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## WAYS AND MEANS NOW CONSIDERED

**FINANCING OF BONUS BILL GETS ATTENTION—PRESIDENT WILL MEET REPUBLICAN LEADERS OF HOUSE AND SENATE EARLY NEXT WEEK.**

Washington, Feb. 4.—Ways and means of financing the soldiers' bonus will be discussed at a conference between President Harding and Republican leaders of the house and senate early next week, it was stated yesterday at the White House. It is understood that the various suggestions advanced will be canvassed with a view to determining upon a definite program.

A decision as to method of raising the necessary revenue reached in agreement between the administration and congressional leaders would solve the most difficult problems before the house committee charged with drafting the legislation and would be expected to speed up final enactment of the measure by removing what otherwise might prove subjects of serious disagreement between the house and senate.

Members of the ways and means committee said today that the bill to be reported to the house, probably within two weeks, would provide for beginning the cash payments to the former service men on January 1, 1923. They said this would give time in which to raise the revenue and to pass upon the applications for the cash bonus.

Reenactment of the excess profits tax as a method of financing the bonus was urged before the ways and means committee by Representatives Woodruff of Michigan and Brown of Wisconsin, both Republicans. They said this was a just tax which would be more popular than some others. Opposition to such a proposal was voiced by some of the Republican members of the committee and in the colloquy that followed Mr. Woodruff declared that the repeal of this tax was "one of the most reprehensible acts ever committed by congress."

Both Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Brown opposed any form of sales tax, as did previous witnesses, including H. C. McKenzie of Walton, N. Y., representing the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Edward F. McGrady, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Brown suggested that the treasury might be able to obtain considerable sums from the sources proposed in the original bonus bill offered by Chairman Fordney, such as slight increases in income surtaxes stock dividends and a tax of one fifth of 1 per cent. on sales of stocks and bonds.

Representative Nolan of California told the committee that there was no need to levy any additional taxes to pay the bonus if congress would cut down the army and navy appropriations. Pointing to the agreement at the arms conference for a naval holiday and the scrapping of many existing ships, Mr. Nolan declared that great saving could be made in the cost of the naval establishment. He also urged that the army be cut to 100,000 men.

## FRIDAY AND HILL GET FALLS ROAD

Friday and Hill of Newberry were the low bidders Saturday for the construction of the Calhoun Falls road. The price was slightly more than \$36,000.

The road to be built is 15.25 miles long, the cost per mile being \$2,400 approximately. This figure compares favorably with the amount paid on other contracts.

Wyatt Knox spent Sunday in Hodges.

## WANG EXPRESSES REGRET OF CHINA

**OVER FAILURE OF JAPAN TO RENOUNCE CLAIMS—FOR EASTERN COMMITTEE IN SESSION AT ARMS CONFERENCE FOR LAST TIME**

Washington, Feb. 4.—Formal regret that Japan has failed to renounce all claims against China based upon the 1915 treaty and the opinion of the Chinese delegation that this treaty and the correspondence which led to it "should form the subject of impartial examination with a view to their abrogation," was expressed today by Chief Justice Chung Hui Wang of the Chinese delegation at the final meeting of the Far Eastern committee.

Dr. Wang's address was in reply to the statement yesterday of Baron Shidehara, for Japan, announcing the withdrawal of Group of the treaty and other clauses objected to particularly by China. The official communique of the meeting, issued tonight, quoted Dr. Wang as declaring "that the entire covenant should be abrogated because it was forced on China, it violated treaties between China and other powers and was inconsistent with principles relating to China and the conference."

Secretary Hughes followed the Chinese delegate with a statement of the position of the United States. He read into the record the note sent to the Chinese and Japanese governments May 13, 1915, stating that "the United States can not recognize any agreement or undertaking which may be entered into between China and Japan impairing the treaty rights of the United States and its citizens in China, the political or territorial integrity of the republic of China, or the international policy relative to China commonly known as the open door policy."

