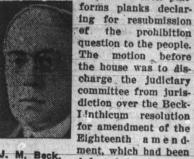
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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Test Vote in House Encourages Wets-Sales Tax Meets Strong Opposition-Two Famous Men Take Their Own Lives.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

campaign to compel the major parties to place in their plat-



ment, which had been defeated in the committee by a vote of 14 to 6. The test vote was forced under the liberalized rules by 145 petitioners.

On call of the roll, 227 members voted against the motion, 187 for it, and there were 18 not voting. Following the custom, Speaker Garner did not vote. The strength shown by the wets was greater even than many of them had expected and they were correspondingly jubilant. Their cause had gained 59 votes since the house voted December 17, 1917, to submit the Eighteenth amendment.

Beck and Linthicum, co-authors of the resolution, declared the fight was all but won and that all that was needed was one more election. Mr. Beck said: "This vote makes it plain that if the Republican party adopts a dry platform in June it will court disaster." He predicted it would not be necessary to wait for the meeting of the next congress for action to modify the dry law, believing that this congress at the session next winter, as a direct result of the November election, will submit the anti-prohibition amendment.

Leaders of the drys, for their part, though admitting wet gains, declared they were undismayed, calling attentill far from having the necessar

two-thirds majority.

Both sides, in the Republican party, have been hoping that President Hoowas nothing to indicate that he would depart from his neutrality in the preconvention contest. A close associate of the President was quoted as saying Mr. Hoover has not changed his belief that the country is still preponderantly dry.

Representative Fred Britten of Illinois introduced in the house a bill for repeal of the Jones "five and ten" law which stiffened the penalties for violation of the Volstead act.

DEBATE on the billion dollar revenue bill continued in the house throughout the week, and the opponents of the sales tax sought to form themselves into a bloc. Their determined fight against this big feature of the measure at least resulted in changes, for the ways and means committee agreed to accept an amendment omitting certain canned goods and press telegrams from the list of articles upon which a 2.25 per cent sales tax is proposed. The committee also was considering amendments exempting cheap clothing, electricity used for irrigation projects and radio company leased wires.

Prospects for adoption of the sales tax were lessened in mid-week when leaders of organized labor and of the farmers came out in opposition to it. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared "labor will call on its friends in congress to defeat that section of the taxation measure"; and Fred Brenckman of the National Grange said imposition of the sales tax would meet the unqualified disapproval of the 27,000,000 people upon the farms of

Should the bill substantially as it stunds get through the house, its sales tax feature will face strong opposition in the senate. A group of senators is ready to junk it, these including the men who are classed as progressive Republicans. Some of the more liberal Democrats want a substitute bill providing for selective sales taxation and possibly for increased surtaxes on incomes above \$190,000. The house surtax is 40 per cent from \$100,-

Two of the world's famous men de-cided that life was no longer worth living and so committed suicide. George Eastman, internationally known

as the developer of the camera and the pho-tographic film and also as one of the country's greatest philanthropists, put a bullet through his heart at his home in Rochester, N. Y., be-cause he was in ill health and, as his farewell note said: My work is done.



Why wait?" Mr. East- Geo. Eastman man, who founded the Eastman Kodak company and was chairman of its board, had made a vast fortune but had given away all but about \$20,000,000. His philanthro-

Were leaders in congress, greatly pies, estimated at see 800, were encouraged by the test vote in the house, have started a vigorous lents including universities and schools. and dental clinics in many cities in this and other countries. He was seventy-seven years old, a bachelor and a lover of music and art. Mr.

Eastman's many friends mourned his death but none was found to criticise his decision that it was time for him Ivar Kreuger, head of the great Swedish match trust and one of the

world's most noted industrialists, was the other notable suicide. For months his numerous interests had been hammered on the exchanges of Europe and his losses were supposed to have been heavy though his remaining fortune was very large. He had-just failed to obtain a \$10,000,000 loan in

New York, where he had always been able to obtain vast sums for the asking, so he sailed to Paris and there ended his life with a revolver. Like Eastman, Kreuger was unmarried. His death created a sensation in financial circles, especially in Europe, and the shares in his companies declined sharply. The Swedish government obtained from parliament in special session permission to declare a moratorium on the debts of those concerns to prevent a raid by creditors, and the Stockholm exchange was closed for a time.

