

STOCK TAX WAR IS SHIFTED TO SENATE FLOOR

Brokers Win Victory in Committee: House Levy Cut.

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Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, May 4.—The fight to curb stock speculation through taxation, and to make Wall Street pay a larger share toward balancing the federal budget, has been transferred to the senate floor as the result of the brokers' victory in the senate finance committee.

Wall Street was released from a \$42,000,000 tax burden when the committee late yesterday reduced the house levy of 1 per cent on the face value of stocks transferred, the tax agreed to by the committee will be 4 cents. Progressives plan an attempt to re-insert the house tax on the senate floor.

Many Law Suits Feared

This action followed a committee decision against giving to relatives of persons who died between Sept. 1, 1928, and Jan. 1, 1931, a "depression discount" on their inheritance tax.

By striking out the estate devaluation section, the committee added about \$40,000,000 revenue, and at the same time opened the way for many law suits involving large estates.

The devaluation provision would have permitted such estates to pay, not on the value of the estate at the time of death as now provided, but on the value eighteen months after death. It would have affected about 30,000 estates.

Senators Cousins (Rep., Mich.) and Connally (Dem., Tex.) led opposition to the depression discount. Connally said the estate of Ogden Mills Sr., father of the secretary of treasury, would have been among those benefited. The mills estate was valued at \$50,000,000.

Drink Levy Cut

Other estates that Connally said would have received the "discount," not granted to income taxpayers, were those of George F. Baker, estate valued at \$100,000,000; Dwight Morrow, \$20,000,000; Harry Payne Whitney, \$100,000,000; Miss Ella Wendell, \$100,000,000; Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, \$25,000,000; Harry Phipps, \$100,000,000; Alexander C. Cochrane, \$40,000,000; Edward Bok, \$25,000,000; John T. Dorrance, \$15,000,000; Coleman Du Pont, \$35,000,000; and Thomas Fortune Ryan, \$150,000,000.

The committee changed again the tax on carbonated drinks, cutting out the 5-cent per gallon levy formerly agreed to and going back to the 2-cent tax of the house bill. It also reconsidered chewing gum, reducing the 5 per cent levy to 3 per cent, and losing about \$1,000,000 thereby.

Then it changed the tax on telegraph messages, making it 5 per cent of the price charged, with no exemptions. It also placed a tax on radio and cable messages of 10 cents per message.

Postal Boost Approved

It agreed with the house that first class postage rates should be hiked 1 cent, and imposed a new schedule of rates for second-class matter approximating the 1921 charges. The latter will raise about \$5,000,000. It also agreed to the house depletion allowance of 27 1/2 per cent on oil and gas wells, and fixed sulphur well depletion at 23 per cent, which is lower than the house did.

GHOST OF PRINCE IS REPORTED SEEN AGAIN

Countess of Limerick Feared More Bad News Is Coming.

By United Press

LONDON, May 4.—The ghost of Edward, the black prince, is said to have appeared again at Hall place, Bexley, Kent, historic home of the countess of Limerick, who claims to have seen the apparition for the fourth time.

Each time it has been the omen of bad news.

Lady Limerick said the last time she saw the ghost was in 1924, and shortly afterward her daughter died in America.

The ghost is said to appear in the banquet hall, clad in armor and accompanied by faint sounds of weird music.

Hall place was bought and furnished by Lady Limerick's brother-in-law, James Bradley, of New York.

TWO FLEE PRISON IN 'FRONT PAGE' STYLE

Hide in Desks They Built: Hop Out on Way to Old Cells.

By United Press

JOLIET, Ill., May 4.—Two prisoners, emulating an incident in "The Front Page," famous newspaper play, today were at liberty from Stateville penitentiary after a novel escape.

In the play, an unscrupulous city editor attempts to spirit a prisoner out of the county jail in a roll-top desk, but the subterfuge is detected. The prisoners, Harold Witt and James O'Connor, both sentenced from Chicago on long terms for robbery, were assigned to construct two desks.

The men concealed themselves in the desks apparently with the aid of a low production "was" 221,000 tons. In 1923 the April weekly average was 514,000 tons.

COAL PRODUCTION GAINS

Increase in State Strip Mines Noted Despite Strike.

Indiana strip mines and those working on a nonunion or so-called co-operative basis increased production of coal in the state for the week ending April 16, according to a report from the United States bureau of mines received here today.

