horizontal Cut at This Time Is Matter of Sound Finance in Their Opinion

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Washington, Nov. 28.—Returning members of Congress are showing a significant curiosity about the chances of another revision of taxes.

And they will find that the answer to the queries cannot be given them by the President or the Secretary of the Treasury. For tax revision depends upon two unknown factors. One is the business condition of the country—a better economic situation meaning increased revenues—and the other is the spending proclivity of Congress itself.

The Treasury estimated last time that there would be a surplus of about \$380,000,000 but it actually came to \$505,000,000 which goes to show that the forecasts cannot be exact and that a favorable business situation and rigid economy can change a prediction materially.

Assuming that on the basis of the figures already published there is an indicated surplus of about \$70,000,000. This would not be enough to warrant a recommendation for a revision of taxes. But the experience of the past has taught the Treasury estimates can be exceeded. For this reason some people have gone so far as to say there will be a \$350,000,000 surplus notwithstanding the cut that has been made by the new tax law in the expected receipts. Congress to some extent has it in its power to bring about a surplus of \$350,000,000. Economy in expenditure will do the trick. If a business man wanted to bring about a surplus at the end of a year he not only would cut down his expenses of operation but he would look to increased revenues by better business methods. The Government and Congress can't improve economic conditions except by omitting to disturb business and avoiding the imposition of uncertainties in one form or another. But Congress can do the other. It can fall to spend large sums and it can even inquire closely into the estimates of expenditures made by the executive departments.

The budget director has done all the pruning possible but Congress has been known to slash appropriations which emanate from executive departments ever since the budget system came into operation. The relationship between another horizontal cut in taxes, say 25 per cent on incomes earned this year, and economy in Government expenditure never has been so manifest to determine nor so manifest to the naked eye as it is today. Economy has always been something academic because the tax law has not been well understood and the war upset all standards of expenditures. In the last few years, however, economy has become of the paramount issues, and the election of President Coolidge is attributed by many of his friends to his efforts to effect economy in Government operation.

Sentiment among those members of the House and Senate who are here for next week's session is plainly in favor of another tax cut. The argument that the executive branch of the Government has been making; namely, that until after the payments made on March 15 next, the exact revenue-producing capacity of the present law will not be known is recognized as sound but it usually leads to a discussion of what the administration will do if there is a surplus. The administration insists that it has not closed the door to an extra session but it must see a substantial surplus before it can talk about tax revision. And until Congress has wound up its short session on March 4 nothing will be known of the exact amount of money appropriated for Government expenditures. The information needed to confirm the present judgment of the administration or to bring about a change in its decision will therefore be available about April 1, and the whole subject of an extra session and a further tax cut may now be postponed until those figures are available and the record of Congress on economy is definitely made.

HORSES ARE BURNED

San Diego, Nov. 29.—Four horses valued at \$50,000 are burned to death when a part of the Tijuana race track stables were burned last night.

STEAMER ADRIFT

New York, Nov. 29.—Twelve hundred miles east of the Virginia Capes the steamship Castel Porriano is drifting with disabled steering apparatus while several liners are rushing to her assistance.

SPENCE HOLDS FINAL SESSION

Presides at Last Session of Recorder's Court Before Expiration of Term and Officers in Monday.

The last session of recorder's court with George J. Spence on the bench as trial justice, held Saturday morning was a long one. Court did not adjourn until nearly one o'clock.

Monday morning will see presiding over that day's session of court P. G. Sawyer as Trial Justice and Henry LeRoy as prosecuting attorney. Mr. Spence, who did not stand for re-nomination in the last Democratic primary, has been trial justice since 1919, and Mr. Sawyer has been prosecuting attorney for three years. Mr. LeRoy, assuming the duties of prosecuting attorney, is serving his first term in that office.

Though Judge Spence's last session of court was a lengthy one there were only two cases of major importance. In one of these the defendant was one Johnny Williams, who was sentenced to two months in jail for larceny of a bicycle, and against whom probable cause was found in a case of store breaking.

The defendant was represented by Robert Lowry, young lawyer recently admitted to the bar here, and Lowry made a valiant fight for his client, but the evidence against the defendant was too strong to be overcome by a lawyer's skill. The bicycle in question was the property of C. N. Morgan, and the defendant told a highly incredible story about buying it from a Norfolk boy three miles from town on the State bridge road near the Robinson farm, and paying \$16 in cash for it, though he could not ride it home. The day set for the purchase was also a week or two before the bicycle was stolen from Mr. Morgan.