MANAGERS of the Republican party are busy making the arrangements for the national convention in Chicago, and many of them in their informal talk in

Washington felt certain that Hoover and Curtis would be the eralized platform conciliate the wets without outraging the The members of the national committee charged with selecting the presiding

officers of the conthought it would be well to have Charles G. Dawes for emporary chairman and "keynoter," lut it was said he was unwilling to accept the honor. For permanent chairman it was virtually agreed that Bertrand H. Snell, congressman from New York, would be the best man available. He is one of the party's strong wen and a skilled parliamentarian. Hovever, both posts were left unfilled, the final choices to be made at a meging in Chicago

on April 9. The arrangements committee decided that four radio brodleasting booths should be put in the thicago Stadium. It also named Dr. 1 M. Harvey of Chicago chief of the saff of physicians and nurses, and Gerge L. Hart as official stenographer.

Democratic manages also are slow-iy completing the etails for their convention, but has made no announcemen's. In greral, they will take over the Stadiu as the Republicans leave it.

R UMORS, rumors, and more rumors, all proving false Clews leading nowhere. Theories wiftly exploded. Investigations and neotiations that have no result. Such has been the course of the Lindberg baby kidnaping case up to the tie this is written. Toward the clo of the week the authorities were quiring into a story told by Charles liver, a prisoner on Welfare Islan New York, to the effect that the pt to steal the child was hatched in will, being proposed to him by one ylliam Greason of Cliffside, N. J. the latter was taken into custody an denient everything Oliver said. An renious theory originated in Philelphia — that henchmen of Al Caporstole the baby for use as a lever tory that gang leader out of jail.

PAUL YON HIND BURG main-PAUL YON HIND BURG maintained his place is ided of the German people in per time as well as in war. In the isidential election he soundly bethis chief rival, Adolf Hitler, lead: the Nazis or Fascists. But the ged President failed by one-half per cent to get a majority of them votes cast, so there must be a noff election on April 10. At that m, it is admitted by nearly every a e will triumph.

As against ne 19,000,000 votes for Ven Hindenh here were about 11,500,000 for Hr Ernest Thaelmans, Communisplied almost 5,000,000.

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2,000,000, and the independent,
111,000 odd. His vote was so far
ahead of the Noote in the reichstag elections of 0 that he decided
to remain in thintest.

Toward the of the week the
Prussian governt claimed it had
discovered plans a civil was and
therefore raid lazi headquarters
throughout the e.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and WETS ARE JUBILANT Gov. W. H. Murray of Oklahor were the contenders in the Democr c primaries of North Dakota. returns from the rural districts fere slow in coming in, but on the base of partial returns it appeared of tain that the state's delegation would be instructed for the New York governor. However, Alfalfa Bill had captivated the imagination of many of the farm-

ers and was making a fair contest On the Republican side those seek ing the preference of the voters were Dr. Joseph I. France of Maryland and Jacob S. Coxey of Ohio. France was well in the lead. Mr. Hoover's name had not been entered but he received some votes.

Mississippi elected a new congressman to fill out the term of the late Percy E. Quin. He is L. Russell Elizey, Democrat, superintendent of a college at Wesson.

NEGOTIATIONS between Japan and China for the withdrawal of Japanese troops from the Shanghai area were reported about to open, after conversations engineered by the representatives of the United States and Great Britain. It was understood the Japanese forces should be withdrawn gradually and that the Chinese should not enter the evacuated territory until final agreement was reached. The operation will be supervised by a comission with neutral members.

Under this agreement China abandons the point that Manchuria must be considered simultaneously with the Shanghai problem, and Japan abandons the point that the status of Shanghai must be fixed prior to her withdrawal.