The strike in the union fields, however, put production far below the pre-April period and the average for other years.

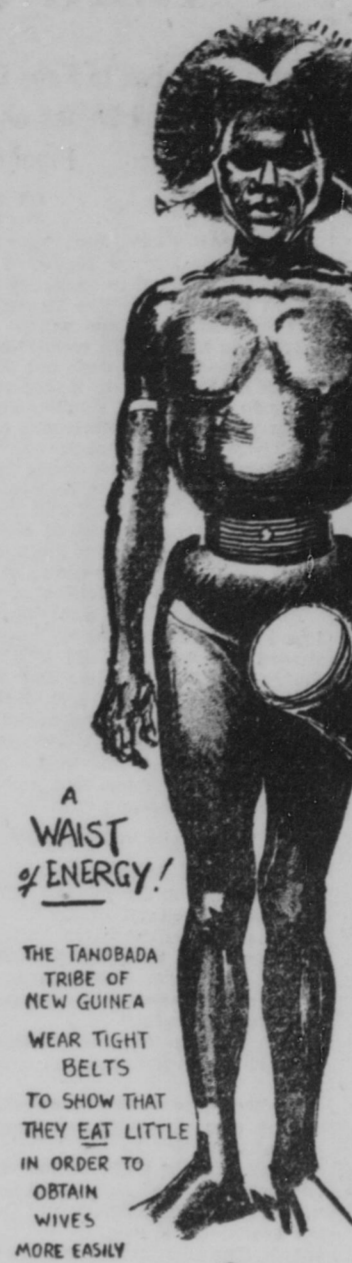
Total output for the week was given as 126,000 tons, while the preceding week was but 106,000 tons. For the corresponding period last year the production "was" 221,000 tons.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

On request, sent with stamped addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

BY RIPLEY



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Those Born on This Date Are Fond of Good Living

To obtain a character analysis, write to Miss Marguerite Carter, care of The Indianapolis Times, stating year, month and day of your birth. Enclose 10 cents in coin for each birth date given, to cover cost of mailing reply. Be sure to include the return address. Letters can not be acknowledged unless these instructions are followed.

BY MARGUERITE CARTER

If today is your birthday, you are possessed of a genial personality, but you have strong likes and dislikes. You are inclined to be somewhat secretive about your own affairs and you seldom are talkative in that connection.

You have splendid powers of concentration and are magnetic, forming friendships easily. You are inclined to demand the liberty to do things in your own way and you have confidence that is apt to carry you through to success.

Your opinion usually are very definite and you have strong power of will, the combination giving you great perseverance. Literary pursuits are apt to possess strong attraction for you, and if you have had the proper educational advantage you probably make a success in such endeavor.

You are apt to demand your own way in the pursuit of pleasure and opposition, or resistance is likely to arouse you to excessive anger. The greatest weakness you have is for the good things of life. You are fond of good food and good living, generally.

Dear Miss Carter—I always have been very fond of music. I love it better than anything in the world. My father was not in a financial position to aid me in any way toward getting a musical education. I have studied some in the past but not enough to be much good. I am engaged to a man who also is a musician and he does not mind my musical ambitions. Please advise me what to do. I was born Feb. 1, 1908.

YOUR birthdate shows that you are talented along musical lines. Undoubtedly you always will regret it if you give up every activity along that line. You haven't met the birth date of the young man to whom you are engaged, but the fact that he objects to your continuing to study music is an indication that he wouldn't be in sympathy with anything along that line.

If such is the case, you will not be harmonious temperamentally. It is possible, of course, that he fears the possibility that your music will come between you. If he has no sympathetic interest in music, I'd hesitate to let him marry you.

At any rate, you will be miserable, in my opinion, if you never go any farther in music than you have. To give it up entirely would be a mistake, in my opinion. However, the great struggle, I'd continue, if I were you.

M. C.—You have many of the characteristics which usually are possessed by people who are natives of your birth sign, cancer. You have both mechanical and artistic ability and you could devote a great deal of your time to working out new principles and perfecting new ideas. You are, however, most gifted along business lines and, in my opinion, belong mainly to manufacturing spheres.

Some of the world's most successful financiers were born in your sign as you are.

To E. C. D.—The ruling planets of the period between May 20 and 26 are Venus and Mercury. That is exactly between the signs Taurus and Gemini. People who were born during this time usually are possessed of graceful, easy manner and pleasing personality, due to the influence of Venus.

