

MILLIONS JOIN IN VAST FIGHT ON SALES TAX

Organized Protest Behind Stubborn Resistance by Congressmen.

BY MAX STERN

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Upward of 50,000 Americans through their organizations here, voiced opposition to the proposed general sales tax.

Behind the stubborn resistance of congressmen from both parties to the new revenue bill with its \$600,000,000 sales tax provision is an organized folk movement of protest. Not counting the 1924 Democratic platform's repudiation of the sales tax, the earlier opposition of Treasury Secretary Ogden L. Mills and Undersecretary A. A. Ballantine and other protests against the new tax principle in general, here are some of the protests on record against this measure.

The three great American farm organizations—Farm Bureau Federation, National Grange and Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union—all of whose representatives officially protested the sales tax at committee hearings. "The sales tax meets the unqualified disapproval of the 27,000,000 people upon the farms of this country," declared Fred Breckenman of the grange.

Opposed by Labor Unions
The American Federation of Labor, through repeated resolutions and through a broadside from William Green, president, last week, the A. F. of L., with its 4,000,000 members, represents some 20,000,000 people.

The railway labor unions, representing 1,000,000 workers and their families. The Chamber of Commerce, which through its committee on federal taxation, recommended "moderate excises on a number of articles of wide use, but not of first necessity in preference to any form of general sales or turnover tax."

People's Lobby, headed by Professor John Dewey, denouncing the sales tax as "governmental blackmail on hunger."

National Consumers' League, through its president, Dr. John R. Commons.

National Association of Retail Grocers, C. H. Jensen, secretary-manager, expressing "opposition to any form of federal sales tax."

Retailers Fight Sales Tax
National Retail Hardware Association, Herbert Sheets, managing director, expressing "unequivocal opposition to any form of sales tax."

National Retail Furniture Association, Roscoe Rau, managing director, expressing opposition to "any form of sales tax."

National Shoe Retailers' Association, James H. Stone, manager, opposing "a sales tax of any character."

Garment Retailers of America; American National Retailer Jewelers Association; National Retail Drygoods Association, Carlos B. Clark, spokesman, who told the committee that with business prostrate "it is no time to impose upon it useless burdens."

Special groups of manufacturers, including California Packing Corporation, opposing the canned goods tax, National Association of Ice Industries; National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers; American Cotton Co-operative Association; Associated Co-operative Industries of America.

Fear Disrupted Home Life
National Electric Light Association, William J. Hagenah, spokesman, who declares that a sales tax on electricity "endangers development, would seriously disrupt American home life."

Leading economists such as Dr. Leo Wolman of Columbia university, oppose the sales tax. Professor E. R. A. Seligman of Columbia has said that the sales tax "sins against the cardinal principle of equality of taxation," Dr. William J. Schultz, financial economist for the National Industrial conference board, says "the supreme drawback to a federal sales tax would be its social injustice," and Dr. Joseph D. McGoldrick of Columbia, who says a sales tax would check consumption."

National Credit Men's Association. National Industrial Conference Board, through its tax committee, reporting in the past against the sales tax principle.

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Senator Gore Urges Investigation of "Paralysis Drink."

