

WARN'S SENATE VETO IN STORE FOR FARM BILL

Intimations Against Duties on Field Products Are Made by President.

INTEREST ON FINANCE

WASHINGTON. Dec. 23.—President Wilson will veto the "omnibus" tariff bill levying duties on agricultural products passed by an overwhelming vote in the House last night, if it is also passed by the Senate and sent to him, according to intimations conveyed to certain Democratic leaders of the Senate today.

While none of the Democratic leaders could be quoted, it was learned they have been in close touch with the White House, since the bill was reported favorably by the House Ways and Means Committee, in an effort to ascertain the President's attitude.

No official statement on the subject has been forthcoming from the White House, it was authoritatively stated at the capitol by Democratic Senators in a position to ascertain the President's views regarding prospective legislation that the President is not in sympathy with the present congressional efforts to meet the country's financial and economic situation.

INTEREST CENTERS IN FINANCE COURSE

The President's course toward the resolution reviving the war finance corporation passed by Congress recently, still is being awaited with undisguised interest. With both the Senate and House in session today, it was expected the President might send the measure back to Congress with his veto as a Christmas present for those of his members who supported it.

While the passage of the bill in the House was anticipated, in view of a coalition formed between representatives from agricultural States and a majority of party and national ties, it will undergo "strong sieging" after it reaches the Senate today, it was predicted by both Democratic and Republican Senators strongly opposed to it.

NO ACTION EXPECTED TODAY.

The Senate is expected to do nothing with the bill today, except to refer it to the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Simmons of North Carolina, and Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, are among the Democratic leaders who insist the bill must take its regular course in the Senate and the measure be referred to the committee on finance.

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DECLARES CUT IN WAGES WILL SOLVE HOUSING

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shortage of houses will continue; in fact, it will become even more embarrassing than it is today."

SUGGESTS PLANS FOR BUILDING

Senator Calder suggested the following plan for encouraging building:

Legislation providing that 50 per cent of savings deposits may be loaned on mortgages.

Reduction of high wages.

Tax exemption for incomes from mortgages.

Restriction of the issuance of tax exempt securities.

Creation of a home loan banking system.

Reduction of wages where living costs are reduced.

Cancellation of all transportation priority orders.

Establishment of a department of construction.

Discussing the fuel situation. Senator Calder reiterated his previous statements that coal profligating must be checked by the Government.

"Private interests now in control of the production and distribution of coal are actually liable to be held responsible for the present deplorable situation, and it is the duty of the Government to take such reasonable and practical steps as it may to remedy the situation," Senator Calder said.

He urged as the first step in such a program the establishment of a Federal agency to which all coal producers would submit complete reports on prices, distribution and production.

OPPOSES SUBSIDY FOR HOME BUILDERS.

Senator Calder proposed subsidy for home builders and declared that this has been done in France and in England, but some day England will face a condition in attempting to pay its housing bonds that will, unless extraordinary steps are taken to prevent it, undermine her whole business and social fabric."

"The construction of houses is like every business, based entirely upon the success in the venture and men will build houses again when they can see an opportunity for gain," Senator Calder declared.

"Advocacy by the States of bonds for public improvement have been unduly encouraged," under the present Federal taxation system, Senator Calder said.

"These securities are issued tax exempt and have resulted in taking from the mortgage field almost completely the private investor thereby reducing the amount available for building," the Senator declared.

"I am informed that the Marshall Field estate in Chicago and the estate of Hetty Green, both of whom formerly loaned heavily on real estate, find their incomes from this source less than 2 per cent, and they are diversifying their capital funds to more lucrative investments.

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BENEDICT BILL TO PROVIDE FOR RESURFACING

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shortage of the maximum rate. The bill provides that during 1921 the city may borrow not to exceed \$300,000 for the purpose of paying for resurfacing during that year. The bill carries an emergency clause.

