

HUGE ESTATES MADE TARGET IN TAX DRIVE

Foes of Sales Levy Widen
Scope of Fight; Shift
Burden on Rich.

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Democrats has widened its scope to shift the burden of taxation upon the rich, and if its efforts eventually become law, partial redistribution of wealth will have been realized.

Still confident of beating the sales tax—although its advocates similarly are confident—the coalition today counted four victories, as it prepared for the fifth and crucial engagement. These were:

Increasing inheritance, or estate, taxes along the lines of the British system, so that a maximum of 65 per cent is attained on estates in excess of \$10,000,000.

Striking out of the credit for foreign taxes paid by corporations.

Increasing the surtaxes on the large incomes up to 65 per cent, practically the war-time rates.

Increasing the ordinary tax rate applying to incomes in excess of \$8,000.

All Substitutes

These, all intended as substitutes for the sales tax, may yield more than \$500,000,000 a year, although the new estate taxes will not, of course, produce much revenue for eighteen months or two years.

The estate tax victory came Tuesday and preceded the agreement to postpone the sales tax showdown.

After years of effort and study, Representative Ramseyer (Rep., Ia.) succeeded in having his inheritance super-tax schedule adopted, 190 to 149, as a substitute for the proposal of the ways and means committee.

Ramseyer now apparently intends to rally sentiment about his plan to strike from the administrative features of the estate tax that provision which grants special leniency to persons who died between Sept. 1, 1928, and Jan. 1, 1932.

This provision would permit revaluation of estates of persons who died in the recent prosperous period as of date eighteen months after death, and thus cause the government to lose many millions in taxes.

Exceed Estate Value

Advocates of this provision contend that unless this devaluation is allowed, the estate taxes will be more than confiscatory, since in many instances, they claim, taxes due will exceed the value of the estate under present deflated prices.

The white-haired Iowa asserted that his inheritance tax schedule neither is radical nor confiscatory. Within two or three years, he believes it will yield from \$500,000,000 to \$600,000,000 annually.

"Taxation," Ramseyer declared, "is for two purposes: First, to raise revenue; second, to prevent the too great accumulation of wealth in the hands of those who have not earned it. I consider my estate tax schedule a step in the right direction."

"In order to make the rates productive," he said, "we have got to start the increase sooner than we do under existing law. Starting with an exemption of \$50,000, on the first \$10,000 the rate proposed is 1 per cent. Then I graduate the rates up so that on a net estate of \$100,000 we would collect \$5,000."

Not Too Much

Now that is not a great deal of money off of a net estate of \$100,000. The rates go on up until we get to that portion of the estate over \$100,000, where the rate is 45 per cent."

The Ramseyer inheritance tax, actually is a super-tax, in addition to that imposed by the existing law. Out of the tax levied under the existing law the estate is granted up to 80 per cent of credit for payment of inheritance taxes to states. The money to be raised by the Ramseyer amendment, however, all goes to the federal treasury.

Thus, while the maximum rate of the Ramseyer amendment is 45 per cent, the actual maximum rate is 65 per cent, the additional 20 per cent being fixed in the existing law.

The sales tax came up by special arrangement after the estate tax, and Acting Chairman Crisp of the ways and means committee offered committee amendments to exempt food, clothing, farm implements, medicines, insecticides and sprays, and malt syrup used in bread making, from the proposed 2.25 per cent consumers' levy.

RULES ON PETTIS BIDS

Federal Referee Orders Closing April 16, With No Offers.

Unless a definite bid for the Pettis Dry Goods Company store is received by April 16 the store's present bankruptcy sale will be closed and the store shut, it was ruled today by Carl Wilde, federal referee in bankruptcy, at a hearing in the federal building.

The plans are not definite, it was announced. Wilde said, however, that if no bids were received by April 16 the store would be closed, a final inventory held and then followed by a final cleanup sale, either private or public.

HELD FOR U. S. JURY

Bonds Set for Three Alleged Liquor Law Violators.

