

# TARIFF BILL FIGHT BEGINS IN HOUSE

### Fordney Presses for Passage of Measure Before Adjournment Tonight

## SALES TAX FINDS FAOR

By the Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 22.—A bitter fight was forecast today as the House took up the emergency tariff bill under a rule limiting debate to three hours. Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, announced it was his intention to seek passage of the bill before adjournment tonight.

Development of a tax reform program in Congress although proceeding slowly has disclosed in the House a growing trend in favor of including some sort of a sales tax in the next reorganization. The statement yesterday of Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee in support of a sales tax, it was said, had given impetus to the proposal.

While most members of the ways and means committee say that they retain an open mind on the subject, their private expressions show sentiment in the committee even now to be slightly in favor of a consumption tax. During the hearings on the subject, Charles McVey, D. Roosevelt, of New York, and Otto H. Kahn, New York banker, presented arguments in favor of a sales tax.

Mr. Kahn said that while a sales tax would be an experiment to an extent it was one which should be made. Several members of the committee declared his argument in favor of the proposal had been "very convincing."

Committee members who are out and out against the sales tax and who described it as an economic crime asserted that the arguments in its favor will be dissipated once the consumer is aroused to the effect it will have. They declared it to be worse than the excise tax, charging that it will allow all lines of trade to renew profiteering.

Against these views, however, are many of the majority members of the committee who are following the leadership of their chairman in seeking some sort of a sales tax which will not add to the burden of taxation. The committee lately has received copies of the sales tax laws of France, Canada and the Philippines, which Mr. Fordney said, had been obtained as a basis upon which to work.

It was predicted today that developments over the holidays probably would determine something approximating a definite attitude in the House. Members will have had time to hear from home on the proposed tax when hearings are resumed, two weeks hence, and the real sentiment disclosed, it was declared.

## MEDICAL LEAGUE OPPOSES "BABY BILL"

Washington, Dec. 22.—Members of the joint legislative committee of women's organizations yesterday expressed their first big opposition in the House to the bill on the Sheppard-Towner bill providing for federal aid in dispensing maternity and infant hygiene education.

The principal objection to the bill was voiced on behalf of outside sources by representatives of an organization starting before the committee a combination of the forces opposing the allopathic school of medicine. Members of the organization, however, told the committee and asked they be heard tomorrow.

Most of the opposition from House members has developed along the rights lines and the general tendency toward economy in the present session. Members of the women's joint committee announced before the committee they explained the administrative work under the bill will be entirely in the hands of state committees.

**FARMERS OPPOSE ANTI-STRIKE BILL**  
Washington, Dec. 22.—A blow at the House today was dealt yesterday by two farm organ committees. The National Farmers' Union and the National Grange, both of which are organized in a united front on the part of farming interests in the effort to overcome such legislation.

Speaking for the farmers' cooperative and both organizations, they met in caucus in St. Louis, a week ago, and the national board of directors of the National Farmers' Union, which gave out a statement outlining the attitude of the farmers in a resolution passed. The resolution called upon Congress to remove the anti-strike bill from the legislative calendar.

**Drug "Ring" Leader Defies Detectives**  
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THOMAS F. RUSH  
General of the Christian Volunteers of America, who will be buried tomorrow. He died last Saturday.

located the drugs. They say that Carl Kruger, a special agent of the federal government, here from Washington on a vacation, tried to deny them entrance to the house. Kruger already had arrested one of the two men who had rented the room and are all set to have the drugs in their possession. This man is supposed to be Aaron Glod, of New York, going under the name of Colon.

Federal authorities and the police division when the police turn over the drugs. This demand was refused. Mayor Moore congratulated the police on their work.

Flancee "Agent's" Sister  
He is engaged to be married to Frieda Kruger, sister of the federal agent who the police say tried to keep them out of the house.

The girl herself made a statement today saying that she believed Parlow was not responsible when he tried to kill himself; that he had been acting oddly for a year, and that she did not know any one who had killed him.

Warden McKenty, of the Eastern Penitentiary, said today he did not know who the convict might be, but he was sure that he was one of the leaders in the drug ring. The house on Twenty-second street is just opposite the penitentiary.

Warden McKenty said there were about 100 drug users there as prisoners, and these men are being kept under a strict watch than usual.

The police believe that at least five persons, possibly one a woman, are concerned as leaders in the organized drug traffic.

Warden McKenty said that he had learned also that ships coming here from British ports have been used in the traffic. The method is for the agents on shipboard to remove the drugs in sacks, check them at railroad stations and give the checks to confederates on shore.

