

POSTAL RATE CUT MADE IN TAX PLAN

House Committee Agrees on Lower Scale for All Periodicals

CHAUTAQUAS ESCAPE Freed from Levy After Humorous Discussion of Bryan and Yodlers

WASHINGTON, May 22.—A reduction in the postal rates on second-class mail matter—newspapers and magazines—as proposed in the revenue bill was agreed on today by the House Ways and Means Committee.

CHAUTAQUAS EXEMPT After a humorous debate in which reference was made to William J. Bryan, swing bell ringers and yodlers, the House today adopted an amendment to the revenue bill which would exempt Chautauquas from the ten per cent tax levied on tickets to places of amusement.

THREAT OF ALL-NIGHT SESSION If Democratic Leader Kitchin stands by his threat the House will not adjourn tonight until the war revenue bill has been passed.

SENATE WILL FIGHT BILL The Senate, which now expects to have the House bill before it in the morning, already has taken steps toward drastic amendments.

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10,000 See Retribution on Girl's Slayer—Accomplice Held for Like Fate

'NO BULLET' MOTHER'S CRY 'Let Him Suffer,' Dramatic Vengeance Plea on Scene of Child's Tragic Death

MEMPHIS, May 22.—Lynch law ruled this afternoon. With Elvira Persons, negro, burned at the stake on Macon road, and with Tackie "Dinny" Ford, another negro, captured and about to face the fate of Persons, a mob estimated at more than 2,000 scoured the country around Memphis for a third negro.

PERSONS, child and slayer, was tied to the stake in a steel cage on the scene of his crime, and the torch applied and he perished. Ford and the third negro in the amount and killing of Antoinette Rappal, a 12-year-old schoolgirl, near here on April 20.

Ford had been arrested in connection with the murder, which was committed on the Wolf River branch of the Macon road. He was released because of lack of evidence. He is dead, and dumb, and the police could not get him to write a statement.

PERSONS, the third negro implicated by Persons, was located together with several other negroes in a shack on the outskirts of the Wolf River district shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Leaders rushed to Memphis for re-enforcements and a hot battle with the barricaded negroes is expected. Ford is still detained in his cabin near here. He was shot through the arm when he reached for his gun as a portion of the mob closed in on him.

More than 10,000 persons looked on while Persons was burned to death today by a mob of uneducated men.

Several hundred women and girls stood and watched the death agony of the negro, who had confessed slaying of the head of the young schoolgirl.

The burning of the negro was delayed for several hours pending the arrival from Mississippi of a crowd of citizens who had come to Memphis to witness the execution. The city of Memphis was agog with excitement. Many business houses failed to open their doors and the newspapers closed their editions early so that employees could go to the scene of the lynching. Persons had been captured from a sheriff's party last night near Holly Springs, Miss. His arrival in Memphis was delayed by a storm which made the roads nearly impassable.

Once inside the steel cage Persons was lashed fast to a stake. The fagots saturated with gasoline were piled so as to surround the cage and while the gathered thousands cheered the match was applied to the pyre.

As the flames leaped into the air the negro's screams could be heard for half a mile. The flames burned slowly and it was several seconds before the form of the negro was hidden by the blaze. As the fire leaped about him the negro could be seen to cry, but his words were lost in the crackle of the flames and the shoutings of the mob.

LYNCHERS LIKE MADMEN The men who had led in the capture of Persons, who had been hauled to Memphis, were seen to burn until the last remnant of flesh fell from the negro's charred bones. A negro automobile driver named Bert Ingram, close to the scene, was excited by the lynching and caught up an American flag as the flames died down and, waving it above his head, shouted:

"We tore the flag to shreds and was immediately grabbed by a crowd of white men, who attempted to rush him to the dying scene where Persons' skeleton still hung. Five policemen rescued him. He will be turned over to the Federal authorities.

A sign was nailed on a barn near the scene of the lynching just as the fire was started in the burning cage. It read:

"The source today has avenged the death of a red-headed southern girl, who gave her life to satisfy the fiendish desire of a black man we have burned."