Three men, charged with violating the prohibition laws, were bound over to the federal grand jury Tuesday by United States commissioners. Bond of \$1,500 was levied against Oscar Crawford, 1327 Kentucky avenue; \$1,000 against Andrew Taylor, and \$500 against Andrew Sexton, 935 South Delaware street.

Costly Play

CHICAGO, March 23.—Five-year-old Ivan Ross started a \$2,000 fire in his home playing with matches when his mother was away, but he didn't get a spanking.

The fire started when Ivan used a match to look in a dark corner for a lost toy.

He reminded his mother she had forbidden him to use the electric light because of the danger of getting a shock, and was forgiven.

LA GUARDIA—IN THE SADDLE

Ripping Sales Tax to Shreds Is Typical Job

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 23.—For the moment, at least, Fiorello H. La Guardia, one of the interesting characters in American politics, is booted and spurred and riding strongly in the saddle in the house of representatives.

It is his leadership, more than that of any one else, that the house has been following while it tore to shreds the tax bill, so carefully drawn up by its more conservative ways and means committee.

La Guardia has been in congress for some fifteen years. His parents were Italian born.

He himself is a native of New York City, but, strangely enough, he obtained his elementary education in Prescott, Ariz., and is a graduate of the Prescott high school.

Then he returned to New York and was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws from New York university in 1910.

THERE is nothing orthodox in his career. Before beginning to practice law he held such unusual positions as interpreter at Ellis Island, New York, consular agent at Plume, Hungary, and attaché in consulates at Trieste and other places.

He first was elected to congress in 1917 from the Fourteenth district of New York after serving in the legislature, where they couldn't keep him quiet.

Later he was elected to congress from the Twentieth district, which he now represents.

But in the congressional directory, where by the way, he gives no autobiography of himself, he records that he is a resident of Brooklyn. No part of his district lies in Brooklyn.

DURING the war he joined the aviation section of the American army and, as a major, com-



FIORIELLO H. LA GUARDIA—MADE BEER FOR THE HOUSE

They speak of the "La Guardia two-point landing," which they describe as being made "on one wing and the tail-skid."

La Guardia stands about five feet six, and weighs about 165 pounds. His complexion is decidedly swarthy. His hair is black. He wears it combed close to his head and parted a little to the left of center.

He accentuates his dark aspect by wearing dark blue clothes and blue or black ties. His eyes are brown.

HE doesn't rise to speak. He bounces. He puts tremendous energy into his oratory, bounding around, crouching, rising on his toes and swinging his arms.

He is noted in a parliamentary way for three things. He has an amendment for about every important measure that is offered.

He always votes for other people's amendments—thereby gaining a measure of support for his own.

He is a chronic objector when bills are up for passage by unanimous consent, being ranked in that regard with Blanton of Texas and Stafford of Wisconsin.

He is given to theatrical gestures. Once, when engaged in a fight against prohibition, he made beer publicly in the house office building.

ONE day, while making a speech against "monopolies," he drew a fresh pork chop from his vest pocket, waved it before the house and told how much he paid for it, and how much the farmer who raised the pig received. He also plays the trombone.

In 1929 he married his secretary. She continues as his secretary. He is known as the "busiest man in New York," when congress is not in session.

THIEVERY REPORTED

Four 'Jobs' Net Burglars
\$300 Worth of Loot.

Looting an auto, a sandwich shop, hotel room and theater, thieves Tuesday night obtained more than \$300 in loot, police said today.

T. J. Washman, proprietor of the Varsity Shoppe, 3827 North Illinois street, reported a burglar pried open a money box and escaped with \$15. Children's sample dresses worth \$100 were stolen from a downtown hotel, N. Katchoff, salesman, informed.

Two Negro thieves seen looting the parked automobile of Roy Sargent of the Hotel Washington escaped with a suit case worth \$25, police were told.

Two saxophones belonging to Lee Risher of 467 North State avenue were stolen late Tuesday night from the Indiana theater, police were informed.

