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LEADERS SEEKING PLAN TO BALANCE NATIONAL BUDGET

Must Raise \$600,000,000 to
Replace Yield of Rejected
Sales Tax.

LEVY ON AUTOS, RADIO,
3 CENT POSTAGE, URGED

Committee to Draft Proposals
Over Week-End and Re-
port Monday.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today appointed a sub-committee to draft proposals designed to bring in about \$600,000,000 of revenue to replace the amount withdrawn out of the new tax yesterday when the house rejected the sales levy.

Acting Chairman Crisp announced after an executive session of the committee that it was hoped the sub-group would be able to lay the proposals before the full committee "The bridge is off, and the sub-committee can recommend anything it desires, including items in the original Hoover-Mellon-Mills program," the Georgia Democrat said.

Representative Ragon, an Arkansas Democrat, was designated as the chairman. Other members are Representatives Vinson of Kentucky and Canfield of Indiana, Democrats; Hawley of Oregon and Traskway of Massachusetts, Republicans.

Crisp did not appoint Representative Doughton of North Carolina, the Democratic leader of the insurgents that yesterday forced the sales levy out of the revenue bill.

The North Carolinian declined the call and Sunday the responsibility of handling the bill, advising Crisp that he preferred the ways and means committee to continue in control of the measure.

Neither was Representative Ralston of Illinois, the Democratic leader and an advocate of the sales tax, appointed on the sub-committee. Both he and Doughton are members of the ways and means committee.

"After the executive meeting to-day," Crisp said, "I have no spleen of bitterness, but I wish to get something of this enormous amount of revenue needed to balance the budget. I hope by Monday the sub-committee will have a concrete plan to submit to the full committee."

The members promised to work day and night for a responsible plan in order to prepare their recommendations.

No proposition to send the entire bill back to the committee as desired by President Hoover would be considered, he explained.

The Georgian also said he did not wish to be a Democratic caucus on the substitute plan, preferring to permit the house to write the remainder of the bill on the floor in order that it may accept the responsibility for the substitute inserted.

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Man Commits Suicide
Three Weeks After Wife
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 25.—(AP)—Dependent upon the fatal shooting of his wife, Louie, in a New York hotel, recently, Gerald Sturgis Greenleaf, of Santa Barbara, Calif., committed suicide in a fraternal lodge temple here today.

His body was found in a chair by a janitor. Beside it were several letters and telegrams addressed to friends and relatives with instructions that they be sent.

Among the papers was a clipping from the New York Times of March 15 saying Greenleaf's wife had been shot to death in an apartment at the Hotel Greystone on the grounds.

The newspaper said Greenleaf disappeared after writing three notes, asserting his wife had killed herself and that he was going to take his life by poisoning himself.

One of the notes found beside Greenleaf's body said "after her death I wandered off to make peace with God for my wasted years and spend myself here under a strange name, totally out of my mind in our busyway city."

Steam Trawler Sinks;
Crew of Six Rescued
NAHANT, Mass., March 25.—(AP)—The Boston steam trawler Albion sank 14 miles off Boston lights last night after her crew of 12 had battled vainly to stem water from a leak.

The ship, returning from a two-day trip, had 15,000 pounds of fish aboard and was making good headway through a choppy sea against a snow-laden wind when the leak first became serious.

"God-Man" Coming to U. S. to War On Materialism

Southern Beauty



Virgil Dodd left her Birmingham, Ala., home to become an author. Instead she became a featured dancer on Broadway.

Meher Baba, Indian Priest, Who Claims to Be Both God and Man, to Establish Religious Retreat at Harmon.

BOMBAY, India, March 25.—(AP)—Meher Baba, the Indian spiritual leader whose disciples call him "the messiah" and "the god-man" left here today for a new crusade in America.

He intends, he said, to break down all religious barriers, destroy America's materialism and amalgamate all creeds into a common element of love.

For eight years Meher Baba has been observing a vow of silence, which he said he would break upon his arrival at Harmon, N. Y., where he plans to establish a spiritual retreat similar to Mahatma Gandhi's in India.

Giving his first interview to an Associated Press correspondent by means of a blackboard, Meher Baba, who in the eyes of his followers has performed many miracles, said Gandhi had promised to come with him to the United States as soon as his political work has been finished a year hence.

Many Indians regard Meher Baba as Gandhi's guru, or spiritual adviser.

Meher Baba is a Parsee (priest) of the Zoroastrian faith, and says he is God and man. He explained that he attained a superconscious state in which he merged into God and returned again to the universe to carry out his mission of redeeming the world.

Meher Baba said he expected to convert thousands of Americans from sin and by faith to heal the sick and help the halt.

