

BILL TO ERASE U. S. DEFICIT IS GIVEN CONGRESS

Long Fight on Sales Tax Is Foreseen as Emergency Measure Is Filed.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A battle over balancing the budget that will last for several weeks begins today with introduction in the house of the new \$1,000,000,000 revenue and tariff bill.

In this measure, which the house will take up Thursday, congress confronts in the \$695,000,000 manufacturers sales tax a new principal of taxation as far-reaching, perhaps, in its social and economic consequences as the income tax which was written into the permanent law through the constitution, nineteen years ago.

That tax was designed to curb the growing concentration of wealth in a few hands, representing the culmination of a social and economic revolution carried to fruition by Woodrow Wilson.

The sales tax, according to its opponents, will spread the tax burden, conversely, among the great consuming and producing masses.

Termed Emergency Measure
Its Democratic and Republican sponsors, sensing the rising uncertainty of opposition to this new principle, offer the sales tax merely as an emergency measure to last until July 1, 1934, with the argument that it must be utilized because of failure of the income tax to produce sufficient revenue in a depression era.

Some of its opponents fear, nevertheless, that the sales tax will be written permanently into the tax structure, and their fight will be with this in mind, though they oppose introduction of such a tax even as a temporary measure.

Championing of the bill will be in the hands of a regular Republican and Democratic coalition, which is sponsoring it as a "nonpartisan" measure. The administration has endorsed it.

The bill peculiarly is a hybrid measure. It embodies tariff features in the 42 cents a barrel tax on imported oil and gasoline and the countervailing section, applying to the 2 1/2 per cent rate to all imports like in character to manufactured goods which come under the sales tax.

Malt to Be Taxed
This tariff complexity will make the bill vulnerable to all sorts of amendments to include other products, which are expected to be offered in house and senate. The bill also is vulnerable to wet attack.

For it recognizes the growth of the American "home brew industry," despite prohibition, by levying a tax on malt, grape concentrates and wort, being widely used by the citizen to manufacture his own beer and wine.

In reaching beyond the income and the sales tax, the ways and means committee instituted some old and new excise taxes to help balance the budget, including a broad 10 per cent amusement tax on all admissions over 25 cents, a revival of the war days, a tax on telephone, telegraph and radio messages, and a tax on lubricating oil.

New Income Tax

Additional income taxes to be paid by the person of ordinary means under the new bill are shown by the tables appended. The new normal rates, 2 per cent on the first \$4,000, 4 per cent on the next \$4,000, and 6 per cent above that, do not apply, however, until next year.

Married individual, with one dependent.

Income.	Present Tax.	New Tax.
\$1,000	None	None
\$2,000	None	None
\$3,000	None	None
\$4,000	None	None
\$5,000	None	None
\$6,000	None	None
\$7,000	None	None
\$8,000	None	None
\$9,000	None	None
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\$6,000	None	None
\$7,000	None	None
\$8,000	None	None
\$9,000	None	None
\$10,000	None	None

Single person, no dependents.

WATER RATE HEARING IS POSTPONED AGAIN

City's Plea for Reduction Will Be Heard Friday, March 22.

Second postponement has been announced for the Indianapolis Water Company rate reduction hearing before the public service commission.

Date now has been shifted to Tuesday, March 22, upon request of the company. Commissioner Harry K. Curbishley, of the public service commission, who has charge of the Indianapolis rate reduction petitions, said the shift was made because H. S. Schutt, vice-president of the company, would be unable to be present Thursday.

The date change has been approved by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, he said.

Hearing of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company rate reduction case is scheduled for March 16.

LEAGUE SEEN FAILURE

Dr. O'Connell Says It Was Based on Post-War Political Differences.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 7.—Speaking at a vespers service here Sunday night, Dr. G. Bromley O'Connell, president of De Pauw university, predicted the Geneva conference will not succeed in formulating a successful disarmament program.

Dr. O'Connell declared the League of Nations ineffective, saying it is based on political differences existing during the period immediately following the World war.

