

Local showers today and probably Thursday. Stage of river at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m. 2.2.

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HARD FIGHT FORECAST OVER MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE REVENUE BILL

Senator Simmons Gives Notice of "Sweeping and Radical" Amendments

BILL IS "HORRIBLE"

North Carolina Senator Says It Is the Most Unjust Thing Ever Proposed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Tax revision legislation was put under way today in the senate with indications of a bitter fight to come over the more important provisions of the measure reported by the finance committee.

Notice was given by Senator Simmons, ranking minority member of the committee, that sweeping and radical amendments would be offered by the Democrats, and he added that if the sponsor for the manufacturers' sales tax would agree to amendments, serious consideration would be given to such a sales tax as a part of the Democratic scheme provided such a levy should prove necessary in order to raise the most revenue.

Objections to specific sections of the bill came from the Republican as well as the Democratic side of the chamber. Senator Leonard of Wisconsin, Republican member of the agricultural bloc, proposed amendments to the income surtax provision under which existing rates would be continued up to \$100,000. With an alternate proposal of a 50 per cent levy on incomes of from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and a 60 per cent rate on those above \$300,000.

By taking the bill up under an agreement to accept uncontested committee amendments to the original measure, the senate made considerable progress on proposed changes to some of the administrative features. None of the levy provisions was passed, however, and the bill is expected to be continued tomorrow and Senator Pennington, in charge of the measure, gave notice that he would ask to have the senate meet at 10 o'clock each day in order to expedite consideration of the legislation.

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Order Strike When Count Is Completed

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—An immediate strike of the 168,000 railway trainmen employed on American roads will be ordered if the strike vote, now being counted, favors it, James Murdock, vice president of the organization, announced tonight.

CHICAGO POLICE MAKE ONE CASE OF WHISKEY YIELD MANY A DOLLAR

Seize Shipments, Sell Them, Collect Protection, Confiscate and Re-sell

"THE SHAKE-DOWN" System Is Called "the Multiple Shake-Down" and It Runs Very Smoothly

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ASSIGN CUTTER MODOC TO THIS COAST WHEN SHE IS COMMISSIONED

Is Now Being Completed at Oakland, Calif., Commandant Tells Senator

G. O. P. PIE-HUNGRY

In Rush for Postoffices They Override Wishes of Postoffice Patrons

(Special to The Star.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Commandant W. E. Reynolds, commandant of the coast guard service, has written Senator Simmons as follows:

"Referring to our previous conference concerning the coast guard cutter which probably will be assigned to duty on the North Carolina coast. I am pleased to inform you that it is now our intention to so assign the Modoc, now nearing completion at Oakland, Calif.

The Modoc is one of four similar vessels being constructed for the coast guard. They will be the largest vessels in the service, being about 240 feet long. It is expected that the ship will arrive at her headquarters before the end of the present calendar year.

Service men lose Postoffice. Democrats are wrought up over the ousting of F. T. Currie, at Pinehurst, N. C., of the patronage of the postoffice. It is asserted, petitioned the postoffice department to name Mr. Currie.

Tom Watson Not Coming. Senator Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, will not permit himself to be used as a drawing card for fair. Senator Simmons sent this letter to Chas. F. Carroll, Kinross.

Postmasters Commissioned. Postmasters have been commissioned as follows: Meigs, Arterius S. Bush; Ringwood, Jesse A. Harris.

LEAD OF YANKEES AND THE GIANTS REDUCED YESTERDAY. NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—The lead of the New York Yankees over the Cleveland world's champions was cut to a game and a half today when the Yankees won while that of the New York Nationals was shortened to three and a half games through a Pittsburgh victory.

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Atlantic Coast Line Starts Action Protesting Tax Value

Complaint in an Injunction Proceedings Against the Revenue Commissioner, Governor and Other State Officials, Is Filed With Federal Court, to Prevent the Collection of Taxes on a Basis of the Valuation Fixed

By JULE B. WARREN

LEIGH, Sept. 27.—Attorneys for the Atlantic Coast Line today filed in federal court a complaint in an injunction proceeding against the commissioner of revenue, A. D. Watts, Governor Morrison and other state officials and the sheriffs and collectors of all counties through which the lines run, stopping for the time being the collection of taxes on the basis of values fixed by the revenue commissioner several weeks ago.

