

## TAX BOARD AUTOCRACY 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 tax as a means of reducing the cost of living will be advocated by democratic nominees during their campaign, Gov. James M. Cox stated today.

Cox would substitute a flat tax of from 1 to 1 1/2 per cent on the volume of business done by all business concerns. Virtually the same change has been recommended by President Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury, Coxton and his former campaign manager, C. Leffingwell.

### SAYS PRESENT SYSTEM BOOSTS LIVING COSTS

Cox believes that his proposed tax would raise from \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000 annually.

The present graduated levies greatly pyramid the cost of all necessities, he believes.

He probably will deal at length on the question of taxation in his speech of acceptance.

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### FLAT TAX WOULD SIMPLIFY MATTERS

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

"It would allow nearly half the amount of government revenue necessary and allow a speedier repeal of the excess profits tax."

Gov. Cox today was to meet a large delegation of suffrage leaders, led by Miss Alice Paul, leader of the national woman suffrage party.

He has indicated that because of his strong personal suffrage beliefs he will give the women assurances of energetic efforts to make Tennessee or North Carolina the thirty-sixth state to ratify the suffrage amendment.

### 48ERS' REMNANTS FORMING PARTY

LaFonette and Bryan Mentioned as Possible Slate.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A new political party was born today.

Under the leadership of Allan McCurdy, New York, and Judge Wray of Nebraska, some seventy members of the committee of forty-eight met to hold an indignation meeting because the committee had failed to name a national ticket to adopt its own platform.

A platform was drafted and was submitted to the meeting today, and it was planned to issue a call for a convention within a short time.

The committee voted to organize itself as a political party and to place a ticket in the field.

Judge Ray was of the opinion that Senator LaFonette could be secured to head the new party and William Jennings Bryan was mentioned as the vice presidential candidate.

The new party will be called the "Liberal Party," it was announced.

It was voted to make the temporary organization permanent, to recess to hold a convention upon call of the executive committee and to bar from the organization all who may demand a socialistic or class party organization.

### DEMOCRATS TO RATIFY TICKET

Special Program Planned for Tuesday at Club.

The campaign committee of the Indiana Democratic club, of which Judge E. W. Felt is chairman, has prepared a program for the "ratification" of the national democratic ticket at the clubhouse Tuesday evening.

Charles Remster, former judge of the circuit court, will preside.

Thomas Taggart, candidate for state senator, is on the program for a discussion of the national convention; Dr. C. E. McCullough, candidate for governor, will talk on "The Condition of the State"; M. E. Balston, former governor, will discuss the national platform; Miss Julia Landers, national committeewoman, will tell of the part played in the nomination by women; Henry Spann will talk on "The Battle in Indiana."

A special invitation has been sent to all the members of the county organization through Resindal Sells, county chairman, and it is planned to have present all those who have affiliated with either the men's or the women's branch of the organization.

This meeting will be one of a series that the campaign committee of the club has planned for an early opening of the campaign in Marion county.

### The 5 O'Clock Final Edition of THE TIMES

carries the New York Sun's authoritative FINANCIAL REVIEW of the day and WALL STREET STOCK MARKET, revised and corrected, showing rates of prices on all active stocks and comparison with previous day's close.

With this exclusive feature, in addition to the regular market page published in Home and Final editions, The Times furnishes business men with

"TODAY'S NEWS TODAY."

### 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

#### Car Company Claims 70 Per Cent in Use.

VALPARAISO, Ind., July 16.—A Valparaiso mother and her twin daughters will have no difficulty in calling their wedding anniversary. The entire family assumed marital vows last night, three ceremonies being performed by two clergymen. Mrs. Lizzie Zane became the wife of John Hively, a prominent business man, and Cora and Nora, the daughters, became the brides of William Baker and Harry Ester, respectively.

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From the company's standpoint the situation was much improved, however.

Many cars were running and a statement issued by the company officials declared 70 per cent of the regular "rush hour" service was in effect.

Investigation of the Chicago street car strike is planned by the state public utilities commission, according to an announcement by James H. Wilkerson, chairman of the commission.

Wilkinson indicated the commission might urge action by the state's attorney against "Umbrella Mike" Boyle, who called the men out.

### REDS SEEK TO RULE ILLINOIS

#### Lloyd Trial Reveals Plot for Proletariat Regime.

CHICAGO, July 16.—A plot to overthrow the state government of Illinois and establish a "dictatorship of the proletariat" was revealed today at the trial of William Gross Lloyd and others, charged with plotting to overthrow the government.

According to G. A. Engleken, Chicago, a defendant who turned state's evidence, the radicals sent out a secret circular urging "organization of a working class state power and the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat."

Communists plotted their alleged schemes, said Engleken, in a gloomy book shop, the walls of which were decorated with "red" pictures and literature.

### UTILITIES BODY FIXES PRIORITY

#### Service Commission Now Has Desired Authority.

Through an order issued by the interstate commerce commission the public service commission of Indiana is given the right to issue priority orders for the transmission of coal from mines to state institutions and utilities.

The order is the result of the visit to Washington of John W. McCordle of the Indiana public service commission, and his conference with the interstate commerce commission in regard to the priority of coal shipments from mines to state institutions and utilities.

The order states that "until and including August 20, 1920, all common carriers by railroad, within the said territory (Indiana), to the extent that may be necessary, shall issue orders in regard to the public service commission, to divert to food and clothing, with a view to improving coal production."

The allied governments are ready to grant Germany, during the six months period, an advance payment amounting

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### Trampled to Death

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

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.

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### 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.

### Trotzky for Peace When Warsaw Falls

LONDON, July 16.—A radiogram picked up by the British government station and given out by the admiral today, quoted Leon Trotzky, Soviet Commissar of War, as saying in an important speech at a Moscow mass meeting: "We will make peace with Poland only on the triumphal entry of our army into Warsaw."

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

Gov. Goodrich today placed his signature on house bill No. 337, introduced by Representative Mendenhall. He directed the committee to provide for the appropriation of \$20,000 to defray the expenses of the session.

The bill recently passed the house, under suspension of rules, by a vote of 90 to 0.

### Goodby Forever to 250 Gallons Booze

EVANSTON, Ill., July 16.—Between 250 and 300 gallons of liquor, the property of Hirsch Males, sheriff of Vanderburgh county, will be destroyed this week on order of Judge Gould of the Vanderburgh circuit court.

The court decision was reached in suits brought by the legal committee appointed recently by Judge Gould for the purpose of disposing of the liquor.

The court held that the parties from whom the liquor was taken have no claim on the same.

### Reds Continue Attack

LONDON, July 16.—The soviet war office communiqué wirelessed 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.

There are representatives here from seven countries, including five delegates from LaSalle, Neb., eighteen from Enon Valley, Pa., and some from Kansas City.

An orchestra of young women from Shelbyville has been engaged for the entire six weeks of the meeting.

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