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ECONOMY CLAIM IS FALSE SAYS REPRESENTATIVE

In Spite of Republican Claim of Economy Taxes Are Higher Than Ever Before.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—If the statement of the Republican floor leader in the House, Representative Mondell, that the Republican Congress had saved the taxpayers more than a billion dollars is true, then "why have they not reduced taxes in a corresponding amount?" asks Representative James P. Byrnes of South Carolina, Democratic member of the House Appropriations committee, in a statement given out today.

Mr. Mondell has claimed, said Mr. Byrnes, that the appropriations by this Congress for the fiscal year commencing July 1 amount to \$4,595,390,327.30. "This is the truth but not whole truth. As a member of the appropriations committee, I want the people to know that in addition to the direct appropriation of the sum mentioned, this Congress has by re-appropriations and authorizations made available for expenditures at least \$543,500,000 additional, making the total amount available for expenditure \$5,138,890,327.30.

"This is almost five times as much as has ever been spent by the government in a single year in time of peace the largest amount heretofore appropriated being \$1,149,377,912.02 for the fiscal year 1916. This Republican Congress was in session exactly 150 days and an authorized expenditure of over five billion dollars means that the money of the people was appropriated by the rate of \$36,000,000 a day and that to meet the expenditures for next year it will be necessary to levy an average tax of \$50 upon every man woman and child in the country.

"Inasmuch as it is advisable that the public should know the total expenditures authorized by Congress, it is unfortunate that for political expediency this Republican Congress should have resorted to appropriating money in indirect ways, making absolutely misleading any statement of direct appropriations.

An instance of this effort to mislead the people by this pretended reduction of appropriations is in the deficiency bill, where the railway administration asked for 420 millions to wind up its affairs. Congress appropriated directly 300 million and instead of appropriating the remaining 120 millions, directed that the railway administration be allowed to use 30 million out of the loan fund appropriated in the transportation act. This money will be spent and the loan fund will be reimbursed after the election. The balance of 90 millions was provided by directing the war finance corporation to purchase at par 90 million dollars worth of Liberty bonds held by the railway administration. In this way the 120 million provided without making a direct appropriation and the Republican leaders include this in the reduction of estimates and call it a "saving" but the 90 millions will be spent.

"It is impossible to tell how many more similar 'reductions' have been included in appropriation bills, but the amount made available for expenditure in these items alone totals 471 millions, which must be added to the total of direct appropriations. In addition, the expenditure of nearly 73 million has been authorized in several bills, but no appropriations have been made to meet these expenditures. These amounts, added to the direct appropriations make a total of \$5,403,290,327.30 by this Congress.

"Confronted by their record of extravagance, the Republican leaders vainly endeavor to excuse themselves by explaining that the estimates of the department were \$1,312,417,650.39 in excess of the appropriations, and that they therefore 'saved' this amount of money. No more ridiculous statement has ever been made by a public official.

"If such a reduction constitutes a saving, the last Democratic Congress is entitled to special commendation, for that Congress reduced the estimates of the departments for the fiscal year of 1918 in the sum of \$5,554,161,598.31.

GRAND OPERA BY WIRELESS

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, June 17.—Madam Nellie Melba, the opera singer, sang today to an audience spread over the British Isles and a large part of Europe. By arrangement with the Daily Mail, the prima donna sang in a small room at the Met works, sang several songs into a microphone whence they were transmitted by a wireless telephone on a wave length that would have enabled them to be heard within a radius including Rome, Madrid, Berlin and Stockholm.

JOHNSON GRASS CAUSING WORRY

Johnson grass, the old pest that a great many of the Yuma county farmers have fought in other states, is becoming a menace to the Yuma Valley. Many farmers are complaining of this noxious weed stating that unless some work is done to check its growth and destroy its fertility a good portion of the valley will be lost to production and many thousands of dollars of the people's money will be spent in its eradication. While Johnson grass is not prevalent throughout the entire valley, nor even on every farm, still it can be found in spots from the head of the valley at Yuma to the Mexican line. A general complaint has been raised by the farmers and the complaint is having effect in the organization of a line of defense against the encroachment of the plague. Co-operation between farmers will be the only remedy for the successful eradication of the weed and the results obtained will be commensurate with the co-operation given.

TO INVESTIGATE I. W. W. PRISONERS

SYDNEY, Australia, June 17.—The Labor party having lately come into power in New South Wales, it is proposed by the government to appoint a commission to inquire into the case of the Industrial Workers of the World, who are in the penitentiary for arson and attempted arson committed here several years ago. An inquiry of the kind held not long ago shortly after the men had begun the serving of their sentences, which aggregate many years, resulted adversely to them.