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
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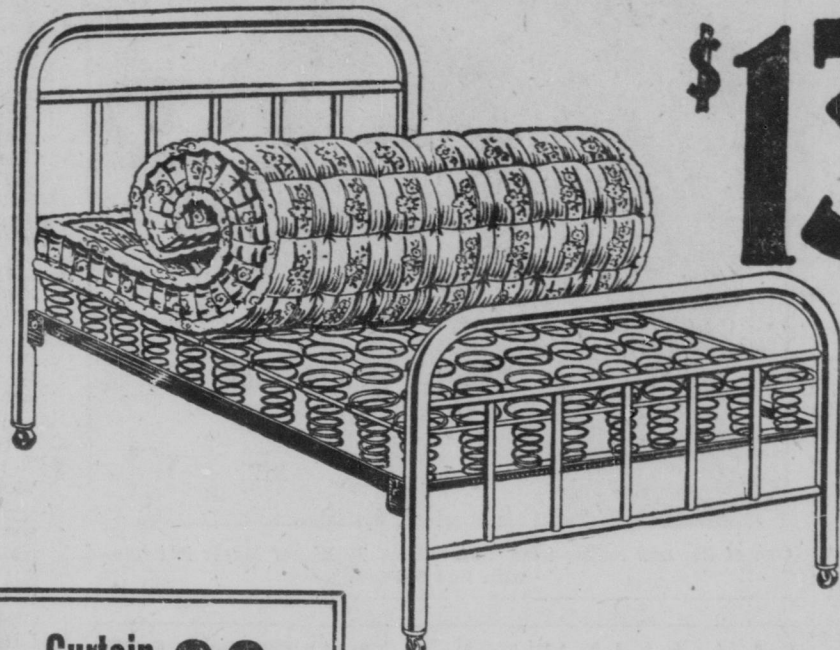
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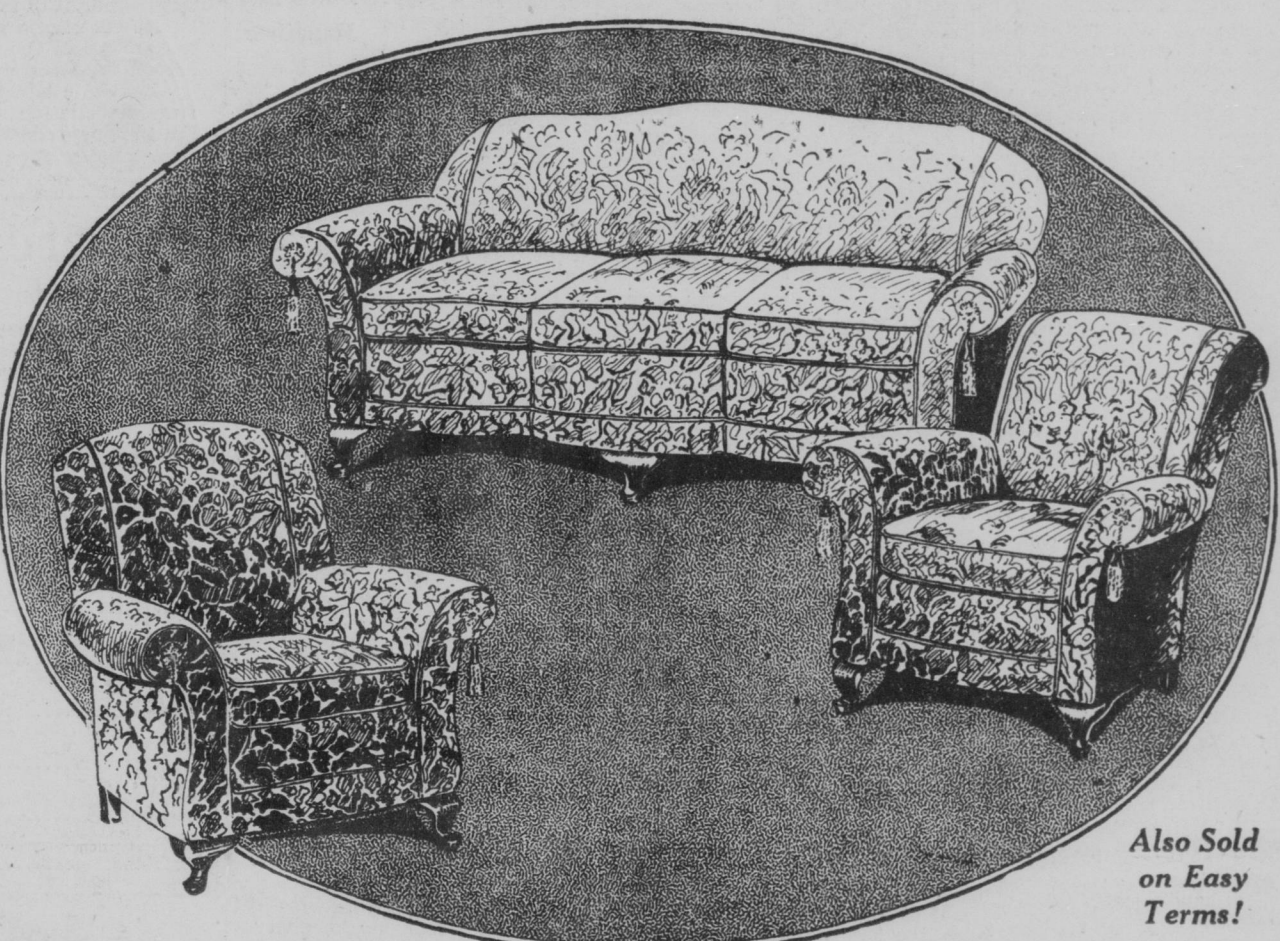
