

CURRENT HISTORY

The Mellon tax rates, for so long a subject of such hot discussion, have at last been voted down, and replaced by the plan set forth by Mr. Garner, Democrat, of Texas. This bill fixes the sur tax minimum for incomes of over \$92,000 at 44 per cent and for those of more than \$100,000 at 25 per cent. Other income tax rates are reduced lower than was Mr. Mellon's idea and various exemptions are increased.

Representative Fear of Wisconsin had proposed an amendment to cut the rates in half and to leave the schedule exactly as it was before, but this was voted down. The Garner bill was passed by the Democrats with the aid of a few insurgent Republicans, one farmer-laborite and one independent. The insurgents, who had held a dead lock and refused all appeals made by the organization Republicans, compromised on the 44 per cent plan, their original goal having been 50 per cent.

Representative Garner proposed an amendment to make stock dividends taxable, but was not so successful as in his other plan. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 141 to 127.

Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, sent his resignation to President Coolidge, who received it with regret. This resignation is a result of the oil investigation, although Denby maintains that his record is clear and that this action is for the purpose of saving the President any further embarrassment. He says he is giving sufficient time for any impeachment proceedings, as the resignation does not go into effect until March 10. Denby declares himself to be still sure that his policy was right.

Accepting in a letter to Denby, Mr. Coolidge said, "You will go with the knowledge that your honesty and integrity have not been impugned." No one has been considered, as yet, for a successor. Although numerous rumors as to the next official to resign, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, whose name was associated with that of Mr. Denby in the oil scandal, stated that he had not resigned.

The question of the resignation of Attorney-General Daugherty, also involved in the oil investigation, is a very important one. Many protests against his retaining office have been received at the White House. No statement concerning Mr. Daugherty's position will be made, either by himself or any other member of the Cabinet. Mr. Denby's resignation is the first change in the Cabinet since Mr. Harding's death.

A delegation of McAdoo supporters drew up a resolution of confidence and asked him to accept the "leadership of the progressive democracy of the nation." The resolution further declared that McAdoo "is pre-eminently available as the Democratic candidate for the high office of President of the United States and is the hope of the progressive thought of the nation." After the resolution had been adopted, Mr. McAdoo was called upon for an address and received an enthusiastic reception. He again stated his exact official relations with E. L. Doheny, as he had done for the investigation committee and spoke of the crisis confronting the nation.

The platform stated by Mr. McAdoo consists of the following pledges: To rid Washington of official corruption; to have a new international conference for the promotion of peace; to submit the question of such a conference to a popular referendum; and "to take the grip of Wall Street off the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve System."

MR. BAUCOM SPEAKS AT Y. W. VESPER SERVICES

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worked his way through school. He was graduated with highest honors, and is today one of the greatest ministers of the South. Mr. Baucom spoke of Abraham's obedience to God's commands. If the tasks seem hard, people should remember "Whatsoever He saith unto you do it." God wants willing service, and there is a reward for all service. Faithfulness is what counts and everybody can be faithful to his tasks. Mr. Baucom closed his interesting and beneficial talk by repeating the keynote to his message, "Whatsoever He saith unto you do it."

He said that Jesus speaks to people today. Abraham, Moses, Joshua, and the prophets called men to leave all and follow Jesus. Today Jesus speaks through peoples consciences, and also speaks through providence. Jesus never tells people to do impossible things; He calls for definite and specific services. Mr. Baucom illustrated by telling the story of a poor stammering boy who, while he was chopping cotton one day, heard the voice of Jesus calling him to preach. Mr. Baucom stretched out His hand over the stormy seas and said, "Peace." Mr. Baucom spoke of Jesus' power to control demons, and His power over death.

MISS WEISAL SPEAKS AT WEDNESDAY CHAPEL

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tion of the preparation necessary for capable leaders. What part in social order ought the church to play? Can one work with people? What is strong? What is weak? We must face facts as we see them today. We must develop skill in forming facts; we must weigh evidence, and we must remain open-minded. The opportunity of self expression is valuable to the church. One must constantly provide new experiences of greater interests, and build up convictions beneficial to oneself.

As one finds oneself increasingly ready for service, the church today offers unlimited means towards one's expression, "We can do all things through Him."

