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NEW FIGHTS OPENED UPON WAR TAXATION

Despite Opposition House Has Hopes of Bringing Bill to a Vote Not Later Than Thursday

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The war time tax schedule of the $1,340,000,000 revenue bill were attacked as threatening the life of many industries by a score of witnesses to-day before the Senate Finance Committee and were defended by House leaders during debate on the other side of the capitol as absolutely necessary to preserve the life of the nation.

Manufacturers, jobbers and retailers in many lines flouted by the new levies, including high officials of some of the country's leading industrial concerns, almost without exception condemned the House bill as unjust, discriminatory and likely to result in the suspension of many of the smaller business houses.

The third day of debate in the House brought further protests from members and many suggestions that the heavier increases be modified and other levies substituted. There was a dwindling attendance, however, and Democratic Leader Kitchin said he hoped to have a vote not later than Thursday.

NATION IN PERIL.

Representative Rainey of Illinois, ranking Democratic member, said the member of the Ways and Means Committee, took up most of the time to-day defending the measure. The increases in second-class postage rates were attacked from many quarters. Rainey said the committee simply was trying to get back part of the annual loss which the government sustains through carrying newspapers and periodicals through the mails at one cent a pound.

"Those of us who drew this bill knew that the life of the nation is in danger," said Rainey.

Representative Wood, Republican of Indiana, declared that there are such inequities in the bill and suggested that it be recommitted to the Ways and Means Committee. Under the present provisions, he said, 10,000,000 independent business men would contribute nothing toward the enormous total to be raised.

Representative Dyer, Republican of Missouri, also attacked the measure, saying that many of the things to be taxed on the theory that they are luxuries are in positive necessities.

WORK OF COMMITTEE.

Most of the Senate committee witnesses expressed their willingness to do their share in meeting war taxes, but declared the House provisions directly unfair. Those who protested included concerns interested in the taxes proposed for public utilities, coffee, tea, advertising, insurance, automobiles, musical instruments, the moving picture industry, jewelry and perfumes. Many of the witnesses for who had asked for to be heard the committee decided to continue its hearings one day longer than intended and close them Wednesday night.

Taxation of parcel post packages was among the new revenue plans suggested to the committee. Upon the theory that the consumer pays cent when every 25-cent purchase was recommended by druggists, who said the proposed levy on the industry as now drawn could not be passed along.

Billboard, poster and street car advertisers protested to the committee against the elimination of newspaper and magazine advertising from taxation.

OTHER PROTESTS.

Film exporters asked the committee to exempt from taxation films shipped abroad.

A plea for careful consideration of sporting goods section was made by H. Boardman Spalding. The 5 per cent tax on sporting goods would probably be borne with inconvenience by the ultimate consumer, jobber and manufacturer. He said sporting goods men are not calamity howlers and will "take their medicine."

Anything but an optimistic view of the automobile industry was presented by Alfred Reeves, general manager of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, who characterized the 5 per cent manufacturers' tax "as a menace to the industry."

Half of the retail motor dealers, Reeves declared, do not make a living. Several individual manufacturers tabbed his statements and said the tax would practically wipe out the life of many manufacturing concerns would be limited.

Various attacks on the proposed insurance taxes were made by Representatives of life, fire, industrial and casualty insurance interests. The rate on industrial policies was said to be "unfair and discriminatory."

A report showing 1,000,000,000 policies in effect, $4,000,000,000 was said to be upon men subject to army conscription with extra hazard to the companies as a source of loss. The tax of 5 cents per $100 on new life insurance was said to be very heavy.

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Petition to Congress OPPOSING The Espionage Bill

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

YOUR petitioners earnestly and respectfully ask the Congress not to pass any censorship act that shall extend beyond military and naval news of value to the enemy.

The whole country is engaged in the war and the whole country should be permitted to know the truth about the war.

It is always dangerous in a Republic, to withhold from the people full knowledge of their affairs, or to deprive the press of the right freely to express public opinion.

The censorship provision of the espionage bill, now pending in Congress, is an assault upon the very foundation of our free institutions—freedom of thought and of speech.

It is un-American because it tends to put in full effect, for the first time in the life of this Republic, the same regulations for the SUPPRESSION of news and free public discussion that prevail under monarchies and autocracies.

It is undemocratic in that it violates the principle enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, who declared that government without laws would be better than government without a free press.

It is unrepublican in that it violates the principle of Abraham Lincoln, who said that it was better that public officials should be criticised unjustly than that they should not be criticised at all.

We believe, moreover, that the proposed censorship law violates the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which provides that "Congress shall make no law * * * abridging the freedom of speech or the press."

We therefore urge that Congress shall take no steps to withhold from the people that full information of the progress and conduct of the war which is necessary for their proper enlightenment or to deny to the people their fundamental, American liberties of free speech, free publication and free expression of opinion.

Concealment of military plans and operations during their execution is always necessary, but concealment of the result of those operations, of failures or reverses, or past mistakes, or of incompetence or dishonesty, is inexcusable in a Republic, where the people govern and must know the truth in order to govern wisely and well.