Meanwhile the Lytton commission sent to Shanghai by the League of Nations, with Maj. Gen. Frank Mc-Coy representing the United States, began investigating the doings of the Japanese in and about Shanghai. Mayor Wu Teh-chen of the Chinese municipality was guide and chief informant of the members and after telling them of the outrages committed by the invaders he took them on a tour of inspection through many miles of devastated areas where, as he said, "you can see for yourselves how thoroughly the Japanese war machine has accomplished its mission

of wanton destruction." That new Manchurian state of Manble already. Dispatches from Tokyo said there was revolt in the province of Hellungkiang which is ruled from Ma Character The Chicago.

allegiance. From Changchun, strong Chinese force, equipped with artillery, had captured Fu-yu, a city of 80,000 people 100 miles southwest of Harbin.

A DJOURNMENT until April 11 was taken by the international disarmament conference at Geneva. Correspondents there relate an interesting incident during

the discussions in the naval commission. Vice Admiral D. P. R. Pound of Great Britain naively proposed that they eliminate from the draft convention of the conference an article in the Washington treaty providing that a nation engaged in war shall not selze a war

vessel of another Sen. Swanson country being constructed in its own yards. He said it was not logical to expect a country at a moment when it is straining to the utmost not to lay its hands on all available mate-

But our own Senator Swanson was on the alert at once, declaring this would not do at all. Ships constructed in time of peace for another power should not possibly be considered available to the builders in time of war, he said. Otherwise, there would never be a chance for the governments to agree on their relative strengths, Mr. Swanson exclaimed. Other delegates supported Senator Swanson's argument, and later the British admiral smilingly intimated that his proposition had been misunderstood, and withdrew it.

DOSTMASTER GENERAL W. F. Brown, in a memorandum submitted to the special economy committee of the house of representatives, pointed out many ways in which the cost of the postal service can be reduced, but said all of them require egislation.

He admitted that the postal service is overmanned for the handling of the present reduced volume of business due to the depression. He suggested that economies could be achieved by reducing the force, reduc ing pay, consolidating rural free delivery routes and providing government buildings for post office stations, branch post offices and garages which under the law are now leased. Such economics, however, said Mr.

Brown, would not balance the Post Office department budget which can be effected only by increasing postal rates also.

Mr. Brown submitted for "careful ensideration" the proposal of Senator W. H. King that rural free delivery routes be let to the lowest bidders, although the postmaster general recorded himself as opposed to such change because "It would be likely to result in a substantial impairment of the general excellent serv-ice which is now rendered to rural

OVER LIQUOR VOTE

Technically Defeated, They Count Large Gains.

Washington.—The buse of representatives, by a vote of 227 to 187, rejected the proposal of the wet blocs to force action on the Beck-Linthicum proposal for amendme of the Consti-tution to turn liquor ontrol back to tution to turn liquor

This was the first ril call vote on constitutional prohibion since the Eighteenth amendmen was put into force, and only 18 me bers failed to cast ballots. Although technically defeated, the wet leader were jubilant over the 187 votes cas for their mo-tion to discharge the judiciary committee from consideration of the Beck-Linthicum resolution and bring it before the house, the strongest showing they have been able to make since prohibicton was put into the Constitution.

They predicted victory for resubmission at the next session of congress. The drys, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction over their majority. As evidence of the trend away from prohibition, the wet leaders pointed to the significance of a tabulation of the votes cast by state delegations, which showed that those of 17 states favored immediate consideration of the resubmission proposal, with 28 against it and three tied.

One hundred and twelve Republicans and 114 Democrats and one Farmer-Labor representative toted against the motion to discharge the bone-dry judiciary committee from consideration of the resolution, while #7 Republicans and 90 Democrats voted for immediate

Although the test indicated the in-ability of the anti-prohibitionists to drive their project to successful conclusion in the present engress, their showing in the house vec larger than the previous predictions of the most sanguine of wet leaders was quickly followed by announcements both in the house and senate that an issue ill be forced on beer resolutions pending followed by announcement in both chambers.