While preparations went forward for the burning of Persons, the crowd about the steel cage took on the semblance of a carnival through the negro's body.

Men, women and girls lifted their voices in a great chorus singing "John Brown's Body" a sheriff's posse attempted to force its way to the center of the monster gathering, but was turned back at gun point.

The efforts of the officers were only halfhearted. They knew the spirit of the mob would not permit any interference.

MOTHERS VENGEANCE PLEA As Persons was fastened to the stake the mother of Antoinette Rappal rose in an automobile near the center of the crowd and pleaded with the mob not to fire a shot into the negro's body.

"Please let him suffer in death as he made my little girl suffer," she shouted hysterically.

The mob answered with a cheer that rolled over the assembled multitude. When the fire was blazing about the negro a collection was taken up for a tomatone for the dead girl's grave.

Ell Persons was brought to the prepared lynching pyre by an armed mob of seventy-five citizens who seized him last night near Holly Springs, Miss. The mob had been on the hunt for the negro for several days, after he was removed from the jail in Nashville, but Sheriff's office attaches, until last night, had succeeded in evading the citizens posse.

The Sheriff had purposed to rush his prisoner to Memphis and bring him to trial quickly, but the mob outside him stopped his train and ordered the officer to give up Persons. Seeing resistance was useless, the train was stopped and the mob leaders, near midnight one of the mob organizers telephoned to Memphis that the lynching party had been delayed by a storm which made the roads nearly impassable. They would arrive with their prisoners this morning, he said.

Word of the proposed lynching spread widely over the countryside. Hundreds of families left their beds and repaired to the place selected for the burning of the negro. It was estimated that more than 10,000 automobiles had been parked along Macon road, near the swamp where the mob planned to avenge the Rappal girl's death.

GORE-LEVER FOOD BILL DRAFTED FOR DEBATES

Senate to Get Measure Late Today Guarding Nation's Supply for War

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The Senate Agriculture Committee today completed the drafting of a bill to increase food production and will report it late this afternoon.

The bill provides for a nationwide survey of present conditions of crops and possible production. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to purchase more for farmers and to distribute it where he may think fit.

Provision giving the Government over to commander seed was stricken out. An appropriation of \$1,000,000 is allowed for carrying, control and eradication of disease among cattle, sheep and hogs. For procuring and storing of seeds the Department of Agriculture is allowed \$2,500,000.

A fund of \$2,000,000 is created to increase the food production and eliminate waste. This money is to be spent in education of the American housewife in kitchen economy.

The sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated for extension of the market news system, to acquire the housewife with market conditions.

A fund of \$1,200,000 is allowed for miscellaneous items.

AMERICAN MUST CONSERVE FOODSTUFFS TO SAVE THE ALLIES This was the starting point sounded today by the allied representatives and economists of the United States who are dealing with the food problem. They warn that the nation must conserve its food supplies as never before.

Large programs of production and efforts to bring forth a bumper crop next fall are urged before the war is over. The food supply is to be conserved today, but the problem is to get the people to use it wisely.

While they are entangling over large gardens and every one is railing to the government for more food, the fact is that the effective use of the wheat and breadstuffs for the next few weeks, America's duty is to conserve its food supplies.

These coming weeks when the great cost of the war will come and the greatest strain will be felt.

HOOPER'S PROBLEM The entire problem of awakening Americans has been unclouded on the broad shoulders of Hoover, a typical "efficient American."

In the hands of this man, once a mining engineer, lies the fate of the world. It is conceded by all that Hoover is a man of high caliber and his work is of the highest order.

While he has been appointed food administrator by President Wilson, Hoover still lacks the necessary facts. Hoover is the man who will give him the administration of the vast food resources of America. Nevertheless, he is hard at work preparing, and once he is in his hands, he will be giving the biggest job of the war—feeding the world.

STORE CLOSED FOR 2 HOURS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES Employees of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company Attend Firm's Secretary's Interment

The store of Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company, jewelers and silversmiths, 1215 Chestnut street, was closed this afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock, during the funeral services for Clarence M. Watson, who was secretary of the company at the time of his death. He died with the firm for more than thirty-five years.

