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KITCHIN WRITING MINORITY REPORT ON REVENUE BILL

Scotland Neck Congressman Keeping 'Close Tab' On Cur- rent Legislation

LEADER OF MINORITY IN CONGRESS ON JOB

Republicans Fear Ammunition He Will Unload Regarding Tax Revision; Teachers Flocking To Secure Former Positions, Bureau of Educa- tion Reports

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Washington, Aug. 6.—Notwithstanding the condition of his health, Minority Leader Claude Kitchin is keeping up with the Republican tariff and revenue measures, and within a short time the country will hear further from the Scotland Neck man, who is admitted to be one of the best authorities on revenue and tariff matters in the country.

While the Democrats in the House miss the masterful leadership of Kitchin, they have learned that he is preparing the minority report on the tax revision bill and that it will be something that will make the Republicans sit up and take notice. No man in Congress is feared by the Republicans as they fear Claude Kitchin. No one has ever occupied a seat on the Republican side of the chamber who was able to even afford him common amusement in tariff and revenue matters. Therefore, the news from Scotland Neck that Kitchin will fire a broadside when the minority report is filed has cheered the Democrats more than anything else in a long time.

Plenty of Teachers Now Trained teachers all over the United States are flocking to get their old jobs in graded and high schools, according to officials of the Bureau of Education. As a result, the shortage in the supply of teachers, so serious for the last several years that it forced the closing of many schools throughout the country, has ceased to be a problem.

It is said that nearly 800,000 teachers or approximately the normal force are now preparing to take over classes when the new term begins next month.

Decrease in salaries in commercial pursuits and a substantial increase in the wage of school teachers during the last year, coupled with the lack of employment, are responsible for the rush of the teachers back to the school, Bureau of Education officials state.

Like other cities in the country, Washington for the first time in years will not be confronted by a teacher shortage at the opening of the schools September 19. Local school authorities have a long list of names of persons who have passed the teacher examination, to draw from in the event that any of the teachers resign during the present vacation period.

According to a recent survey made by the Bureau of Education, the average salary of elementary teachers in the United States is generally above \$1,000 a year.

Can Be Made Asset "The Shipping Board wreck" can, with careful work and patience, be turned into "an asset so great that from it \$25,000,000,000 that the war cost us," Chairman Fasker has informed the House appropriations committee.

The big asset will come from the maintenance of an American merchant marine, he said.

Laker said he did not know what would be done with the Leviathan, which is now costing \$92,000 a month at a New York dock, but he criticized William H. Hearst for blocking a previous possible sale of the vessel, when \$4,000,000 was bid. He said recon-structing would cost \$5,000,000 or \$10,000,000.

Russia Denies Passports Major Stedman was at the State Department today to intervene in behalf of two sisters of Rabbi Karlsalm, of Winston-Salem, who have been refused passports from Warsaw, Poland, to this country. Rabbi Karlsalm's mother and father were given passports, but for some unknown reason papers were refused to the two young sisters of the Winston-Salem man. The State Department officials admitted that they did not understand why they were refused, and have taken the matter up with the American consul at Warsaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Whitted, of Henderson, and their niece, Miss Mollie Lewis Whitted, of Laredo, Texas, are visiting in Washington. The Tar Heels are on a sight-seeing tour, having visited Monticello, the home of Jefferson, and Mr. Whitted's brother, who lives at Scottsville, near Charlottesville. They will return to North Carolina next week.

The Civil Service Commission has been requested to hold an examination for postmaster at Bakersville. Douglas E. Fox has been appointed postmaster at Judson, Swain county, a fourth class office.

HATCH EGGS TAKEN FROM SNAKE'S INTERIOR

New York, Aug. 6.—A story of chicken eggs hatched after the had been taken from the interior of a python was told today by the publicity department of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Quoting the Rev. Erwin M. Richards, for 31 years a missionary in Africa, the board said that a python had wriggled out of a jungle one night, entered a hen house and eaten eight chickens and nine eggs. Natives and missionaries killed the snake, which then was opened. The eggs, found intact, later hatched into perfectly normal missionary chickens.

The Bishop of Africa was named as a corroborating witness.