The proposal has met with the approval of various civic organizations which believe the present plan is too much of a burden for small property owners.

WILL FILE ACT TO ABOLISH FEES SYSTEM

Mr. Benedict expects to be active in the session with his bill and, with his Marion County salary bill, which seeks to abolish the much condemned fee system. The amendment of this bill has been introduced in committee and not a little consternation it is expected to bring about a brisk fight in the Assembly, where officials and would-be officials are expected to object strenuously to the abolishment of their means of obtaining a livelihood.

The incomes of some of the county officers at the present time run into tens of thousands of dollars, all contributed by taxpayers in the form of fees. Mr. Benedict's proposal that the Marion County clerk, prosecuting attorney, county sheriff, county auditor and county recorder draw straight salaries of \$7,500; the treasurer \$10,000 and the surveyor \$4,000, is expected to have the opposition of those who expect to share in the present enormous donations of taxpayers.

Mr. Benedict even goes so far as to provide that prisoners at the county jail be paid at \$100.

The provision of the bill which is being most seriously discussed by the advocates of the abolishment of the fee system is that which places in the hands of the county commissioners the power to designate the number of deputies to be employed in each office and the salaries they shall receive. It has been pointed out that the new proposal will leave open the way for vigorous shaking of the plum tree and for the provision of jobs of numerous political favorites.

WISH LAW TO NAME NUMBER OF DEPUTIES.

The proposal has been made that the law provide the number of deputies and the salaries which they shall be paid. Mr. Benedict admits this provision of his bill may be a weakness but he points out that emergencies may arise which no law could take care of.

Advocates of the abolishment of the fee system, which they say, is responsible for the enormous increase in county offices, are pleased over the fact that a Marion County legislator has had courage enough to defy the established organization of his party to such an extent that he proposes to take away most of the easy income.

While Mr. Benedict is proposing to reduce the incomes of the highest paid county officers there are other movements under way to obtain increases in salaries. A bill is expected to be introduced in

CONSTANTINE TO CLING TO GAINS

War and Wedding Topics Pro-vide Greek Court Gossip.

ATHENS, Dec. 23.—War and weddings were topics of court gossip here today. King Constantine is planning on going to the Smyrna front as soon as he has caught up with a mass of detail on his desk here. He planned to take with him Premier Rallis and the Secretary of War.

Constantine's intention, he said, is to cling to the territory gained by Greece during the war and to make a personal appeal to his troops to continue occupying the new areas.

Preliminary arrangements are being made for the court wedding of Princess Melina of Greece to Crown Prince Carol of Romania. This wedding will be held at Bucharest.

Another marriage between the two houses will be that of Crown Prince George of Greece to Princess Elizabeth of Romania. This is to occur in January in Athens. Constantine expresses himself as pleased at the forthcoming alliance and speaks of the marriage as real love matches.

White Man Lynched by Ft. Worth Mob

FT. WORTH, Texas, Dec. 23.—Tom Vickory, held on a charge of murdering Jeff C. Couch, a policeman, both white, Monday night, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged.

After Vickory was suspended in mid-air, the mob fired several shots into his body and dispersed. The lynching was staged about a mile from the Courthouse between Ft. Worth and North Ft. Worth.

While the bill's supporters in the Senate claim to have enough votes to pass it, its passage by that body before the Christmas and New Year holidays is regarded remote by leaders on both sides of the upper chamber.

The Senate plans to recess today until Monday, and from Monday to the succeeding Thursday, and again to the following Monday, so as to give its members ample time to celebrate the advent of Christmas and the new year.

"The 'emergency revenue bill' is a vicious proposal," Senator Paterson, Democrat of Mississippi, a leader of the younger Democrats in the Senate declared today. "I will oppose it and feel that it should be defeated for the good of the country. It violates the fundamental Democratic principles."

XMAS CRIME WAVE GROWS

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to the efficient strength of the police department. Hold-ups and robberies are occurring nightly and murders are frequent.