When Williams was arrested at his Bell street lodging house there was found on the premises property that on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving had been stolen from the shoe-shop of Daniel White, 309 Bell street, and it was this find that resulted in the defendant being held for probable cause for store breaking.

The other case taking up a large part of the morning session was one in which Robert Cotter was defendant on a charge of reckless driving, in which the court found no evidence of criminal negligence but inclined to the opinion that there might be ground for civil action. The prosecuting witnesses were Isaiah Jones and his wife, two middle-aged negroes, whose cart was hit on the Woodville highway by Cotter's car, with the result that both were injured and the cart damaged. Mr. Cotter sent the pair to the hospital, where the woman's injuries were found to be light and she was taken home to her children on a Friday and Isaiah remained in the hospital until the following Monday, Cotter paying all the bills. Mr. Cotter testified that immediately after meeting three cars with bright lights, his own dimmed, the cart suddenly loomed up ahead of him and that he struck it before he could stop or swerve aside.

Fang Hsiao, Corinth farmer charged with operating an auto-car on a Friday and Isaiah Jones, with reckless driving, and with illegal possession, found guilty by a recorder's court jury Friday on the last charge only, was let off with the usual fine of \$30 and costs. The jurors passing on the case were R. M. Dewey, H. L. Taft, Cecil Copeland, G. W. Turner, David Simpson, and M. L. Mercer.

Isaiah Gibbs, colored, for striking a colored girl with a stick, was found guilty of assault and fined \$10 and costs.

"If it had been a man you'd hit," said Trial Justice Spence, "I'd let you off with \$5."

COTTON REPORT

Spot action closed quiet today, declining 10 points. December 23.25; January 23.30; March 23.78; May 24.10; July 24.10.

POPLAR BRANCH FOOTBALL WINNER

Poplar Branch, Nov. 29.—On the gridiron of Poplar Branch High School Wednesday afternoon, the first football game in this community was staged between the South Norfolk High School and the Poplar Branch High School boys. The average weight of the home team was 140 pounds, while the visiting team averaged around 170 pounds. "Very few college teams are much heavier," said college boys home for Thanksgiving.

The Poplar Branch team showed considerable improvement since its game with Elizabeth City. The boys felt more at home on their field, and played a clean, good game.

"We never have seen such a small team with a more fighting spirit," said the opposing team, who congratulated them on their good work.

The home team surprised the old timers, the college boys and their coach, Mayo.

BANKER ARRESTED

Mobile, Nov. 29.—Charged in three Government indictments with prohibition law violations, Alfred Staples, former banker and at one time president of the Alabama Bankers' Association, was Friday arrested at the Federal Building here.

FIRE FRIDAY NIGHT

A short circuit of the electrical motor of an air pump at the Auto Supply & Vulcanizing Company was the cause of the fire alarm given from Box 51 at 12:30 o'clock Friday night. The damage was about \$75. The fire was discovered by someone at the Eagle Cafe. The fire company soon had it extinguished by chemicals.

The fire Saturday morning at 11:40 was found to be in a lodge hall on Lawrence street in which boxes of paper were stored. The fire was extinguished with water and chemicals before much damage was done. It is thought to have been caused by boys smoking in the building.

HORSES BURNED AT WILSON TODAY

Wilson, N. C. Nov. 29.—The building of the Wilson Livestocks Company, together with 55 horses and mules, were burned early today. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. A grocery store in the building next door was also destroyed. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

TRAINING SCHOOL BEGINS AT BEREA

A teacher training school will begin at Berea Baptist Church Sunday night and continue through the week with Miss Sophia Bergbauer, elementary worker, and B. S. Beach, field worker, of the Sunday school department of the Baptist Mission Board of this State.

Miss Bergbauer will meet the mothers and elementary workers each afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and lecture on "Plans and Programs." Mr. Beach will conduct a class each evening at 7:30 o'clock on "Building a Country Sunday School." The pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall, urges a good attendance at these meetings, both of the Berea and Corinth Sunday school workers.

