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WHAT THE WEBB BILL MEANS.

Senator Thornton, an Opponent of Prohibition, Believes the States Should Control.

When the bill to regulate the inter-State shipments of liquor was under consideration in the United States Senate on the 10th, Senator Thornton of Louisiana spoke in favor of the measure. His remarks will be of interest to those on both sides of the question in North Carolina. He said:

"Mr. President, I presume that other Senators have had a common experience with myself in the matter of receiving requests to vote against the pending bill, generally known as the Kenyon-Sheppard bill and generally understood to have for its object the prohibition of the shipment of liquor from a State in which it is lawful to sell it, to a State in which its sale is not legal; and an understanding based on a popular error, for the bill does not prohibit such shipment, but does subject it to the authority of the police power of the other State when it enters its jurisdiction and before it reaches the consignee, provided it had been purchased for the purpose of violating the laws of the State.

"Powerful political influence from my own State, which is not a prohibition State except in spots, have been brought to bear on me by those who have been my personal as well as political friends, in the effort to have me vote against the passage of the bill, the parties generally basing their opposition on the twofold ground that it was unconstitutional and a violation of the right of personal liberty. To all I have answered that I could not do so consistently with my views of the rights of the respective States of the Union.

"If either of these objections appeared to me well founded, I would vote against the bill, for I have taken an oath to obey the constitution of the United States and I am now, as I have ever been, a strong believer in the right of the personal liberty of the individual citizen.

"But while there may be a doubt in my mind as to the constitutionality of the bill, that doubt is not sufficiently strong to make me vote against its passage, for I cannot justify myself in taking the position that unless a legislator was absolutely sure of the constitutionality of an act submitted to him it is his duty to vote against it, even though he thought the motive for its inception was proper and the result of its passage would be beneficial.

"I hold, rather than I have no right in such a case to attempt to block what I considered proper legislation, but that it would be my duty to assist in its passage and let the courts pass on the mooted question. And so in this storm the safe harbor of unconstitutionality is not open to me for entrance. So much for that part of the question.

"As for the second part of the proposition, it will not be disputed that the right of the personal liberty of the individual citizen is subordinated to the greater right of the State to control that liberty within such bounds as are considered proper with reference to the well being of the community at large. The right of a State in the exercise of its police powers to regulate the liquor traffic within its boundaries or to suppress such traffic entirely will not be denied.

"This bill permits the States to exercise the same police power over liquor shipped into its territory from another State that it could exercise over it if the shipment originated within its territory, a power that cannot be exercised except for the purpose of preventing the violation of its own laws.

"The effect of its passage will be to prevent the general government from lending the force of its laws, either to assist the citizens of one State to violate the laws of another or to assist the citizens of the other State to

House Refuses to Pass Bill Over Taft's Veto.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The House today refused by a vote of 218 to 114 to pass the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill over the President's veto. Five votes changed from the negative to the affirmative would have given the two-thirds necessary to override the veto.

Opposition to the measure was renewed as soon as Representative Burnett of Alabama, chairman of the Immigration Committee, moved that the bill be reconsidered and passed over the President's veto.

Representative Goldfogle of New York and Outley of Massachusetts delayed action for about two hours by demanding the reading of the bill, covering 26 printed pages, the President's message and the message from the Senate.

Representative Burnett, appealing to the House to override the veto, declared that Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel's report, upon which the President based his action, was "bristling with misinformation and misstatements."

The following shows where the opposition comes from and why Taft vetoed the bill:

Rome, Feb. 19.—There has been considerable press comment here on the subject of the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill, the clauses of which caused a disagreeable impression. The *Giornale D'Italia* referred to the proposed legislation as "offensive to human brotherhood." It added that American citizens would have been the first to regret the passage of the bill owing to its consequences on the labor market in the United States.

Passed Through Salisbury and did not see a Person.

John Eagle, nearly 76 years old, who lives on the old Moxsville road, several miles north of the city, was in town Saturday and told of an unusual experience, a peculiar one to him. He left home Sunday morning, January 19th, accompanied by his son, for Faith to attend the funeral of his brother Moses Eagle, and while on route from one point to the other, passing through the main streets of Salisbury, saw only one man, a neighbor, before reaching the city. He says he has been in Salisbury many times and at all hours of day and night, but never before passed through without seeing a single person. He left home at 7 o'clock.

violate the laws of their own. I believe that while the general government should be supreme in the exercise of the authority conferred on it by the constitution, the States composing it should be supreme in the exercise of the authority reserved to them by the constitution. I believe further that it is the duty of the States to stand ready to assist the general government in the exercise of its constitutionally conferred powers and that it is equally the duty of the general government to stand ready to assist the States in the exercise of their constitutionally reserved powers to the extent not only of refraining from enacting laws that may tend to obstruct the proper State authority, but also of amending or repealing any existing laws that may have such a tendency.

