

'Down With Oleo!' Farm Crusaders Cry

Republicans Hear Hurley Plea For Hoover's Support

Hoover Determined to Maintain Strength of U. S. Treasury Despite Political Effect, Aide Says

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON — President Hoover is determined to maintain the strength of the United States treasury regardless of its effect on the political future, Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley said in a speech today to the republican national committee.

In a recent visit to New York it was advised that if the president proposed an increase in taxes, it would mean his defeat for reelection," Hurley said. "My answer was that the president is far more concerned with the welfare of this republic and its 125,000,000 inhabitants than with his own political future. He will maintain the strength of the United States treasury regardless of the effect his effort may have on his political future."

The national committee unanimously ratified the choice of June 14 as the date for the national convention, as well as the report recommending delegates. The joint report was presented by Chairman E. W. C. Wood of the committee on call and was adopted without discussion or objection. It provides for an increase of 63 in the number of delegates and reapportionment of the members of many states.

Hurley reported aggressively to the effect of the Hoover debt problem.

"All these people who are now shouting about cancellation should remember that the only reason we haven't cancelled the debt long ago is because a republican administration wouldn't let the democrats do it," Hurley said.

"We became entangled in this situation through lobbying and to a great extent unnecessary loans made by a democratic administration to everybody in Europe who wanted money. Every republican administration since then has been trying to disentangle us from Europe."

Hurley said that though he was reluctant to admit it, Hoover is "stuck in the moratorium and in providing credit for Europe was for the selfish interests of the United States."

"We have to sustain our customers as far as we can without becoming politically entangled," he said.

Hurley brought laughter when, in referring to democratic party agents, he said the democratic party owed much to Johnson and Johnson but "never asked as much."

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State Probes Motion Picture Show Boycott

Department of Agriculture and Markets Investigates Practices

A thorough investigation of trade practices in the motion picture business in Wisconsin is now underway by the department of agriculture and markets, it was reported today.

A complaint has been made to the department that distributors and exhibitors have conspired to boycott independent theaters. It is alleged that if this boycott continues the independent theaters will be forced out of business. While the entire showing program will be in the hands of exhibitors, it is claimed that the independents have not been able to secure pictures because of concerted action of distributors at any time during office hours and a complaint will probably be lodged to the district attorney of Milwaukee county requesting a writ to compel a penal action against those distributors obstructing the investigation.

Protection refers to the time which must elapse between a first run and a second run showing.

The investigation has been delayed by the distributors who have insisted on approval of New York offices before giving the department access to their records in Milwaukee. But since the distributors are doing a local business under a Wisconsin license, the department is empowered to examine records at any time during office hours and a complaint will probably be lodged to the district attorney of Milwaukee county requesting a writ to compel a penal action against those distributors obstructing the investigation.

Keynoter



PATRICK J. HURLEY

Culbertsons Gain Lead Over Lenz

Ely and Jo 410 Points Ahead as Reporters Say It's a Racket

By H. ALLEN SMITH

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK — The Culbertson-Lenz contract bridge match, currently occupying widespread attention, is developing into a neck-and-neck affair.

Further than that, all squabbles between the players are slimmering down to a definite basis, with each side filing intermittent claims that the other is not using the bidding systems they touted before the thing got started.

The contest degenerated into a game of teeter-totter Tuesday night, and finally wound up with the Culbertsons, Ely and Jo, leading by 410 points. This is practically nothing to write home about as far as bridge scores go. Man and wife gained just 425 points during the eight rubbers. Sidney Lenz and Oswald Jacoby having started the session with a 15 point advantage. They play again Thursday night.

Racket, Press Sneers
One of the peculiar things about the last two or three sessions is the conduct of the press contingent. Most of the boys speak right up and say that it's all a racket—that the whole contest is a phoney, staged for the sole purpose of boosting sales on books written by the Messrs. Lenz and Culbertson.

Having unleashed these sneers and sentiments, these same caustic individuals gallop down the corridor, tip-toe into the bathroom and apply their eye to the screen cracks with all the fervor of 1926 whist champions.

When the specimen hands are brought out in mimeographed form, they lay the cards out on the table and re-play the hands. They argue and fuss and carry on like a convention of diplomats at The Hague.