Smile Blasted

Loaded Fags Tickle City
Hall Jokester Until One
Explodes in Face.

PRACTICAL jokes are a thing of the past at city hall, at least so far as Fred C. Grossart, street department clerk, is concerned.

Grossart Tuesday was the innocent victim of one of his own but not so innocent practical jokes.

Tiring of providing so many cigars for frequenters of the street commissioner's office, Grossart "loaded" several cigars with a small quantity of explosive.

The joke worked fine with several "cigar bums." Then Patrick Dugan, a street inspector, walked in and was given another of the trick cigars.

Dugan lighted the cigar, took several puffs and just had removed it from his mouth and held it near Grossart's face, when it exploded with a bang that brought people running into the office. It had been overloaded.

Grossart's face and eyes were burned, and now he is wearing dark glasses until his eyes heal.

"I think the whole trouble was in a Dutchman trying to fool an Irishman," Grossart commented.

PLAN SPRING BANQUET

Shortridge True Blue Club Will Honor Basketball, Debate Teams.

Annual spring banquet of the Shortridge high school True Blue Club, in honor of the basketball and debating teams, will be held Friday, April 15. The date originally was set at March 25.

Committees to take charge of the banquet were named at the last meeting of the club officers. Chairmen of the committees are as follows: Jeanne Stearns, Mary Robb, Margaret Ann Clippinger, Louise Edwards, Marian Ballinger, Jane Brown, Helen Rogge, Betty Kalleen, and Barbara Ballinger. The reception committee will be announced later.

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HURLEY, WET, FILES IN CONGRESS RACE

Second Republican From
Marion County Seeking
11th District Post.

Second Marion county Republican to file for the congressional nomination in the new Eleventh district is Frank Hurley, 4148 Spann avenue, Big Four railroad conductor, who classes himself as an "out and out wet."

Hurley is a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, attended Manual Training high school and is a member of the American Legion.

At present he is G. O. P. precinct committeeman of the Third precinct, Tenth ward.

He favors repeal of the eighteenth amendment, the six-hour working day and farm relief.

Will R. Wood of Lafayette, present Tenth district congressman, filed for the Republican nomination in the new Second district.

Three Democrats and two Republicans filed for the nominations for Marion county state representative. The Republicans are Robert S. Smith, 51 West Sixteenth street, and John W. Carlisle, 630 East Fifty-fourth street. Democrats are Henry C. Diener, 3218 East Washington street; George C. Stelhorn,

COPS GIVEN WARNING

Stay Out of Politics, Morrissey Warns All Policemen.

Warning to city policemen to "keep out of politics" has been issued by Police Chief Mike Morrissey.

"I have had several complaints of police officers taking part in politics. Let it be understood that, under no circumstances, is any member of this department to engage in political work or to further the candidacy of any man for any office. At no time will there be a judgment on enforcement of this order either before or after the primary election," Morrissey said.

HOSPITALS SHOW GAIN

Slight Increase in Patients is Revealed in February.

Increase in the number of patients in the three Indiana university hospitals is noted in a report today by Dr. E. T. Thompson, administrator. During February, there were 1,834 patients and in the same month last year, 1,827.

The largest number of patients, 878, were in the Riley hospital for children. There were 525 in the Robert W. Long hospital and 431 in the William H. Coleman hospital for women.

EASTER WEEK-END EXCURSIONS

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GIRL 21 BEFORE SHE SEES HER SINGER-FATHER

Couple Is Reunited at Pier,
After One Futile
Ocean Trip.

BY COLLIER FORD

NEW YORK, March 23.—Louis Rousseau, French tenor, met his 21-year-old daughter for the first time Tuesday shortly after she stood on the rain-swept pier of the Cunard line gazing across the foggy Hudson toward the decks of the liner Mauretania which brought him to America.

The girl was Louise Rousseau, daughter of the opera singer, born in Dallas, Tex., in 1911, a few weeks after the separation and divorce of her parents. Her mother was the daughter of a wealthy Dallas and New York lawyer.