"The only miracle for the perfect man to perform is to make others perfect too," he said. "I want to make Americans realize the infinite state which I myself enjoy."

The Parsee said he first realized his mission on earth many years ago by coming in contact with Baba Jan, the Indian saint who died recently in Poona at the age of 130 years.

For nine months after meeting Baba Jan, Meher Baba said he lay in a state of coma, neither sleeping nor eating, and swallowing only an occasional drop of water. It was after this, he said, he saw the divine light and realized his mission to the world.

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(The doctrine of Zoroaster holds that at the beginning of things there existed two spirits, good and evil. The history of man, and in the soul of the man is the object of Bombay. The Parsees in and around Bombay have taken Zoroaster, a Persian prophet of ancient times, as their own and have adopted the ancient religious usages of his faith; but their doctrine is a pure monotheism.)

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Today the total known dead stood at 352, divided between Alabama and Georgia, with 299 in Tennessee, with 18, South Carolina with three and Kentucky with two.

Unofficial estimates placed the number of injured above 3,000 and the homeless at 8,500. Property damage estimates ranged from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Numbers of relief workers sent in reports that conditions had been found to be far worse than was realized at first.

Most of the dead have been removed from the wreckage and buried, and the relief agencies now are concentrating on hospitalization of the injured, housing the homeless and supplying the wants of the needy and working out a rehabilitation program for the rural and urban centers which suffered most heavily.

"Kidnaped" Girl Returns;
Story a Hoax, Police Say
CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 25.—(AP)—Miss Laurel Morrison, 30-year-old Aurora beauty parlor operator, was back home with her parents here today, after being missing two days. She told authorities she had been kidnaped and held captive in Lincoln.

George Godde, operator of a Lincoln cosmetology school, told police there, however, that Miss Morrison had been attending classes at the school and that he recognized her from pictures published in Lincoln newspapers.

Sheriff J. H. Mohr of Merrick county said he planned to question her later. He said he would turn over a \$1,000 ransom note, which was not complied with, to postal authorities after he had photostatic copies of it made.

**Senate to Hold Hearing
On Dry Law Repeal Bill**
WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—Senator Blaine (R., Wis.), today announced hearings would be opened on April 14 by a senate judiciary sub-committee on proposals for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and modification of the Volstead act.

There are half a score of measures pending, proposing various prohibition changes. Lengthy hearings are in prospect, but Blaine gave assurance that the committee would conclude in time to permit a senate vote.

THEY WILL SEEK DIVORCE



In two letters delivered to the press, Ann Harding, beautiful blond star of the films, and Harry Bannister, film player, announced plans to seek a divorce. Love has not cooled, the communications said, but the step was taken to preserve the identity of Bannister, who was becoming known as "Ann Harding's husband."

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The political headlines busily record the steady growth of delegate support behind Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, events elsewhere also are writing important history in both political parties.

For the Democrats, and particularly for the presidential aspirations of Speaker John N. Garner, the tax battle in the house has taken on political aspects of extraordinary significance. Among the Republicans a major under-surface agitation centers about new demands from both sides with respect to prohibition.

Garner's supporters have presented the record of his house leadership as outstanding proof of his availability for the presidency. Now his espousal of the sales tax has been accompanied by at least temporary loss of control and by political reverberations far exceeding expectations.

What will be the ultimate effect on his chances among the voters? The speaker's friends assert he will not suffer greatly in the long run, although they plainly are concerned at the embarrassments that have clustered about him just at this stage of the campaign.

The making of a tax bill is a long process. It still is possible the Garner leadership may regain, by some sudden stroke, much of the prestige it unquestionably has lost during the past week.

George's sweeping endorsement of Roosevelt at Wednesday's primary is a barometer of disputed reliability in his coming test of strength with Garner, who was brought into the picture by those convinced he was best qualified to head off the fast-moving Roosevelt boom. In Georgia Garner was entered only by proxy, and by a proxy (Continued on Page Two.)

FLASHES OF LIFE HERE AND THERE
(By The Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA—Former Judge Benjamin Renshaw (Dem.), crashed the Union League club (Rep.), and came out black in the face. Sauntering to his office, he stepped on a loose grating and did a shoot-the-chute to the club's coal bin.

CHICAGO—Child prodigies are a drug on the market, so far as Northwestern university is concerned. Two hundred of them filed entrance applications. The university will take 20, all of them under 15 years.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—Here's an automobile thief with some of Houdini's skill. Police used two pairs of handcuffs to lock the steering wheel of their car. Now they're out the cuffs and the car.

NEW YORK—The interest rate looked good but the security didn't. Entering a pawnbroker's, a gentleman produced a pistol and a note saying: "Dear sir—If you give an alarm you will be killed. You will give me \$200. It will be repaid in 90 days at six per cent. interest. Sincerely yours, Wilbur T. Harris." The pawnbroker pushed a button and a policeman collared "Wilbur."