One ship especially, now at sea and carrying a British port, is believed to have been used in the traffic. One of the officers being blamed.

# PRESS APATHETIC OVER HOME RULE

### London Papers Agree Ireland Will Never Accept Measure

## POLICE AGAIN ATTACKED

By the Associated Press. Dublin, Dec. 22.—Passage of the Irish home rule bill by the British Parliament is not viewed as specially important by newspapers here. It is recognized the bill probably will not be accepted by either Ulster or the rest of Ireland, and that the British government may never decide to put its provisions into operation.

"Carsonism has received its reward," says the Freeman's Journal. "The bill was designed as a trap, but it failed miserably. Even such modified democratic institutions as we possess are maintained by it."

The Irish Independent says there will be no rejoicings in Ireland over the passage of the measure, "which makes a settlement still more difficult."

"Thanks to the House of Lords," says the Irish Times, "the bill has failed to do anything about absolute and permanent partition of Ireland, and the central council which is established may become a real link between the north and south."

Dublin, Dec. 22.—Heavy fighting has taken place between large forces of civilians on the side and soldiers on the other in the section lying between Callan, County Kilkenny, and Glenbowee, County Tipperary.

The military and police were ambushed at not less than three different places yesterday and numerous casualties resulted on both sides. These included Sergeant Walsh, Royal Irish Constabulary, killed; some soldiers, number unknown, killed; ten or fifteen civilians killed, and Sergeant Shannon and several soldiers wounded. About thirty civilians were wounded or captured.

**Prominent Citizens Give Mayor Support**  
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ability, assume such an attitude queried the court when he knows the facts in the case and is not interested in it. If that be true, it is true that the women got together and got rid of him, and that is the whole story. When Senator Penrose was questioned about the court, he seemed surprised at not less than three different places yesterday and numerous casualties resulted on both sides.

Mrs. Jurist suggested that the women get together and endeavor to bring about legislation which would take the children out of the hands of the present Municipal Court entirely. It is necessary to do this, she said, to safeguard the children and remove them from the atmosphere of politics and politicians who are actuated by their own ambitions.

**Mrs. Blankenburg Sympathizes**  
Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, widow of former Mayor Blankenburg, who is present Council member Moore, exactly as the old Council treated Mr. Blankenburg. He vetoed a bill providing for Municipal Court reform, and they passed the measure over his head. The Mayor has to go along with the crowd or fight and fight until the end, and not accomplish as much as he desires to. They are playing the same game with him as they did with Mr. Blankenburg. Mayor Moore desires to support the bill, but he would hold his hands up for the best we can.

**NAB ALLEGED MURDERER**  
Captured at Swarthmore Called Slayer of Sister in Newark  
Police of Newark, N. J., are arranging for extradition of George Williams, alias George Washington, alias William Earl, twenty-five years old, a Negro, arrested yesterday by Chief of Police Hagan and Swarthmore.

# EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER'S DAILY LIMERICK CONTEST

### One Hundred Dollars Daily For the Best Last Line Supplied by Any Reader of the Evening Public Ledger to the Incomplete Limerick Which Appears Below

**RULES OF THE LIMERICK CONTEST**  
1. Contest is open to any one. All that is required for you to do is to write and send in your last line to the Limerick using for convenience the coupon printed below. Please write plainly, and be sure to add your name and address.  
2. All answers to the limerick which is printed below must be received at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER by 6 o'clock Friday evening. Monday's and Thursday's limericks should be mailed to P. O. Box 1524, Philadelphia, Tuesday's and Friday's to P. O. Box 1524, and Wednesday's to P. O. Box 1524. Answers left at the office of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER will also be accepted.  
3. The winner of the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR prize for the best last line to each limerick will be announced one week after the limerick is printed. For example, the winner of the prize for the limerick which appears today will be announced today a week.  
4. In case of ties, prizes will be awarded to each successful contestant. For example, if the judges decide there are two or more winners of equal merit for the answer of each answer prize, the authors of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. The prize will not be split among them.  
5. The limerick will be judged by three editors on the staff of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and their decision will be final.

**THE WINNER OF TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY**

**Cut Out and Mail TO THE LIMERICK CONTEST**  
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P. O. Box 1524, Philadelphia.

**LIMERICK NO. 9**  
In Frankford, they're hoping to get  
That "L" running some day, you bet;  
When we have departed  
The thing may be started—

(Write your answer on this line.)  
Name.....  
Street and No.....  
City and State.....

