

No More Tax' Is Demand of N. C. Citizens

Frank Page Sounds Keynote At Economy Mass Meeting in Raleigh

Raleigh, March 2.—More than 2,000 persons attended the taxpayers' meeting held in the city auditorium here this afternoon under the auspices of the North Carolina State Grange, the North Carolina Merchants' Association and the National Economy League.

Frank Page acted as chairman and speakers of note were heard, including U. B. Bialock, president of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Association; John L. Morehead, textile manufacturer; Lee L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount; W. Kerr Scott, of Haw River, master of the State Grange, and others of prominence.

Calling upon all loyal citizens of North Carolina to "put aside their selfish and individual aims and ambitions, and unite to save the state from financial ruin," Mr. Page asserted:

"The general assembly must enact a budget within current income. It must not impose any new taxes. It must give the governor whole authority and a mandate to see that our state does not spend more than it

actually receives in current income.

"This and this alone is our common plea, and every citizen, state-wide knows that this platform alone will avoid controversy and will bring order out of chaos."

Asserting that North Carolina must preserve its credit and carry on its government functions from current income, Mr. Page said:

"It (the state) must and will feel the pinch of poverty, as most of its citizens are doing today; and we are here today, representing and speaking for all the citizens who pay taxes, to insist and demand that the state spend only what it actually has to spend, and put no further load on the backs of the already overburdened citizenship through new taxes."

The trend of the remarks made by other speakers closely followed the keynote sounded by Mr. Page, "rigid economy, and no additional taxation," which obviously coincided with views held by a large majority of the audience if the frequent and prolonged applause can be construed as a true barometer.

The mass meeting was enlivened by the forcible ejection of an unidentified man from the stage at the city auditorium.

Police said the man who attempted to break up the meeting had been drinking. After wandering about the auditorium the man ran to the stage, saying he "had a stunt to pull off." He was ejected before the nature of the stunt was learned.

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Today and Tomorrow

FORD becomes banker

By coming to the rescue of the Detroit banking situation Henry Ford has again demonstrated his public spirit, and probably has set himself up as a fresh target for the abuse of the envious.

Mr. Ford refused to become a director or a minority stockholder in the two big Detroit banks that were in trouble, because he has original ideas about the way banks should be run, which he couldn't make effective if he were merely one of a group. But he and his son came forward with a proposal to supply all the capital needed for two big new banks to take over the old ones.

I would be willing to make a fair-sized wager that Mr. Ford will introduce revolutionary ideas into banking and will be as successful in that as he has been in his other ventures.

CASH it talks Henry Ford and his son unquestionably have more cash in banks subject to check than anybody else in the world. Yet Mr. Ford has a profound distrust of most bankers and their methods.

He told me how once, in his early days, he set a trap for some bankers and they fell into it. He had been told that a certain group of bankers wanted to get control of his business. He went to them and "talked poor." They lent him what was then a large amount of money, about half a million dollars. Shortly before the note came due he wrote them a letter asking for an extension. The next morning the head of the banking house was in his office, offering an extension on condition that Mr. Ford would turn over a controlling interest in his company to the bankers.

Ford's answer was to write a check for the entire amount of the loan with interest.

"That was my first lesson in high finance," he told me.

ORIGINALITY Ford asset I have known Mr. Ford for a good many years. What makes him different from all other leaders in business is that he has no fixed "brain patterns." Because things have always been done in a certain way does not seem to Mr. Ford sufficient reason for continuing to do them that way, if a better way can be found.

Mr. Ford is often called an autocrat, because he insists upon doing things in what he believes to be the right way. He has no patience with people who tell him that his way is the "wrong way," before it has been tried out. That is why he bought out his minority stockholders for nearly a hundred million dollars in cash, because they thought the right way to run his business was to pay all the profits in dividends, instead of using them to improve the plant and the product and reduce the price to the buyer.

HOSPITAL so different

One example of Mr. Ford's "autocracy" often cited in his management of the big hospital which he gave to the city of Detroit. Although not a resident of Detroit, Mr. Ford was a member of the committee which was trying to raise funds for a new city hospital. Money came in slowly and conflicting ideas about what kind of a hospital ought to be built were put forward. Mr. Ford finally said that if they would give him full control he would put up all the money and build the finest hospital in the world.

He did exactly that, after employing scores of experts to study and report upon hospital construction and management in all the great medical centers.

The Detroit hospital is the only important hospital that is not run by doctors. It is run by Henry Ford's appointees for the benefit of the people of Detroit. A good many doctors don't like that, but I doubt if there is any hospital in the world where ordinary patients have more comfort and better medical care.

FINANCE wrong system

The depression has proved, not that there was anything the matter with our industrial system, but that the nation's financial system had got into the hands of incompetent or reckless men bent on enriching themselves at the expense of the public.

The chairman of the board of the nation's largest bank resigned a few days ago, as a result of disclosures of his banking methods before a Senatorial investigation committee.

The country has been suffering from too many weak banks and too few honest bankers. One of the big jobs the new Administration has ahead of it is the reorganization and rehabilitation of the nation's banking systems and methods.