The prisoners number twelve, their names being Donald McPherson, Wm. Beatty, Thomas Moore, Benjamin King, Peter Larkin, William Teen, John Hamilton, Bernard B. Besant, Donald Grant, Charles Reeve, Morris J. Fagin and Thomas Glynn.

Larkin has some connection with the Industrial Workers of the World organization of the United States, prior to coming to Australia and King was at his height the men set fire to four big establishments in Sydney causing losses estimated at \$1,250,000 and tried to set fire to other stores and factories.

They were convicted of treason.

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Philadelphia 0; St. Louis 1.
St. Louis 12; Philadelphia 9.
Detroit 1; Boston 2.
Chicago 2; New York 7.

COAST LEAGUE.

Salt Lake 10; Los Angeles 1.
Portland 9; Vernon 2.
Oakland 4; Seattle 5.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Spot cotton 39.25.

THE WEATHER.

(By Associated Press)
PHOENIX, June 17.—Friday and Saturday, fair.

"If, by reducing estimates, they have saved more than a billion dollars, why have they not reduced the taxes in corresponding amount?"

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DESIRED BY PEOPLE DECLARES WILSON

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, June 17.—President Wilson, in a special interview given to the New York World, to be published tomorrow morning, said he was extremely confident that the Democratic convention at San Francisco will welcome the acceptance by the Republican party of my invitation to make the league of nations a campaign issue during the coming contest.

"I am even more confident," he said, "that the American people desire the league of nations over anything else and will condemn the Republican party for denying them their wish."

The processes by which the Chicago platform was accomplished seemed to have been scientifically Prussian in its method. Instead of quoting Washington and Lincoln, the Republican

party should have quoted Bismarck and Bernhardi, because the Republican attitude regarding the real issues strongly suggest the influence that dedicated the doctrine of these two persons.

"Every charge directed against me is obviously designed to baffle the real issues before the American people. I sincerely believe that the attempt of the Republican party to win the sanction of the American people by its evasion of these obligations will be rebuked.

"With one thing I am fully satisfied—that is the Republican party in its platform has joined me in the suggestion I made in my letter to the guests at the Jackson day dinner at Washington. In that letter I expressed the hope that a sincere attempt

would be made to determine the attitude of the American people on the league of nations by the resort of the referendum. Of course, I have no way of anticipating the probable trend of sentiment that will be expressed in the Democratic national convention at San Francisco or forecasting the ultimate conclusions of that body, but I have every confidence that the delegates who will sit in that convention will repeat the challenge I issued to the Republican party and express their readiness to permit the people to decide between the Republicans and the Democrats' attitude. Whatever else the Democratic party may do I hope that its convention at San Francisco will say just what it means on every issue that it will resort neither to ambiguity or evasion in doing so."

LABOR WANTS GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

(By Associated Press)
MONTREAL, June 17.—The American Federation of Labor's endorsement today of government ownership of the railroads at its annual convention here was said to be the first genuine defeat Samuel Gompers, its president, had suffered in years. The decisive vote, it was reported, caused the labor chief to state before the convention today that he was not quite sure he would be a candidate for reelection. Mr. Gompers fought hard against the convention's action declaring it was a step towards the enslavement of the workers as government employees. He received only a mild ovation. After the federation's action the executive council, whose members supported Mr. Gompers, are said to be placed in an embarrassing position. They must now take steps to bring about government ownership which they have opposed, or resign. Despite the protest of Mr. Gompers the convention increased his salary as president from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year. Organizers' wages were increased from \$48.00 to \$60.00 a week.

YUMA PEOPLE PASS TEACHERS' EXAMS.

(By Associated Press)
PHOENIX, June 17.—Telling the truth may not bring a reward in one instance at least. Miss Melba Merrill, officials of the state board of school exams were inclined to believe tonight, Miss Merrill, a pretty 17-year-old girl told the truth about her age when she took the recent examination for a teacher's certificate. Members of the board said she passed with high honors but did not know whether she should be granted a first class certificate.

Successful applicants included, Yuma.—First grade, Mrs. Lulla Hinshaw.
Second grade, D. V. Hinshaw.

HEARINGS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

(By Associated Press)
PHOENIX, June 17.—The Arizona Tax Commission will hold a hearing in San Francisco next week to place valuation on property of the Standard Oil Company in thirteen counties of Arizona it was announced today. The hearings will be held June 23 and 24.

BUBONIC PLAGUE FOUND IN CITY OF GALVESTON

(By Associated Press)
GALVESTON, Tex., June 17.—The death of a 17-year-old youth here yesterday after a brief illness was "probably due to the bubonic plague" according to a diagnosis made public tonight by Professor F. Boyd of the Galveston Medical School.

