

Congress Conferes Approve of Tax Bill's Main Provisions

BILL EXPECTED TO BE WRITTEN BEFORE MARCH

Hope Next Income Taxes Will Be Paid by Public Under New Provisions

MUST CUT SENATE BOOSTS

Administration Unwilling to Take Change Upon High Figure Provided

By DAVID LAWRENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Ten days probably will be enough for the House and Senate conferees to put the tax bill in shape for final passage. In that event the text of the law should be available before March 1 and the new income tax blanks distributed in ample time for the taxpayer to make out his return for the March 15 installment.

The conferees are all in sympathy with the main objectives of the bill. The Republicans appointed by the Senate, namely, Mr. Smoot of Utah, Mr. McLean of Connecticut, and Mr. Reed of Pennsylvania, will have the cooperation of Senator Simmons of North Carolina and Senator Garret of Rhode Island. Democrats, Mr. Simmons has been a staunch champion of the bill ever since the Republicans gave way to his viewpoint on the schedule of surtaxes up to \$70,000. He really has played an important part in writing the bill.

Senator Reed of Pennsylvania is a close friend and political associate of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and the Senators have worked closely with the treasury department. It is therefore merely a matter of how much time is needed in the physical task of going over the bill. The House conferees are also in complete sympathy with the administration's purpose to get a workable bill which will meet the needed revenues of the government and at the same time distribute the burden of taxes equally.

Many Provisions Will Be Dropped
Many of the provisions adopted by the Senate will be dropped as a result of objection by the House conferees, but again several that have been adopted by the Senate will remain. It is generally conceded that the Senate has improved the House bill because more time has been available to study the measure and correct its defects.

The difficulty will come in removing some of the amendments adopted by the Senate which reduce taxes far below the safety line indicated by the secretary of the treasury. It would be surprising if the House bill's provisions on heavier admissions and club dues as well as automobile taxes were retained. The House viewpoint on inheritance taxes will be adopted in the final law.

The Senate bill would reduce the tax burden by about \$450,000,000. Mr. Mellon said \$320,000,000 will be about right. So the Senate has some \$125,000,000 beyond the treasury estimate of what the revenues will be under the new law. No figures, of course, can be exact as to what the revenue bill will produce and there is also flexibility offered in withholding some of the payments of the public debt which are not covered by sinking fund requirements. There is the possibility too, that better business conditions as a result of the tax bill will increase revenues. It is doubtful, however, whether the administration will take a chance on more than \$50,000,000 beyond the Mellon estimated reduction of \$320,000,000. That would be a compromise of \$75,000,000 reduction. Just what tax reductions already provided in the Senate bill will have to be restored is difficult to say but the likelihood is that miscellaneous general taxes will be revised and that rates on individual incomes will stand as the Senate has passed them.

The process of handling a bill in conference is to consider as law all those provisions which have been adopted by both the Senate and House and to endeavor on compromise on the language of those amendments in which there is a difference of action between the House and Senate. Amendments to the House bill therefore are really the ones being considered in conference. A committee has the opportunity to consult the chief executive and the secretary of treasury in a measure of this kind as it is so closely interwoven with the question of estimated receipts. When the conference committee finally reports to both houses it is a case of all or none so the members who have previously insisted on amendments find it easy to recede and accept the bill. Otherwise they would be in the awkward position of blocking the whole measure. The conference report probably will be adopted by overwhelming votes in both houses.

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'Sick of Society' Capital Debutante Sticks to Stage

Work with New York Show is Lauded, Parents Irate

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Gotham is learning from Miss Margaret Zolnay, daughter of George Julian Zolnay, the aristocratic Washington sculptor, the society in the national capital is as stupid as Elin Mackay Berlin declares New York society is. Miss Zolnay, chorine in a Broadway show, is resisting all efforts of her family to induce her to return home.

"I'm sick of society. I came out two years ago in Washington. Every year it was the same old thing. "When a girl becomes a debutante down there all she has to live for is the next party. There is the same old round of tea, the same dances, the same dinners among the same families. I got tired of seeing their faces."

"So I came to New York. And I got a job. And I'm going to keep it." Miss Zolnay was a member of the Washington Junior League and took a leading part in its annual entertainments. She studied dancing.

Several weeks ago she came to New York under the pretext of visiting friends and obtained a job in a New York show. Her work won praise.

"When her father heard of it, he wired, ordering her to give two weeks' notice. She tore up the telegram."



Photo is of Margaret Zolnay, daughter of George Julian Zolnay, aristocratic Washington sculptor.

