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PRICE FIVE CENTS

OVER BILLION IN INHERITANCE TAXES

Generation Richer by More Than \$1,000,000,000 By Deaths of Millionaires Since Jan. '13.

724,236 COLLECTED IN INHERITANCE TAXES

Estates Left by Morgan, Vanderbilt, Astor, Brady, Flagler, Westinghouse and Many Others.

New York, March 16.—With the death of George W. Vanderbilt, George Westinghouse and John L. Cadwallader, officials in the state controller's office today began tabulation of the wealth left by the large number of prominent New York men who have died since January 1, 1913. It is estimated that the total amount of wealth passed on to the next generation is more than one billion dollars. The state controller reports that for the year ending last September the total amount of revenue collected from the inheritance tax amounted to \$127,428,586. The amount to be collected from estates not yet appraised is believed to be much larger. Never in the state's history, it is said, have so many men of wealth and power died in such a short period. Included in the list are such names as J. Pierpont Morgan, Anthony N. Brady, Benjamin Altman, Charles E. Appleby, George Hearn, Henry M. Flagler and Isaac V. Brokaw. The tax on the Brady estate, paid recently in advance on appraisal in order to get a discount on the regular percentage, was \$2,584,000, which is an estimated valuation of \$75,000,000. The Morgan estate has paid an advance tax of \$2,500,000 on an estimated total valuation of \$55,000,000. Exclusive of works of art which have been valued at more than fifty million dollars, George W. Vanderbilt was supposed to have left \$50,000,000. Attorneys for the estate are working on an estimate. The largest inheritance tax which has been paid since the enactment of the law was that of \$3,150,000 on the \$7,000,000 estate of the late Col. John Jacob Astor. Previous to that the estate of John S. Kennedy, valued at \$7,000,000, held the record. Benjamin Altman, George A. Hearn, Isaac V. Brokaw and Isidor Straus, great merchants, are some of the men whose estates are now being adjusted by the controller. Mr. Altman left his art works, valued at \$10,000,000, to the Metropolitan Museum. His total estate is supposed to be worth \$30,000,000. Mr. Hearn, another art collector, left an estate valued at \$10,000,000 besides a notable art collection. The estate of Isaac V. Brokaw is estimated at \$5,000,000 and valuation of \$4,427,608 was placed on the estate of Isidor Straus. Henry Flagler, the Florida man, left an estate of \$6,000,000. Other large estates settled during 1913 are those of D. O. Mills, who left about \$10,000,000; Edwin Hawley, valued at \$9,740,000 less debts of about \$4,000,000; and James R. Keene, which is estimated at \$20,000,000.

WOUNDED FARMER; MAY HAVE BEEN LYNCHED

Negro Mack Mins Who Shot S. C. Farmer, May Have Paid Forfeit.

Augusta, Ga., March 16.—Mack Mins, a negro, escaped from the Edgefield county chancery, who shot J. W. K. Smith, a farmer, in the face with a shot gun on Saturday, was captured by a posse headed by Sheriff Swearingin yesterday on the Edisto river in Aiken county. The negro was taken to Edgefield and about 9 o'clock last night the sheriff and his deputies secretly took the negro from jail and started with him to another county to lodge him in jail for safe keeping. It was feared that he would be lynched if kept in the Edgefield jail. There was strong talk of lynching and it is possible that he was taken from the sheriff and lynched last night. Nothing has been heard of either the sheriff or the negro since they left Edgefield last night. Mins was serving a sentence of two years for stealing a horse from Mr. Smith. When he escaped he laid in wait for Smith near his home and shot him. Smith will recover.

TENNESSEE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS HAVE MEET

Stubborn Fight Expected Over Question of Fusion with The Republicans.

Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—When the independent democratic state committee met here today a stubborn fight was in prospect between the advocates of continued fusion with the republicans and those favoring harmonizing the democratic party. Interest in the meeting has been greatly increased by the appeal for harmony in the democratic party in Tennessee, issued Saturday by President Wilson. Advocates of continued fusion favor an immediate call for a state convention, while the democratic harmony leaders urge postponement of action pending action by the "regular" democratic league. The "regular" state committee meets next Monday. Continuation of the fusion program includes an endorsement of Governor B. W. Hooper, republican, for a third term as an assurance of enforcement of prohibition.