Mercury's influence, on the other hand, gives them talent for music, art and artists, and investors and their hands and brains work in great harmony. In my opinion, the greatest threat to their success is apt to come about through your tendency to carry on too many enterprises. You are fully aware of those traits and restrain their further development.

F. V. C.—Children born under the sign Aries frequently are difficult to manage unless one has the key to their nature, that key being love, reason and kindness.

SMITH DEMANDS RASKOB BE PAID

Urges Party to Rid Itself of \$320,000 Debt.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 4.—Alfred E. Smith has called upon the Democratic party to rid itself of the financial obligation to John F. Raskob, which the party has incurred since its defeat of four years ago. Raskob was selected by Smith as his national chairman during the 1928 campaign.

Smith based his appeal on the ground not only that the party should pay Raskob approximately \$320,000 which it still owes him, but that it should free itself from obligation to any one individual.

He made only one reference to his present campaign for a second nomination. That was a denial of reports that the proposed Democratic victory campaign fund of \$1,500,000 would be used for "any one candidate."

His demand that the Democratic party relieve itself of the financial obligation placed Smith on record as agreeing with the severest critics of himself and Raskob who have revolved against the "Raskob mortgage."

H. A. CALDWELL DIES

Rites for Aged Man Will Be Held Friday.

Henry Arthur Caldwell, 78, died Tuesday afternoon in his home, 3301 Broadway. He lived in Indianapolis thirty-two years. For many years Mr. Caldwell was foreign buyer for Chicago and Indianapolis firms.

He was born in Gardner, Mo. He was a member of First Presbyterian church, Ancient Landmarks lodge, F. and A. M., and the Scottish Rite.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P. M. Friday in Hisey & Titus funeral home. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

An attack of heart disease resulted in the death of Charles G. Pugh Sr., 69, in his home, 4026 East Tenth street. He was well known in Indiana as a paper broker.

It was believed his death was hastened by the death of his wife, Mrs. Florence Pugh, eight weeks ago. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

BAD STATE CHECKS OUT

Worthless Paper Passed in Northern Section of State.

Warning to Indiana bankers and merchants to be on the lookout for spurious checks on the state treasury was issued today by William Storen, state treasurer, following discovery that two fake checks were passed Tuesday in a Waterloo (Ind.) grocery and the Angola State bank.

The checks were written against account of the state highway commission and were printed in duplicate of state checks. Storen pointed out that one is authorized to cash drafts on the state treasury.

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POLICE RECEIVE 'RIDE' VICTIM'S FRANTIC CALL

Fear San Francisco Lawyer Slain: Benefactor's Death Probed.

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—A city-wide hunt for public defender Frank J. Egan, who vanished while police were investigating the violent death of a woman friend and benefactor, turned today into a grim quest for his body.

Two telephone calls, one from Egan to police and another in which his wife, Mrs. Loraine Egan, was told her husband had been "taken for a ride," remained the only tangible clues to his fate.

The deepening enigma of his disappearance was linked at first with the death of Mrs. Jesse Scott Johnson Hughes, 55, who made Egan her executor, and bequeathed him most of her \$25,000 estate. Her battered body was found Saturday morning beside a road in an exclusive residence district.

Police believe she was slain, and her body run over by an automobile to make it appear she had been struck by a hit-run driver.

Captain Charles Duella received a frantic call from Egan Tuesday night, the last time his voice was heard.

"These men have got me, captain," Egan cried. "I swear I'm innocent. They think I'm phoning my wife. I'm at the Ferry building, so come."

Duella heard a gasp as the receiver clicked. A squad of officers searched the Ferry terminal without finding Egan.

Then today his prostrated wife revealed she had received a mysterious call a few minutes after Egan had talked to Duella.

"We've just taken Frank for a ride," Mrs. Egan said a man's voice told her.

Although every officer in the city was ordered to hunt for Egan, inspectors indicated they believed he would not be found alive.

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Itching Shame

By United Press

TRENTON, N. J., May 4.—Mrs. Bertha C. Carter charged her husband with extreme cruelty in her petition for divorce filed today. She charged:

He sprinkled her corsets with itching powder.

He examined the front lawn when he returned home from work each evening, seeking the footprints of men he suspected of visiting her during his absence.

He frequently called her names, not gentle.

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