

# TO TACKLE LUXURY TAX NOW--PERHAPS

Penrose Back in Senate Seat  
Brings New Life to Leaderless Crew.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Sen. Penrose of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and generally conceded to be the dictator of this congress, has returned to his place in the senate. For some time he has been absent. His florid countenance has not been seen emerging from behind a palm leaf fan. He has been vacationing while he mended political fences in his own state.

With the return of Penrose, there came for a few minutes at least the indication that congress would do something. His absence and the time which has been absolutely wasted is regarded by his friends as being pretty good evidence that Penrose is necessary to the movement of the congress either for good or bad.

The first good news he brought was that congress was going to redeem the pledge made by the republicans and democrats in their last campaign, to repeal the luxury tax. The democrats have been ready for its repeal, but for some reason, the republicans have dodged and held up action while the merchants and the consumers suffered. Upon the republicans, it is recognized, falls most of the censure because their filibuster in the last congress prevented the repeal of this tax when the democrats were pleading for its repeal and even some of the republican leaders, including Sen. Smoot of Utah, were disposed to repeal it. Budget System Sidetracked.

Penrose offered another consoling thought. He is assured this congress intimately and in some manner will effect economies. Possibly this will be done through the budget system for Penrose has been urging a budget system until the republican publicity department got out a prediction that the budget system would be devised only to hear from Sen. Kenyon, a few days later that his colleagues had "submarined" the plan for a budget system.

But with Penrose at the helm, the legislative ship may weigh anchor. Even Sen. Watson may come to life and make his appearance again in the senate. And with Penrose granting concessions to his many assistants, Watson may have a share of the glory. He may even be induced to talk on the League of Nations for Penrose is here now to consult and confer with and place the final stamp of approval on any views that Sen. Watson may have.

Some Indiana Parties.

The fact that Will H. Hays has determined that he will be the next governor of Indiana, of course, came as no surprise to the Indiana delegation in congress. It has been known for months that Hays would be the candidate and that other candidates would be lost in the shuffle.

The final deal by which Hays was named as the republican candidate a year or so before a primary was made, according to information possessed by the Indiana delegation, at the time Watson agreed he would not become a candidate for the presidency or vice presidency. The date was fixed up then by the Big Four—Watson, Sen. New, Governor Goodrich and Will H. Hays.