"I will not," she announced. "Not even if I am disowned. I was bored to death before. Now I am occupied and happy."

Besides her dancing, she is writing musical comedy book "Mama knows" she says. "She sympathizes with me."

REOPEN MINE WITH TRAGEDY

One Killed and 19 Injured in Unexplained Explosion, 600 Effect Escape

(By Associated Press)

BELLAIRE, O., Feb. 15.—One miner was killed, 19 others were injured, one perhaps fatally, at the Powhatan mine, 16 miles south of here, this morning. Six hundred other men in the mine escaped uninjured. The mine has been closed down since Friday. It reopened this morning.

The mine is owned by the Powhatan Mining company. It formerly was the property of the Cleveland and Western Coal company, but changed hands recently.

The cause of the explosion is not known. The blast rocked houses in the vicinity and flames shot 100 feet higher than the mine shaft.

The Pennsylvania Railroad made up a special train here and immediately despatched it to the workings. Injured are being brought here on it.

Employees of the mine, 700 in number, went on strike Friday, after they had been offered checks instead of currency as pay. W. O. Percival, general manager of the mine, took the stand, it was said, that it was too much of a risk to transport money from Bellaire bank.

The miners voted yesterday to return to work today.

The Powhatan mine is located five miles from the Webb mine at Shady Side, where mine men perished Dec. 22 in an explosion.

In and Near Los Angeles

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Harriet Bischoff, 1023 Havenhurst, was seriously injured early today when the automobile in which she was riding with her husband, Sam Bischoff, was struck by a Pacific Electric train at Hollywood and Santa Monica boulevards. Mrs. Bischoff was taken to the Hollywood hospital, where her condition was said to be critical.

Wallie Ford, cafe owner, and Edward Donaldson were lodged in the county jail today charged with violating the narcotic laws. Raising police reported finding a quantity of drugs at Ford's cafe.

Funeral services for Z. L. Parmelee, founder of the Parmelee-Dohrmann Hardware company and prominent Methodist layman, who dropped dead yesterday at his home, will be conducted from the South Pasadena Methodist church at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

A score of automobile accidents over the week-end caused the death of one person and probable fatal injury to two others. Mrs. Delroy Chadwick died after being struck by a machine in front of her home. J. L. Garrett, 64, and James E. Hulme, 48, were in hospitals suffering from possible skull fractures resulting from other crashes.

Larry W. Pistor, former chief branch of the Arlington Heights branch of the Security Trust and Savings Bank, was arrested today charged with embezzling more than \$700 from the branch. Pistor is alleged to have pocketed money deposited by customers.

GIRL TO SHARE JOYS OF OPERA

Miss of 19 Makes Debut as Schumann-Heink Starts Again at Age of 65

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—A 19-year-old girl and a 65-year-old grandmother are equally happy today over their coming appearances at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Marion Talley, Kansas City soprano, the youngest girl to sing as a principal at the Metropolitan since Patti made her debut at 16, has reached the threshold of one of her most cherished ambitions.

Yesterday Miss Talley avowed several hours to practicing her role as Gilda in "Rigoletto," as 41 friends who knew her as a choir singer in Kansas City started for New York to hear her debut Wednesday.

Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, mother of eight children, and grandmother of 11, after a 19-years' absence from the operatic stage, will appear at the Metropolitan as Erda in "Das Rheingold," March 25.

"Next year will be the fiftieth—the golden anniversary—of my career," she says. "I harbor no illusions, no false ambitions. I am going back to sing the roles that I sang when I first fought, in bitter poverty, for recognition."

"I am not going to sing the big parts. I have not the stupid ambition or belief that I can jump over the fence. I know that I can't go back. But I will do the parts that I know I can do, and will sing again the parts that I did when young. I am, oh, so happy that I can do this."

Yesterday in Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Senate passed the treasury-postoffice appropriation bill.

The tax bill was taken up in conference between House and Senate.

Countess Cathcart's case was taken up at the labor department. The House passed \$165,000,000 Elliott public buildings bill.

A new bill to legalize non-intoxicating-in-fact beverages was introduced by Senator Edge.

The House adopted a resolution for a constitutional amendment to bar "lame ducks" from Congress.

The independent office appropriations bill, carrying \$502,488,000 was reported to the House.

May Bar Attorney from Prisons for Hanging Attitude

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—Ernest Spagnoli, a San Francisco attorney, may be denied further admittance either to San Quentin or Folsom prisons because of his alleged attempt to halt the execution of Harry Garbutt, Los Angeles murderer, last Saturday, and his attitude in general on hangings, it was learned here today.

