

BRITISH NAVAL CHIEF TO DROP FROM HIS POST

Man Who Wrecked Coolidge Sea Limitation Party Will Retire.

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WASHINGTON, March 15.—Official Washington learned with interest today the man who generally is blamed in this country for smashing former President Calvin Coolidge's 1927 naval limitations conference at Geneva had announced his intention to retire from the British house of commons.

The man is W. C. Bridgeman, first lord of the admiralty, corresponding to our secretary of navy. It was Bridgeman and Hugh S. Gibson, then American minister to Switzerland, who angrily opposed each other at Geneva before the Coolidge conference adjourned in failure.

Favors Big British Navy

The snap judgment of official Washington today was Bridgeman's decision not to stand again for parliament somewhat had improved the chances of eventual naval limitations agreement between London and Washington.

This opinion was predicted upon the belief that Bridgeman was the spear point of the British "big navy" drive.

It was considered possible here that Bridgeman may have been petitioned by the Baldwin ministry in Britain on the eve of a general election because of criticism in the British press of the conservative naval policy as exemplified by Bridgeman at Geneva.

Contributing to this conjecture was the incident of the secret Franco-British naval agreement which won the wrath of Washington, Berlin and Rome after it reluctantly had been published last year.

Hoover Waits Stimson

Bridgeman's retirement from the commons would mean retirement from the admiralty even if the conservative party was successful in the election.

It is not believed here that Bridgeman's dropping from office will lead to United States proposals for a naval conference.

Informed opinion leans to the belief that President Hoover has put naval matters out of his mind until after arrival of his secretary of state, Henry L. Stimson.

What Stimson and Hoover might decide probably would depend largely upon developments at the preliminary disarmament conference which is to meet again in Geneva on April 15.

SWEAR IN WAR AID

Patrick J. Hurley Takes Oath Before High Army Men.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Patrick J. Hurley of Tulsa, Okla., was sworn today as assistant secretary of war in the presence of Secretary of War James Good, Assistant Secretary F. Trubee Davison, General Charles P. Summerall, other high army officers and Colonel C. B. Robbins, who Hurley succeeded.

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TAX BOOST IS URGED IN GERMANY'S BUDGET

Financial Problem Regarded as Stumbling Block to Cabinet.

By United Press
BERLIN, March 15.—The German reichstag today had before it the 1929 budget, which has been considered a stumbling block to Chancellor Hermann Mueller's government.

The budget was presented after some delay in preparing it, and pending its adoption a temporary budget, along the lines of the 1928 budget, has been used.

Dr. Rudolph Hilferding, minister of finance, urged a tax increase of 379,000,000 marks (about \$90,164,000) to cover additional expenses of operating the government.

ABANDON HUNT FOR BOY LOST IN BLIZZARD

Over 200 Searchers Go Back to Homes Balked by Snow.

By United Press
OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—All hope of finding 6-year-old Melvin Reeves alive was abandoned today, with searchers quitting the hunt for the boy who disappeared in a snow

storm when he went out to look for a lost mitten.

Many men who took part in the hunt and were stranded at the Reeves ranch because the huge drifts of snow would not permit them to return to Gordon and Rushville, were back in their homes today.

A caterpillar tractor had plowed the twelve miles from Gordon to the Reeves place to break a path through the snow.

Two hundred Indians from the Pine Ridge reservation and from Kyle, S. D., returned to their homes when they learned the hunt was abandoned until the snow leaves the ground.

For more than sixty hours scores of men had fought the snowstorm to find the boy, and at one time 500 searchers were in the party. With his older brother, Dwight, Melvin left his home to find the

mittens early Tuesday. The mitten was found and on returning to the house a hoop that Melvin was rolling went down a canyon.

Melvin pursued the hoop but Dwight went into the house. When the younger brother failed to return the search was started.

CUT IN AUTO CRASH

Woman Hurt by Glass; Driver Is Arrested.

When the car in which she was riding collided with another at New York and Noble streets early this morning, Miss Frances Loraine, 26, of Beech Grove, was cut on the right hand by flying glass. She was treated and taken home and the driver of the car in which she was riding, Robert Joyce, 19, of Beech Grove, was arrested for failing to stop at a preferential street.

and the particulars in such cases brought commendation from the independent Republican-Democratic group in congress which has fought for years for tax publicity.

The fight on Secretary of Treasury Andrew Mellon has come from leaders of this group. This move may have the effect of averting the impending fight on the treasury head at the next session.

Mellon issued the regulation for the publicity, but it was obvious the President was responsible for the policy, which is much broader than the legislation upon which it is based.

Mellon explained the order was in line with an amendment to the deficiency bill which required only that amounts of refunds under the \$75,000,000 appropriated by congress last session be made public.

The Hoover order broadens the

publicity beyond this specific requirement into a permanent policy and requires in addition that facts prompting the refund be made public.