Following a conference this afternoon presided over by Mayor H. O. Sattington, it was decided to ask the Washington authorities to dispatch to the city health experts to help prevent a possible spread of the disease. In a statement to the public tonight the committee in charge asked citizens to catch all rats and mice possible and deliver them to the city authorities for examination.

HOLLAND TO LONDON BY AIR

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, June 15.—Holland is to be linked with England by a regular air service, which will shortly commence. The machines will leave Croydon, which is a suburb of London, three times a week and will land in an aerodrome in Holland about twenty minutes run from Amsterdam. A regular automobile service from the aerodrome and Amsterdam will be maintained. The distance of the air flight is about 260 miles.

APPEAL FOR HOUSE SERVANTS

(By Associated Press)
HONOLULU, June 15.—Honolulu will appeal to the chambers of commerce of cities in Sweden and Denmark for house servants, according to an announcement by officers of the Honolulu Housewives' League. This league will send circulars to the Scandinavian countries, reciting the dearth here of domestic help and asking if there are any working women available who would appreciate employment at the cross roads of the Pacific.

HEARING SATURDAY.

The Corporation Commission will hold a hearing in Yuma next Saturday at which time they will take under advisement the application of the District Auto Service to increase their fare from Yuma to Somerton from 75c to \$1.00. The application for an increase in rates is taken by the D. A. S. in order to meet the rising prices of gas, oil and tires and automobile repairs.

WILL VISIT U. S.

LONDON, June 17.—Dr. A. E. Garvie, principal of the New College of London and chairman of the Congressional Union, is shortly to leave England on an Anglo-American friendship mission to the United States. "I shall get at the ear of the nation by speaking at churches, universities and colleges," he said.

RECOMMEND DEMOLITION OF CHURCHES

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, June 15.—The commission appointed by the Bishop of London to consider the question of superfluous city churches recommends the demolition of 19 of which 13 were built by St. Christopher Wren. The value of their sites is over 1,500,000 pounds.

WATCHING THE AMERICAN NAVY

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, June 17.—Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty, declared today in the House of Commons that the admiralty was following important developments of the naval program of the United States with the greatest closeness. Mr. Long said the admiralty would not fail to ask Parliament for necessary powers if its members thought that they were falling behind their proper naval standard.

POOR PROSPECTS FOR ALFALFA SEED

That the alfalfa seed industry for the year of 1930 will not come up to expectations is the belief of a number of prominent farmers of the Yuma Valley. Their opinions are based on present conditions in this year's partial crop failure. The partial crop failure has been caused by the excessive amount of winds that have visited the Yuma Valley during the past several months. It is the experience of seed growers that when the wind blows the seed will not set. There are a number of farmers in the valley who have stated that their seed crop is so poor that it is hardly worth the time of putting it through the threshing, while many others state that their yield will only be about one-half of last year's production.

AUSTRALIA WILL MINT SQUARE COINS

SYDNEY, Australia, June 17.—This country is about to mint square pennies and half-pennies of nickel. These will go into circulation concurrently with the present copper coinage of which it is understood no more will be minted.

So far the only peoples to attempt to use square coins are those who are resident of the dominions of Great Britain. India has had a square two-anna piece since 1918 Ceylon a square five-cent piece since 1910 and the Straits Settlements have had a square cent since last year. The action of the Melbourne mint officials is probably dictated by the fact that square coins leave less metal in the sheets from which they are cut and pack better when boxed.

No Market for the School Bonds

Although yesterday was the day set for the sale of three issues of Yuma County school bonds, no bidders appeared upon the scene and the bonds are still for sale. The three issues for sale were: Somerton, \$25,000; Crane, \$15,000, and Yuma No. 1, \$7,000. The bonds of the Somerton and Crane school districts were voted for the purpose of obtaining sufficient money to complete the construction of the school houses which have been started and the Yuma bonds for school district No. 1 were voted for the purpose of paving Second avenue in front of the school property.

GERMANS ARE AFTER EMPLOYMENT

TOKIO, June 17.—More than seven hundred of the German prisoners of war set free by the Japanese in Siberia are desirous of finding employment in Japan. All are graduates of technical schools and experienced in electric, mechanical and railway work and the Japanese authorities to whom they have applied have referred them to the Tokio Chamber of Commerce, which is trying to find employment for them.