"This statement was in accord with the historic policy of the United States in its relation to China," Mr. Hughes continued, "and its position as thus stated had been and still is consistently maintained."

The secretary then expressed the gratification of the United States over the settlement of the Shantung controversy to the mutual satisfaction of the two parties and over the definite withdrawal of group 5 of the 1915 treaty which he said he had been an occasion for considerable apprehension alike on the part of China and of foreign nations, who felt that refusal of these demands could not but prejudice the principles of the integrity of China and of the open door."

## REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Skinner Preaches Tonight and Twice Daily This Week

A revival meeting of unusual interest is now in progress at the Baptist church. Frank E. McCravy, a gospel singer of rare charm and leadership ability, was with the church Sunday. Mr. McCravy is assisted by his wife who plays his accompaniments with exquisite charm and expression. A large chorus-choir of the children was organized Sunday. The singing of the children will add no little charm and interest to the meeting.

Dr. T. Clagget Skinner, the pastor of the First Baptist church of Columbia, preaches his first sermon in the meeting tonight at 7:30.

Beginning tomorrow there will be two services daily. The morning service will begin promptly at 10:30 a. m. The evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. W.

V. D. Murchison from near Donalds was a visitor in town Saturday.

## TWO MORE HELD IN LEXINGTON

**WHITE MAN AND NEGRO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH KILLING. CORONER'S JURY CHARGES DR. RICE B. HARMAN.**

Lexington, Feb. 4.—Two more men, one white and the other a negro, were arrested late today and are being held in the Lexington county jail in connection with the fatal shooting yesterday afternoon of Olin M. Price, white man.

Dr. Rice B. Harman, in whose drug store the shooting took place, was placed under arrest soon after the killing.

The inquest was concluded this afternoon and the verdict returned by the jury and that "Olin M. Price came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of Dr. Rice B. Harman with Ben Teal and Sam Perry as accessories before and after the fact."

Teal is a white man and operates a blacksmith shop in Lexington. Perry is a negro painter.

At the inquest witnesses testified that they saw Teal and Perry with Dr. Harman a few minutes after the shooting of Price. The two men claimed that they were in the lot just to the rear of the drug store doctoring a sick hog.

Witnesses also testified that they saw Dr. Harman coming from his home to the store with his gun only a short time before Price was killed.

Quincy Hendrix, clerk in the drug store, testified that he heard Dr. Harman order Price out of the store. He was where he could not see the men, but he recognized the voices. To the order to get out of the store, Price is alleged to have declined and to have cursed Harman. Mr. Hendrix also said he then heard Dr. Harman exclaim, "Don't which was followed by the two shots.

Price was killed about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He staggered from the drug store into an adjoining building. He had been shot in the chest and only managed to call for help. He expired within a few minutes. The funeral was held this afternoon.

## MASTER THOMSON SELLS FOUR TRACTS

Today was salesday and a large crowd of people gathered in front of the court house to see the auctioneer sell four tracts of land to the high bidders.

In the case of W. H. White as agent against D. E. Penney, W. A. Sanders bought 37 acres of land for \$1,000. This tract is part of the Roche lands, lying on the Douglass Mill road.

In the case of the National Bank of Abbeville and others, against J. H. Hill, the National bank bought two tracts of land, one of 143 acres for \$8,500 and the other 100 acres for \$3,500.

T. A. Putnam bid in 146 acres of land for \$4,000 in the case of T. A. Putnam against J. H. Hill. This tract lies in Diamond Hill township.

The last tract was that sold in the case of J. E. McIlwain against C. W. Keller, in which 200 acres was sold to C. W. Keller for \$650.

The city sold one lot of land in the city limits to satisfy a paving assessment. The land, which is part of the Klugh property was levied on as the land of Charley Janides, and was bid in by the city for \$575. The lot fronts on Ferry street.