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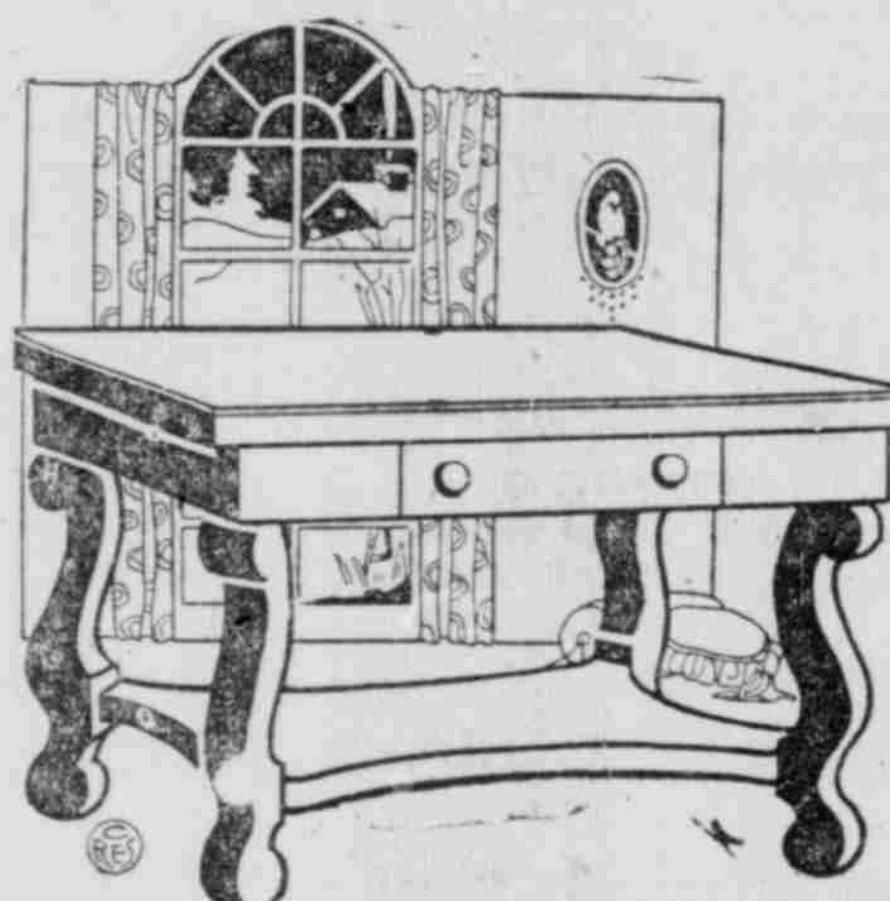
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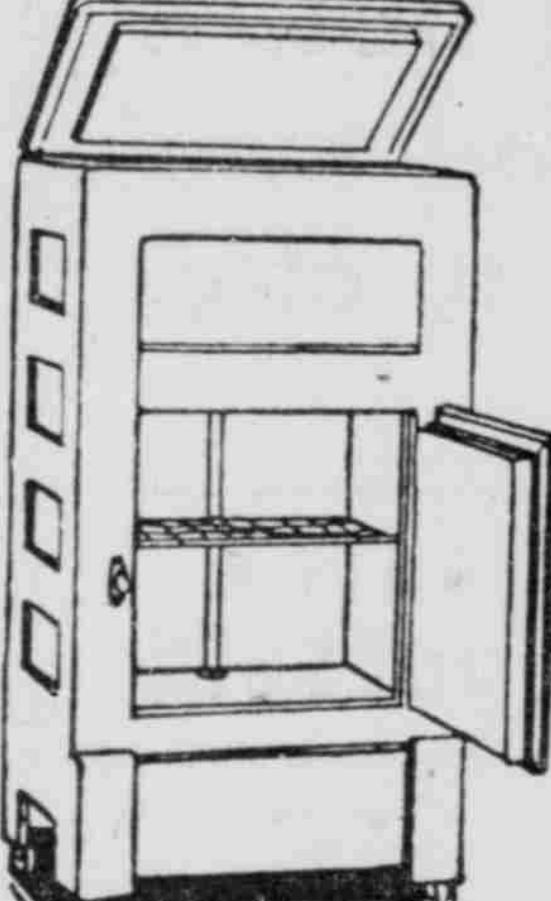
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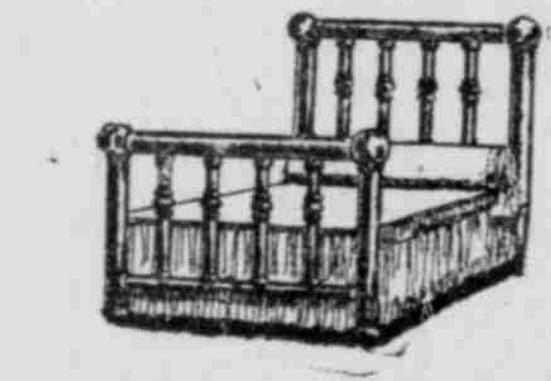


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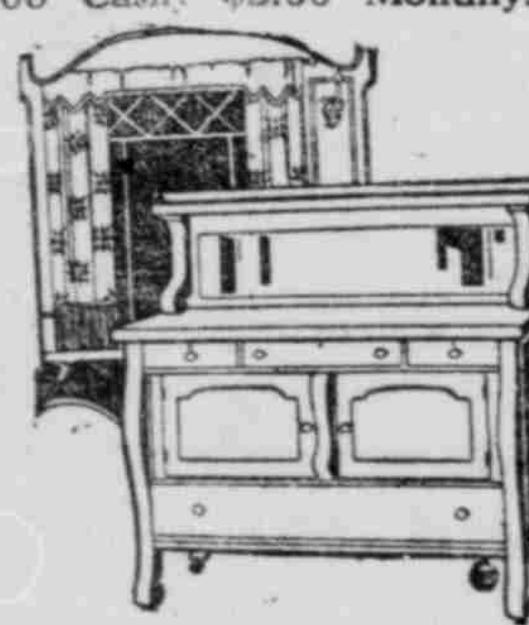


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