CHARITIES ARE ON THE INCREASE

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, June 17.—The cost of the charities of Great Britain has increased one thousand per cent in the last twenty years, despite the enormous expenditure on insurance, unemployment, old age pensions and various other forms of public assistance. J. R. Marriott, member of Parliament, has told the Charity Organization Society that he estimated the present charity total to be 250 million pounds for the year, as compared with 25 million pounds twenty years ago.

"We are manufacturing pauperism at an appalling rate," said Mr. Marriott.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

(By Associated Press)
COOKSTOWN, Ireland, June 17.—A hundred Sinn Feiners today attacked the police barracks here and drove the police to the upper part of the building.

PREACHER BOXES BARBER

(By Associated Press)
UPPER LAKE, Calif., June 15.—The Rev. James Allen, pastor of the Methodist church here boxed four rounds to a draw with Fred Fuller, the local barber. The bout was at a benefit performance for a local charity and John Thompson, principal of the high school was the time-keeper. The receipts were \$75.

TEMPE—Rock crusher being constructed to supply county highway work.

WILL SPEND \$8,500,000 IN MARICOPA

Progressive County of State Asking for \$4,500,000 More Bonds for Roads.

PHOENIX, June 17.—Maricopa county admits it is short on good roads and will spend over eight million dollars in building approximately 300 miles of them, it was announced at the Arizona Good Roads Association headquarters following inquiries from different parts of the state as to Maricopa's position, now that initiative petitions for a state highway commission bill are being circulated everywhere. It was emphasized at headquarters that the purpose of this state highway commission would be to build state roads or trunk lines, thus connecting up all county systems, that the proposed bill has nothing to do with their work, or bond issues, that all counties would be served alike by a state highway commission, as their needs required. The reports received from the several counties as to the petitions now being circulated are very encouraging, the association announced. Here is the statement issued by the association on Maricopa county:

"We do not have to prove it to Maricopa county, she admits it, but she is now getting ready to change conditions. Not satisfied with \$4,000,000 for good roads in the county, a movement has been started for another issue of bonds for \$4,500,000, so that when the roads are built they will be in no place less than sixteen feet in width or six inches in thickness. A part of the roadway is to be eighteen feet wide, and all roads are to be of concrete.

"Of this work, which totals around 300 miles of roads, a large stretch of it will be on state lines of travel. For instance, there is the road starting at the eastern canal, four miles east of Mesa, which goes west to the town of Buckeye, giving 52 miles of unimproved paved road of the finest type built anywhere in the country. Then there will be a connection south of Mesa of 11 miles of the same type of high class road. There will be still another connecting state highway, the one from Phoenix northwest to Glendale and the northern part of the state, this link being about fifteen miles in length. It will be paved all the way to Maricopa and beyond.

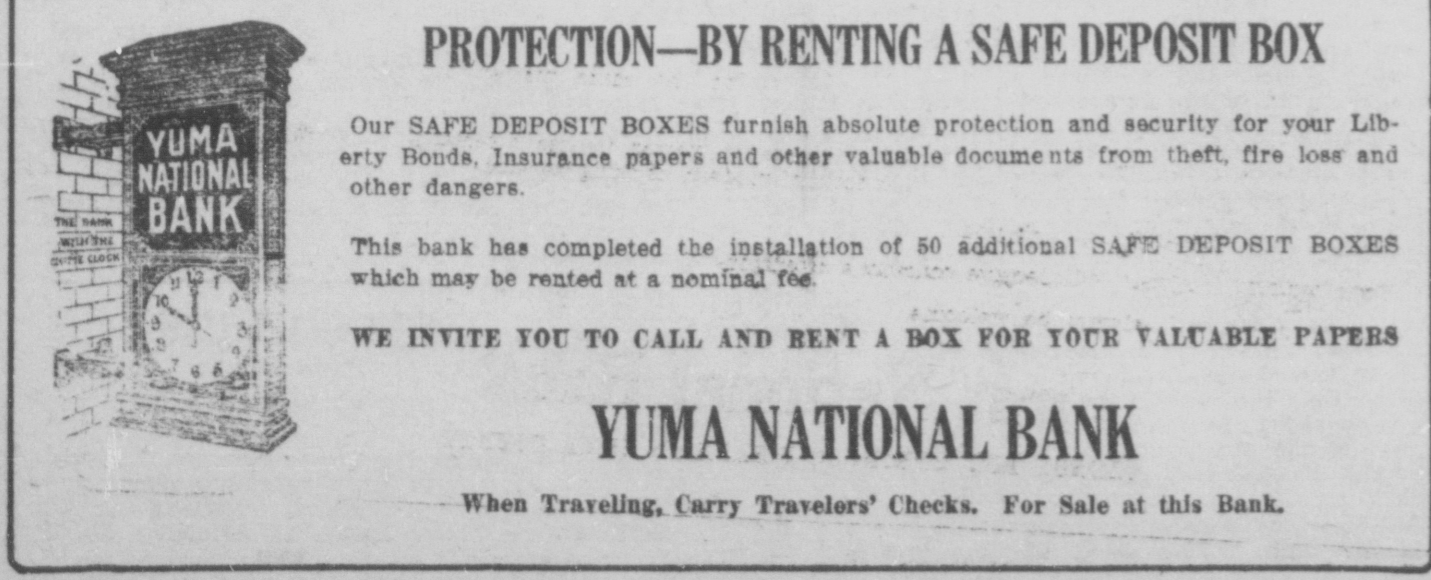
"Arrangements have been made for the construction of immense rock-crushing and other plants necessary for the building of these roads. The contracts have been let to a firm of contractors known all over the West for their large enterprises and this firm has put up a bond of a million dollars to insure the carrying out of the project.