Ely Avoids Rows
Tuesday night's session was devoid of most of the fummaddies which characterized previous sessions. For once, since the match got started, Culbertson managed to sit down without starting an argument. He didn't even ask his stock question—"Have you gentlemen changed over to the Culbertson system yet?"

It was the first time a session had ended with the Culbertsons in the lead and Ely was duly enthusiastic.

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Stocking Barn Dance Will Feature Old-Time Music

Real old-time music for genuine old-time dances will be featured at the Empty Stocking club's second annual barn dance Thursday night.

House Rocks With Hoover Debt Debate

Democrats, Republicans Come to Defense of President After 'Impeachment' Hint

By THOMAS L. STOKES

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — The charges of Representative McFadden (republican, Pa.), that President Hoover "sold out" his country in the moratorium proposals caused a stormy protest today when the house ways and means committee met to continue consideration of the debt payment suspensions.

As Secretary of State Stimson sat before the committee waiting to testify Representative Treadway (republican, Mass.), moved that McFadden be refused permission to appear at subsequent committee hearings. Treadway withdrew the motion after intercession by Representative Crisp (dem. Tenn.), but warned against any repetition of McFadden's charges.

McFadden is scheduled to testify before the committee later.

"Tuesday, Mr. McFadden made a speech in which he impugned the motive of the president of the United States, accused him of bad faith and charged him with violating his oath of office," Treadway said.

"I protest this committee being made a means for publicly by a man who impugns the motive of the president," Crisp, opposing the Treadway motion, said.

This committee is supposed to be willing to hear all evidence on this subject. Whatever Mr. McFadden said, I am sure members of this committee are capable of giving it whatever weight is due."

Treadway, speaking more calmly, then said he probably had spoken hastily and with more feeling than he intended to show. He withdrew the motion but warned that if McFadden repeated his charges before the committee he (Treadway) would move they be stricken from the committee record.

On the floor of the house Representative Beedy, (republican, Maine), defended Mr. Hoover against McFadden's charges that the president had "sold out" to Germany.

The Pennsylvania delegation in congress met in McFadden's office during the morning and voted to support the moratorium, McFadden alone dissenting.

McFadden, a republican, took a

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Phil's Relief Measure Reported for Passage

Bill Slated for Senate Action Thursday

The \$16,750,000 administration relief bill is scheduled for action in the state senate Thursday morning, having been reported for passage by the finance committee Tuesday night, 7 to 2.

Senator Leonard Foss, Milwaukee offered an amendment Tuesday night which extends the special aid for young, unmarried men to young, unmarried women as well. This will be adopted Thursday.

The committee on finance voted 7 to 4 for indefinite postponement of the Frank cigarette tax bill Tuesday.

Madison Man Given 90 Days for Assault

John Troia Draws Light Term in St. Paul

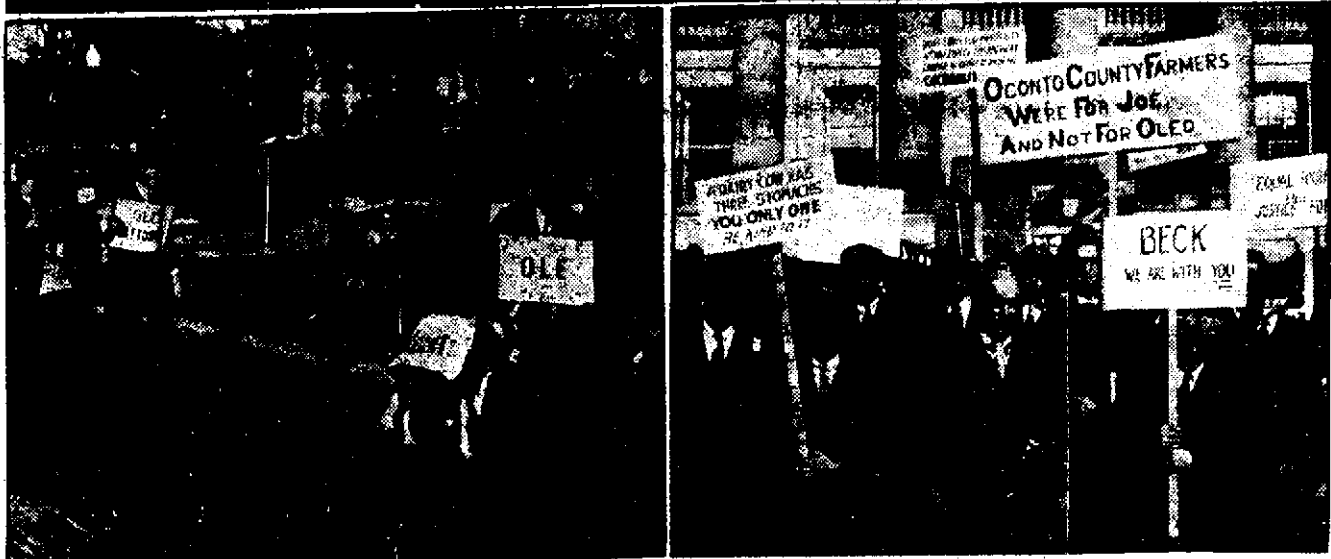
ST. PAUL, (U.P.) — A 90-day workhouse sentence was imposed today on John Troia, Madison, Wis., on a charge of third degree assault. Troia pleaded guilty to the charge although indicted for first degree assault. The lighter plea was accepted after the county attorney's office informed Judge Gustavus Loewinger that the man attacked, Romeo Sicilia, was serving a sentence for bootlegging and that the original attack grew out of a liquor war.

