

HIGH BARRIERS FACE CAMPAIGN FOR ECONOMY

Interest on Public Debt, War Expenditures Two Big Items.

Following is another in the series of articles which describe where the taxpayer's dollar goes.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Economy efforts which President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt and his Democratic congressional leaders are attempting to shape, face two high barriers.

One is the fact that of every dollar in taxes collected, 33 cents goes toward paying interest on the public debt, and toward retiring this debt. This practically is a fixed charge.

The other is the fact that 43 cents of the tax dollar goes, according to federal budget figures, to national defense, military pensions, life insurance and such. It covers all veterans' allowances.

This group of expenditures is protected by strong patriotic feeling and the work of well-organized special groups. Congress thus far has been unable to resist the pressure which protects this expenditure. On the contrary, it has been inclined to increase the outlay.

National Defense Cost High

More fundamentally, many in congress oppose reducing national defense appropriations materially so long as the international situation remains as it is.

It may develop that for the greatest economy in national defense, the administration will be obliged to take an oblique course and first devote itself toward bringing about real disarmament and adjustment of irritating international situations.

Meantime, however, some leaders in congress believe that minor economies could be effected in the national defense if members would abandon pork barrel ideas.

Economy Faces Fight

The army general staff drew up a list of fifty obsolete interior posts which it said could be abandoned without injury to the military defenses of the country.

But congressmen in whose districts these forts are located, generally objected so that actually only a dozen have been closed.

The war department is just now closing out Ft. D. A. Russell at Marfa, Tex., but it had to undergo a severe tongue-lashing from Texans in and out of congress in so doing.

The same situation obtains with regard to navy yards and other naval establishments. The fact that each abandonment works real hardship and loss on the communities involved causes hesitation.

War Department's Share

Ten cents of the tax dollar goes to the war department, though a portion of this is for non-military activities such as river and harbor work.

Eight and a half cents goes to the navy.

Almost 26 cents goes to the veterans bureau.

This is the target of most large scale bombardment. Expenditures of this bureau are now practically \$1,000,000,000 a year. That is almost one dollar out of every four collected. It is more than the combined cost of the army and navy.

A running battle is now going on in congress over the merits of this expenditure.

General Hines, director of the bureau, views the mounting cost with concern.

Fought on Veterans' Pay

Economy groups this week urged a joint congressional committee to cut the veterans outlay by more than \$400,000,000. Veterans retort that some leaders in this hostile crusade themselves draw fancy retired pay, men such as Admiral Byrd and General Harbord, now head of the radio corporation of America.

The fight over Veterans relief promises to be a long pull. Seven persons still are drawing pensions of \$50 a month as a result of the war of 1812 which was 117 years ago—six widows and one daughter. The rolls carry 478 beneficiaries of the Mexican war.

FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR W. P. SHERWOOD

Long Illness Takes Lifelong Resident; Buried at Crown Hill.

Funeral services for William P. Sherwood, 76, of 1252 Standard avenue, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, who died at city hospital Monday after a long illness, were held in Tyler's mortuary, 328 West Thirtieth street at 10:30 this morning. Burial was in Crown Hill.

Mr. Sherwood was a charter member of Capital City lodge, No. 97, Knights of Pythias.

HEART ATTACK FATAL

Edward Goss Dies at Home, Despite Resuscitation Efforts.

Edward Goss, 616 East New York street, died at his home Wednesday night of a heart attack, despite efforts of a fire department rescue squad who tried to revive him.

Mrs. Carrie Goss, the wife, said that he had been ill since Dec. 8, and had suffered several severe attacks lately.

PICCARD SAILS FOR U. S.

Conqueror of Stratosphere Leaves for First Trip to America.

By United Press

LE HAVRE, France, Jan. 5.—Professor August Piccard, conqueror of the stratosphere, who has become one of the world's best-known scientists in the last two years, embarked Wednesday on the French liner Champlain for his first visit in America.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to: "Zeona" Buickman, 441 King avenue, Ford sedan, 78-901, from Mexico and Delaware street.

Red Cab Taxi Company, Market and Davidson streets, Ray Miles, 137 North Alabama street, driver, Ford sedan, No. 118, from 708 1/2 South West street.

Sweet Land of Volstead—No. 3

SURPRISE ATTACK ROUTS WETS

Dry Law Foes Asleep at Switch When Crash Comes



Photograph of the crowd in a cafe near Broadway and Forty-second street, New York, during the last hours before the beginning of the Volstead era.

Forrest Davis presents today the third of six articles on the amazing twelve-year Volstead era and the factors leading up to it—a subject of increased interest with the opening of the lame duck session of congress.

BY FORREST DAVIS
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THE talk along Jake Pfaff's neighborhood bar in 1916—the year the Anti-Saloon League elected a congress overwhelmingly pledged to a bone dry amendment—was quite likely to run in this wise:

"Well, if they make it nationwide, I guess it might be a good thing. I can do without the stuff if everybody else has to. I guess liquor never done anybody much good."

At the commercial club in small cities, at Rotary luncheons, all places where employers gathered socially, the argument followed this approximate course:

"I'm for it, if it will keep the hands sober. I guess if we did away with booze altogether we wouldn't have any more 'blue Mondays' at the factory."

"Anyway, we need sober hands for all this modern machinery, the automobile and everything, and it ought to help business to take all that money away from the saloonkeepers and brewers and put it in the pockets of legitimate business men."

So skillfully had the Anti-Saloon League, plentifully endowed with money—\$2,500,000 a year—and officered by single-minded experts in propaganda, elaborated the economic argument, the appeal to the pocket nerve, that by the time the United States entered the World War the business community generally—from the Rockefeller, Frick and Judge Gary to village shopkeepers—favored, if it did not actually endorse, the eighteenth amendment.