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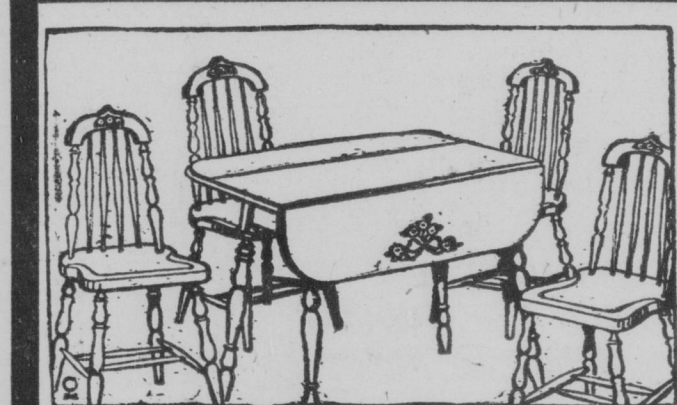
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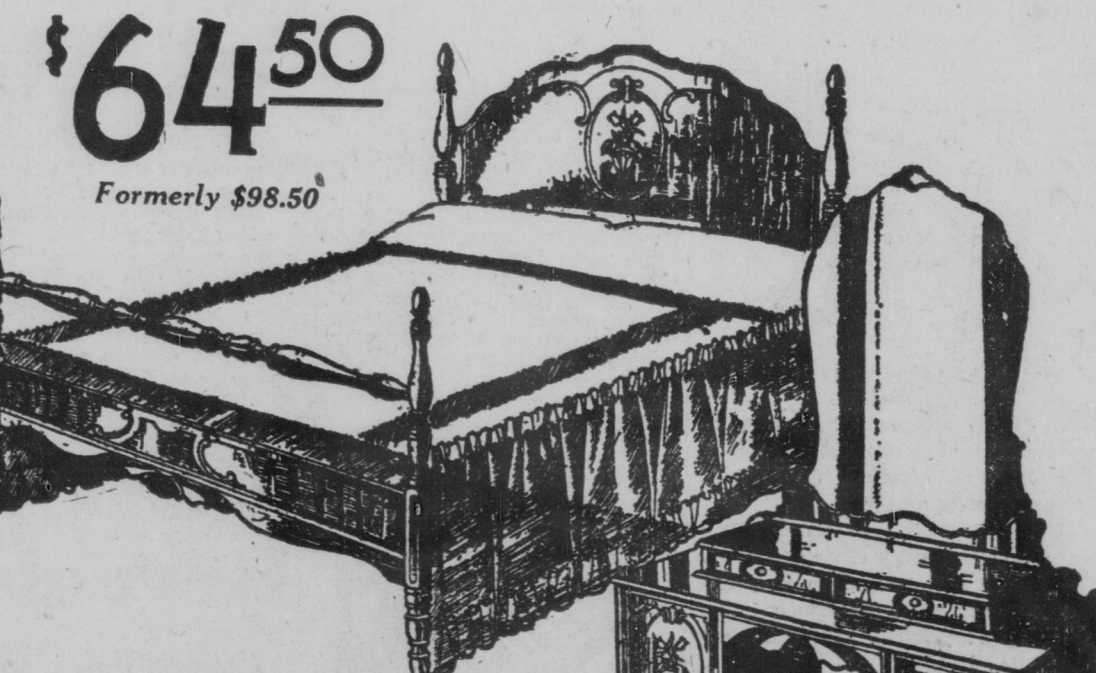
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