DETECTIVES HIT BRAND NEW TRAIL

Columbus, O., Nov. 29.—Search for a youth wearing a light cap who, according to detectives, entered the basement of a house in the fashionable Bexley district not far from the parsonage of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church where the body of Mrs. Addie Sheatsley practically cremated was found in the furnace on November 17, was being made today.

The youth was seen about one o'clock on the day of the tragedy to enter the basement through a door that was locked, the wife of the owner told detectives. She said he escaped through the basement door through which he had entered.

BANK BLOWN UP BY BOLD ROBBERS

Alta Mount, Ill., Nov. 29.—Hogan's State Bank was blown up and robbed today by six men who came into town in four automobiles shooting and terrifying the people. The interior of the building was nearly wrecked by the explosion. The robbers escaped with about \$5,000.

AGROUND OFF ROCKS

Wilmington, Nov. 29.—The steamer Pocahontas is aground off the rocks between Fort Fisher and Cape Hatteras and the tug Potter of Wilmington has gone to her rescue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houghton of Rocky Mount are visiting Mrs. Houghton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Barnette on First street.

Farmers at Aqueduct's Gates



Farmers at Owens Valley, Calif., are seen here standing guard at one of the gates to the great aqueduct that carries water into the city of Los Angeles. After opening the gates, diverting water into their own lands, the farmers took up their posts at the gates, defying attempts of authorities to close them again.

International Radio Is Likely Lag After Today

Difference in Time Between This Country and Europe Most Serious Bar to Internationalization of Radio Audiences Say the Government Radio Officials

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Chicago, Nov. 29.—Now that the insurmountable difficulty of a time difference between this country and Europe in radio entertainment is found here, too, difficulties are further increased by static that appears to be setting up a barrier to European sound waves. Then on top of that, interference from local sending stations puts any thought of distance receiving out of the question unless they agree to quit periods.

Experiments of the week have shown, however, the Government officials declare, that radio can knit together the radio audiences of a good share of the world. The fact that stations in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and Russia have been heard by persons here in the Middle West during the international hour, shows what can be done with broadcasting.

What is made of the fact that some day during an international radio broadcast may be brought into play to avert trouble by appeal to the radio audience. There comes, too, the suggestion that Esperanto, or some other form of international language may receive an impetus.

But at the same time, despite the enthusiasm of those who've connected with stations on the other side of the Atlantic, it is a far cry to the day when this country can swap broadcasting programs with Europeans as a regular thing.

LAYMAN'S PROGRAM RIVERSIDE SUNDAY

The men's federation of Christian workers, organized as a result of the Ham-Ramsay revival here, which closed last Sunday, will visit Riverside Baptist Church Sunday in a body and will have full charge of the service. It will be a layman's program, according to Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, who is supply pastor on this charge at this time.

The women's federation, corresponding to that of the men and organized at the same time, will also attend the Riverside service and have a part in the program, according to Duckworth Glover, president of the men's federation, at Saturday morning's prayer service.

The down-town prayer-meetings, inaugurated during the revival, are continuing daily, and though Saturday is the business man's busy day, 100 were present at the first Saturday morning's meeting following the close of the revival. Attendance at these prayer meetings has increased, instead of diminishing, since the close of the meeting.

How Boat Ties Up Street Traffic



It took two days to release the steamer Constitution when she ran aground in the Chicago River. Traffic on two streets leading into the Loop was tied up during that time while jackade bridges remained open as tugs worked with the stranded boat.

MAKE NEW BID MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Nov. 29.—A new bid for the operation of Muscle Shoals has been prepared by Howard Sutherland, former Senator from West Virginia, on behalf of Hamilton & Company, New York bankers, and is expected to be introduced next week in the Senate. The bill authorizes acceptance of the offer and provides for organization of the Federal Power & Fuel Corporation capitalized at \$50,000,000 to complete the basic and operate Muscle Shoals for the manufacture of fertilizer and to distribute electric power and fuel throughout the Southern territory.

MAN KILLS GIRL AND THEN HIMSELF

Shreveport, La., Nov. 29.—Miss Myrtle Olden, young business college student, and J. J. Bass, aged 25, were found dead in an automobile today shortly after the firing of three shots, two of which struck the girl in the head, the other killing Bass, who it is believed by the police fired all the shots.

MUCH INTEREST IN BAPTIST MEET

Denomination Finish Up One Campaign Only to Enter Upon a New Program for Coming Year.