Maxwell to Seek City Treasurer Job, Report

C. J. Ballam Will Also Enter Race, Claim

Frank A. Maxwell, prominent in fraternal circles, will become a candidate for city treasurer in the April election, it was reported today.

Farmers Meet to Butcher Coconut Cow



Some of the 500 farmers and their wives who staged an anti-oleomargarine demonstration at the capitol this morning are shown in the top picture waiting at the capitol for J. D. Beck, commissioner of agriculture, and the goat for their parade to arrive. Lower left is the goat, labeled "Courts," which led the parade. The man in the animal trainer's costume cracking the whip over the goat is William Viregge, Sparta, east as "Ole's Attorney." Lower right shows Joe Beck receiving the plaudits of the farmers as he joined them to start the parade.

Thisty to Stay, Coach and President Assert

Glenn Thistlethwaite is not going to resign his position as head football coach at the University of Wisconsin because he has been counseled against it and given assurance that he will remain here by President Glenn Frank. That information was established today on reliable authority and fits in with what has gone before.

It has been no secret that President Frank has for the past two weeks interested himself in the athletic reorganization and changes contemplated at Wisconsin and it has been known to a few that President Frank was responsible for sidetracking Director Little's adverse recommendation on Coach Thistlethwaite at the first meeting of the athletic council immediately after the close of the football season.

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Ayes—Senators Blanchard, Cushman, Clifford, Duncan, Gettelman, Hunt, Keppel, Miller, Nelson, Polakowski, Rohrer, Severson, Zankow—13.

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Senators Loomis and Rush were paired for the bill; Senators White and Morris against.

Chain Bank Bill Dies in State Senate

Vote Indicates Similar Fate for Major Items of Finance Plan

Without a struggle the bill attempting to curb chain banking in Wisconsin died in the senate Tuesday night.

The vote on passage of the bill was 13 to 12 for passage, but that was far from the 22 affirmative votes necessary to pass a banking bill.

There was no debate Tuesday night because the senators had finished their oratory Tuesday morning. Vote on the bill indicates what will happen to the other major items of the governor's banking program—death.

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Beck in Ranks as Protestors Storm Capitol

Banners, Band Put Blast on Court, 'Coconut Cow', Cheer Honest Joe's Deeds

By WILLIAM H. MCALL

Exactly 411 anti-oleomargarine farmers from all parts of Wisconsin paraded behind a black-trooped, stove-pipe-hatted man labeled "Ole's Attorney," driving a goat blanketed with the sign "Courts" around the square this morning in a demonstration preparatory to a mass meeting in Turner Hall this afternoon.

Large placards avowed the support of the group for J. D. Beck, commissioner of agriculture, and their opposition to oleomargarine. The banners made an impressive array as the farmers, three abreast, formed a parade that covered nearly two blocks.

Hail, Hail
The 11-piece Oconto county farmers' band blared forth "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here" as the parade started at the corner of Main and Carroll streets. For nearly an hour they had entertained the farmers and capitol employees in the rounds with their tunes and their banner "We're for Joe and Not for Oleo."