"Holding such views, I cannot vote against the pending bill, but must vote for its passage."

The bill which finally passed the Senate was the Webb bill, the same that passed the House and was prepared by Congressman Webb of North Carolina.

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THE QUESTION OF TAXES UP.

PROBABLY A NEW ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

The Bill to Revise Salisbury's Charter Passed House. Bill by Senator Brown.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The subcommittee of the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature is contemplating a wide departure in administering the tax laws. Yesterday they decided to have an entirely new assessment of property in North Carolina the coming year. They also decided to create three new tax offices, three Tax Commissioners, at salaries of \$8,500 each, to take this new assessment and see to the collection of the taxes.

The news of the decision of the subcommittee has caused no little comment. Party leaders say that a new assessment of property, following so closely on the heels of the assessment just had, will be fatal to the Democratic party in the close counties.

They say that the assessment made last year by the Corporation Commission raised property valuation \$128,000,000, which was \$28,000,000 more than was expected, and that we ought to be satisfied for awhile.

The members of the subcommittee say in reply that with the new six-months school law a new assessment is absolutely necessary.

Replying to this, the opponents of the reassessment say that the Corporation Commission has pointed out the way to raise \$686,000 more in taxes with a reassessment which is amply sufficient for schools.

Letters are pouring in from all over the State against the idea of a reassessment, and it is expected that a battle royal will take place on the floors of the two houses when the machinery act is presented.

There is much opposition to the creation of the three new Tax Commissioners at handsome salaries, for, if the reassessment should be defeated, there would be very little for them to do but draw their pay.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The Joint Finance Committee on Finance, Senator J. P. Cook and Representative E. R. Williams chairman, has completed its draft of the new revenue and machinery bill that are to be introduced in both branches of the Legislature early next week, having placed the bills in the hands of the State printers for introduction in printed form. In the meantime, members of the committee will make no statement of definite provisions of the bill.

An increase of at least \$850,000 in the State's revenue is aimed at in the bills without raising tax levies on property. This means something like \$4,000,000 taxes instead of \$3,250,000 taxes as at present. Readjustment of the machinery act is the principal means counted on to be especially effective in collecting revenue on incomes, inheritances, franchises and kindred sources. The committee expects \$100,000, instead of \$40,000 from incomes; \$100,000 from inheritances, instead of \$50,000; \$150,000 from franchises, instead of \$51,000.

Only 14 more days remain for this session and two of these will be Sundays, and the adjustment of the revenue and machinery bills will be the absorbing work for the remainder of the session.

It is conceded that there will be a special session next Fall and indications are that it will be decided to create a State Tax Commission, have a complete new property assessment; in the meantime with the pledge that no more taxes shall be raised under the new assessment this year than last except as required to provide the six-months school terms.

It is learned that the new revenue bill provides for a franchise tax on corporations of one-tenth

\$300,000 STATE BONDS FOR ROADS.

Four Per Cent Notes to be Issued Semi-Annually.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—By a vote of 81 to 5 the House passed the Kellum bill providing for \$300,000 four per cent State bonds issued for counties at five per cent, for for road building, the bonds to run for 41 years, by which time the one per cent sinking fund will have provided for liquidation. It is the bond issue plan worked out by W. S. Wilson of the Department of State and endorsed by the State Highway Association and other road-building interests of the State. The bill passed second reading with very little discussion and took its place on the calendar for final reading Saturday.

In the Senate the resignation of W. E. Hooks as ex-grossing clerk, ill health being assigned as the cause was received and W. H. Sawyer of Raleigh was elected in his stead. Mr. Sawyer was a candidate for the place at the beginning of the session.

The six-months minimum school term bill from the House was further discussed by the Senate and passed on second reading 44 to 1. Or rather, this was the vote on the adoption of the Bryant amendment empowering counties to levy special five per cent tax for county purposes when county authorities deem this necessary in connection with the operation of the school term act. The bill passed second reading unanimously.

of one per cent of the capital stock, a very decided increase over the present rate, meaning that a number of the larger cotton mills in the State, for instance, will pay as much as \$1,500 additional franchise taxes. Also, the bill carries changes in the income tax that fix the minimum untaxed item at \$1,700 with a graduated scale on additional incomes that reaches three per cent for incomes of \$5,000, with machinery to assure listing not accomplished in the past.

The inheritance tax scales and enforcement are being similarly handled in the bill. The committee is understood to be making preparation for any bond issue for the present heavy indebtedness, and business interests seem apprehensive that the plan is one to take all permanent improvement indebtedness out of current taxes instead of issuing bonds.