GOES IN SEARCH OF VESSEL IN DISTRESS

Norfolk, Va., March 16.—The United States revenue cutter Onondaga after taking on coal and provisions today went to sea in search of the four masted schooner Elisha Atkins, of Bath, Me., from Tampa, Fla., to Baltimore, which is in distress with her lower sails stripped and her rudder head carried away in a recent storm. The Atkins, when passed Friday by the steamer Verd, was in latitude 35.52 and longitude 71.48. The Onondaga was short of coal and provisions when wireless came in of the Atkins' distress, and it was impossible for her to leave on what might be a protracted stay at sea until noon today.

Head of School Dies

Hartford, Conn., March 16.—Job Williams, who for thirty-four years had been head of The American School for the Deaf, died today aged 71. He was a graduate of Yale.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Griffith are guests at the Battery Park hotel coming from Palmyra, N. Y.

PAGE EXPLANATION SATISFIES WILSON

President Considers Incident Concerning Ambassador's Speech as Closed.

Washington, March 16.—Ambassador Page's explanation of his London speech touching upon the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama tolls is satisfactory to President Wilson, who regards the incident closed so far as the administration is concerned. When a full report of the speech is received it will be forwarded to the senate which asked for it by Senator Chamberlain's resolution. President Wilson told callers today that any agitation over Mr. Page's stand was caused by a misunderstanding of what the ambassador said and that a fuller report of the speech showed that the ambassador had correctly stated the situation. The president is satisfied that Mr. Page referred to the Panama canal as "not to please England" instead of "not merely to please England."

LETTERS INDICATE VARNER UPSET SCHEME

P. O. Department Blames The State Authorities—Governor Craig Has Hopes Of Getting Money.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, March 16. Certain North Carolinians have flouted the thing, it appears, with the result that North Carolina has lost \$20,000 of real federal good roads money. Several months since \$40,000 was set aside for use in the state in improving certain roads in co-operation with some of the counties, and the department heads here sought to get an agreement as to where the money should be spent. It was at first determined to spend \$10,000 on the scenic highway from Old Fort to Asheville, which met Governor Craig's approval, but from then on action was slow. Today the cheerless information was given by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blaklee, that, owing to the failure of the people of North Carolina to act, half of the state's melon has been sent to other states where the people knew what they wanted. Both the North Carolina senators are making an effort to get the amount restored but the money is gone and it is not known what they can do about it. Ten thousand is now available for the McDowell county road, and \$10,000 is available for the work on the central highway from Greensboro running south. All the confusion and delay arose over the Winston-Salem-Statesville road and in letters from Mr. Blaklee to Senator Overman reference is made to the request of H. B. Verner for certain changes, which the department indicates it will be slow to approve. In fact, the statement was made at the postoffice department today that the insistence of Mr. Verner upon these changes had mainly occasioned the delay. Governor Craig, on the other hand, in letters to Senator Overman, is inclined to hold the department people here responsible for the confusion and consequent loss to North Carolina of the \$20,000. However, the correspondence relating to this good roads matter is now in the possession of Senator Overman. In a letter which Mr. Blaklee wrote to Governor Craig early last month this statement appears: "The projects in your state have now been pending for many months and it is imperative that an understanding be reached immediately, as other localities where suitable roads and ample funds are available are anxious to participate in this co-operative road and ample funds are available and anxious to participate in this co-operative movement. I am constrained to advise you, therefore, that unless we receive satisfactory designations of the road or roads, selected by you for improvement, the situation is such that we shall be obliged to withdraw the offer of financial aid in the improvement of roads in your state." The department still failing to get any conclusive action from the state, another letter was written to Governor Craig on March 6, telling of a communication which had been received from Mr. Verner inclosing description of a road which he desired to improve. A statement is further made by Mr. Blaklee, to this effect: "It thus appears that you or the parties concerned have been able to designate only two highways that in some measure seem to meet the requirements of the department. If these projects are finally approved it will mean the setting aside of a federal allotment of \$20,000. The amount originally allotted to North Carolina was \$40,000, but on account of the many delays and for the reason set forth in my letter to you under the date of February 21, the department feels constrained to withdraw one-half of the tentative allotment of \$40,000 and to apply the sum of \$20,000 so withdrawn toward the improvement of highways in localities where the authorities are ready and willing immediately to meet all of our requirements."

