

TAX BOARD AUTOCLAVE APPROVED BY HOUSE

COX ADVOCATES FLAT TAX ON ALL BUSINESS

Would Substitute Volume
Done for Present Levy on
Excess Profit Basis.

REDUCE SELLING PRICES

COLUMBUS, O., July 16.—Repeal of the present graduated excess profits taxes as a means of reducing the cost of living will be advocated by democratic nominees during their campaign, Gov. James M. Cox stated today.

BOOSTS LIVING COSTS

Cox believed that his proposed tax would raise from \$1,000,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 annually.

HE BARELY MAKES IT

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FLAT TAX WOULD SIMPLIFY MATTERS.

A flat tax of 1 or 1 1/2 per cent on the volume of business done by any concern would be a simple matter to collect and it would be neither cause nor alibi for excessive prices.

48ERS' REMNANTS FORMING PARTY

LaFollette and Bryan Mentioned as Possible Slate.

DEMOCRATS TO "RATIFY" TICKET

Special Program Planned for Tuesday at Club.

Trotzky for Peace When Warsaw Falls

LONDON, July 16.—A radiogram picked up by a British government station and given out by the admiralty today quoted Leon Trotzky, the bolshevik war minister, as saying in an impassioned speech at a Moscow mass meeting:

Goodrich O.K.'s \$20,000 for Session Expense

Gov. Goodrich today placed his signature on house bill No. 237, introduced by Representative Mendenhall, Hendricks county, providing for the appropriation of \$20,000 to defray the expenses of the annual session.

Goodbye Forever to 250 Gallons Booze

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 16.—Between 250 and 300 gallons of liquor, mostly whiskey, in the possession of Herbert Males, sheriff of Vanderburg county, will be destroyed this week on order of Judge Gould of the Vanderburg circuit court.

Spiritualists Hold Forth at Anderson

ANDERSON, Ind., July 16.—Although the camp meeting program does not begin until tomorrow the number of early arrivals at the Chesterfield camp of the Indiana Association of Spiritualists, is unusual and the hotels and cottages were opened today.

Reds Continue Attack On the State

LONDON, July 16.—The soviet war office communique wirelessly from Moscow today shows that fighting is still in progress between the Russians and Poles despite the efforts of the allied statesmen at Spa to bring about an armistice.

Cops or No Cops? That Is Question

LAKE FOREST, Ill., July 15.—"There's no honor among motorists." For a year motorists have scooted licitly-split through here without fear.

New Jail Delivery Plot Seen in Official Activity

Doors Closed to All Visitors—Sheriff Says
Prisoners Being Searched.

Rumors of another attempted jail delivery were current today when the doors of the jail were closed to all outsiders, regardless of their business, with the explanation that the prisoners in "federal row" were being searched.

Sheriff Robert Miller asked for a squad of policemen to assist in the search, which was said to be conducted by Deputy Sheriff Bloom.

Sheriff Miller was locked in his house, adjacent to the jail, and refused to see anyone or talk on the telephone.

An attendant at the door of the jail, when asked for an explanation, said it was "merely a precautionary measure."

When asked if such a thing had ever been done before he replied that it was "simply a precautionary measure."

Every question was answered in exactly the same language.

Valparaiso Family Outfit Themselves With Running Mates

VALPARAISO, Ind., July 16.—A Valparaiso mother and her twin daughters will have no difficulty recalling their wedding anniversary.

The entire family assumed martial vows last night, three ceremonies being performed by two clergymen.

Miss Lizzie Zane became the wife of John Rively, a prominent business man, and Cora and Nora, the daughters, became the brides of William Baker and Harry Epler, respectively.

The girls are prominent in the town's social circle.

He Barely Makes It

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It was only Allen Wolfley, 15, of 1101 Hamilton avenue.

Of course it was all a "joke," but the affair resulted in the arrest of eight young men, who, the police allege, stripped Wolfley of all his clothing.

The young man the em-barrasment of running along on Tenth street sans anything at all.

Just before Motor Policemen Hudson and Sanders arrived the clothing was returned to Wolfley, who hastened to dress.

All but two of the alleged "jokers" had disappeared, but were found later.

IT'S A CINCH THE MOON NE'ER TOLD

HULL, Mass., July 16.—The "entire" police force today was on the trail of a bevy of maidens who take their plunge in Whitman's pond after dark, clad in silken pajamas, gauzy nighties and bits of lingerie.

Indignant women, who complained to the police force, told them the garments were "centrally indecent."