Such are a few of the questions and suggestions which Miss Weisal gave in an interesting manner last Wednesday morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Wednesday, February 27, at the Expanded Chapel Service, Miss Joiner, of the North Carolina Hospital for the Deaf Mutes at Morganton, will speak. She will have with her a class of deaf and dumb children from the hospital, and will demonstrate how they are taught to speak and understand. Miss Joiner has charge of Normal Instruction at the North Carolina School for the Deaf and is considered by national authorities as an expert in this work. The demonstration which she and her class will give will be very instructive. To our knowledge, this is the first demonstration of its kind to be given on any college platform.

Thursday night at 6:30, in the living room of Alice Clewell Building, the French Club will hold its regular meeting. This is the first informal meeting the club has had and, after a very short program, games and songs will be enjoyed. Everyone be sure to be there!

Excused

"Please excuse the absence of Willie yesterday. He had to take his father to the circus."

MISS DESHA LECTURES ON MUSICAL LIFE OF GRIEG

Miss Lucy Logan Desha gave a very instructive and interesting lecture at Music Hour, Thursday afternoon. Her subject was "An Appreciation of Grieg." Miss Desha began by pointing out the striking similarity between the lives of Grieg and Robert Louis Stevenson. Stevenson portrayed Scotland in words, and Grieg portrayed Norway in tone pictures. Grieg was born in Bergen, Norway, June 15, 1843. Four generations of Grieg's before him had been representative citizens in the community. His mother was a concert pianist of ordinary ability. Through the influence of Ole Bull, a friend of the Grieg family, Grieg entered the Leipzig Conservatory and adopted music as his life work. After leaving the Conservatory he went to Denmark. There he occupied himself with teaching, conducting, and playing church organs. He also began composing, and his compositions won the praise of Listz. Grieg spent the latter part of his life in Bergen. He made occasional concert tours, but he always preferred not to appear in public. He died September 4, 1907.

Grieg's music is decidedly individual in character. In it the influence of natural surroundings and a strong national spirit are evidence. Its distinctive qualities are grace and variety of expression, unusual rhythms, and much poetic emotion. Grieg's music has been vividly described as being like "a glass of fresh water in a desert."

At the conclusion of the lecture Miss Desha sang a delightful group of Grieg's songs. Her accompaniments were played by Miss Ruth Duncan. The following songs were rendered:

- Ich Liebe Dich.
- Mother's Sorrow.
- The Princess.
- Good Morning.
- Slumber Song.
- The Last Spring.

EXCHANGES

Radio "Fans" must pay to "listen in" in Australia. Every purchaser of a receiving set must present a license showing that he has subscribed and paid for the service of the station operating on the wave length to which the instrument being purchased is adjusted. For every broadcasting station he wishes to use, he pays separately. The sets are sealed and government inspectors investigate and check up the subscriber to see what seals have not been tampered with.

—Exchange.

SAWLESS PROCEEDING

The teacher was giving the class a lecture on "gravity." "Now, children," she said, "It is the law of gravity that keeps us on this earth."

"But please, teacher," enquired one small child, "how did we stick on before the law was passed?"

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MINNESOTA CO-EDS TAKE FENCING

Fencing at the University of Minnesota has sadly fallen from grace and is now listed with those sports in which women indulge as well as men.

Since some of the Co-eds have entered the fencing class it is expected that this added attraction will greatly increase the number of male duelists. A mixed class is being conducted at present, but if the number of female students increase, two classes will be formed.

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High Schools in all parts of Virginia are selecting representatives to attend the Annual High School and Secondary School Declamation Contest to be held at the University of Richmond on February 22. Last year more than twenty students competed in the contest and it is believed a large number will enter this year.

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BETA BETA PHI HONOR GUESTS AT BRIDGE TEA

Carrie Louise Ward, Inez Gold, Helen Ford, and Mary Louise House were hostesses Monday afternoon at the Robert E. Lee Hotel at a bridge tea given in honor of the Beta Beta Phi Sorority and their pledges.

The Valentine idea was carried out in the decorations. Delicious refreshments consisting of a salad and an ice course were served.

The University of Cincinnati is projecting a drive to raise funds for rebuilding the Lorwain library in Belgium—America's part in the reconstruction of the Lorwain University following its destruction by the German forces during the war.

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