Louise had never heard of her father, and had no idea where he was until a few years ago when she was a student at the Massachusetts institute of technology. Then she found her father's address in a Paris directory of the opera.

Disclaims Hold

She wrote to Rousseau, disclaiming any "legal hold on his property" as he laughingly explained Tuesday, but asked him to correspond with her if he was her father. He replied:

"My dear child. Legally nothing. Whatever I have is yours. That you want your father makes me the happiest man in the world."

A few weeks later, Rousseau sailed for New York only to find that his daughter had changed her address. The letter telling him the change had not reached him. For several weeks he lived here and finally returned to France, disheartened.

He learned later that he had been living all the time within calling distance of his daughter's home. She had walked by his doorway every morning and evening on her way from work.

Poor Bank Clerk

The singer said he was a poor bank clerk in New York when he met his wife.

"I can understand it. I was a bank clerk, with some promise in the future, but I wanted to follow art. When I left the bank, Mrs. Rousseau's family objected, but I was determined to sing. One day when I went home they were all gone."

Louise walked up the gangway Tuesday when the Mauretania docked, her father's picture in her hand. He stood in a secluded corner of the deck, holding her photograph.

They recognized each other immediately. Louise had found a father, Rousseau his daughter.

Court Rules She Can Stay With Grandma



Betty Reeves

A PRETTY 5-year-old girl today became her "grandma's baby" forever after the ruling of Superior Judge Clarence E. Weir that the child's father was "far from fatherly."

The child is Betty Reeves, who has lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, at 639 South Rybolt street, since her parents were divorced when Betty was 11 months old.

The father, Fred Reeves, of Bloomington, was held incompetent as the child's parents after Weir listened for two days to the pleas of Mrs. Patterson that she be permitted to keep the girl. Mrs. Patterson was contesting Reeves suit for custody of the girl.

MRS. Patterson, to illustrate the point that Reeves, after his divorce from his wife and her subsequent death, was not "fatherly," declared Reeves lived within a block of her home for almost five years, and never came to see the child.

In awarding Mrs. Patterson custody of Betty, Weir declared:

"The child is the primary consideration in a court action of this kind. The court believes the grandmother will train the child better than the father, who, apparently, has neglected to do a father's duty toward the baby."

MORRISSEY HAS NEW EXCUSE IN SCHOEN CASE

Chief, Opposing Return of
Job to Widow, Declares
Slain Man 'Off Duty.'

"Norman Schoen was not on duty when he was murdered. He was on his way home."

Seeking to carry further her fight for reinstatement as a police department clerk, Mrs. Ruth E. Schoen, widow of the slain patrolman, today was confronted with this statement of Chief Mike Morrissey as another obstacle she must hurdle.

Pleading that Schoen was slain while a member of the police force, friends of the widow, who filed a petition before the safety board Tuesday, were told by Morrissey that the department could not act on her reinstatement petition on the basis that Schoen was an officer on duty.

Called Gang Murder

However, this statement is met with the charge that Schoen was slain because, through his police work, he had uncovered operations of an Indianapolis and central Indiana gang.

Gunmen friends declare, hired by the gang leaders, murdered Schoen near midnight March 6, 1928, within a few yards of his residence.

Morrissey asserted that Mrs. Schoen was discharged as a department clerk as an economy move, and that it would "have helped" if she could operate a typewriter and take dictation in shorthand.

The safety board upheld Morrissey in his discharge of Mrs. Schoen, and Donald S. Morris, member, Tuesday declared the city was "not operating a benevolent institution."

Living on \$60 Monthly

Friends of the widow said today they will wait a few weeks for the safety board to act. If nothing is done, they again will appear before the group. Board members say Mrs. Schoen's remonstrance petition is "under advisement."

Mrs. Schoen now is supporting herself and two children on \$60 a month, the police pension provided after her husband's murder.

It was reported today that none of the three officers, placed in charge of the department since the change in the filing system at headquarters, is able to take dictation in shorthand. But few women employees of the police department are trained in shorthand, it was said.

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