MECHANICAL FORCES DIRECTING DRAINAGE OF OLD ROCK QUARRY



Charles D. Farmer, former chief of the Raleigh Fire Department, now Mechanical Superintendent for the State Highway Commission, and the four men who have worked day and night since the pumps started. Reading left to right they are—Mr. Farmer, "Red" Mitchell, S. M. Crocker, George Rhythe and Will Reed. The group is standing between the two big pumps. Over at the right a group of men from the State Prison are moving the smaller pumps to a new location further down in the quarry.

Open Rock Quarry Gates To Everybody This Afternoon

Water Had Fallen 19 Feet at Midnight; Bottom Expected To Be Reached at Noon

ESTIMATED COST OF WORK BY STATE LESS THAN \$550

Nothing New Turned Up In Pit Yesterday; Water Turns To Muddy Gray

The waters of the quarry turned a dirty, insupportable gray yesterday, the walls of the pit turned suddenly precipitous, and no bottom came up anywhere from under the five feet drawn off by the spluttering pumps—that worked unceasingly at the south end of the pit. Nothing further was added to the questioning debris that was picked up Friday afternoon. Oil came up in greater profusion from something hidden on the bottom.

At midnight ten feet of water remained at the northwest corner of the quarry from where the two drowned automobiles were fished out nearly three weeks ago, and by this afternoon that depth ought to be cut in half.

If there is anything at the bottom as big as an automobile, some part of it ought to be projected above the surface. Further out the water is several feet deeper, and it will be tomorrow before the deepest depths of the quarry are revealed.

Rope Off Quarry Edge Today the public may go as far as the north edge of the quarry without restraint. Ropes were stretched about the margin of the pit yesterday afternoon, and the gate to the enclosure opened. Thousands eddied in and out, eager, hungry for a glimpse at what had been done thus far toward pumping the place dry. Other thousands will be there this afternoon to see what further things the pumps have thrown up. And again tomorrow they will be back, if curiosity fails not.

It was a new place that they looked upon yesterday afternoon. The circumference of the pool had been reduced by almost half, and the level of the water was 32 feet below the lowest point in the south wall. A week ago

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DOLLAR MARK OVER FAMOUS "BRIDE'S DOOR"

Standing Jest Perpetrated By Architects Disclosed By The New York World

New York, Aug. 6.—The New York World today disclosed a standing jest that it says has been perpetrated for years by architects of the million-dollar St. Thomas Episcopal Church on the dozens of fashionable brides who have gone to the altar through the famous "Bride's Door" since the church was completed ten years ago.

Carved into the granite capital over the door, says the newspaper, is a huge dollar sign, slightly conventionalized, but unmistakable. A photograph of the door, reproduced to bear out the story, shows a beautiful and finely chiseled decoration surmounted by a double panel, on one side of which is carved a conventional true lover's knot, and on the other the somewhat similar, but strikingly different "dollar mark."

E. Donald Bobb, architect, who was head draughtsman for Cren, Goodhue & Ferguson, designers of the church, is quoted as having admitted designing the dollar mark, saying it was "done in fun," and asserting he could not see that it was a subject for newspaper comment. He referred his inquirer to Mr. Goodhue, intimating the design was his idea. Mr. Goodhue proved to be absent from the city.

Mr. Bobb declared architects frequently have hidden satire and humor in church designs. Rev. Dr. Ernest M. Stires, rector of St. Thomas, said he believed the dollar-mark story was "a figment of the imagination."

WEEKS AND DENBY STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBARGO ON DYES

Letters To Chairman Penrose, of Senate Finance Commit- tee, Made Public

NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF U. S. DYE INDUSTRY

Two Secretaries Stress Neces- sity For Preparedness In Chemical Warfare and Cite Embargo Orders Made By Other Nations; Declare Chemical Industry Is Vital

Washington, Aug. 6.—Secretaries Weeks and Denby have come out in support of an embargo on dyes and chemicals and have urged restoration to the Fordney-tariff bill on the embargo provision struck out by the House. The attitude of the two cabinet officers was made known today when Chairman Penrose, of the Senate finance committee, made public letters from them to the committee on the subject.

The cabinet officers explained that they favored an embargo because of national defense needs.