"Although I cannot speak for other members of the prison board, personally I am inclined to keep Mr. Spagnoli from the prisons on account of his general attitude," said Will Morris, president of the board. "It is possible that such action to bar Spagnoli may be taken up at the next meeting of the prison board."

Spagnoli appeared in the execution chamber, raising his voice, called upon Warden Smith to stop the Garbutt hanging. Warden Smith did not pay any attention to Spagnoli, and Garbutt was hanged as Spagnoli created a commotion in the death chamber, according to prison authorities.

Hitching Rings on Capitol Jerked Out

(By Associated Press)

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 15.—Historic hitching rings to which politically prominent Californians used to tie their horses in the pre-automobile era were jerked from their granite moorings on the state capitol building today.

It is to be feared that the influence of the great cities, all of them demanding new and enlarged public buildings, will gobble most of this \$100,000,000, but it ought to be possible for a city of 75,000 people to ask for and be awarded \$250,000 to \$300,000 for a public building, and the fact that the Government already owns a site here would seem to add weight to the San Bernardino argument. The site was purchased shortly before the breaking out of the World War, and but for that, and our participation in it, without a doubt long since this Uncle Sam would have owned a building at the corner of Fifth and D Streets.

Mexico continues the policy of exiling preachers and teachers who are not citizens. The president and seven teachers in a school maintained by the Methodist Church, South, at Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, were yesterday given notice to leave Mexico within 24 hours. We can just imagine that some folks who heretofore have had small sympathy with our cry, "On to Panama," will begin to take renewed interest in the slogan. And not all of them will be Methodists, or Catholics.

SUZANNE HONORED
LONDON, Feb. 15.—Suzanne Lenglen will be presented at court in June during the Wimbledon tournament, the Daily Mail says, through the good offices of the French ambassador. As for Helen Wills, it looks as if it is up to Ambassador Houghton,

DRINKS WATER TO SAVE LIFE

Suspect in Villa Head Theft Wins Freedom by Proving Contents of Bottle

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Drinking from a bottle which Parral, Chihuahua, officials believed contained chemicals with which it was intended to embalm the stolen head of General Francisco Villa, was the chief thing that served to free Louis E. Holmdahl, American soldier-companion, Alberto Corral, when they were arrested on charges of having looted Villa's grave. Holmdahl said today. The grave was opened and the head severed. It was reported the head was being sent to a Chicago scientist for examination.

When they were arrested Holmdahl said a mob of nearly a thousand excited persons gathered about the jail and the prisoners believe they would face a firing squad, bloody hunting ax, a hunting knife and a spade with fresh dirt on it. They had used to dig their ear out of the mud were satisfactorily explained to the Mexican officials, he said, but a bottle of distilled water for their storage battery was seized as conclusive evidence of their guilt.

The officials called chemists to analyze the contents of the bottle. Holmdahl picked up an empty glass from it. This, the soldier of fortune said, convinced the official that he and his companion had nothing to do with the looting of the grave. They had just returned from inspecting Corral's mining property in the mountains and passed Villa's grave soon after the looting was discovered. After their baggage had been carefully searched, and nothing found to point to their guilt, Holmdahl and his companion were treated courteously and given every assistance by Mexican officials, he said. They expect to return to Mexico in a few days.

MILLIONAIRE MUST WORK
YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 15.—John E. Amberg, multi-millionaire, will celebrate his eighty-first birthday tomorrow by paying two nickels for rides on the subway to and from downtown New York, which the transit company claims costs it 1 cent. "Rockefeller is rich and entitled to make things easy," he said. "I've got to earn my living."

MY RELIGION

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The Supreme Intelligence I recognize is, from my point of view, all powerful and could easily operate to conform with either theory. I know that the writers of Bible history used figurative language, and that some of the most striking and forceful imagery in literature is found in sacred history. Therefore, I have no quarrel with the man who takes literally every incident of Bible history, but I can readily understand the viewpoint of the man who contends that the Bible, in some of its narratives, does not record actual happenings.

To me it makes little difference which is correct. The God that can control the universe is very little interested in the petty differences that come about through differences of creed and doctrine.

The greatest harm that the religion of Christ has suffered, I consider, comes about through petty differences on creed and doctrine that are in fact insignificant, and I am much more interested in the philosophy of life and the prophecies of living as suggested in the Bible than I am concerned in anything that may be considered there in that bears on doctrine or creed.