STAY OF EXECUTION IN CASE OF SCHMIDT

New York, March 16.—Notice of appeal from the sentence of death imposed upon Hans Schmidt, former priest, for the murder of Anna Auduller will be filed this week by Alphonse G. Koebler of Schmidt's counsel. The appeal will act as a stay of sentence. Schmidt was sentenced to die in the week beginning next Monday. Several months are likely to elapse before arguments are heard.

N. C. MAY LOSE ROADS MONEY

Half of Federal Appropriation Of \$40,000 May Be Withdrawn Because of Indecision.

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LAW VIOLATED ASSERTS CARTER

Judge Who Conducted Investigation Has Information of Large Whiskey Shipments Received Here.

MATTER REPORTED, SAYS J. A. WILD

Chief of Police Professed Himself Unable to Act on the Information, Says Mr. Wild.

Judge Frank Carter, who, sitting as a committing magistrate, conducted such a far-reaching investigation last November into the wholesale violation of the prohibition law in Asheville, is in the city and made the statement Saturday afternoon that he has been reliably informed that the prohibition law is now being almost as flagrantly violated here as it was before that investigation was begun. "If this is the case," said Judge Carter, "it is a shame that the citizens of Asheville should not countenance being brought upon their city. After the investigation which I conducted here last fall was closed, the way was paved for a strict enforcement of every phase of the prohibition law; and if it has not been enforced then the city officials are morally culpable. From information that I have received, here is no doubt in my mind, either, that whiskey is being received here in large quantities and the police authorities are allowing the consignees to receipt for it without question as to its ultimate disposition." Judge Carter's assertion was based in part on information by J. A. Wild, a well known citizen of the city, that about 10 days ago a barrel of whiskey was received by freight by one of the hotels here and a consignment of 120 pints of whiskey came about the same time to a pool room and bowling alley. Mr. Wild stated that he reported these large shipments of whiskey to Chief of Police C. N. Lomnac with the idea that an investigation would be begun immediately, but was informed by the chief that he had no power to do anything about it. Mr. Wild also stated that the matter was reported to Police Justice Julius G. Adams, but that so far no action whatever has been taken by the city authorities.

BOURNE ELECTED COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Chosen by Committee to Succeed J. E. Swain—Primary Date May 19th.

Louis M. Bourne was elected chairman of the Buncombe County Democratic Executive committee and May 19 was named as the date for the county primary at a meeting of the executive committee held in the commissioner's room of the county court house today. The meeting was called to order a few minutes past noon by County Chairman Swain, who, by reason of his entrance into the race for solicitor, tendered his resignation. This was accepted. Nominations for chairman were then declared in order. The name of Mr. Bourne was proposed by Capt. West and that of J. W. Haynes by Hardy Pearson. Nineteen committeemen were voting in person or by proxy and the count of ballots showed Bourne 12; Haynes 7.

DECLINES TO REDUCE RATES FROM THE EAST

Washington, March 16.—The interstate commerce commission today declined to reduce freight rates via St. Louis, Mo., on shipments originating east of the Indiana-Illinois state line, in Central Freight association, Southeastern and Carolina territories, to destinations west of St. Louis, of which Springfield, Mo., is typical. The commission held that existing rates were neither unreasonable nor discriminatory.

TERRE HAUTE STREET CARS BEING GUARDED

Aftermath of Last Night's Rioting After Strike Had Been Culled.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 16.—Cars operating under police guard marked the aftermath today of Saturday night's rioting that occurred after a strike had been called. Few persons attempted to ride on the cars. The warning sent her late yesterday by Governor Ralston that 18 companies of militia would be placed here with little delay should conditions warrant had a tendency to preserve order.

WILLIAM LUMMIS DIES

New York, March 16.—William Lummis, a former president of the stock exchange, died yesterday at his home here in his 73rd year. He was born in New York.