"It is of great value to the Navy," Mr. Denby wrote, "to encourage the development of chemical activities in the manufacture of all products connected with explosives and gases, especially those manufacturers whose establishments can easily be diverted to the manufacture of war materials. The restoration of the embargo clause will be of material help and I will greatly appreciate your assistance to this effect."

Other Nations Have Ban. Embargo orders have been made necessary by England, France, Italy and Japan, Mr. Weeks said. He also declared that the chemical industry was vital to Germany in prolonging her efforts in the world war and expressed the opinion that high explosives and war gases would play a far more important part in future wars.

In the world war, he said, the United States had found it could mobilize, train and equip with clothing 4,000,000 men far quicker than it could supply the guns and ammunition. He related how the munition makers had worked feverishly to supply the munitions and war gases, adding that even then little was available for more than a year after the formal declaration of war.

Germany's Example. "So fully did Germany realize before, during and after the world war," he continued, "that predominance in the organic chemical industry, and particularly the dye industry, meant the most valuable measure of preparedness possible that she has united all her organic chemical industries into one great trust."

"The use of high explosives and war gases will unquestionably be far greater in any future struggle than in the world war. It is of the most vital importance to our preparedness that the dye industry be developed to the fullest extent in this country. It is felt that this danger is so great that I urge the enactment of the embargo feature of the Fordney tariff bill as submitted by the ways and means committee as the only way to preventing crushing our chemical market by German competition."

KILLS HIS WIFE THEN USES GUN ON HIMSELF

Deplorable Tragedy In Person County Attributed To Block- ade Liquor

Roanoke, Aug. 6.—A deplorable tragedy occurred in the county this week in the Allentown section, when Andrew Riley shot himself and wife, killing instantly. Various reports have been circulated concerning the awful affair. No definite cause can be ascertained, as there was no one in the house at the time but the two small children, one three years and the other twelve months old. It was said that the young man worked all the morning with his father, and upon failing to appear after the noon hour, and after hearing two shots, investigation was made, and both found dead. The first cause of it all was whiskey.

Mr. Riley had been drinking, and it is thought that upon his wife remonstrating with him he became angry and fired the two fatal shots. When the home was entered one of the children was playing around its mother, who was in sitting position on the floor, leaning against the bed, and the other child playing on the bed. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, and rarely has there ever been a larger crowd seen at a service of this nature. The people are well known in the county and the dreadful occurrence has caused much talk.

On Tuesday, at Helena, another sad affair took place. Willie Ashely, of that place, while driving a log wagon, was thrown from it, pinned under the wagon, and instantly killed. He had driven up on an embankment, which caused the overturning of the wagon. When friends reached him he was dead. He was a well known citizen of Helena and had many family connections. He was unmarried.

Publish Draft Evaders' Names Washington, Aug. 6.—Upwards of 17,000 names of alleged draft evaders issued by the War Department between June 5 and July 4 were published today in the Congressional Record. The list occupied 86 printed pages.

Harvey To Attend the Meeting. London, Aug. 6.—George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, left for Paris this morning to attend the meeting of the Supreme Allied Council, which will begin in that city Monday.

NEW REVENUE BILL MAY BE READY FOR HOUSE IN TEN DAYS

Republican Committeemen Get Down To The Brass Tacks of Tax Revision

PROBABLY WILL REPEAL EXCESS PROFITS TAX

Increased Corporation Tax Suggested As Substitute For Excess Profits Levy. May Also Tax So-Called Public Service Corporations and Abolish 'Nuisance' Tax

Washington, Aug. 6.—Majority members of the House ways and means committee expect to get down to the brass tacks of tax revision next week.

Chairman Fordney said today the re-writing of levy provisions in the 1918 law probably would begin Monday, and that unless an unexpected snag was encountered the new bill would be ready within ten days. Leaders generally say House consideration will require only a few days.

With revision of the administrative features out of the way, the work now before the Republican committee is to determine the extent of the cuts possible and just where they are to be made. The general belief seems to be that the committee will propose repeal of the excess profits tax, but whether the effective date will be last January 1 or next January 1, apparently remains to be determined.