When last interviewed, the police force was on its way to Whitman's pond, to be sure to be there in time to verify the charges tonight.

Trampled to Death

ANDERSON, Ind., July 16.—Kenneth Lawson, 4, son of Elwood Lawson, living seven miles southwest of here, is dead here today from injuries received when he was kicked and trampled by a horse.

Tippecanoe County Gains 2,754 in Decade

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Preliminary population figures were announced today for Indiana.

Tippecanoe county, Indiana, 1920 population, 42,813; increase since 1910, 2,754, or 6.9 per cent.

ALLIES EXPECT FINAL GERMAN ANSWER TODAY

Unless Huns Accept Ulti-matum Ruhr Occupation Will Be Begun.

SPA, Belgium, July 16.—Having exhausted every diplomatic resource in an effort to obtain a reduction in the exorbitant cost demanded by the allies, the German delegation was expected to accept today the ultimatum requiring delivery of 2,000,000 tons monthly.

Distribution of the German reparations payments among the allies was agreed on at a meeting of allied leaders this morning.

Percentages to go to the various countries were not announced, although it was believed they would be substantially as previously decided.

The equivocal acceptance of the coal demand presented by the Germans was considered by allied representatives as a preliminary to a reply formulated which called for the final German decision today.

Germany must deliver a total of 8,000,000 tons of coal to the allies by Nov. 20 under penalty of having allied troops occupy the Ruhr "or any other district," the latest allied note sets forth.

New counter proposals dealing with the delivery of coal by Germany to the allies were presented to the allied statesmen by the German delegation.

President De Laet of Belgium, presiding officer, announced that the Germans would be called in at 4 o'clock this afternoon to give their final answer to the allies.

While the allied counter-proposal was not satisfactory as regards the price to be paid for German coal, it was believed that the Germans will sign the protocol later.

German foreign secretary, before the German met.

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SENATORS VOTE 26 TO 13 TO KEEP SERVICE BOARD

Hogston Abolishment Measure Defeated in Stormy Session.

BOOST APPROPRIATIONS

The Hogston bill providing for the abolishment of the public service commission of Indiana was lost in the senate today.

By a bi-partisan vote a motion made by Senator William E. Bowers of Allen county that the enacting clause of the bill be stricken out was carried, 26 to 13.

After several heated arguments relative to the bill, precipitated by the motion of Senator Hogston, that his bill be called up for second reading, a lively time ensued in the senate when sponsors of the measure tried vainly to stall off defeat.

Following the second reading Senator Bowers introduced his motion to strike out the enacting clause.

Senator Hogston immediately retaliated with a motion to table the motion of Senator Bowers.

NOT THE WAY TO KILL A BILL

A spirited debate on the motion of Senator Hogston ensued, when Senator Negley, Marion county, who stated that he would oppose the bill when called up for passage, should it get that far, stated that "this is not the way to kill a bill."

"I have no fear but that the bill will be killed, when called up for passage, but this is not the time to kill it."

"Let the bill go its course, then vote against it."

"I have been in this legislature for four sessions. This session probably will end my legislative career, and I can say that I have never yet killed a bill in this manner."

Senator Hagerty of South Bend, bringing in the old trite phrase, "Butter and eggs," replied to Senator Negley, in an appeal to the senators to kill this "evilous bill at the first opportunity."

Senator Bowers, in his maiden speech of the special session, and who it was predicted, would lead the fight against the Hogston bill, defended his motion, appealing for its support, because, he said, the public service commission was not to the life of the public utilities of the state.

"I introduced this motion," said Senator Bowers, "because I wanted to get the Hogston bill killed as quickly as possible, and I believe this is the best method."

FORCED TO CALL FOR RISING VOTE

The chair then called for the ayes and noes and the vote was called. Being unable to determine the vote, was forced to call for a rising vote.

The Bowers motion carried, 26 to 13. (By voting in favor of Tuesday motion. (Continued on Page Eighteen.)

ANNOUNCE WAGE AWARD TUESDAY

Rail Workers Ask Billion Increase Yearly.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The United States railroad labor board will announce its award on demands of 2,000,000 railroad workers for an annual billion-dollar wage increase today.

At 11:30 a. m. Tuesday morning, G. W. Hanger, board member announced today.

The board, it was learned, has practically agreed on the increases to be awarded and believe they will be accepted by the employees.

The announcement of the award will be made in conformity with the statement of the board several weeks ago that it would render its decision on or before July 20.

The announcement then was to avert a threatened general railroad strike.

Board members refused to discuss details of the award to be made.

