

CALLS FOR NEW DISTRIBUTION OF TAX BURDEN

E. M. Sweeley Shows Twin Falls County Fares Ill in Division of Indirect Levies Through Utilities.

Disproportionate distribution of indirect taxes included in railroad and power charges, "Twin Falls' utilities," urged the president of the state public utilities commission, told an audience of several hundred persons at the third annual picnic of Twin Falls county grange at Elida. Captain Birchell, director of taxes, said, "The bill is fair." The bill, he asserted, can and ought to be worked out so the work must be done by you, not by hired men, if it is your work."

Should Pay Bill.

"Direct taxes, such as I and I have them," the speaker declared, "are bad enough. But our indirect taxes pay for costs that we ourselves are responsible for, and mostly for the paying of taxes to do no more work for us than we do for others with whom they happen to be taken, even though that is not the case," he said.

"We want to do for ourselves what we can do, and there is no expense. We have brought them in, and they are here to stay. They will bring them in again, and it is entirely proper that we should pay the bill that is fair to ourselves, fair to our state, and in fairness to our nation we ought to do for ourselves what we can do, and thereby stay the expense. We have brought them in, and they are here to stay. They will bring them in again, and it is entirely proper that we should pay the bill for what we have done."

"When we enter the field of indirect taxes, just those that we can trace," Captain Sweeley asserted, "even the pretense of fairness, and especially the pretense of equality, is not good. Taxes are made up of certain elements. Wagons have to be paid, equipment and rights of way have to be kept up, and taxes must be paid. The railroads have no way to pay except from their rates their customers pay. Every carload of produce we ship out has charged into the rate some amount for tax, and when we get through with state taxes, highway districts, drainage districts, irrigation districts, school districts, all of the taxing bodies which we have created and empowered, levy on it. When we get down to the meat of the matter, these taxes we levy on the railroads are simply levied on the shippers. These are indirect taxes, just now removed."

Comptroller Returns.

"The difference between shippers of Idaho and those from Oregon, Oregon short line, has increased since 1918 a little more than \$300,000. This is more than 35 per cent. The amount has been jumped from \$2,241,000 in 1918-19 to \$3,371,000 in 1924."

"Here is what happened to us in Twin Falls county last year, '24-25. The total tax on freight cars, weight of freight and all but 425 cars were products of the form of some kind."

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"... we get back as much per car as we get paid," Captain Sweeley continued, "then the amount outshipped paid would have returned to our county \$754,000 or enough to relieve our direct taxes of 58 per cent of the total burden."

"... we get three times the money," the speaker declared. "I'm trying to get all the information when you pay the buck in the indirect tax line. It couldn't be put across in the way of direct taxes, but for a buckless paradise given me a set of heavy producing buck pants, I think it's about as bad as it gets."

The situation with respect to the power company and the telephone company, Captain Sweeley said, is much the same. "Some pay taxes and others get the benefit."

Places Responsibility.

Referring to failure of the last legislative session to pass a bill, he said, "we could have helped the situation, the speaker and myself, if we had been more aggressive. This is my opinion of them. Did they know how to get along with their interests about other, other real problems? If they did not know your feelings how could they represent you?" Twin Falls county live to determine how far they can possibly help work out the farmers' problems, Captain Sweeley said.

"... we are doing our best to get along with the men as officials of the state, but we are not doing a very good job against the railroads as organizations, the Valley States senator did just as well as we lay off election work until the voting day, we got him the buck pass, his coming to him, and the result was that he did not do his best for us."

President's Son Entertained



JOHN COOLIDGE, FLORENCE TRUMBOULLY

BRIEF SESSION BRINGS STORMY HOUR IN COURT

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courtroom. They are soon at Mr. Darrow's side. Darrow has filed his exception to say that in the name of the state he objected to the manner in which the defense counsel was used.

He considered it a reflection on the court if he didn't hurt this court, said Judge Rauholt.

"I think there is no danger of it hurting the court," replied the attorney general.

Defense Not Hurt

"There is no danger of it hurting us," was Mr. Darrow's contribution.

"You are already hurt as much as you can be hurt," from Stewart.

"Don't worry about us," replied Darrow. "The state of Tennessee doesn't rule the world yet, with the hope of enlightening the court as to what I want to say that I want to say."

"It is a suggestion of anything that is perfectly reasonable, I think, that should be immediately overruled."

"I hope you do not mean to reflect upon the court," said the judge.

"Well, your Honor has the right to hope," said Darrow.

"I have a right to do something else, perhaps," suggested the judge.

Mr. Darrow's reply to this was "All right, all right."

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Revaluation-Bill Is Signed by President of German Republic

Von Hindenburg's Signature to Message Lamented by Left Press; Declared Batisfactory to Nobody.