Increase Corporation Tax As a substitute for the excess profits tax it is planned to increase the corporation income tax from the present 10 per cent to 15 per cent, and also to repeal the 22 per cent exemption allowed corporations under the existing law. Chairman Fordney said today, however, that it might be necessary to make some special provisions in the bill to relieve the burden it has been claimed this would impose on the small corporations with limited incomes.

The chairman also disclosed a proposal to write into the new bill a provision taxing the income of the so-called personal service corporation, such as architectural firms not incorporated under the law the same as income of other corporations. The Supreme Court has held that the present law is not applicable to such concerns.

Mr. Fordney also said it was not proposed to relieve public service corporations from a part of the 15 per cent income tax provision of the bill. The chairman indicated that he was not particularly impressed with the argument that this would hit many such corporations very hard, saying that electric light, street railway, gas and such companies having a small net income would pay a proportionately small revenue to the government.

Repeal 'Nuisance' Taxes Aside from revision of these levy sections of the law, the minds of many committee members are turned to a repeal of the higher income surtaxes, of all or part of the transportation taxes, and of the fountain and ice cream levies.

It was estimated today by some that immediate repeal of the whole tranche, the higher surtax, together with the \$75,000,000 which the treasury expects to lose by the end of this fiscal year through

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SEND FIGHT PICTURE TO FRANCE BY WIRELESS

Facsimile Signature Also Trans- mitted Through Air To Paris Newspaper

Annapolis, Md., Aug. 6.—Transmission of photographs and written documents in facsimile across the ocean by wireless has been accomplished.

Two successful tests of this epoch-making invention have been made within the last three days at the powerful naval radio station here, a photograph and a written message having been sent to Malmstrom, the French radio station.

Two French government engineers are now in Annapolis preparing for further tests which, they believe, will prove the invention a complete success within a very short time.

The first test of the invention was the sending of a photograph of the recent Dempsey-Carpenter championship fight from the Annapolis station to France for reproduction in Le Matin, Paris newspaper.

While the reproduction was said to have been fairly good, it was not as perfect as the engineers wished it to be. So yesterday afternoon another test was made.

This test was the sending of a facsimile written message from C. V. Van Ande, managing editor of the New York Times, to Le Matin, the Paris newspaper. Word came back that the message was reproduced almost perfectly.

BODY OF ROCKY MOUNT MAN FOUND IN VIRGINIA

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 6.—The body of J. B. Yarborough, 40 years of age, formerly a resident of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, but more recently a clothing salesman of this city, was found underneath the Norfolk and Western railway trestle on the outskirts of the city this morning. Yarborough had apparently committed suicide, according to the coroner, who deemed it unnecessary to hold an inquest as there was no evidence of foul play. Physicians say that the man probably jumped from the trestle about 5 o'clock this morning.

Lenine to Go to Scotland. Copenhagen, Aug. 6.—Nikolai Lenine, Russian Bolshevik premier, plans, subject to British permission, to leave soon for Scotland for a holiday, says a special dispatch from Reval.

PASSENGER STEAMER SINKS OFF CALIFORNIA COAST

Portland, Ore., Aug. 6.—A telegram from Seattle tonight said wireless operators there had picked up an S. O. S. from the passenger steamer Alaska, which had struck on Blunt's Reef near Eureka, California. A second call said the Alaska had struck the rocks hard and was listing heavily.

Northhead, Wash., Aug. 6.—At 9:40 a wireless message from the Alaska said that all boats were being lowered. The ship, the wireless said, was "full of passengers" and urged that ships come to the assistance of the vessel.

The wireless S. O. S. call of the Alaska ceased at 9:58, adding to the belief that she had gone down. The tank steamer El Segundo, 129 miles north of Blunt's Reef, wireless that she had caught the Alaska's S. O. S. but could not reach here before tomorrow.

ONE KILLED WHEN AUTO OVERTURNS

Prominent Kinston Young Man Dead and Another Fatally Injured

New Bern, Aug. 6.—An automobile containing three prominent young men of Kinston was overturned about nine o'clock tonight near Caswell Branch on the New Bern Kinston road, one of the occupants being killed instantly and the other two seriously injured.