Name — Address.

Paste paper below names for additional names. Send petitions to "The Examiner" as soon as possible.

Old English Village To Be Reproduced

The life and action of a village market square of several centuries ago will be portrayed at the British fair and festival to be held in Native Sons' auditorium, May 21, 22 and 23 instead of the usual May 24 and 25. Instead of booths there will be a series of old English shops. The town crier will announce the time of day and the events of interest taking place. Characteristic street noises of the olden days will be faithfully reproduced and the old street cries of London will be heard again. The costumes of the actors will be in accordance with the period. Authentic reproductions will be made to feel as much as possible as though they were shopping in England many hundred years ago.

Building Mechanics Plan Marin Picnic

Building mechanics of the bay cities affiliated with 12 unions of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, with a total membership of more than 5,000, will enjoy a union and picnic next Sunday, May 20, at Paradise Park, Marin county.

Meeting for Syrians, Armenians to Be Held

The local committee for Armenian and Syrian relief will hold a meeting in the ballroom of the Palace next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in behalf of the stricken people of the Near East. The meeting will be presided over by Mayor James Rolph, Jr.

The principal speaker will be W. H. Doughty of New York of the National Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. He will lay before the gathering definite plans for relief.

Mrs. R. S. M. Emerich, who lived for a number of years in Mardin, Turkey, also will speak. The meeting is free and there will be no contributions will be collected.

Keenan Leaves Wife And Mother $100,000

The will of the late William J. Keenan, building contractor, which was filed for probate yesterday by his brother, Charles Keenan, who is named executor, bequeaths $100,000 equally to his wife, Mrs. Inez Keenan, 2 Alakapa terrace, and his mother, Mrs. Theresa Keenan, 800 Webster street.

Maccabees to Give Example of Ritual

Golden West Tent of the Maccabees will hold an exemplification of the new ritual by the degree team on Tuesday evening in 240 Golden Gate avenue. The team will be headed by Karl Graves. On Friday evening San Francisco Tent will give a whist party in Odd Fellows' Building in conjunction with the San Francisco Review of Lady Maccabees.

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SCORES TO WORK FOR RED CROSS

Women to Wage Campaign All Over the City to Obtain New Members.

Scores of energetic women will begin a systematic canvass of the city to-morrow in the interest of the Red Cross membership campaign of the American Red Cross. Representatives of the Women's Auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans, Daughters of the California Pioneers and Native Daughters of the Golden West will report for duty at the Red Cross headquarters in 76 Market street.

Mrs. Charles Nelson Pierce and Mrs. Harry are organizing the Native Daughters, under the direction of Miss Alice Dougherty, grand secretary of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and Mrs. Reginald Ogden, representing the ladies of the California Pioneers, will assist in the campaign in the wards with seven assistants. Mrs. Mary Ellen Pleasant, grand matron of the Eastern Star, has appointed a committee consisting of the matrons of the various San Francisco chapters of the order to solicit membership, and Mrs. T. E. Schulking is organizing her band of workers for a systematic campaign on the wholesale and retail stores on Market street.

Mrs. C. N. Anderle is located in the store at 1457 Fillmore street, where residents of that neighborhood may become members, and Chief White has instructed all of the Captains of the Police Department to put their officers on the job of securing Red Cross membership. Fire Commissioner Dougherty and Fire Chief Murphy are active in the fire department, and the coming week the membership is expected to roll up an immense increase.

The executive committee of San Francisco Chapter of the American Red Cross requests that anyone who has made application for membership and has not received a proper receipt notify Allen Kingsley, treasurer, 582 California street, signifying to whom the money was paid.

Salvador U. S. Friend, Says Cabinet Officer

Dr. T. G. Palomo, Minister of Finance of Salvador, is at the Hotel St. Francis, en route to Washington to see Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

The Central American diplomat declared that the attitude of this country yesterday in Americans from Salvador that American Minister Lane has been insulted by citizens of Salvador and had to request a special military guard. Another report that the Mexican gunboat Jesus Carranza had landed arms and munitions for Salvador in the port of Acajutla was explained by Dr. Palomo as follows:

"Last year the Mexican revolution, at a time when Mexico had no government, one of the revolutionary chiefs sent a consignment of arms and munitions for safekeeping to Salvador. Carranza had gained control of Mexico, he sent the Jesus Carranza to Salvador to take the goods and deed the armament to the government. Now, he says Salvador enter. Nicaragua, against the United States for its purchase from Nicaragua of part of Fonseca bay for a coaling station. "But we do consider that Nicaragua had no right to sell Fonseca bay, and we have therefore protested to Nicaragua," the Salvadoran Minister of Finance said.

JAP CADETS ON VISIT TO CITY

Rear Admiral Iwamura, Commanding Training Ships Welcomed by State Officials.