In fact their entertainment was so good and the farmers had such a drawing power that Speaker Charles B. Perry was forced to yell from the second floor balcony, "Assembly in session!" to bring his welcoming legislators back to the legislative chambers.

Beck, Hill in Parade
Following the Oconto band in the parade were Beck, Charles L. Hill, chairman of the state commission of agriculture and markets and Henry Ohl, Jr., president of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor.

H. F. Muercke, Oconto real estate man, seemed to be chief spokesman for the farmers. Equipped with a megaphone, he formed the parade 45 minutes before it was scheduled to start.

He held them on the capitol steps for 15 minutes until Beck appeared and then led the old yell, more often heard from college students. "What's the matter with Joe Beck?"

"He's all right!" the farmers and their wives roared. Then they added three cheers for good measure.

Goat from Sparta
The farmers had W. H. Hanshett's goat from Sparta but Hanshett kept a tight leash on it during the parade despite the threatening presence of William Viregge and his whip, also from Sparta.

When Beck, recently fined for sending out lists of oleomargarine dealers in defiance of an injunction, saw the goat and driver with their symbolic titles referring to his case, he smiled broadly.

Farmers, giving only a few war

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Senate Votes Oleo Tax As Parade Starts

Amends Time of Dealer Reports, Sends Bill Back to Assembly

Just as 290 farmers from all parts of Wisconsin started a parade around capitol square this morning to demonstrate their hatred of all forms of butter substitute, the state senate concurred with the assembly on a bill taxing oleomargarine.

The bill is not yet completely through the legislative mill because the senate amended it and the assembly must concur in the amendment. The senate change provides that oleomargarine dealers must report to the department of agriculture and markets quarterly instead of weekly.

There was no debate in the senate on passage of the bill. The final vote was 23 to 8.

The bill is similar to the oleo tax bill passed at the last session except that it changes the tax on retailers. Judge A. G. Zimmerman

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Hurry, Good Fellows, Just Week Left to Fill Stockings

Come on, Good Fellows, there's only a week left to fill a lot of empty stockings. Next Wednesday, just two days before Christmas, the Empty Stocking Club will begin final deliveries of toys, food and clothing for the hundreds of youngsters who otherwise face a tragic Christmas day.

Of course you've had to give a lot of money to various charities this year, and you are feeling the pinch like everybody else, but remember this—every little boy and girl is entitled to a happy Christmas no matter what is going on in the world. Your check is needed this year more than ever before.

The Empty Stocking Club has the names of dozens and dozens of boys and girls who need shoes and stockings. Their Christmas dinner

will be a sorry affair if the Empty Stocking Club does not provide the means for making it different. Toys? There just won't be any, unless Madison's Good Fellows come to the rescue.

A great many checks have been received already. Between individual contributions and the two benefits, the club has nearly \$700 in its treasury, but a total of \$3,000 must be raised if the job is to be done as it should be.

Get your checkbook and pen out right away, and send your contribution to the Empty Stocking Club, care of The Wisconsin State Journal. Share your Christmas happiness with those less fortunate, and remember that you are giving a happy Christmas day to some little child.

Hold Disbarment Quiz on Madison Attorney

Misappropriation of Funds Called Cause

A John Doe hearing to discover whether a young Madison attorney should be disbarred was being conducted in the chambers of Judge A. C. Hoppmann, of Dodge county circuit court, today.

The hearing is being conducted at the request of the grievance committee of the Dane county bar association, which asked authorities to determine if there is any evidence upon which to base disbarment proceedings.

The quiz is said to be the result of alleged misappropriation of funds of a client or clients.

Assembly Committee Against Cigaret Tax

Fronck Predicts Passage Despite Report

A cigarette tax proposed by Assemblyman John Fronck, Antigo, to raise \$2,500,000, was reported upon unfavorably by a 7 to 5 vote of the joint finance committee after a hearing Tuesday. Fronck predicted that the assembly would pass the bill despite the committee recommendation.

Farm Value of All Crops Set at Four Billion by U.S.

WASHINGTON—(U.P.) — The department of agriculture announced today that the total farm value of all crops this year is \$4,122,540,000. This compared with a total farm value of \$5,518,530,000 for the crops of 1929 and \$6,025,494,000 for the 1928 crops.