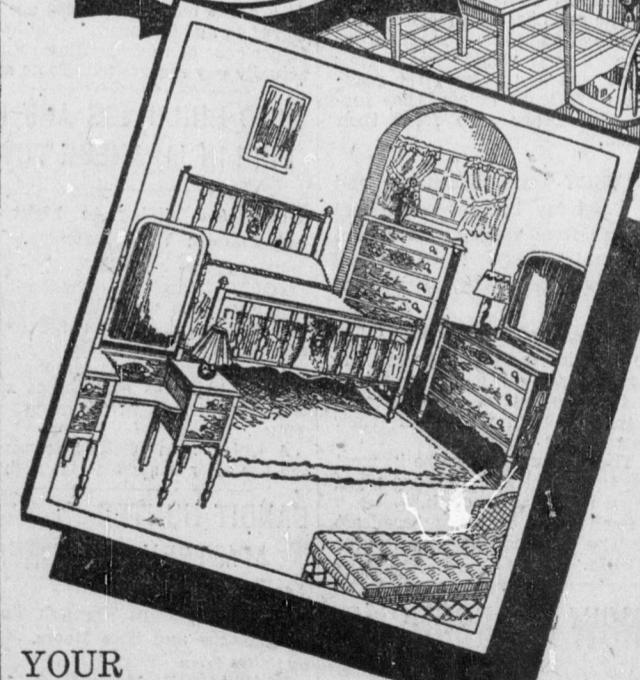
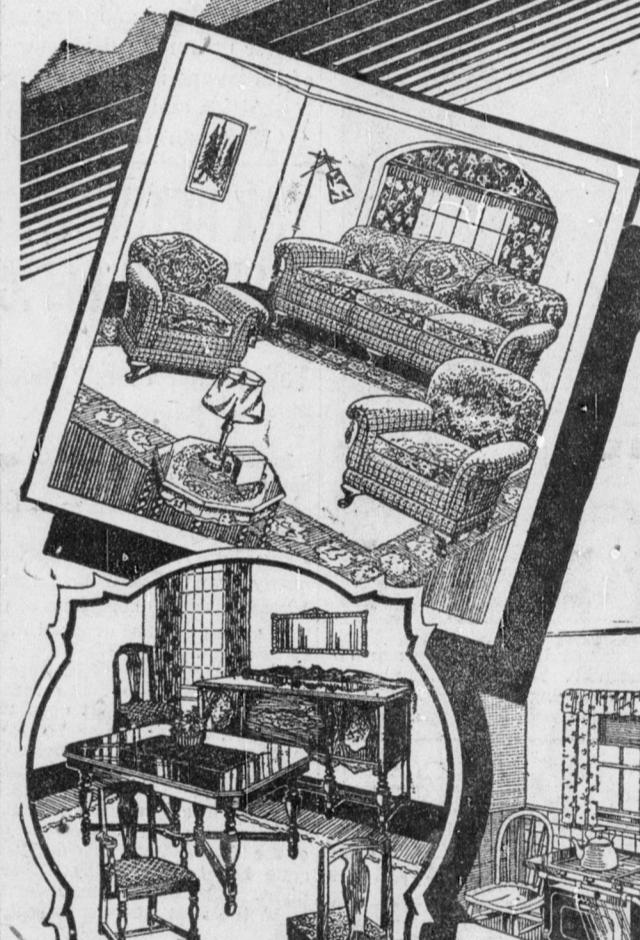
Mellon, however, made it very clear that income tax payments will not be made public, and this was taken as announcement of a definite Hoover policy on this controversial issue.

The independent Republican-Democratic group long has sought complete income tax publicity. This was voted on by congress, but subsequently repealed. Committees now can inspect tax payments under special restrictions.

The fight for complete publicity probably will be carried on, but there is no likelihood of any success.

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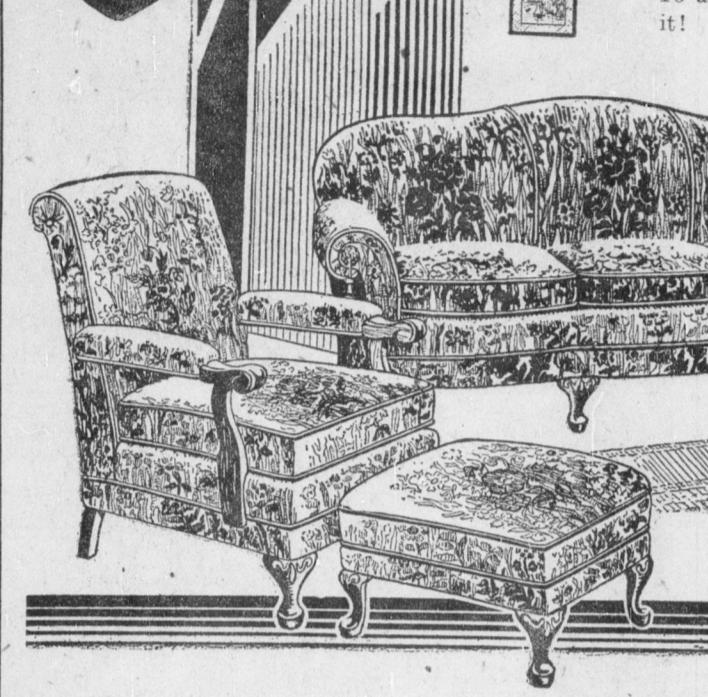
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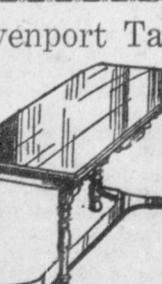
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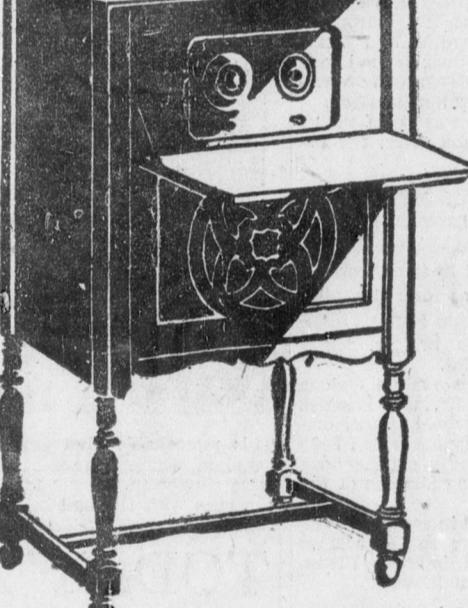
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