The court proceedings started in the eastern district federal court this morning is similar to that filed by the Southern Railway in western court at Greensboro last week. Printed copies of the complaint, many pages long, were left with the clerk of court, and were taken to the commissioner of revenue, the auditor, the treasurer and other state officials today. The complaint follows similar lines to that filed by the Southern, citing as other property in counties through which the line runs, the complaint follows somewhat the same lines of argument used before the commissioner of revenue, when the Coast Line and other larger roads of the state petitioned for a reduction in the aggregate value of their railroad property in North Carolina.

ARRANGE WORK HOURS TO CREATE MORE JOBS. Relief Scheme Agreed Upon by Manufacturers' Committee at Unemployment Conference

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—A unanimous agreement today resulted in an extended advance which forced December contracts \$5.65 and October contracts \$7.25 a bale above yesterday's close.

CONGRESS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE TARIFF SOON. WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Any expectation that the special session of congress will be able to complete a permanent revision of the tariff before its termination in December is understood to have been abandoned by most high administration officials.

MEXICO CELEBRATES LIBERTY. MEXICO CITY, Sept. 27.—A military parade of great dimensions, comprising 16,000 men of all the branches in the service, was held today in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of Mexico.

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN REYNOLDS IS ELECTED ARBUCKLE CASE RESTS ON EVIDENCE ADDUCED BY STATE COMMITTEE

Claims Sufficient Testimony Without Putting on the Prosecuting Witness

ACTION A SURPRISE

Motion to Dismiss Denied and Judge Will Render His Decision Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—The question whether Roscoe C. Arbuckle will be tried in the superior court for the murder of Miss Virginia Rappe, or whether he will be held on the lesser charge of manslaughter, will be decided tomorrow by Police Judge Sylvain Lazarus before whom the film comedian has been examined on a murder accusation.

The prosecution suddenly closed its case today without the testimony of the complaining witness, Mrs. Bambina Delmont, saying ample evidence had been presented to warrant holding for trial. The court, although warning the district attorney that he was running the danger of a dismissal by not producing more proof, practically removed all possibility of such action by denying a defense motion to dismiss and announcing that he rarely failed to hold a defendant to answer. As to the particular charge, however, Judge Lazarus stated his mind was not yet made up.

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REYNOLDS IS ELECTED REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN

Is Nominated by Bramham and Put Through in Very Short Order

ONLY ONE OFFERED

Other Party Leaders Declined to Consider Election to the Place

(Special to The Star.) GREENSBORO, Sept. 27.—The election of C. A. Reynolds of Winston-Salem and a lot of talking were the only happenings of any note at the call meeting of the executive committee of the state Republican party which was held here today.

The name of Mr. Reynolds was placed before the convention soon after it had been called to order and the purpose of the meeting stated by Secretary William Grison, W. G. Bramham, of Durham, taking the floor and nominating the Winston-Salem man.

WOMAN'S PLACE IN THE COMMITTEE AND THE PARTY WAS ALSO GONE INTO, BUT NOTHING OF A DEFINITE NATURE WAS DONE. The committee deciding it best to wait the state convention next year before taking any definite action, although the organization of women to vote the Republican ticket will be rushed as fast as possible.

THE MEETING WAS OPEN FOR A CERTAIN length of time, or until Mrs. William Settle Sharpe had completed her speech in which she pledged renewed efforts for the party and urged the great need for a thorough organization of women of the G. O. P. faith in North Carolina.

Chairman Reynolds, acting upon a suggestion from the committee, then proceeded to inform the members of the Democratic press that their room was more desirable than their company and politely ask that they take themselves from the room, and enjoy the society of their own kind.

THINK GERMANY IS CARRYING OUT ALLIED ARMAMENT PLANS. LONDON, Sept. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—According to latest reports received by British authorities, the inter-allied control commission in Germany is working itself as fully satisfied with the progress of the surrender and destruction of German armaments.

DAIRY CABINET TO MEET. DUBLIN, Sept. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The Dairies cabinet will assemble in the Mansion house Thursday to consider the reply of Prime Minister Lloyd George to Eamon de Valera's latest communication. It was announced here tonight. (Mr. Lloyd George's reply will be made public Wednesday according to a London announcement.)

QUESTION SUFFRAGE LAW. WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—The constitutional issue of the woman's suffrage amendment was questioned today in a petition filed in the supreme court today by Oscar Leser and others, who seek to have that court review decisions of state courts in Maryland holding the amendment unconstitutional.