Raleigh, Nov. 29.—Unusual interest is felt throughout the State in the approaching session of the Baptist State Convention, which meets in the Tabernacle Church of this city on Tuesday afternoon, December 2, according to information received at the office of Walter M. Gilmore, secretary of the convention. The Pastors Conference begins on Monday night and will continue through Tuesday morning. This pre-convention gathering is said to always draw a large number of pastors and others. Featuring the Convention this year will be the address by Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest, on his Impressions gathered from his recent trip to Europe.

During the convention there will be a number of side features. In addition to various meetings, banquets and committees, several general workers of the B. Y. P. U. will be present. Perry Morgan of this city, general secretary of the B. Y. P. U. will be in charge. A large number of young people are expected to attend the convention this year. All the general workers of the Board of Missions will attend the banquet on Wednesday evening of the Convention week. Professor M. Huggins, secretary of the Board of Education, is in charge of arrangements.

FAMOUS OPERATIC COMPOSER DEAD

Brussels, Nov. 29.—Giacomo Puccini, famous operatic composer, died here today from throat infection following an operation. The death of the composer was due directly to a heart attack.

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(By The Associated Press)
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FUNERAL MRS. TOXEY

The funeral of Mrs. Wiley Toxeay who died Sunday at her home at Shiloh from a stroke of paralysis, was conducted Monday evening at the home by Rev. E. J. Harrell of Virginia and interment was made in the family burying ground. She is survived by her husband and one son, M. N. Toxeay; two daughters, Mrs. Sam Gregory and Miss Mary Toxeay.

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Thomas W. Lawson of Boston Plucked Clean by the Street That He Told World So Much About in Roosevelt Administration Also Bankrupt in Health

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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Boston, Nov. 29.—While Wall Street is reveling today in its greatest orgy of prosperity, Thomas W. Lawson, the man who once threatened to smash "the system" upon the rocks of pitiless publicity, the man who had the entire world thrilling at his words and ready to lose its fortune at his command, lies a financial derelict in a hospital at Bar Harbor, Maine, endeavoring to fight back to life from an operation which may or may not bring relief from an ailment which has borne down upon the one time "copper king" these many years now like an old man of the sea.

Lawson, a figure as picturesque that he threatened to eclipse Theodore Roosevelt in popular favor at the hey-day of the latter's term in the White House, has been plucked clean by Wall Street. He fought, as he said, to keep others from being burned at the tucker, but unable to practice what he preached, Lawson, of Boston, kept playing fast and loose with the bulls and the bears until they stripped him of virtually every cent.

Lawson, the king of the muckrakers when muckraking was an art, took over an entire magazine to tell his tale of "frenzied finance." This was back in 1904—20 years ago. The presses could not print enough of the magazines. They were gobbled up from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Old ladies read them and shouted their condemnation of Wall Street and its ways from the house tops. Preachers exhorted from the church steeples. Little children swore like St. George to slay the dragon. Public opinion, inflamed to the burning point, spread over each succeeding chapter of the thrilling story of the man who was exposing Wall Street from the "inside."

Lawson went on an advertising spree such as the United States had never known before. When he found that Europe had its ears open he extended his campaign to the newspapers over there. The man was almost devoured by the flames of his own righteous indignation.

For the last six or seven years "Lawson of Boston" has dropped so completely from the limelight that the world which once, in Monte Cristo fashion, was almost his, had begun to think of him as dead. Lawson has been living quietly with his sister at her home near Bar Harbor. It is said that in the days of his rolling wealth he settled an annuity upon her, but if the story be true, it was the

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Tong War Breaks Out In Full Fury Again

New York, Nov. 29.—The Chinese Tong war broke loose in full fury again today. While the police issued an ultimatum that it must end, four Chinese were shot to death by members of the gang in this city, while reports received told of deaths of three others in other cities.

Wild West



BUTLER WILL STAY

Philadelphia, Nov. 29.—General Smedley Butler will remain head of the Philadelphia police and fire departments for the next three years if his leave from the Marine Corps is extended. It was announced Friday by Mayor Kendrick and General Butler.

Wild West

James Martin suspected his neighbor of stealing his cattle, so he went out and shot him, authorities say. When the sheriff came to arrest Martin he found him calmly feeding his chickens. Now Martin is on trial for his life in Sacramento, Cal. "I did only what they used to do to all cattle rustlers in the old days," says Martin.