**Limerick Wins But Loses Prize**  
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In Philadelphia. He attended Friends' Central School, and then went to Penn Charter, finishing there with the class of 1890. After that he took a commercial course at Drexel Institute.

His first business venture was, as he puts it, "sticking up little numbers on a board" in a stock broker's office. From that he graduated to the street, selling securities.

He found a good opening in the insurance business, and has stuck to that ever since.  
In sending in his answer, Mr. Rhawn showed that limerickitis had bitten him badly, for he enclosed an original verse: A poor boob—an insurance salesman—Tried to write like Daisy Ashford's young Victorian.  
Though he wasted his rhyme putting bunk into rhyme; Say I fame, or more money, ex-quisite!

Mr. Rhawn says he really doesn't mind turning the cheek over to his wife, because he is getting a reward even more satisfactory to him than the \$100. This introduces the stenographer into the story.  
When Mr. Rhawn had finished scribbling last lines, and had decided to regard him with a tolerant tolerance that he had made him feel like apologizing for his existence every time he has to speak to her.

Now he wants only that one moment of time when he can flash that \$100 check in front of her, and then his wife can have the money.  
It's a safe bet that the stenographer will be a competitor in all right-handing the real contests. It's these serious-minded intellectuals that get bitten the worst by the limerickitis germ.

**We'll Say It's Spreading**  
Limerickers are getting thicker and thicker every day. You'd be surprised if you could see how the evidence of this comes into this office. Everybody's getting it.  
H. Klein, of 503 South Forty-third street, bursts into song about it thus:  
Here's my limerick, the first,  
And it's probably the worst,  
If you've never read it, you're sorrow,  
For the fact that it's rotten,  
Will soon be forgotten.  
And I hope to do better tomorrow.  
Mrs. D. Dallas, of 4230 South Ninth

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# RIXEY TRADE IS DENIED BY PHILS

### Bill Shettline Says He Has Heard Nothing of Deal With Giants

Strenuous, to say nothing of emphatic, denials were issued at the office of the Phils today regarding the reported trade of Eppa Rixey to New York for an infielder, a catcher and two players, if possible.  
"We know nothing about the trade," said Bill Shettline, who was sitting in for President Baker. "Rixey is a good pitcher and, you know, good catchers are hard to get. If he can make the New York club he also can make here and I believe he will stay right here in Philadelphia."  
"Of course, if McGraw makes an unusually good offer for him and will give us several first-class players in exchange, we'd be foolish if we didn't accept. But the Giants need players as badly as we do and I don't think we'll do business with them."

"Wild Bill" Donovan also had a few words to say. "It's news to me," he confessed, "but I don't blame McGraw or wanting Rixey. Several other clubs have the same idea, and at the meeting the managers seemed anxious to get over a trade. I guess they thought I have been in the jungles so long that I have forgotten all about the league stars. They have a swell chance to get Rixey."

Last year a report was sent out from Chicago that Rixey was to go. At that time, however, there was a chance for the Chicago Sox had offered two pitchers and a catcher for him. The deal dropped through at the last minute and Eppa Jethra remained with the Phils.

**TIGHTEN FIUME BLOCKADE; FIGHTING EXPECTED SOON**  
Italian Army and Navy Co-operate in Isolating D'Annunzio Troops  
London, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Italian government forces commanded by General Cavaglia and Admiral Millo have established a close blockade of Fiume by land and sea, and it seemed possible today that fighting might be reported at any time. Not only has the city of Fiume been blockaded, but the outside world, but the islands of Arbe, San Marcos and Veglia, which recently were occupied by D'Annunzio's legionaries, have been blockaded.  
Conditions of recognized gravity have arisen since Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio announced he would resist enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo. In answer to an ultimatum sent him by General Cavaglia, he has declared he will fight against enforcement of the treaty until his demands are met.

Following his giving royal assent to the treaty of Rapallo yesterday, signal honors were conferred by King Victor Emmanuel on Foreign Minister Sforza and Minister of War Bonomi, who were prominent in negotiating the treaty. He conferred on the latter the Order of the Annunziata Order, says a Milan dispatch to the London Times. This is the highest Italian decoration, conferring upon its possessor a personal relationship to the king. Thus Signor Bonomi, who is a Socialist, finds himself theoretically a cousin of the monarch. The order was established in 1302.