All members and employees of the firm attended the services, which were held at St. Mark's Episcopal church. The interment was private. He died last Friday.

RAILROAD ORDERS 25 LOCOMOTIVES NEW YORK, May 22.—An order for twenty-five high-speed locomotives has just been placed by the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, making a total of seventy engines purchased by the road in the last four months.

FAVORITES AT JAMAICA TRAIL SPEEDY OUTSIDERS Sun Rose and Preston Lynn, Both Backed at 10 to 1, Winners in First Two Races

JAMAICA, May 22.—The favorites in the first two races here this afternoon trailed long shots to the wire when Sun Rose and Preston Lynn, both backed at 10 to 1, won the first two races.

TREASURY TROVE IN THE HEAT OF THE RACE Sun Rose, a 10 to 1 shot, won the first race, and Preston Lynn, a 10 to 1 shot, won the second race.

JAMAICA RESULTS FIRST RACE, two-year-old fillies, 8:30 a. m. 1. Sun Rose, 105, J. M., 10 to 1. 2 to 1. 2. Treasure Trove, 104, 9 to 1. 3 to 1. 3. Little Breeze, 105, M., 12 to 1. 4 to 1. 4. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1. 5 to 1. 5. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1. 6 to 1. 6. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1. 7 to 1. 7. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1. 8 to 1. 8. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1. 9 to 1. 9. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1. 10 to 1. 10. Sun Rose, 105, M., 12 to 1.

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\$50,000 FOR DEBTS OF SAFETY BOARD

State War Council Votes Pepper's Committee Small Fund

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The State War Council today voted to grant \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the Public Safety Committee of Pennsylvania.

The amount is to be used, the Governor explained, to pay off the debts already incurred and future expenses. The debts aggregate about \$25,000. What the future expenditures will be, the Governor said, he does not know, as the matter has not been worked out in detail as yet.

The Public Safety Committee will receive tomorrow the letter from the Governor transferring the money to the committee. It is expected that the committee will have received the money by the time the fund recently voted for by the Legislature.

A DOUBLE CHECK The Safety Committee will have to send vouchers for every expenditure to Lieutenant Frank E. McLaughlin, who is secretary of the War Board. He will have to certify that the money is to be used for the Auditor General, who will check the warrants for the State Treasurer to pay. Hence there is double check in the committee's expenditures.

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CITY SOLICITOR'S VIEW American League Plans Series for Benefit of Army Engineer

PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—The plan of American League agents to hold Sunday baseball games in Philadelphia, New York and other places to raise a fund for the army engineering corps may meet with serious obstacles as far as Philadelphia is concerned.

City solicitor John P. Connolly said this afternoon in discussing the case that there is no chance for Sunday professional baseball in this city under the present laws even for patriotic purposes. It would be necessary, he said, to obtain the passage of a measure by the Legislature permitting Sunday baseball and the removal for such a purpose, such a thing would be illegal, and therefore, as Mayor Smith said that although he personally would favor a Sunday ball game to raise money for the army, he would not take his stand officially against such a plan.

The first of the games for the fund will be played in New York city on Sunday, June 10, between the Browns and the Yankees at the Polo Grounds. Every dollar taken in will be donated to the Engineering Corps fund, which is being raised to help the army engineers who are engaged by other departments of the service.

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Draft Bill Prohibits Sale to Men in Uniform—Gifts Possible

JOKE ON THE SEAMEN Navy Men Can "Buy" and Do "Buy" for Friends in the Army

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Any sailor, or any other person, who is intoxicated in any office of the United States army is now prohibited by the Secretary of War from purchasing liquor for himself or for any other person.

The selective service act, which provides for drafting men between twenty-one and thirty years of age, is now being carried into effect by the Secretary of War.

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BAPTIST MISSIONS GET RICH ANONYMOUS GIFT

Missionaries From All the World Address Convention at Cleveland in "Foreign Day"

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