The Atlanta police, facing the worst situation in the city's history, asked for reinforcements and additional motor equipment. They were planning to arm detectives with shotguns.

Sixteen murders have occurred in Memphis in the last six weeks. The city is also suffering from an epidemic of criminal assaults on women.

Arrest of a negro gang who had a rendezvous in the outskirts was believed to have checked to some extent a wave of crime in Jacksonville. All suspicious persons were picked up.

Boston police were preparing for increases in criminal activity as Christmas approached. Nearly fifty suspects had been rounded up in a drive against crooks.

The Pacific Coast civilians in many cities were cooperating with the police. San Francisco reported a big influx of men from the East with robes and robes and hold-ups increasing. So, crimes have been fewer, however, since prosecution of the "Howard street vice gang" of which the Santa Rosa Irachaga was an offshoot. A vigilance committee in Oakland was organized to protect women. In Tacoma shotgun squads patrolled the streets at night. Police in Los Angeles began enforcement of a dormitory curfew law prohibiting children on the street after 9 p. m. because of numerous criminal attacks on women and girls. Every person on the street after midnight was subject to investigation. All women leaving their homes after dark were advised to obtain a police escort. Major crimes were decreasing, but petty crimes increasing in Portland, Ore.

MILWAUKEE DAY.

A period of hold-ups and robberies in Milwaukee was punctuated by the daylight looting of a jewelry store. Shoplifters were also particularly active. An epidemic of minor robberies was reported from Racine, Kenosha and other Wisconsin cities.

The Indianapolis police force has all it can cope with and all suspicious persons are being detained. The latest robbers include \$1,000 from a bank, \$11,000 from a fur store and \$15,000 from a jewelry store.

Halt a dozen murders have occurred in Denver in the last few weeks. The police have been reinforced and motorcycle flying squadrons established to cope with the increase in all branches of crime.

Newspapers in Kansas City were investigating that criminals were being protected.

Cities which have reported a decrease in the number of criminal offenses, or entire absence of a "Christmas crime wave," included Detroit, St. Paul, Des Moines, Lincoln and New Orleans.

Selig Employees Elect Officers

The following officers were elected at the annual banquet and election of the Selig Mutual Benefit Association of the Selig Dry Goods Company at the Chamber of Commerce building last night: President, G. A. Millett; vice president, C. E. De Witt; treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Wren; secretary, Miss Frances Le Fèvre; board of directors, Mrs. Dessa, Miss Mollie Ralney, Miss Bertha Taylor, Miss Lula Hemenway and Mrs. Nora Wright.

S. L. Hahn, in behalf of the firm, distributed cash Christmas presents to all employees, the amount being designated by length of service. All employees making more than ten years in service received \$50; from five to ten years, \$25; from one to two years, \$10, and all less than one year, \$5. Ten employees received \$50 gifts.

Tomorrow! All Books 1/2 Price Down Go Prices! Away Go Toys!

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While They Last.

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While They Last.

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MEN'S ROMEO SLIPPERS, dark brown, stitched, with heavy, flexible soles, sizes 6 to 11; regular \$3.95 quality \$3.19

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Gift Suggestions at Reduced Prices

BOX WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, made of cambric, with white or colored embroidered corners, \$1.50 quality, box of 3 79c

BOX WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, of cambric, white or colored embroidered corners, \$3.50 quality, box of three 69c

BOX OF THREE WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS, with colored embroidered corners, 75c quality 59c

KAYSER OF FOWNES' DOUBLE SILK GLOVES, in black, brown, beaver and gray, \$2.50 quality \$1.98

LAMBSEN'S GLOVES, 2-clasp, in \$2.50 quality, pair \$2.50

EVLET VESTEES of cream color material, round or square collars; \$1.00 quality 79c

FRAMED PICTURES, with silver frame, \$1.00 to \$3.50 quality 39c

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