Rear Admiral T. Iwamura, in command of the Japanese naval training ships Tokiwa and Yakumo, was tendered a reception yesterday afternoon at the ferry depot building by the State Board of Harbor Commissioners and the California Development Board. The Admiral was accompanied by his subordinate officers and by about 100 cadets from the two training ships. During the reception the Japanese guests were serenaded by the band from the United States naval training station at Goat Island.

The reception held at the California Development Board headquarters was delivered by Colonel John P. Irish and Robert Newton Lynch. A response of a few words was made by Admiral Iwamura, and the Japanese officers and sailors were then escorted through the development board's museum and shown the exhibits of California's agricultural, horticultural and mineral resources. As the guests were departing, return to their ships they were handed souvenirs of the American and Japanese national anthems.

Colonel Irish, in welcoming Admiral Iwamura and his officers and men, said that America and Japan now have imposed upon them the joint task of maintaining the freedom of the seas on the Pacific.

Many of the officers of the training ship paid a visit to the campus of the University of California in Berkeley as the guests of the Japanese Students' Association of the university. There were about fifty in the party.

Arriving at the campus at 1 o'clock they were shown various points of interest, including the Greek Greek theatre, the Campanile, Hearst Memorial Mining building and other campus edifices. At 3 o'clock they were tendered a reception in Maxwell Hall, at the conclusion of which refreshments were served.

Rowell in Session With City Planners

Residential developers of the country are in convention this week in Kansas City, where the National City Planning Organization is holding a meeting. Frederic Ellis, Jr., Rowell, sales manager for Mason-McDuffie Company, represents Wood and will sit at the "round table" conference, which is confined to twelve of the biggest residential developers in America.

Ram Chandra, 6 Other Hindus Plead May 26

Ram Chandra, editor of the Hindustan "Ghadr," and six other Hindus, all under indictment for violating the neutrality laws by attempting to set on foot a military expedition against India, were arraigned before Judge Van Fleet in the United States District court yesterday before Judge M. T. Dooling. They will plead on May 26. Among the attorneys appearing for the defendants was Timothy Healy.

Bride's Plea Wins Freedom For Speeders

Wedding in Redwood Justice's Court Ends Happily for San Francisco Motorists.

Esmond Shapiro, 2938 Scott street, and his sister, Zara, appeared before Justice of the Peace Reedy in Redwood City yesterday for having violated the speed laws last Sunday.

While they were in court discussing the case with the judge, Warren H. Crawford from Menlo and Miss Maude A. Kerr from San Francisco entered the courtroom and asked Justice Reedy to marry them.

The Justice asked the Shapiros to act as witnesses.

When the ceremony was over, the bride turned to Miss Shapiro and asked:

"Are you also here to be married?"

"Oh, no! We're prisoners. We were arrested by a traffic officer," replied Miss Shapiro.

The bride then turned to Judge Reedy and asked him, as a special favor, to dismiss the case against the witnesses as a wedding gift. The case was dismissed.

Reserve Officers May Be Removed

That reserve officers of the army now on active duty or those subsequently ordered to duty may be removed from the active list or even recommended for dismissal altogether, in the discretion of the Department commander, was indicated in a letter received yesterday by Brigadier General W. L. Oliver yesterday from Adjutant General Moseley.

Commanding officers who are authorized to relieve reserve officers from active duty will order to their homes the officers so relieved and report the circumstances to the War Department, together with recommendation as to whether the officer should be eliminated from the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Transportation may be furnished in kind, in which case the fact will be noted on the order and individual record of the officer. Reserve officers are entitled to mileage for all travel under orders as in case of regular army officers, but this does not include travel to first station, on being ordered into service, nor return from the last of training camps after due notice for enlistment under section 54, National Defense act, and are then discharged for uniftness of any kind are entitled to travel pay to and from camp at the rate of 5½ cents per mile for the distance between their homes and the training camp. Reserve officers who are ordered to reside, travel pay for the return trip may be paid in advance, thus permitting settlement in full before departure from camp.

Agent Sued for $9,000.

The C. Parlier Weeks of Jersey filed suit in the Federal Court yesterday against Frank Shindler for $9,000. Shindler was employed at the works on the Pacific Coast. The plaintiff alleges that Shindler has failed to make returns on sales amounting to the sum sued for.

FATHER PIPERNI TO BE HONORED

Fiftieth Jubilee of Priesthood to Be Celebrated by Church and Laity.

The fiftieth jubilee of the Rev. Father Raffaele M. Piperni as member of the Catholic priesthood will be celebrated at the Italian Church of Sts. Peter and Paul on Sunday, May 20, with special services. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna will officiate at the pontifical high mass, following the religious observance there will be a dinner in the nave of the old church at which Mayor James Rolph, Jr. is expected to be present.

A number of committees headed by Dr. A. H. Giannini, have been appointed, one of which is raising a purse to be presented to the venerable priest at a special reception to be given in his honor. Maximo Ricci is the honorary president. Among the members of the committee are the Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of the archdiocese; Cav. Pio Margotti, the Italian Consul-General; Cav. Andrea Sbarboro and others.

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