Railroad labor chiefs will gather here Monday to be on hand when the award is announced so they can decide immediately whether it is satisfactory.

No confirmation could be obtained of reports circulated to the effect that the award would grant pay boosts of from 12 to 15 cents an hour to true rail workers. Officials of the board denied the truth of these reports, and said no announcement as to the award would be made until it is officially handed down.

POLITICAL COALITION FORCES PASSAGE OF GOODRICH MEASURE

'Compromise' Bill Shows Change in Only One Line, and That of Minor Importance.

A coalition of the political forces of Senator James E. Watson, Warren T. McCray and James P. Goodrich took hoir of the Goodrich legislation today and under the direction of the governor himself, the house passed the administration tax measure legalizing the horizontal increases that the supreme court decided were not legal, and giving the state tax board more autocratic power than ever.

The order to "tighten up" on the representatives and force them to adopt the program outlined for them before the special session was called went down the line following a caucus last night, at which there was much talk of a "compromise" between the anti-Goodrich few in the legislature and the Goodrich many in that body and in the statehouse.

The "compromise" bill, it developed today, was the administration measure originally proposed by Goodrich with a change in only one single line and that of no particular importance.

This "compromise" received the support of the Goodrich camp because it originated it, of the Watson camp because Watsonites felt it necessary to end the present turmoil over the tax bill in any manner that would be immediate.

Warren T. McCray, candidate for governor, supported the "compromise" because he has never been out of step with Goodrich since before the primaries and the bill had been evolved by the administration without his full approval.

PASSES BY VOTE OF 63 TO 30

The bill was passed in the house by a vote of 63 to 30 opposing votes.

Any antagonistic differences which tended to interfere with the policies of the administration were tossed to one side by the administration workers.

The bill as passed legalizes the increases, which the state supreme court held were illegal, but gives the state tax board the right to pass on all findings of the official members of the county board of review in ordering refunds of taxes paid on over assessed property.

The bill as passed under the steam roller tactics of the Goodrich camp, really gives the state tax board final word on all reductions and refunds ordered by the ex-officio members of the board of review.

This was eliminated any pretense of restoring to the taxing units the right to govern their own taxes and placing the seal of republican party disapproval upon the "home rule" theory that Gov. Goodrich declared he favored while the state convention was in progress.

SIX REPRESENTATIVES WITHHELD BALLOTS

Six representatives did not vote on the bill.

Speaker Eschbach set a time limit of one minute for members wishing to explain their vote.

Several of the members explained they voted contrary to their own convictions in carrying out the wishes of their constituents.

One or two representatives said they voted for the passage of the bill because, a worse muddle would be made by attempting to adopt a different method of taxation.

In voting "no" some of the members declared that the "sacred authority" of the supreme court of Indiana should not be trampled beneath the feet of the house.

The motion to suspend constitutional rules was passed by a vote of 75 to 19.

Representative Miller of Elkhart proposed the suspension motion, which was seconded by Representative Mendenhall of Hendricks county.

COMPLET VOTE HERE GIVEN.

AYES.—Republicans—

Abraham Kingsbury
Abrams Knapp
Anderson Lafuze
Baker Laughlin
Barnard Leer
Dehmer McKinley
Brandt McMaster
Buchanan Mallott
Buller Mendenhall
Butler Mendenberger
Byers Morgan
Covatt Newby
Dalley Overmeyer
Davis Phillips
Day Phillips
Dean Rothrock
Decker Rowbottom
Dunn Sember
Eaton Sinking
Gaeser Southard
Gibbons Swain
Givan Sygones
Gordon Tillman
Gross Tutill
Hare Vester
Harris Williamson
Hoffman Willis (Steuben)
Johnson Winesburg
Kessler Wright
Kimmel Yoe
Total—63.

NOES.—Republicans—

Barker (Boone) Miller (Tippecanoe)
Benedict Newnam
Cann Noll
Delaplane Smith
Grayson Traub
Jinnett Vester (DeKalb)
Miller (Marion) Wood
Total—15.

Democrats—

Axy Griffiths
Barker (Posey) Lee
Bridman O'Leary
Bridman O'Neil
Cooper Scott
Craig Thomas
Curry Walker
Deem

FIRST SECTION
MOST IMPORTANT.
The first section of the bill provides for the legalizing of the various orders of equalization assessments which were declared invalid by the state supreme court. This clause reads as follows:

How House Members View 'Steam Roller'

Many members of the house of representatives expressed themselves as disgusted with the administration tactics in legalizing the tax bill, while others members who always follow the administration in whatever it does expressed satisfaction.