The proposed reassessment of property is to include both adjustment of much complained of inequalities and between different sections and similar properties and placing all on the books at full value, instead of the present low assessments. In short, it is believed the Ohio plan is being followed.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The House passed a joint resolution offered today by the Joint Finance Committee for a special legislative commission to be named to investigate the status of the State's holdings in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad and the offer of E. O. Duncan to purchase the stock at \$75 the share and report to an adjourned or special session, or to the next regular session of the Legislature. The resolution goes to the Senate for adoption.

The House passed on final reading the Kellum bill for the State to issue semi-annually \$300,000 State four per cent bonds to cover county five per cent bonds for road building, and the bill goes to the Senate.

The House passed the Kellum bill to regulate elections in Wilmington, a comprehensive corrupt practices act. Great numbers of public local calendar bills were passed.

Senate and House will meet in joint session Tuesday to elect trustees of the University of North Carolina. The Senate has set the Torrens land title bill for special order Tuesday.

The bill requiring railroad companies to erect sheds for outside employes at shops was, on motion of Senator Jones, taken from the calendar and referred to the Committee on Railroads in order that the Coast Line attorneys might be heard on it. There was objection from Senator Wakefield and others, but the rules were suspended. It will be heard Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Senate chamber.

The bill to incorporate Salisbury and repeal the present charter has passed the House.

A bill by Senator Brown for a road law and tax levy in Rowan County has been offered in the Senate.

EX-PRESIDENT MEXICO SHOT.

GENERAL HUERTA, TRAITOR, RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

Almost the Entire World Aroused Over the Cowardly Act. Says U. S. Should Act.

Mexico City, Feb. 28.—Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed President and Vice President, respectively of the Mexican Republic, were shot and killed today when an attempt was made to rescue them from an automobile that was transferring them to the penitentiary.

News of the death of Madero and Suarez was confirmed by General Huerta. Previously it had been announced that the transfer from the Palace to the penitentiary had been made successfully.

Two of the party that attacked the automobile were killed in the exchange of shots.

Large crowds assembled at the scene of the killing. White women wept and there were signs of disapproval, the city generally is quiet. The guards at the penitentiary have been increased and no one is permitted to see the bodies of the slain men.

Major Cardenas and two other officers who were in charge of the guard of rurales escorting the automobile, have been imprisoned pending an investigation by the Attorney General.

The bodies of Madero and Suarez are being held in the penitentiary. Relatives and friends are making efforts to recover them.

General Huerta in an official statement said that when the attempt to rescue them was made Madero and Suarez tried to escape. "The Government," he continues, "promises that society shall be fully satisfied as to the facts in the case. The commanders of the escort are now under arrest."

The attempt to rescue Madero and Suarez, the official version says, was made about midnight when the party escorting the prisoners was approaching the penitentiary.

In contrast to the widow, whose grief was of a pitifully silent character, expressed in sobs, Mercedes Madero, a beautiful young woman, educated in Paris, who has been a brilliant leader of society since the revolution of 1910, was dry-eyed and tigerish in her emotions. By the side of the two women whose husbands had been killed, the girl hurled accusations at the officers who barred the entrance.

"Owadays?" "Assassins?" she called them, her voice pitched high. The officers stared impatiently.

"You? The men who fired on a defenseless man? You and your superior officers are traitors?"

No effort was made to remove the women nor did the officers attempt to silence them. Señora Madero continued weeping and the girl did not cease her hysterical tirade until the arrival of the Spanish Minister and the Japanese charge, who came to offer their services.

The Minister spoke with the officers in charge but was told that on account of the autopsy it would be impossible for any one to see the bodies. Later in the day they said the request would be complied with. The Diplomat then conducted the women away from the penitentiary.

Madero's father and Rafael Hernandez, former Minister of the Interior, and other friends made efforts early in the day to recover the bodies and it was said this afternoon that the American Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson had interested himself and secured the promise of Minister de la Barra that the bodies should be delivered to their families for burial.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 28.—President-elect Wilson was shocked to hear the news that Madero

and Suarez had been killed in Mexico City.

"It's too bad," he sighed when he first learned of the shooting through Associated Press dispatches. He refrained from comment saying he would maintain his policy of silence until he had taken office.

While nothing has come from Mr. Wilson to indicate what his attitude will be, he has kept himself consistently informed of developments by a careful scrutiny of the news dispatches, displaying at all times a keen interest in the progress of events in the trouble-ridden country.