He: "Look, our captain is going to kick the goal!" She: "What did the goal do?"

DEATH OF WALSH SHOCKS NATION

Victim of Heart Attack On Train; Ends Brilliant Public Career

En Route to Washington, March 2.—Senator Thomas J. Walsh, attorney general designate, died of heart attack early today near Wilson, N. C., as he was hurrying with his bride of five days to Washington to take his place in President Roosevelt's cabinet.

Mrs. Walsh, the former Senora Nives Perez Chaumont de Truffin, whom he married in Havana Saturday, found him lying unconscious shortly after daybreak on the floor of their drawing room of an Atlantic Coast Line train. He died at 7:10 a. m. without regaining consciousness. Mrs. Walsh became almost hysterical as she told of his death, and required medical attention herself.

Apparently the 73-year-old gray-haired Montana Democrat left his berth when seized with an attack and fell to the floor as he started to awaken his wife.

When Mrs. Walsh discovered the senator on the floor, she screamed and called a porter. Together they lifted Senator Walsh to a berth and the porter raced through seven cars for Conductor Herbert Weathersbee. There was a faint pulse when the conductor arrived and he summoned Dr. Richard J. Costello, of Cambridge, Mass., a passenger on the train. Before the physician reached his side, the Montanan was dead.

The body was removed from the train at Rocky Mount and prepared for burial. It was dressed in the suit Senator Walsh wore when he took Senora Perez Chaumont, the widow of a wealthy Havana business man, as his bride.

At 3 p. m., the body was placed aboard a train for Washington.

Mrs. Walsh, who earlier in the day had suffered a slight heart attack herself, brought on by the strain of her husband's death, collapsed as she boarded the train. She was accompanied by a nurse, Dr. W. B. Kinlaw, heart specialist of Rocky Mount, and Capt. Charles A. Gudger, U. S. N., Senator Walsh's son-in-law. Captain Gudger flew here from Hampton Roads, Va., where he learned of Senator Walsh's death.

While she waited for the train which was to carry her and her dead husband's body to Washington, Mrs. Walsh told in halting English in her Rocky Mount hotel room of his death.

She was awakened, she said, by the sunlight streaming thru while the train was traveling between Contentnea and Wilson, a distance of six miles, looked at her husband's berth and saw it was empty.

"I thought he was in the bathroom," the grief-stricken, almost hysterical woman said in broken English with a Spanish accent.

"I called like this, 'Who-o-o, Tom, who-o-o, Tom.' He didn't answer. 'I started to jump out of bed, and saw him on the floor."

"I tried to pick him up and couldn't lift him. I tried several times. Then I started screaming and ringing the bell. The porter came and we lifted the senator into the berth."

"I lifted his arms up and down. I patted his body all over. I opened his eyes. I blow in his mouth."

"Then a doctor came, he pushed me aside. I wanted to do anything to bring life to the senator. But there he was—dead."

Miss Joyce Wellborn Is Member of Debating Team

Miss Joyce Wellborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wellborn, of Wilkesboro, is a member of the Mars Hill College debating team. She was a member of the team which won a unanimous decision over Billmore College Friday night.

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Kannapolis, March 6.—Henry Davis, 34, unemployed, and his two daughters were instantly killed here today when a Southern railway passenger train struck their automobile as Davis was taking the girls to school.

Davis apparently did not see the approaching train as he drove over Graever's crossing and the train, which does not stop here, carried the machine over 200 yards down the track.

The daughters were Thelma, 16, and Catherine, 14. Another child and Davis' wife survive.

The coroner was out of the city today and Chief of Police Ira Chapman said it was probable that no inquest would be held.

As far as was known, the only eyewitness was Richard Swink who said Davis "apparently did not look in the direction" from which the train approached.

Swink said the body of Thelma was hurled from the automobile after it had been carried 100 feet down the track and that in another 100 feet the body of Catherine was thrown clear. Davis' body was found crushed in the wreckage of the machine.

The Lutheran Mission

G. A. Wagner, supply minister. We are still having services every Sunday evening at 7:30 on B street. Last Sunday we began our Lenten services with a sermon appropriate for the season. In our meditation we saw how St. Paul admonishes us to not receive the grace of God in vain, but avail ourselves of the opportunity to hear what God has done for us, to receive this into our hearts, and to profit by it. May we gladly follow this admonition and be present at all these services.

There will also be a service again next Sunday evening, the Lord willing, at the same time. The public is cordially invited. Let us look for an increase in our attendance.

Chicago—Mrs. Rose McGowan filed suit for divorce from her husband, Joseph, here, charging he used a steam shovel, nothing less, in assaulting her. The attack occurred when she asked her husband for his pay check as he was at work on the shovel, excavating a basement.

Pasadena, Calif.—Prof. August Piccard's next flight into the stratosphere will start from somewhere in southwestern United States, Dr. John F. B. Carruthers, of the University of Southern California, announces.

BANK CRISIS HALTS DIVORCES IN RENO

Reno, Nev., March 6.—There was a holiday on divorces, too. Several women, here to have their marital bonds broken, were unable to pay filing fees at the county clerk's office because their money was in the First National bank, closed by Presidential proclamation.

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