How party lines disintegrated as the

o., Ore.), ranking minority member of the ways and means committee, and Bertrand H. Snell (Rep., N. Y.), Republican floor leader.

On the other hand the motion was supported by Representative Henry T. Rainey, Illinois, Democratic floor leader; John McDuffle, Alabama, Democratic whip; Representative John Q. Tilson, Connecticut, Republican leader in the last session of the ongress, and Representative William R. Wood, Republican, Indiana, ranking minority member of the appropriations committee. Mr. Garner, as is the custom of the speaker, did not vote.

WASHINGTONBRIEFS

The Republican part's committee on arrangements for the national convention has put off until April 9 the selection of a keynoter for the Chicago June 14 meeting.

The State department announced the appointment of Stuart J. Fuller, as sistant chief of the dvision of Far Eastern affairs, to attend the fifteenth session of the opium advisory committee as an expert in an advisory capacity.

Denying the petition of Ugo Ferroni, convicted Peru (III.) bootlegger, the United States Supreme court ruled that the government is empowered to collect taxes on illegally distilled liquors.

The senate passed a house bill allowing free entry only to those musicians who possess "distinguished merit" and "superior plent."

President Hoover attended the funeral services for his jecond cousin, George C. Hoover, at the Quaker

More than 20,000 women are at work at the present time in stockyards throughout the country, receiving an average of only \$16.85 a week, according to a survey announced by the women's bureau of the Department of Labor.

Senator Wagner of New York introduced in the senate a bill for a \$1.100, 000,000 bond issue to finance public works already authorized by congress but not appropriated for.

Earthquakes, Volcanoes Wreck East Indies Isle

The Hague.—An enormous death toll and almost complete destruction of the isle of Banda Neira, one of the most important of the Banda group in the Dutch East Indies, resulted from earthquakes and numerous new volcanoes have appeared throughout the island, according to reports from Batavia, Java. Banda Islands supply most of the world's nutmegs and some other

KIDNAP CLEWS ALL LEAD TO NOTHING

Search for Lindbergh Baby Covers the World.

Hopewell, N. J.—The international search for the kidnaped Lindbergh baby moved along three widely scattered fronts.

There was the underworld search which is being pursued separately by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and the police. In England, France, and Germany ocean liners occupied the attention of the authorities, and finally there was the half-hearted hunt in the Sourland hills surrounding the Lind-

Clews continued to blossom from all parts of the nation and fade with bewildering unanimity. Tips came from as far flung places as Seattle, Jackson, Ky., and Hamburg, Germany, but all proved worthless. The information that New Jersey

troopers were endeavoring to trace a brown blanket overcoat found near Featherbed road, down which the kidnapers are supposed to have fled with the twenty-month-old child, was denied almost as soon as it became known. The Hopewell police chief, Charles Williamson, reported that he had received a communication advising him to be in front of the post office at York, Pa., where he would receive a communication from the kidnapers. The "kidnaper" said he would wear a white handkerchief in his coat pocket,

Chief Williamson appeared to be the only person interested in the letter. Later it became known an osteopath at York, M. B. Shellenberger, had told police that a man, woman, and baby came into his office and forced him to make a telephone call to the Lindberghs, giving terms and place of the ransom. The story is doubted.

The underworld search, so far as the police were concerned, centered on a new group of "suspicious characters," the Roma gang from Denver, said to be operating in or about New York city. That also blew up and Col. Norman Schwarzkopf, head of the state police, announced vindication of the

was alive and well and would be re turned.

In Seattle detectives tried to run down the statement of a jobless paper hanger, who said two bank robbers had invited him to join in kidnaping the baby, when he was in Billings Mont., last June. His Billings employer reported the man had "delusion of grandeur."

The attorney of Salvy Spitale and Irving Bitz, first underworld characters chosen to act as go-betweens, said the pair had been in indirect contact with the kidnapers and would make a trip to Detroit in connection with their negotiations.