HOLLYWOOD EYES FOX

Film Industry Suspects Former Producer May Try Comeback.

HOLLYWOOD, March 7.—The arrival in Los Angeles Tuesday of William Fox, former head of the Fox Film Corporation, is causing speculation in Hollywood as to his plans.

Rumor credits him with having recently made a large fortune in the stock market, which might induce him to enter the motion picture industry again, possibly as an independent producer.

KIDNAPERS REAP MAIN HARVEST IN MIDWEST

Fred 'Killer' Burke Fathered Racket That Nets Millions to Gangsters

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Alexander G. Jamie (above), chief investigator for Chicago's famous "Secret Six," who led the hunt that netted operators of the midwest kidnap ring.

HOME VALUE TO CHILD IS CITED

Parental Love Vital, Says Noted Psychologist.

No institution, regardless of how scientifically conducted, can take the place of a good home in the life of a child, Dr. Smiley Blanton, noted child psychologist, told the open forum at Kirshbaum Community Center Sunday night.

Dr. Blanton's lecture was the last of the forum series conducted under auspices of the Jewish Community Center Association.

"Assurance of parental love is an absolute essential in avoiding emotional tangles in childhood, which may handicap the entire future," Dr. Blanton declared.

"This assurance only can come naturally through contact of parents and child in the home."

He warned against both overindulgence and overseverity in child training and opposed ever striking a child. "The parent should understand the child's problems and not punish but remove the causes of them, he urged."

Dr. Blanton is for using common sense and individual guidance, steering a course between the old and new psychology schools.

The speaker heads a clinic at New York City and is professor of child study at Vassar college.

PLANE DROPS FOOD TO 6 SNOWBOUND MINERS

Mail Pilot Answers Plea Carried to Village of Hero of Group.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 7.—Near starvation, six miners trapped by deep snow in a tiny cabin in the Nevada mountains had food today that was dropped for them from an airplane.

A seventh miner, at the risk of his life, completed a heroic journey through the wilderness from the cabin to Battle Mountain, a little community in the hills.

He told of the plight of his six comrades, and aid from Salt Lake was requested.

D. E. Broughton, air mail pilot, made a forty-mile detour on his regular flight, circled low over the snow-covered cabin, and "bombed" the six men with packages of food.

HOT CEMENT TESTED

No Improvement in Texture of Roads, Experiment Reveals.

Hot cement does not improve the texture of concrete roads, tests made by the state highway department for the National Technical Society disclosed.

Report on the tests, which were made on the heavily traveled Dunes relief highway near the Calmet district cement mills, appears in the Engineering News-Record of New York.

Details of the tests are set out, showing that instead of the usual procedure of using cold cement the material was taken hot from the mills and used in the mix.

Similar tests were made in other states. The Indiana tests were under the supervision of William J. Ratus, chief engineer of the state highway department, and P. D. Meisenhelder, test engineer.

MAP SALES PROGRAM

200 Frigidaire Dealers Attend Convention in City.

Sales convention of 200 Frigidaire dealers from central and southern Indiana was held today at the Claypool at which a national business program for 1932 was presented.

Clark S. Wheeler, Indianapolis distributor of Frigidaire, will preside, assisted by E. S. Hays, metropolitan sales supervisor, and E. M. Nigh, provincial sales manager.

New air-conditioning equipment, as designed by the company's engineers, will be explained at the session. Economies to make electric refrigeration available to thousands of housewives will be discussed.

THE amazing way in which kidnaping has become a major underworld industry is nowhere better shown than in the last few months in the middle west.

Kidnaping—the "snatch racket," as underworld lingo puts it—has ceased to be the work of isolated criminals working on their own and has become the job of a highly organized syndicate of desperadoes with headquarters in Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis.

Apparently, the racket first was organized in Detroit—and the notorious Fred (Killer) Burke was one of the men who organized it, which shows just how tough the controlling gang is.

Detroit, a little more than a year ago, managed to round up some of the leaders of its group and they are now in prison. But first the gang had extended its activities to Chicago and St. Louis, and it is now firmly entrenched in those two cities.