No sensible observer of the prohibition phenomenon from 1916 to 1932 can doubt that the self-interest of business men proved the compelling factor in the adoption of Volsteadism; just as, we may assume, the practical demand of the commercial interests for relief from federal taxation and a balanced budget put the decisive spoke into the recent political revolt against prohibition.

IN the first phase, the maudlin humanitarianism of "Ten Nights in a Barroom" probably would not have prevailed against the billion-dollar investment of the "liquor interests"; in the second, moral revulsion against bootlegging and gangsterism might have gone hand in glove with the economic argument.

The Anti-Saloon League played its ace when it convinced the commercial middle-class that death to the Demon Rum would lengthen profits by sobering up the workers and diverting buying power from Tim's place to the department store and the savings bank; the prohibition reform forces made genuine headway only when they dangled the bait of a half billion in excise taxes before the worried business man.

RAILROAD POLICE ELECT CANNON ON COMMITTEE

Captain E. B. Reed, Indianapolis, Is Chosen State President.

The Indiana Railroad Police Association at a meeting Wednesday in the Severn elected Captain E. B. Reed, Indianapolis member of the Pennsylvania railroad police, president of the body. He succeeds Captain E. F. Cline of the Big Four railroad.

Other officers are: Inspector John Hayes of Lafayette, vice-president; patrolman George Randall, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer.

Falls on Bottle; Injured

Falling on a bottle, after being knocked to the floor by her husband during an argument, Mrs. Hattie Smith, 39, of 1108 1/2 South West street, was sent to city hospital by police Wednesday night. Although twelve stitches were required to close the wound in her arm, her condition is not serious.

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William Jennings Bryan enjoying a quiet glass of water.

Where stood the wet majority when, from Jan. 8, 1918, to Jan. 16, 1919, thirty-six state legislatures tumbled over themselves to ratify the amendment? All but two of the states eventually ratified.

Granted that ratification came about through legislative action in all except Ohio, practical experience teaches that members of legislatures are not often so glibly unresponsive to majority opinion.

No, the latterly developed doctrine that prohibition was "put over" on a latent majority does not hold water.

It would be just as sensible to say that the vote in the eleven states that in one way and another expressed disapproval last Nov. 8 with prohibition did not represent the will of the people.

A fairer way of stating the prior revolution that saddled us with Volsteadism would be that a determined, vocal, highly organized minority won the consent if not the active indorsement of the majority.

All of which makes the subsequent revolution the more melodramatic.

In 1918-19 forty-six states enthusiastically accepted through their popular legislatures, a drastically bone-dry amendment to the Constitution; in 1932 forty-four states, through their electorates, elected a wet President and a wet congress on a plank calling for repeal of that constitutional ordinance.

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RELIEF FUNDS ON 'DISASTER' BASIS URGED

More Money Than Even Most Liberal Bills Provide Held Needed.

BY RUTH FINNEY
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The federal government must provide more relief for destitution in 1933 than even the most liberal bills pending in congress have proposed, in the opinion of social workers from New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, summoned here by the senate manufacturers committee.

Dr. Sidney E. Goldstein, chairman of the joint committee on unemployment, told the committee that \$750,000,000 must be made available by the federal government "in order to save a large part of our population from disaster."

He estimates that the state of New York, which so far has made no application for federal funds, must get \$75,000,000 from this source for 1933.

Swiftly Mounting Burdens

Samuel A. Goldsmith, executive director of Jewish Charities of Chicago, testified that Illinois must have \$92,000,000 for 1933, based on disaster standards of relief, and that only \$31,510,000 is in sight, including the maximum which the state may borrow from the R. F. C. and possible funds from a state bond issue which so far has not sold.

Jacob A. Billikopf of the Federation of Jewish Charities of Philadelphia told the committee that its \$500,000,000 relief bill, sponsored by Senators Edward P. Costigan and Robert La Follette, probably would be inadequate.

All the witnesses heard so far have told stories of swiftly mounting relief burdens and of depleted funds, resulting in distribution by social agencies of just enough food to keep needy applicants alive.

Assail Policy of R. F. C.

New York has 30,000 families known to need relief, but receive nothing at the present time, according to William Hodson, executive director of the welfare council of New York City.

All witnesses, likewise, have agreed that the R. F. C. federal policy of doling out relief funds for a few weeks at a time, has resulted in uncertainty which has meant extreme suffering in some cases, a desperate fear among all the needy, and wasteful disorganization of administrative relief efforts.

TRAVIS IN LAW FIRM

Former Supreme Court Judge Joins Holtzman and Coleman.

Julius C. Travis, Indiana supreme court judge, whose term expired Jan. 3, has announced plans for associating in law practice with John W. Holtzman, former mayor, and Robert D. Coleman, with offices at 1542 Consolidated building.

Prior to his twelve-year term on the bench, Travis practiced law in Laporte, Ind., from his graduation in 1894 until 1921.

Greed Fatal

Mule Tries to Eat 'Live' Wire; Found Dead by Master.

By United Press

PERU, Ind., Jan. 5.—Lee Long, a farmer living north of here, reported today that his mule was electrocuted when it tried to eat an electric wire carrying 110 volts.

More than a foot of wire was in the animal's mouth when it was found on the barn floor.

Canada has more railroad mileage in proportion to the population than any other country, or one mile of track for every twenty-three persons.

GLENN FRANK TO TALK HERE AT TOWN HALL

U. of Wisconsin President Will Speak Friday at English's.

One of the high spots of the Town Hall series of lectures will be the appearance here Friday morning of Glenn Frank, distinguished president of Wisconsin university. Mr. Frank, author of "Thunder and Dawn" and other books, is considered one of the country's clearest and most progressive thinkers.

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