

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 republican and democrats in their last campaign, to repeal the luxury tax. The democrats have been ready for its repeal, the president has urged 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 blame 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 "submerged" 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.

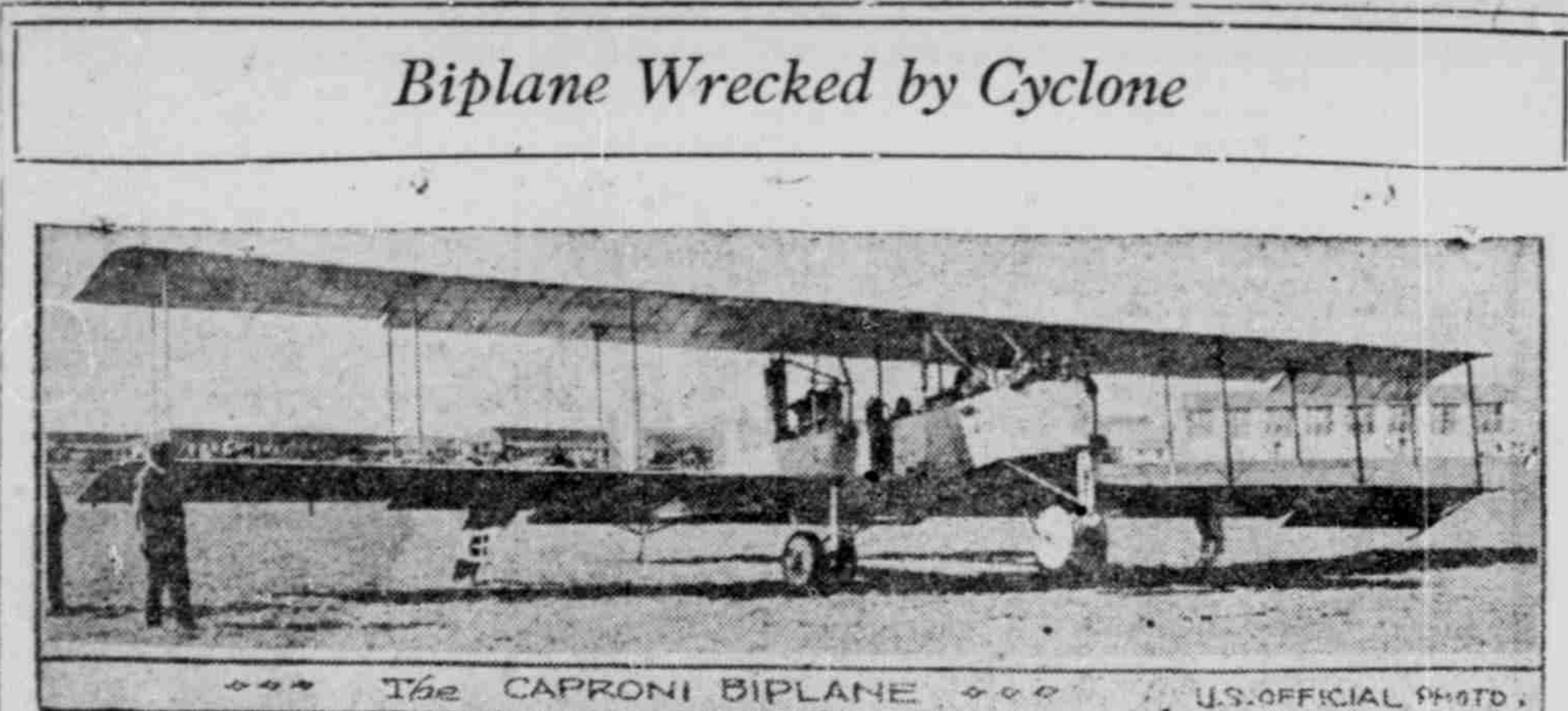
Some Indiana Parties.
The fact that Will H. Hays has determined that he will be the next governor of Indiana, of course, came as no surprise to the Indiana delegation, in congress. It has been known for months that Hays would be the candidate and that other candidates would be lost in the shuffle. The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

The grand machine, more powerful in its political way than the general trade commission says the jacks are, in their high cost of living way, placed its approval on

the program against which no ambitious soul in the Indiana party might quibble. Hays was to be governor. Sen. New and Watson were to have no opposition, and Goodrich was to have the combined support of the Big Four, the Indiana delegates to the national convention, and what Hays could do with Penrose and the other bosses, to be dency.

named the candidates for the vice-presidency.
There was a measure of self protection in the plan. It was generally supposed that out of the war there would arise a hero. Just who the hero might be was not decided upon but at least one young man in Indianapolis has been under discussion because he really offered everything he had. Against such a war hero and the possibility of a popular demand for him, the Big Four was organized. Up to the present time it has been successful in its mission.