**METAL MEN WILL REFORM**  
Agree to End Methods Criticized by Building Probers' Council  
New York, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—Another building trade association—the Metal Ceiling Association—today promised to "mend its ways" at a hearing before the joint legislative committee investigating the business trust.  
Otto C. Margraf, secretary of the association, declared on the witness stand that the organization was "willing" to amend its by-laws, wiping out regulation which were declared "unfair and despotic" by Samuel Untermeyer, committee counsel.

Extracts read by counsel provided for "advancing of the interests of members by such trade agreements as may be deemed advisable." It was stipulated that no member could complete a job begun by another member, who quit because of some dispute with the builder.

**Sailor Robbed of \$200 Ring**  
Liam Cox, a chief petty officer stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was held up by two Negroes at 12:20 o'clock this morning at Fifteenth and Vandalia streets and robbed of a diamond ring valued at \$200.

**Moore Discusses Civic Issues With Messadems Warburton and Martin**  
Mrs. Barclay Warburton, chairman of the women's state Republican committee, and Mrs. J. Willis Martin, of the Emergency Aid, conferred today with Mayor Moore on matters of importance to women from the civic viewpoint.  
After the conference the Mayor said he welcomed conferences with women active in affairs of civic or public interest and indicated that other and more important matters would take place when women had more thoroughly familiarized themselves with matters of civic interest.

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# BURGLAR GETS TWO YEARS

### Man Sentenced Eleven Days After Arrest for Trying to Enter Home

Judge Monaghan, in Quarter Sessions Court, today sentenced Alfred Williams, a Negro, to a term of two years in the county prison on a charge of attempted burglary.  
He was convicted of attempting to force an entrance into the home of Richard Freedman, of Eightieth street and Lyons avenue. The crime and arrest took place on December 11, just eleven days ago. The trial and conviction of Williams today mark the stepping forward of District Attorney Roman's efforts to promptly indict and try offenders committed to the county prison to await trial. The defendant, Williams, according to the police records, had been arrested seven times previously on this latest offense.

**GIVES BLOOD TO BROTHER**  
Life of Brooklawn Youth May Be Saved by Operation  
A blood transfusion operation performed this morning on Frank Stanley, the sixteen-year-old boy from Brooklawn, N. J., who was shot accidentally by a companion on Monday, may save his life, physicians at Cooper Hospital, Camden, said today.  
Until this morning there was little hope of saving the boy's life unless somebody would volunteer to undergo a blood transfusion. When Harry Stanley, a brother, was informed of this, he offered to submit to the operation and the transfusion was made at 9 o'clock today.

**ARNSTEIN GAINS POINT**  
Court Rules Out Three of Four Acts Charged Against Him  
Washington, Dec. 22.—(By A. P.)—The sixteen-year-old boy from Brooklawn, N. J., who was shot accidentally by a companion on Monday, may save his life, physicians at Cooper Hospital, Camden, said today.

The ruling of the court was made admittedly on a technicality, members of a brokerage firm who had owned certain stolen stock being named differently in the indictment from the list given by a government witness.  
The defense rested after calling a local hotel clerk to testify regarding the alleged visit of Arnstein as J. W. Arnold, in October of last year to a Washington hotel.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
In the Saturday Evening Post this week will be an announcement of interest to every automobile owner and prospective purchaser. It will be a "center spread" and easily found. It will contain facts, not fiction.  
Signed,  
"MINUTE MAN"

**Will You Save a Child's Life?**  
The European Relief Council, Herbert Hoover, Chairman, Makes the Following Statement:  
THE EMERGENCY  
AN APPALLING emergency exists in Eastern and Central Europe.  
Hunger, privation, suffering and death still march unchecked.  
A minimum of three and one-half million children are face to face with disease and starvation. Unless aid is rendered at once, a vast, unrepeatable tragedy will follow.

**HOW IT IS TO BE RELIEVED**  
It is merely proposed that as many as possible be saved from actual starvation by receiving one meal a day.  
In many parts of that desolated world one meal a day is all that stands between children and death.  
Undernourishment produces disease particularly in the starved and puny babies, makes quick fuel for germs, tuberculosis and typhoid, nearly took them and they are gone.  
Hundreds of thousands of children in Europe have never had a meal since the war. Millions unstarved before they see the light of day.  
Medical aid must be furnished, together with clothing and food, if there is to be any chance to follow the horror and the desolation of today.

**Share Your Christmas Joy With an Unseen Guest**  
Send One, Two, Five or Ten Dollars Yourself and Ask Each of Your Friends to Do the Same and Ask Their Friends to Do it