Conner Hanvey, of Portsmouth, Va., was a visitor yesterday with his sister, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, on Wardlaw Street.

## PRESIDENT ASKS FOR INFORMATION

**NOT EXPECTED TO ACTUALLY SCRAP VESSELS, HOWEVER, UNTIL TREATIES ARE RATIFIED—WILL SUSPEND ALL WORK**

Washington, Feb. 4.—Preparatory to a suspension of work on the American capital ships to be scrapped under the naval treaty, President Harding has asked Secretary Denby to provide him immediately with full information as to the status of the ships under construction.

Although the president does not expect to take an affirmative step towards scrapping the ships until all the powers have ratified the treaty, it is probable that there may be a suspension of work on all of the proposed vessels within a few days.

It was said at the White House today that Mr. Harding expected to submit the naval agreement and the other treaties of the arms conference to the senate within a very few days after they are signed. He has not decided whether to take them to the capitol in person.

Plans of the navy department so far as known are for suspension of construction work on those ships to be scrapped under the naval limitation treaty pending ratification of the treaty. Contracts for the building of the vessels would not be cancelled, it was explained, until the limitation pace became effective.

Included in the ships under construction and not to be completed under the treaty are the six 40,000 ton battleships and four of the six battle cruisers. One ship of the West Virginia class, now virtually completed also is to be destroyed as a fighting unit, although this will not be done until the limitations treaty is in effect.

Two of the six battle cruisers are to be converted into airplane carriers, a provision to that effect having been made in the treaty in the separate item authorizing the retention of not more than two vessels of 33,000 tons each for the purpose.

## B. SUNDAY SPECIAL MAY BE OPERATED

A move has been inaugurated in Abbeville to operate a special train to Spartanburg to hear Billy Sunday. Dr. J. C. Hill is investigating the matter and he invites those who are interested to get in touch with him. A date has not been definitely decided upon, Dr. Hill planning to make the time accommodate the majority.

Dr. Hill thinks that arrangements can be made to leave Abbeville in the morning, hear the evangelist at midday and return in the evening. Those who have been approached on the subject are enthusiastic over the possibility of making the trip. More definite announcement as to time and rates will be made later. In the meantime Dr. Hill will be glad to discuss the matter with anybody in the county who may be interested.

## MCCRAVEY OF ABBEVILLE

Frank E. McCravy, the man who is leading the singing for the Baptist meeting, is a son of George McCravy who once lived in Abbeville County and was known to many of the older people of the county. Mr. McCravy is one of the best known and most popular gospel musicians in the South and he will be heard with even greater interest when it is known that he is a son of a man known to many Abbeville people.

## REAL ECONOMY SADLY LACKING

**BILLS MUST BE PAID—REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA DISCUSSES FIGURES QUOTED BY HARDING AND DAWES**

Washington, Feb. 5.—Declaration that the economies which President Harding and Director Dawes of the Budget announced yesterday at the second business meeting of the government were largely of a "paper" variety was made today by Representative Byrnes, of South Carolina, a Democratic member of the House appropriations committee who, in a formal statement, voiced the "fear" that Mr. Harding had been so absorbed in other matters that he was not conversant "with the existing situation" in government finances.

"According to the press," Mr. Byrnes' statement said, "a direct saving of \$32,000,000 and an indirect saving of more than \$104,000,000 had been accomplished in less than six months. The fact is that against this alleged saving, the President, at the instance of the Budget Bureau, has recently submitted requests for additional appropriations as deficiencies, amounting to \$180,703,286 and within a few days the congress will commence consideration of another deficiency bill to take care of this shortage in funds. This amount is in addition to the urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$105,277,443. If the \$180,704,286 now asked by the President is granted, it will make the total deficiencies to date \$336,537,953.

"I rejoice that the President reiterated his opposition to deficiencies because I hesitate to think what amount would be requested if he were not opposed to deficiencies."