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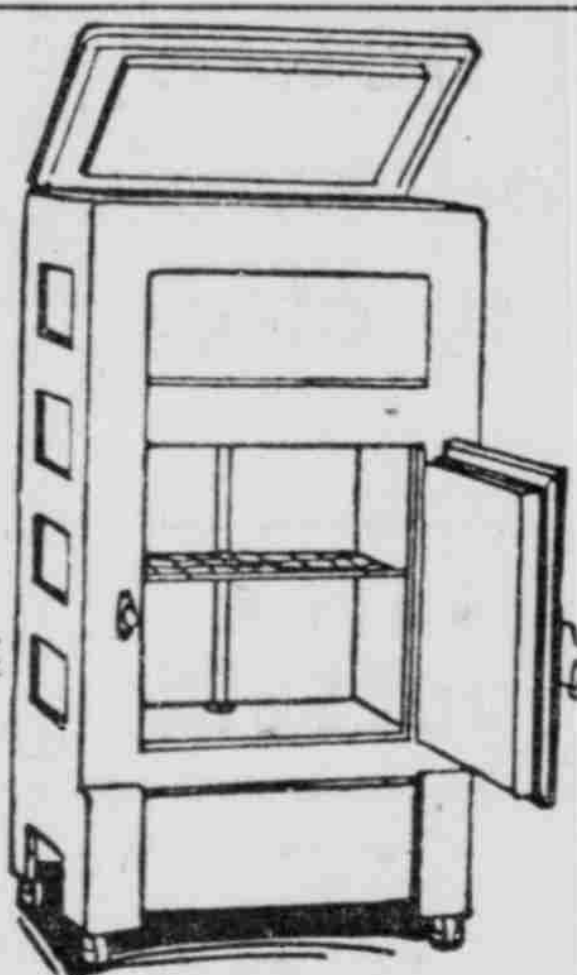
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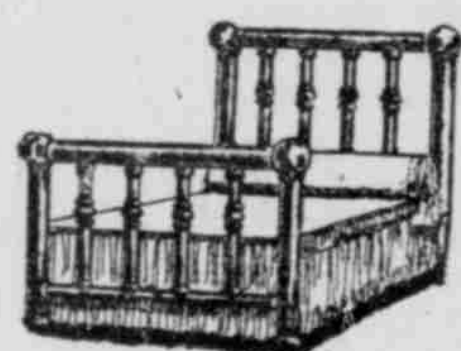


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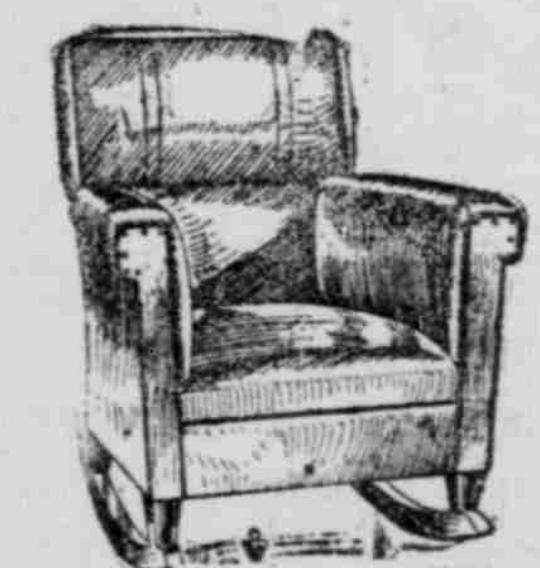


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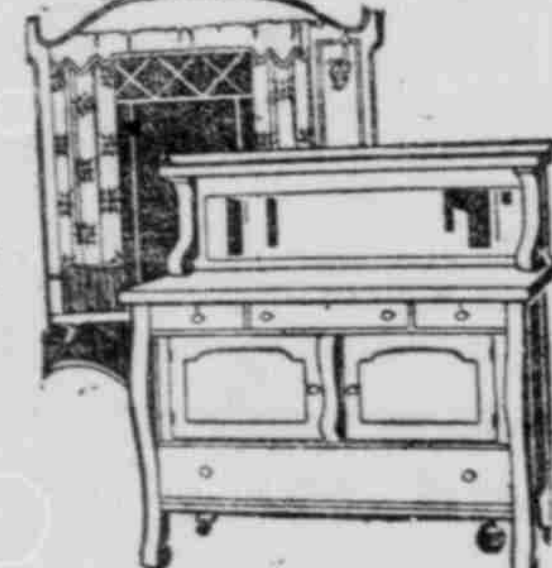
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