TRADE BOARD BILL COMPLETE

House Sub-Committee Submits Interstate Trade Commission Measure to the Full Committee.

PRACTICALLY EVERY MEMBER APPROVES

President Now Turns Attention To Other Phases of the Anti-Trust Legislative Program.

Washington, March 16.—The bill for the creation of an interstate trade commission, regarded by President Wilson as first in importance among the proposed measures on the administration's trust program, was before the house interstate commerce committee today. The measure, which would create a new commission to take over the powers and duties of the present bureau of corporations, was submitted to the full committee by its subcommittee, which framed it. The new bill was unanimously agreed upon by its framers and meets with the approval of practically the full committee. It was drawn up after conferences with President Wilson and Attorney General McReynolds. Democratic leaders in congress expect the bill to receive substantial republican support and an effort probably will be made shortly to bring about concerted action between both branches of congress on the measure. Other Phases. With the revised interstate trade commission bill completed by the house subcommittee on the judiciary to the satisfaction of the administration, President Wilson turned his attention today to consideration of other phases of the anti-trust legislative program. He planned to confer with Representative Clayton, chairman of the judiciary committee, and his colleagues on a revised bill to prohibit interlocking directorates. Whether the new bills should include any provisions exempting labor unions from the operation of the proposed laws has not been discussed with the president, it became known today. Though the American Federation of Labor is publicly asking for the exemption, the president has not had the matter called to his personal attention and it is said to be his view that the line the committees are working on with reference to trust legislation does not touch upon the labor phase of the problem.

"MOTHER" JONES QUIETLY LEAVES

BORDER OUTRAGE AROUSES PEOPLE

Bitter Feeling Because of Killing of Postmaster in California by Bandits.

San Diego, Cal., March 16.—Bitter feeling caused by the killing Saturday night of Frank V. Johnston, postmaster at Tecate, near the Mexican border and the burning of the United States customs office and post-office, by bandits, continued today. Secretary Bryan and Governor Johnson of California have been asked to make an investigation of the affair. According to information received here three bandits, said to be Mexicans, killed Johnston when he refused to give them the combination of his safe. A posse is pursuing the bandits.

WOMAN IS DETAINED ON GENERAL SUSPICION

Mrs. Splawn - Miller - O'Dell Claims That She is Dorothy Arnold.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 16.—Detained on a general charge of suspicion, Mrs. "Ella" Splawn-Miller-O'Dell was held in the city jail today. She had created a sensation by claiming she was Dorothy Arnold, who vanished in 1910. Detectives are seeking a physician and another man said by Mrs. O'Dell's husband, Charles O'Dell, to be responsible for his wife's condition. Physicians who examined the young woman said she was suffering from acute hysteria, apparently induced by hypnotic influence. That she had recently been under the influence of a powerful drug was the assertion of the police, who said the young woman admits this. Mrs. O'Dell repudiated her husband, her sister and her mother yesterday.

Report Confirmed. Denver, Col., March 16.—Adjutant General John Chase confirmed today the report from Trinidad that "Mother" Jones had been sent out of the strike zone, adding that she was somewhere in Denver. He stated that the action was taken at the request of "Mother" Jones.

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Noted Woman Strike Leader Secretly Put in Train and Sent From The Strike District.

ACTION WAS TAKEN AT HER OWN REQUEST

Was Taken to Denever—Had Been Arrested for Returning to Trinidad After Deportation.

Trinidad, Col., March 16.—"Mother" Mary Jones, noted woman strike leader, who has been a military prisoner in San Rafael hospital here since January 12, was put aboard a train quietly last night and sent out of the coal strike district. Her departure became known today. It was said this action was taken at her request and on orders of General John Chase. "Mother" Jones was taken to Denver. Her transportation from the strike district came after she declared her intention of leaving the district permanently. General Chase had said ever since her arrest that she was at liberty to leave when she desired. The military authorities proceeded with the utmost secrecy to remove "Mother" Jones and the announcement was not made public today. "Mother" Jones was arrested here January 12 after having been deported from the district the week before and told not to return. Since her detention several efforts have been made to obtain her release.

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