NEW YORK—Leon Grinbaum and Leon Alterman have Uncle Sam hot and bothered. They are stayaways from Russia. It's illegal for them to be here and illegal to send them back to Russia, because that's a land not recognized. So the two Leons are thinking of vanishing into a vacuum.

KENNETT, Mo.—Police started checking up on a fire that destroyed one house and damaged eight. They said Mrs. Sarah Gibson admitted starting the fire so she could get away from her husband by going to jail.

La Guardia Leads Fight On Govt. Payroll Slash

Representative Who Marshaled
Votes to Defeat Sales Tax
Admits He is Spectacular But
Denies Leanings Toward
Radicalism.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The sales tax was beaten but there was no relaxation for Representative Fiorella H. La Guardia, of New York, who led the fight against it.

Snapping his fingers impatiently outside the house office building, he hailed a taxicab and rushed to the American Federation of Labor and a meeting to devise ways of beating the proposal for cutting the wages of government employees.

La Guardia listened to suggestions and outlined a plan of campaign, his voice rising and threatening to break into the falsetto that comes when he is profoundly moved.

In a few minutes he was outside again, his hand held up, his fingers snapping impatiently for another taxicab.

"You think I am spectacular?" he questioned as he settled back in the taxi and started home. "Well, I am. You've got to be to call the attention of the people to the things you believe in. The average man has too much to do to bother with issues unless you dramatize them. Then he'll say:

"Why, I'm for that' or against it as the case may be."

There is no doubt that La Guardia does spectacular things. He made home brew in his office once. He went out on the street another time to "have immunity" for an attack on Martin J. Insull, power magnate. Those are only two of a long series of incidents that have attracted attention to him since he first came to congress in 1917.

Long before that, as consul at Fiume in 1904, he drew the attention of his superiors for his refusal to accede to the wish of a Hapsburg duchess.

"They say I'm radical," he shouted, pounding his knee until the startled taxi-driver cast an apprehensive eye backward.

La Guardia smoothed his black hair and settled back again. "You get in the habit of making speeches," he grinned.

"Radical? I'm more conservative than some of the people who refuse to change, who will bring the whole structure down by their failure to see that changes are necessary. I believe in democracy, in representative government. I'm afraid they don't."

He was a member of congress when war was declared but there was nothing spectacular about his joining the army. He was in training before most of the house members knew that he was gone.

"That's history," he said impatiently. "So is the fact that I'm short, stocky and fiery. That's been written time and time again. As for the present, I think we'll balance the budget and defeat the wage cut. Even so, there'll still be plenty to do."

**PEACE PARLEY
AT STANDSTILL**
Negotiations Deadlocked as Conference Splits Over Terms of Truce.

SHANGHAI, March 25.—(AP)—Sino-Japanese peace negotiations lagged perceptibly today, while armies of the two nations engaged in sniping and skirmishing a few miles outside Shanghai.

Each blamed the other for a clash between outposts near Katzing, and neither had an official explanation of sniping between troops in the vicinity of Chiwangmiao, incidents which added to the general uneasiness.

The Chinese defied the 12½-mile ultimatum limit set by the Japanese when they occupied Chiwangmiao recently, and have shown no disposition to retreat across Soochow creek as the Japanese have demanded as late as Wednesday.

The delegates—Chinese, Japanese and neutrals alike—emerged from a three-hour session of peace negotiations, their forces showing signs of weariness, although the official communique noted, as usual, "some progress was made."

The Chinese insisted there was no advance in negotiations.

The Japanese cautiously reiterated that three points were discussed—The retention of Chinese troops in their present positions, withdrawal of Japanese forces and selection of a joint board to supervise the withdrawal.

Japanese military authorities said they "hoped positive measures would not have to be taken" at Chiwangmiao, and announced the continued movement of troops of the 11th division toward Tokyo.

POLICE DISCARD VIRGINIA "CLUE" IN KIDNAP CASE

Report That Baby Was Aboard
Yacht in Chesapeake Bay
Discredited.

LINDBERGH UNCONVINCED
BY VIRGINIANS STORY
Admits Visitors Claimed to
Have Been in Contact
With Kidnapers.

NORFOLK, Va., March 24.—(AP)—Despite official announcement from the Lindbergh home in Hopewell, N. J., that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh did not consider information about his kidnaped baby furnished by three Virginians important, one of those informants said today early return of the baby was expected.

The three men who went from here to tell Colonel Lindbergh of indications the baby was on a yacht in Chesapeake Bay and would be returned through them are the Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired, and John Hughes Curtis.