Mr. Wilson, it is known, had hoped from the first that Mexico's problems would find amicable settlement without the least interference from the United States. He realizes the gravity of developments, however, and is studying the situation most earnestly. It is even declared among some of his friends that he may hasten the announcement of his Cabinet so that he could avail himself at once of their counsel on a situation that will require the immediate attention of the new administration.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The killing of Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed President and Vice President, General Huerta had assured American Ambassador Wilson of the safety of his prisoners from just such attacks, created a painful impression in administration circles here today.

When the first feeling of surprise had passed, it was realized by officials that this last tragic event had added greatly to the gravity of the situation and undoubtedly had placed an additional strain upon the already tense relations between this Government and that in the Mexican capital. Still, as President Taft himself declared the event in itself was not sufficient to demand any departure from the policy of strict non-intervention, which so far has governed his Administration.

London, Feb. 28.—The morning newspapers denouncing the killing of Francisco Madero and Jose Pino Suarez as senseless and barbarous. The Standard in an editorial stigmatizes it as an "indefensible crime, imposing a load of infamy on President Huerta's administration."

The Standard declares that American intervention in Mexico can hardly longer be delayed and that British opinion will be wholly sympathetic to any action on which the Washington Cabinet will likely decide.

The Daily Graphic says the shooting of Madero and Suarez shows that nothing has changed in Mexico and that nothing will be changed until either Diaz arises or the "big stick" from the North realizes its duty "in these anarchic wilds."

New York, Feb. 22.—Before President Taft leaves office on March 4 he will have concentrated at Galveston, Tex., close to 10,000 United States troops ready to board transports there and depart for Mexico on a few hours' notice. The President, here tonight to attend a banquet of the American Peace and Arbitration League, is just as much opposed to intervention as he has been for two years. He is determined, however, that he will "lay the cards on the table" so that when Mr. Wilson becomes President if a crisis arises, all he will have to do is to play them.

Through Secretary Hilles, the President announced tonight that the dispatch of a brigade of troops to Galveston today was part of the original precautionary plan and that it would be followed by another order which would send between 3,000 and 4,000 more regulars to the boundary. Galveston is within three days of Vera Cruz, the seaport of Mexico City. Four transports will be ready there to take troops South if the contingency arises and with battleships on the Atlantic and Pacific near Mexican ports

A FARMER'S SPLENDID RECORD.

Here's Something That Might be Emulated by all to the Good of all.

EDITOR CAROLINA WATCHMAN:

Having noticed a statement in the columns of your paper of recent date, regarding L. W. Balfit, who sold during the year 1912, \$116.-25 worth of eggs and butter, and Lee Ketchie selling \$148.90, neither of whom were running a dairy farm and poultry yard and also a statement from H. J. Bost, of Rockwell, stating that he had sold during the year 1912, \$181.-91 worth, and that he was neither running a dairy farm and poultry yard, and if any one could beat that he would like to hear from them.

Now, I would like to give a statement in reply to the above, not boasting, of Mr. Orin Cruse, one of Rowan's most substantial farmers and business men, who is neither running a dairy farm or poultry yard, of which he sold during the year 1912; butter \$260.00, eggs \$52.00, milk \$18.00, chickens \$40.00, cattle \$115.00, pork \$66.88, pigs \$54.75. Total \$601.63.

The above amount is a certified statement of which Mr. Cruse raised and sold during the year 1912, from his cattle, hogs, and poultry, to say nothing of his products and vegetables sold off his farm, and canned goods, such as tomatoes, beans, corn, apples, peaches, etc.

Now, if Brother Venus, or any one can beat that for a farmer, I would like to hear from them.

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the President feels that Mr. Wilson will have no cause to complain of unpreparedness if the unexpected happens.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 28.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, the exiled ex-President of Mexico, is highly elated over the success of the revolt of his nephew, Felix Diaz, in Mexico, but thus far has not been influenced by it to the extent of causing him to curtail his trip up the River Nile.

Today General Diaz visited the famous Temple of Denderah and tomorrow will leave Luxor by boat for Cairo. He is expected to arrive here in about a week.

General Diaz does not contemplate leaving Cairo before March 10.

Mexico City, Feb. 22.—Francisco I. Madero's wife stood before Gen. Victoriano Huerta, the Provisional President of Mexico today and pleaded for clemency for her husband. She left the National Palace with no assurance for his safety and she was forced to forego the consolation of conversation with the imprisoned ex-her, whose guards are enforcing rigidly the order of incommunicado.

General Huerta treated the downcast, frightened woman with every courtesy, but he explained to her that, in view of the investigations to which ex-President Madero would be subjected, his fate was in other hands, intimating that Congress probably would render the final decision.

From the State of Coahuila and other northern points in Mexico, where rumors of dissatisfaction with the new Administration are rife, more reassuring news reached the Capital today.

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