BERLIN, July 15.—President von Hindenburg's signature to the much-dubious revaluation bill generally is lamented by the left press, although the viewpoint of other political groups in that it is difficult to see how the president could have acted otherwise.

"The signing of the bill constitutes the conclusion of a great historical tragedy," said the Socialist Vorwärts.

Day of Arguments.

The attacking of the president's signature took place yesterday afternoon, after the legislature adjourned yesterday to the arguments of Chancellor Goerdeler and other cabinet members regarding the measure.

"As finally adopted, the revaluation bill, which apparently satisfies nobody, is so complicated that few understand all its implications. For every general provision there is a set of exceptions, and interpretation is predicted."

Statehood Bill.

Roughly, the bill is to be ratified at 24 per cent, both in the case of holders before July 1, 1929 and those who obtain their securities after that date. The revaluation is not to be effected, however, until after Germany's reparations obligations have been secured.

Proposed differentiation between old and new bondholders was a great problem, and with the revaluation measure. A decision on the revaluation committee of the Reichstag gave new bondholders revaluation of 24 per cent, compared to five per cent for old subholders, raised the house committee to close the exchange on July 8 as a protest. All other exchanges also ceased operations, and government bankers and financiers generally were of the opinion that it would be impossible to carry through such differentiation.

The house committee announced to

Wanted

Methodist Episcopal Church
H. J. Humphrey, Pastor
8:45 a. m., Sunday school; E. L. Ashton, Superintendent

11 a. m., Preaching by the pastor; communion services.

The music for the morning service is for organ and pipe organ.

The evening service is for organ and piano.

The choir sings in F (black).

The organist plays in F (black).

THE SPORTS OF A DAY

ATHLETICS TAKE CHICAGO GAME; SENATORS LOSE

Philadelphia Makes Clean Sweep-of-Series; Washington Defeated by Detroit; Cleveland Beaten.



GIANTS BACK IN SECOND PLACE; PIRATES AHEAD

Mails Pitches Cardinals to Victory; Cincinnati Trims Brooklyn in Last Game of Their Series.

St. Louis 9, Boston 3.

St. Louis 17, Chicago 10.

Batteries—Bush, Walker and Cudahy; Palmer, Thurber and Schaeffer.

The score: R. H. E.

Philadelphia 8 11 1

Chicago 1 4 1

Batteries—Bush, Walker and Cudahy; Palmer, Thurber and Schaeffer.

DETROIT 6, WASHINGTON 3.

Detroit 17, July 17 (P).

Detroit took the series from Washington by winning today's game, 6 to 3. Zachary

was weakened in the eighth and the

hitless of the Tigers, with poor sup-

port the Senators brought in five runs.

The score: R. H. E.

Detroit 0 0 0

Batteries—Bush, Palmer and

Rudl; Davis and Woodall.

CLEVELAND 1, NEW YORK 8.

Cleveland 17, July 17 (P).

New York defeated Cleveland in the final

game of their five to one. The

Tigers will play their series

ended by Hoyt who held them to one

scattered hit.

Earl Coombs celebrated his return

to the game after illness with four

hits in five times at bat.

The score: R. H. E.

New York 5 11 2

Cleveland 1 4 1

Batteries—Hoyt and Bengough;

Bailey and Mayall.

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

AMERICAN

Clubs Won, Lost, Pat.

Philadelphia 64 31 45

Washington 64 31 45

St. Louis 45 42 52

Detroit 44 43 50

Cleveland 40 30 40

New York 56 49 44

Boston 26 60 370

NATIONAL

Clubs Won, Lost, Pat.

Pittsburgh 49 31 51

New York 51 37 55

Brooklyn 45 42 52

Cincinnati 40 42 48

St. Louis 40 41 47

Philadelphia 40 44 47

Chicago 37 42 44

Boston 34 51 54

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Clubs Won, Lost, Pat.

Bon. Hawaii 68 43 52

Salt Lake 65 45 55

Seattle 65 45 55

Los Angeles 64 50 54

Portland 47 41 49

Honolulu 50 56 56

Bakersfield 30 62 49

Vermont 37 64 52

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Clubs Won, Lost, Pat.

At Salt Lake R. H. E.

Vermont 4 10 1

At Salt Lake 18 25 3

Batteries—Hoyt and Swanson and Schang; McCabe and Peters.

At Sacramento R. H. E.

Batteries—Krause and Palmer.

At Oakland 4 8 1

Batteries—Krause, Palmer and Palmer; Hughes, Smith and Weekley.

At San Francisco R. H. E.

Batteries—Hoyt and Palmer.

At Salt Lake 5 11 0

San Francisco 3 10 1

Batteries—Hoyt and Daly.

Baltimore; Crockett and Yell.

At Los Angeles R. H. E.

Portland 1 7 0

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