"Petitions for the second bond issue are now being freely circulated and signed in Maricopa county. It is the intention of the board of supervisors to hold off the sale of bonds for a year and probably longer, as the money will not be required until the four million dollars already available has been expended.

"Maricopa county is now in earnest for good roads and wants to occupy the leading position in the state on this very important matter. It is predicted that within three years Maricopa county will have a paved highway from the state capitol to the line of the county of each of the adjoining ones."

RIVER FALLING FAST AT NEEDLES

The Colorado River fell one tenth of a foot yesterday at Needles and a full foot at Yuma. The second rise at Needles has not begun to show at this place and will not do so before Sunday. It is not likely that the river will get very high on the second rise at Yuma—probably not over 27 or 28 feet. This rise will be due here the first of the week.



PROTECTION—BY RENTING A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX

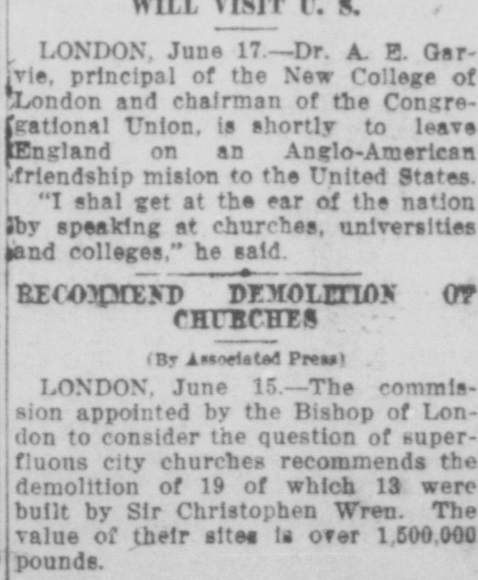
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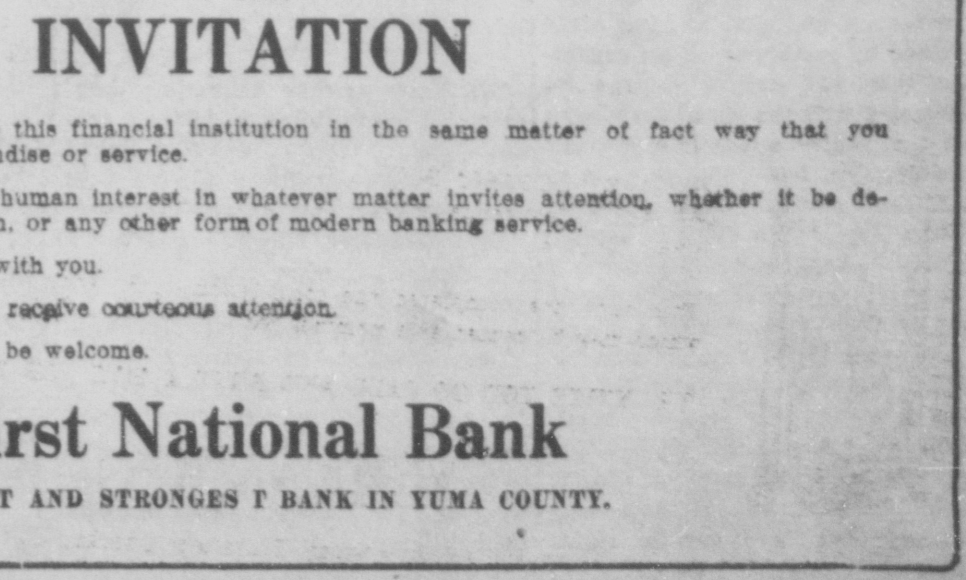
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