"We not only hope but expect the completion of negotiations within a few days," Dean Dobson-Peacock said today.

HOPEWELL, N. J., March 25.—(AP)—Police at the Lindbergh home announced today that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh himself had come to the conclusion that information brought by three citizens of Norfolk, Va., had "no specific significance" in the investigation of the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

When Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, superintendent of state police, was first told yesterday of the report that the Norfolk men had information indicating the baby might be on a yacht in Chesapeake Bay, he said it was "absolutely untrue."

In his night bulletin from the Lindbergh home, where he is in general charge of the police search for the kidnapers, Schwarzkopf modified this statement. He said then that the Norfolk men had been to the Lindbergh house on Tuesday and that their information had been investigated and found to have no "specific significance."

It was generally supposed that this was simply Schwarzkopf's own conclusion, but today the police chief announced that he had been speaking for Col. Lindbergh, that Col. Lindbergh had had the investigation made himself and that Col. Lindbergh still believed the information from Virginia to have no "specific significance."

"The Rev. Dobson-Peacock and two other citizens of Norfolk are not negotiating for the return of the baby so far as the police authorities at Hopewell know," Schwarzkopf said in his formal morning bulletin today, issued just after his statement that Col. Lindbergh and not himself was the source of the "specific significance" conclusion.

"They visited Col. Lindbergh and gave him information which on investigation was found to have no specific significance in this investigation."

"There is no positive evidence of any kind indicating that the kidnapers fled by way of the Delaware river or Chesapeake Bay."

"The coast guard along Chesapeake Bay has made no report to these headquarters."

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**18-Year-Old Negro Boy
Convicted for Murder**
NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP)—A verdict of first degree murder, which makes a death sentence mandatory, was returned today by a jury in general sessions court in the case of Cornelius Jamison, 18-year-old Negro tried for the murder of Jacob Solin, a butcher formerly of Holyoke, Mass.

Solin was slain August 14 last during a holdup of his meat shop at 343 Lenox avenue, in which the robbers obtained \$15.

The jury disagreed in the case of James Johnson, 19, a homeless Negro tried with Jamison, two other Negroes, James Middleton, 18, and William Johnson, 17, previously pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree.

According to testimony at the trial William Johnson robbed Solin while Jamison and James Johnson acted as lookouts.

**Sing Sing Crowded
Far Above Capacity**
OSSINING, N. Y., March 25.—(AP)—Although reduced by several transfers to other prisons, the number of prisoners in Sing Sing, which is again reaching toward the record of 2,600, it was announced today by Warden Lewis. A total of 2,484 prisoners is now incarcerated in Sing Sing, the highest number for this year. The normal capacity of the prison is set at 1,800.

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KIDNAPING SCARE SWEEPS CAPITAL

Mrs. Longworth, Ben Lyon and
Others Receive Notes
Demanding Cash.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—A kidnap scare swept the capital today after police disclosed that extortion notes, accompanied by threats, had been received by Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Sir Willmott Lewis, the London Times correspondent, Ben Lyon, of the movies, and others.

Police, however, predicted an early arrest. They were working on the theory that one man was responsible for several, if not all, of the threats, which involved promise of kidnaping Sir Willmott's young son unless \$1,500 were paid.

A police guard was placed at his home, and detectives also are watching Mrs. Longworth's. She, too, was told to prepare \$1,500, but Paulina, her seven-year-old daughter, was not threatened direct. Twice definite instructions were received by Mrs. Longworth as to how to pay the money. An agent followed the instructions, driving slowly in a taxi by the chosen spot for depositing the amount, but that prominent signal from the extortionist did not develop, and the affair fell through.

The Lewis case bothered police most, as the threats have been direct and to the point. They included two letters and a telephone call. The notes in this and the Longworth case were taken to the bureau of standards for a comparison to determine whether one person was responsible for both.

In the case of Ben Lyon, a note demanding \$500 and threatening the safety of his child was received by him recently while at a local hotel with his wife, Bebe Daniels. The child was in California. The letter was signed A. J. Carpenter, and requested an answer in care of general delivery. A trap at the post office failed to catch anyone, however.

This note and several others, police believe, were the work of cranks. They would not disclose the information which led them to expect an arrest in the two important cases.

SHANGHAI, March 25.—(AP)—The Shanghai public safety bureau, in statistics made public today, estimated that the population of the city had decreased 820,000 since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The normal population of Shanghai is nearly 2,000,000.

Public health authorities today said the smallpox death toll was dropping to the rate of ten deaths a week and that new cases were declining, due to increased vaccinations.

Meanwhile an epidemic of measles which swept into the city some six weeks ago, has shown no abatement. Surgeons have been busy with mastoid cases in the wake of measles and influenza.

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