Representatives Byrnes said that if the amounts mentioned had been saved the treasury should know it. He declared that no such showing, however, had been made, and added:

"I fear the reason why it is not done is that the alleged savings in most instances consist only in the postponement of actual expenditures until the next fiscal year."

Mr. Byrnes declared that the supplemental estimates for the next fiscal year amounting to \$80,083,220 added to the total amount requested for the fiscal year 1923 would make that total \$109,296,365 more than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year.

## FORD BUYS LINCOLN PLANT

**Sale of Motor Property Confirmed. Price Paid \$8,000,000**

Detroit, Feb. 5.—Henry Ford formally came into possession of the Lincoln Motor company of Detroit late yesterday when Judge Arthur J. Tuttle in the United States district court confirmed sale of the property, effected at public auction Saturday morning. There was no protest to the confirmation.

Mr. Ford, through his representatives, bid \$8,000,000 for the Lincoln holdings, being the only one to offer a bid. The price was the lowest that could be accepted, Judge Tuttle had ruled previously.

Expected opposition to Mr. Ford's plan to purchase the company failed to develop, two other bidders who had qualified failing to offer bids.

Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor company, announced following the auction that the Lincoln plant, closed for some time pending the sale, would reopen Monday.

## AT THE UNIVERSITY.

Davis Kerr left Saturday for Columbia where he will enter the law school at the University. Friends around town wish him success in his studies.

## HOUSE AGREES TO SENATE BILL

**REFUNDING NEGOTIATIONS MAY NOW BE OPENED—PRESIDENT EXPECTED TO APPROVE THE MEASURE WITHOUT PRESSING OBJECTIONS TO CHANGES.**

Washington, Feb. 4.—Congress finally cleared the way today for the opening of negotiations looking to the refunding of the \$11,000,000,000 foreign debt.

The house, by an overwhelming majority, agreed to the senate amendments to the refunding bill and the measure was sent to the president. Mr. Harding is expected to approve it as he did not press his objections to the senate changes after he had discussed them today, first with Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee and later with Secretary Mellon who is head of the commission of five authorized to conduct the negotiations with the debtor nations.

Appointment of the other four commissioners by the executive is looked for within a short time. It was made known today at the White House that Mr. Harding planned to name two members of the cabinet and a member each of the senate and house. There was no indication at the White House who would be named but among those mentioned elsewhere in connection with the appointments were Secretaries Hoover and Weeks, Senator Watson (Independent) and Representative Longworth of Ohio.

While plans for conducting the negotiations with the debtor nations have not yet been formulated, it was said that they probably would be conducted both in this country and abroad. There has been some discussion of a general conference of representatives of the United States and the principal allied powers to discuss the whole subject of the war debts of those nations. Those favoring this plan have argued that it was not to be expected that the debts owed the United States could be refunded without reference to the debts owed among the allied powers themselves.

In this connection it has been pointed out that Great Britain advanced to its dominions and allies, including France and Italy, approximately \$9,500,000,000 while France loaned nearly \$3,000,000,000 to its allies, principally Russia and Italy.

As finally enacted the debt refunding bill was unsatisfactory both to the administration and Republican leaders of the house but it was said that objections to it were not pressed because of the delay that would be involved in sending it to conference for the ironing out of differences between the two houses.

Chief objection centered on the senate amendment requiring that the refunded obligations mature not later than June 15, 1947, and that the minimum interest rate be 4-1-4 per cent. Both the president and Secretary Mellon were reported as preferring a free hand for the commissions to the life of the bonds and the interest rate.

## LEGISLATIVE NEWS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Senator J. Howard Moore, at home from Columbia over the weekend, reports that no legislation of strictly local interest has yet come up. Mr. Moore has introduced a resolution to amend the constitution so as to legalize the school bond election. The county supply bill has not yet been introduced. Senator Moore's railroad bill was killed.

Mr. Moore said that he favored the tax deferment bill which the senate passed last week. This bill extends the time for paying taxes to September.