Here are some of the comments:

CHARLES H. SMITH (Vigo County)—I don't know why the state of Gov. Hendricks on the state house lawn does not hang its head in shame at such tactics as were used in legalizing this bill through the house.

CLAUDE A. SMITH (Gibson County)—The supreme court of Indiana has ruled the act of the tax board unlawful. That explains my vote.

CHARLES E. DEAN (Jefferson and Scott counties)—There are some points about the bill I did not like, but it was the best way out of a bad muddle.

JAMES DALAPLANE (Cass and Carroll counties)—I did not want to go back to my constituents and have to explain my vote, so I voted "No."

J. D. MILTENBERGER—Delaware County—I have no apology to offer for my vote. It was the only thing to do for a vast amount of trouble and expense.

IRA A. KESSLER, Miami County—I was one of the committee of thirteen who tried to amend the measure. I have always been opposed to the tax law, and the horizontal increase since it was rammed down our throats with those undesirable amendments in 1919. I feel it is discriminatory and unfair. We can only hope for the best.

HENRY ABRAMS, Marion County—I realize the gravity of the situation. While the bill does not meet my approval, I feel it is the best thing to do to the tax law, and the horizontal increase since it was rammed down our throats with those undesirable amendments in 1919. I feel it is discriminatory and unfair. We can only hope for the best.

OTTO WIFELED, Lake County—I am not exactly satisfied, but it is the best thing we can do under the circumstances.

MURRAY S. BARKER, Boone County—I have always been opposed to the tax law, and the horizontal increase since it was rammed down our throats with those undesirable amendments in 1919. I feel it is discriminatory and unfair. We can only hope for the best.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., July 16.—Sergeant Otto Pugh of Rockford, Ill., and Private Joseph Boyer of Milton, Mass., both members of the military police of Camp Custer, are expected to die as the result of bullet wounds received in a pistol duel fought by the two today while they were searching for two prisoners who had escaped from the Camp Custer guardhouse.

The shooting was the result of a mistake made by Boyer and members of a patrol accompanying him.

They opened fire on an automobile filled with civilians, believing the latter were concealing the fugitives.

Pugh, who was acting as escort for the automobile after it had searched it, returned the fire, believing it had been started by the escaped prisoners.

GALVESTON UNDER MILITARY GUARD

Police Suspended During Longshoremen's Strike.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 16.—Galveston today was patrolled by military police.

Following issuance of executive orders by Gov. Hobby yesterday Brig Gen. J. F. Wolters, commanding state troops on duty here during the longshoremen's strike, suspended all police and detective departments and restrained city officials from interfering with the enforcement of civil laws by the provost guard.

Police officers and detectives were disarmed and will not be permitted in public places in uniform.

Capt. O'Brien Stevens will act as provost judge in place of the judge of the city court.

The suspensions will remain in effect during the period of martial law in Galveston.

BRITISH BOMBARD TURKS

ATHENS, July 16.—The British fleet lying in the Sea of Marmara, south of Constantinople, today bombarded the position of the Turkish nationalists north of Ismid, as a result of Turkish raids.

OPEN LETTER

TO ORA J. DAVIES.

Dear Ora:—Sit tight and never weaken. You may have been a little short as treasurer of Howard county, but such a trifle as that makes no appreciable difference in your qualification for the state treasurership.

The gentlemen who are now howling for your scalp do not appear to be actuated by any sincere desire to improve the ticket. If they were they would now be objecting to the candidacy of Will Adams, also.

Killed Broker's Wife



Bernard Geissler, chauffeur for Arthur DeCordova, wealthy New York broker, who is said to have shot and killed the beautiful wife of his employer and then killed himself on a lonely road near Stonington, Conn.

A few feet away, leading over a small fence, Geissler, the chauffeur, was found, a bullet wound in his temple.

They had been in a hospital without regaining consciousness.

Geissler's mad infatuation for Mrs. DeCordova is believed by the authorities to have been the motive for the tragedy.

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ALASKAN FLIGHT SUFFERS DELAY

Commander Forced to Land at Scranton—Awaits Repairs.

SCRANTON, Pa., July 16.—Capt. St. Clair Street, commander of the United States military airplane, which landed in plane No. 1 near here yesterday because of fog, expects to resume his journey to Eris, Pa., to join the other three army fliers this afternoon.

An axle was damaged in landing and the morning was spent in making repairs.

ERIE, Pa., July 16.—The three United States army airplanes, en route from New York to Nome, Alaska, which arrived here last night, were