I have little patience with those who quarrel over doctrine or creed and I have a great deal of sympathy with the thought expressed by Byron in his "Prayer to Nature", when he says: Shall these by creeds they can't expound Prepare a future weal or woe? Shall reptile groveling on the ground Their great Creator's purpose know? I have a firm and abiding faith in the religion of Jesus Christ; not from the standpoint of doctrine or creed but from the standpoint of the example of perfect manhood, from his outstanding character, his humility and strength, his human sympathy and courage, his absolutely unselfish life of service.

My religion may not be absolutely in accord with the great commandment but I would like to feel that to some considerable degree at least, I did conform to the commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." This is the first and great commandment, and the second, like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

STANFIELD BILL ON GRAZING HIT

Secretary Work Wants U. S. Regulatory Legislation, But Not Kind Cited

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Legislation to regulate grazing on the public domain was advocated by Secretary Work today before the Senate public lands committee. The Stanfield bill, providing grazing regulations, which the committee took under consideration today, was opposed by the secretary as cumbersome and requiring a division of authority between the federal government and local regulatory boards provided for in the measure.

Secretary Work asserted that any legislation on the grazing subject should leave broad powers of regulation in the hands of the general land office. Provisions in the Stanfield bill authorizing local control, he said, would take away the government's authority and would make administration by the interior department difficult.

The federal government, the secretary said, "should not surrender its right of final determination of grazing rights. The government would be better off with no legislation than with as much legislative authority and would make administration by the interior department difficult."

The secretary expressed approval of the local regulatory principle provided that appeal in all questions might be taken first to the general land office, then to the first assistant secretary of the interior and then to the secretary himself. Such a system, he said, would preserve the federal government's rights.

FARMERS FLAY TARIFF GROUP

Congress Committee Is Told 'Near Public Scandal'

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A demand for abolition of the tariff commission was made to the House appropriations committee during its consideration of fiscal funds for that body, it was disclosed today in published records of the hearings.

The demand was made in behalf of the National Board of Farm Organizations by its secretary, Charles R. Holman. He presented a resolution adopted by the farm organization at a recent meeting, charging the commission with "unwarranted delay in arriving at decisions and prejudice treatment of parties appearing before it" and attacking its secret hearings as having "created a situation approaching closely to a public scandal."

Holman asserted that the "commissioners are and have been since the flexible tariff provision was enacted, divided among themselves, and so far as we have been able to ascertain, that division affects even the personnel of the commission in its staff. The commission has, to date, been unable to formulate any regular procedure in the carrying out of its cases."

"There is constant turmoil in the commission," remarked Representative Wood, Republican, Indiana, chairman of the appropriations subcommittee, which heard the protest. "It is no longer a secret; everybody knows there is friction down there that absolutely prevents the proper judicial functioning of the commission."

Lame Duck Congress End Called for in Bill Senate Passes

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—By a vote of 73 to 20, the Senate today again adopted and sent to the House a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment aimed at "lame duck" Congresses.

It would provide that a new Congress meet on the first Monday of the January after it was elected, instead of more than a year afterwards as at present. The terms of the President and Vice President also would begin in January, instead of on March 4.

The Senate reintroduced a provision under which if a Presidential election is thrown into Congress, the Vice President automatically shall become President in the event the House fails to elect by March 4 after the general election in the preceding November.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Harvey Snodgrass, 1925 national clay court tennis champion in doubles, will start for Northern California tomorrow with W. F. Buck, Jr., president of the Palomar tennis club. They will inspect the courts and equipment of all leading northern clubs to glean information for use in laying plans for a clubhouse and courts at the Palomar club here.

Count Salm Wins in Dispute Over Child

(By Associated Press)

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 15.—Young Peter Salm, heir to the title of his illustrious father, Count Ludwig Salm von Hoegstraten, and the millions of Millicent Rogers, the countess, grieved bitterly in his second meeting with his father this afternoon while detectives guarded the entrance of the Dowager Countess Salm's room, where the child was entertained.

The Countess Salm's bodyguard was not admitted in the room with the father and grandmother. Count Salm greeted his young son with smiles. He was doubly happy, friends said, because he had scored a victory over his estranged wife, when her lawyer advised her that the count might be permitted to visit with the child without the company of a detached nurse or member of the Rogers family.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15.—Four Southern Pacific association swimming championships will be at Stake in the opening of the 1926 season at the Los Angeles Athletic Club next Wednesday. Fred Cady, swimming instructor, announced here today. The championship events scheduled are 220-yard free-style for men; 100-yard back stroke for women; 150-yard backstroke for men and 100-yard breaststroke for women.

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