IN Illinois alone, forty-nine kidnapings have been reported officially in the last two years. But authorities admit that for every kidnaping reported there may be a dozen more in which no complaint is made because of fear.

An average of the estimates made by men in a position to know puts the number of kidnapings in the Chicago territory at more than 200, with a total of more than \$2,000,000 paid to the ring.

That sum may seem high. But here are a few recent victims and the prices that were paid for their freedom:

James Hackett, gambler, \$150,000; Robert C. Fitchie, former president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, \$50,000; Jack Lynch, owner of a racing information bureau, \$50,000; Harold Cusack, beer hustler, \$15,000; Dr. and Mrs. Max Gecht \$5,000, of which \$2,000 was paid on account; Howard Woolverton, South Bend, Ind., banker, reported variously from \$8,000 to \$50,000.

And those are just a few of many officially reported cases. Existence of the kidnaping ring has been discovered by operatives working for Colonel Robert Isham Randolph, founder and head of the Chicago Association of Commerce's "Secret Six," and Alexander G. Jamie, who directs this crime-fighting organization's activities.

"The syndicate," says Jamie, "is made up of a small army of desperadoes, and, from glimpses we've got, its makeup sounds like an Edgar Wallace thriller."

"The man at the head of it, whose identity we haven't yet discovered, is evidently a highly capable business executive."

"The syndicate members seen originally to have been bank robbers. They also have dabbled in booze running, hi-jacking and in gambling. But kidnaping is their main business, now that they've found out how profitable it is."

"Our investigations have shown that most of Chicago's borderline characters with the exception of the Al Capone gang—with which the syndicate has a definite working agreement—have been victimized."

"Gambler after gambler in Chicago and downstate has been victimized. Now, however, it seems that the ring has taken about every possible victim from the rackets and is branching out to seize reputable citizens. The seizure of Woolverton, the manufacturer, is evidence of this."

Indeed, Colonel Randolph himself has been threatened with kidnaping, and he admits that he takes the state highway department to refuse to ride in his auto without having the doors locked and a loaded pistol on the seat beside him.

It also has been reported that the gang once laid plans to kidnap General Charles Gages Dawes, recent ambassador to Great Britain.

PROMINENT Chicago gamblers, such as Bill Johnson, Billy Skidmore, and others, never go anywhere without armed guards, because of their fear of kidnaping.

That the trapper who went insane in the frozen north may have been Edward Manning Gentry was reported to police by Gentry's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McLean of Portland.

The slain trapper had perfect teeth, but it was reported a set of gold mounted false teeth were found in his knapsack, together with several thousand dollars in currency.

Mrs. McLean said her brother years ago ordered teeth like these for his wife, but that she refused to wear them. He carried the teeth with him after her death.

RATE FIGHT TALK SET
Walter Rothermel to Address Civic Group on Progress.

Progress in the fight for utility rate reductions will be reported by Walter C. Rothermel, utility subcommittee chairman, at the meeting of South Side Civic clubs central committee at 8 Wednesday night in the Garfield community house.

Principal speaker will be Robert R. Sloan, county assessor, who will discuss "Taxation." J. Ed Burk will preside.



Scenes from the heart of the Detroit "kidnap belt" are shown above. Upper left, basement of the Stanley De Long home in Detroit. In this cubbyhole victims were held for ransom. Lower left, alleged members of the ring in court. Left to right, Benny Rubenstein and Harry Hallisey. At the right, Fred (Killer) Burke, believed to be the founder of the Michigan-Illinois kidnap racket. Now serving fifty years in prison.

JUBILEE PLANS PUSHED

Preparations for the Congressional Sharah Tefilla's golden jubilee

celebration next Sunday will be completed at an executive meeting this week. The synagogue's leaders will meet to draft final plans for the jubilee fete and banquet.

The celebration will begin in the afternoon with children and grandchildren of the synagogue's founders taking part in memorial services.



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