From Jackson, Ky., and other places came stories of persons seized with blond babies, but in every case the lead was found to be due primarily to overzealousness on the part of some officer,

Senators See Propaganda Against Muscle Shoals

Washington,-The senate agriculture committee charged a nation-wide propaganda campaign has been conducted to secure the power at Muscle Shoals for private gain under the guise of cheapening fertilizer for the farmer. In recommending enactment of the

Norris bill for government operation of the plant, the committee challenged those who have been seeking private production of fertilizer at Muscle Shoals to show good faith by accepting the alternate leasing provisions of this measure.

The committee contended the recon mendations of President Hoover's Muscle Shoals commission for operation of the plants by a farmer-owned corporation could be carried out under the terms of the Norris bill, and it offered to liberalize its lease provision as far as necessary "without giving the lessee an outright bonus from the federal treasury."

Auto Burns After Wedding Party: One Man Is Killed New York.-An automobile in which

four young men and two young women were returning from a wedding party in Sea Gate, Coney Island, swerved from the road on a sharp turn in Prospect park, Brooklyn, crashed into a tree, turned over, and burst into flames. One of the men was killed. The others were injured or burned.

Dime-a-Dance Girl Weds

Harvard Student Secretly New York.-The wedding of a dh a-dance girl to the son of a wealthy broker has been revealed. Allan P. Carlisle, twenty-year-old Harvard student, and Miss Romaine Fleming, twenty, who for two years has been a hostess at a Broadway dance hall, were married last December 23 when young Carlisle was home for the Christmas holidays. The wedding became known when a classmate let the word out to young Carlisle's father. Kagainagami lake, north of Tashota.

GEORGE EASTMAN



man of the board of the Eastman Kodak company, committed suicide in his home in Rochester, N. Y., because of ill health. He was celebrated as a developer of the camera and film industries and as a philanthropist.

HINDENBURG BEATS HITLER AT POLLS

German President, However, Is Short of Majority.

Berlin.-President Paul von Hindenburg emerged as victor in the German presidential election by soundly beating Adolf Hitler, but failed by the narrow margin of 168,000 votes of getting the absolute majority over all other candidates necessary to obtain

His impressive total of 18,661,736 votes-a plurality of 7,333,165 over the National Socialist (Fascist) leader's count of 11,328,571—makes it virtually certain that the eighty-fouryear-old field marshal will be returned to office on April 10, when a run-off election will be held in which the candidate will win who receives the greatest number of ballots, whether n absolute majority or not.

Charles R. Crisp (Den., Ga.), acting the chairman of the ways and means committee; Representative Willis C. Hawless (Den., Ga.), acting the chairman of the ways and means committee; Representative Willis C. Hawless (Den., Ga.), acting the control of the con ter, who, although in jail, ran for the "League of Creditors of the simplified. He manufactured both Reichsbank" on a platform calling for redemption of the inflated postwar marks, obtained 181,115.

The most surprising feature of the election was the relative weakness of Hitler. His lieutenants were confident his strength would run from 15 .-000,000 to 18,000,000. Hitler said, however, he would try again,

Hitler received only slightly less than a million votes more than his party polled in the 1930 reichstag election. The Communists, with their 4,900,000 votes, made a less noticeable gain over their 1930 figures. In 1930 they polled 4,590,000 votes.

Hiram Johnson Scores International Bankers

Washington.-Summarizing the senate finance committee's investigation of foreign loans Senator Hiram Johnson told the senate that American losses were due to the "greed" of international banks and "smug complacency and supine indifference" on the part of the government The gray-haired California Repub-

lican, who sponsored the investigation of American losses in foreign bond issues, startled the senate with the ferocity of his attacks on internatonal

In a scathing denunciation of their activities, he said they had given "no thought to the impoverishment of American citizens who trusted them and acted apparently only for the

Gets License: Shoots His Bride-to-Be, Kills Himself 6,000-Mile Odyssey

Fort Lauderdale, Fin.—The bodies of Harold Nebe, thirty wo, of Quincy, Ill., and Miss Frances Ferriera, twen-Ill., and Miss Frances Ferriera, twen-ty-three, were found in a quarry pit tine sportsman, from Arcachon, France near here a short while after they had to Buenos, Aires ended when his 26applied for a marriage license. Cor- foot yacht struck a sandbar off Mosoner Hugh Lester expressed the opinfon Nebe shot her and committed sul-

Voter for Eighteen

Presidents Dies at 98 Jamestown, R. I.—Samuel W. Sm ninety-eight, who voted for 18 Presianniversaries and was the oldest former member of the Newport city council and the Rhode Island legislature,

Boy Skaters Drown

Lima, Oltio. - Three boys were drowned when they fell through the ce on McCullough Park lais here. The victims were Ernest Line, twelve, and Clarence Line, ten, and Junior

Canadian Pilot Killed

Winnipeg, Man.-Godfrey W. Dean

GEORGE EASTMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

"Work Done," Sick Kodak King Ends His Life.

Rochester, N. Y.—George Eastman chairman of the board of the \$200,-000.000 Eastman Kodak company and philanthropist whose benefactions had passed the \$75,000,000 mark, ended his life at his home here. He was seventy-seven years old, and had been

in ill health for many years. The manufacturer shot himself, after asking servants and attendants to leave his room. He left a note wh

"To my friends:

"My work is done. Why wait?" Mr. Eastman was a bachelor, and had no close relatives. Beside his many benefactions, he was well krown as the leader and ploneer of the photographic industry and as an art collector and big game hunter; He began his business career at the age of fourteen at a salary of \$3 a.

He developed the Eastman Kodak company from a small beginning and on April 7, 1925, retired from the presidency, which was assumed by William G. Stuber. Mr. Eastman remained as chairman of the board, however. The company has factories in many parts of the world, the one

here employing 20,000 men normally. Mr. Eastman had been a close friend of Thomas A. Edison, with whom he contributed much toward the development of the modern mo tion picture. Mr. Edison invented the first machine to reproduce motion visually, using a film that had been devised by Mr. Eastman after many years of experimentation.

Mr. Eastman was probably the country's best known philanthropis since the death of the late Julius Rosenwald, and was reputed to have given about \$90,000,000 to charity.

He began life as a poor boy, and eventually through popularization the camera became one of the na tion's wealthlest men. He not only contributed more than liberally of his wealth, but save his time, energy and ability to many public causes, especially on behalf of physical well

Under his direction, the camera was spread throughout the world. Ready sensitized films, "daylight loading" of kodaks with rolls of film and the easier methods of developing prints without returning negatives to the factory were other developments in his

Dr. Audley D. Stewart, the industrialist's personal physician and close friend, said Eastman feared invalidism. He had been ill a long time. and, Doctor Stewart said, had been thinking for several months of ending his life.

From a collection of firearms he had made over a period of years Eastman selected a pistol of high velocity. one of the most powerful of all small arms in use, with which to end his

D. C. Cook, Publisher of Church Books, Is Dead Elgin, Ill.-David C. Cook II. naionally known publisher of church

books, died at his home of pneumonia. He had been ill for two weeks. Mr. Cook was president of the David C. Cook Publishing company, which was founded in Elgin by his father, the late David C. Cook. He was born in 1881 and had always lived in Elgin, although he traveled extensively and had a winter home at Pasadena, Calif.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Frances Kerr Cook, and three children, Lois, Frances and David C. Cook III.

Ends in Yacht Wreck

Buenos Aires, Argentina.—The 6,000targas, Brazil, 500 miles from Dun home haven. He swam half a mile to shore to keep from drowning.

3 Saw Way Out of Jail; One Slain, Others Caught

Kingston, N. Y. Samuel Kline was hot and killed and two of his fellow fugitives from the Ulster county fall here were recaptured by a police posse an hour after they had sawed their into unconsciousness and escaped.

Canadian Vessel Sinks

on Reef Near Bermuda

Hamilton, Bermuda.—The Canadian
national steamship, Prince David, on
the way from Boston to Bermuda, struck a reef ten miles off the nor east breakers and sank.

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