The dead man is James Parrott, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Parrott. His companions were Jesse Grainger, son of Mrs. Jeannette Grainger, and Herbert Temple, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Temple, both young men. Young Grainger is not expected to live through the night, but is expected that Temple will recover, although his condition is also serious and physicians fear complications.

The automobile overturned near Caswell Branch at a very dangerous turn that has been the scene of previous tragedies. The accident was discovered by R. N. Proctor, Superintendent of Schools here, who rushed young Temple to St. Luke's Hospital here.

No details of the accident have been learned here, but it is believed that the three young men, all of whom are employed by the State Highway Commission and were recently transferred from New Bern to Goldsboro, were en route from their homes in Kinston to New Bern.

The automobile is understood to have been a Buick owned by Parrott and to have been driven by him.

NEGRO ADMITS ASSAULT ON GREEK CAFE KEEPER

Petersburg, Va., Aug. 6.—Raleigh Haskins, one of the negroes convicted of the murder of the postmaster at Tobacco, Virginia, and sentenced to die in the electric chair on September 20, this afternoon admitted to Sheriff Bousman, of Dinwiddie county, that he assaulted a Greek cafe proprietor on River street in this city in January, and after beating the Greek into insensibility, rifled the cash register. For a time it was feared that the Greek would die, but he recovered. The alleged admission was made Sheriff Bousman said as he was taking Haskins and Judge Griffin, also under death sentence, to the state penitentiary in Richmond this afternoon.

BISHOP CURLEY NAMED SUCCESSOR TO CARDINAL

Washington, D. C., Aug. 6.—Official announcement of the appointment of Bishop Michael J. Curley, of St. Augustine, Fla., as archbishop of Baltimore, succeeding the late Cardinal Gibbons, was received today by Catholic officials here. Press dispatches from Rome last month said the St. Augustine bishop had been chosen for the Baltimore post, but the official announcement was delayed because of certain formalities.

AVERAGE OF \$15.81 ON FAIRMONT LEAF MARKET

Weekly Figures Show Sales of Nearly Million; Good To- bacco In Demand

Fairmont, Aug. 6.—The price average on the Fairmont tobacco market for the week ending yesterday was far above the average for the opening day of the season. Official figures show that 811,600 pounds of the golden seed were sold at an average of \$15.81 per hundred pounds. One local warehouse yesterday sold 80,000 pounds at an average of \$21.34 per hundred. The highest price paid was \$64 per hundred.

The Fairmont market has sold over two million pounds so far this season at an average of \$11.20 per hundred. Sales totaling a million and a half pounds are expected next week. Farmers generally are pleased with the prices. The outstanding feature is that there is a great demand for the better grades of tobacco.

The big bulge in the price average at Fairmont is attributable to the increased percentage of good tobacco being offered. The average price on the opening day of the season was around \$7.00 per hundred.

COMMISSIONS GO BEGING

Washington, Aug. 6.—The War Department has 1,000 commissions for second lieutenants and only 126 applicants. The examinations for appointment are fixed for August 22, and applications must be in by August 13. The department instructed corps area commanders today to do all they can to increase the number of applications.

NO ALLOWANCE FOR INEFFICIENT WORK BY RAIL EMPLOYES

I. C. C. Holds That Increased Wages Only Will Determine Claims of Roads

HANDS DOWN RULING IN LABOR COST CONTROVERSY

Commission Says Railroads Must Stand Any Loss For Al- leged Unwillingness or Ina- bility of Labor To Perform Such Work As Before War During Guarantee Period

Washington, Aug. 6.—In a decision handed down today by the Interstate Commerce Commission on the question of claims of railroads against government for labor costs in operations and maintenance for the six month guarantee period following government control, it was held that only increased wages and not alleged "inefficiency of labor" factors would determine such claims.

Under the ruling, the roads must stand any loss incidental to alleged unwillingness or inability of labor to perform during the guarantee period of private control as much work as before the war.

Claims founded upon alleged inefficiency of labor during the period amounts to "some tens of millions of dollars," the decision said.

'Cost of Labor' Basis The controversy centered on the meaning of the words "cost of labor" as they were used in the standard contracts between the government and the railroads at the time the roads were taken over during the war. The Director General of Railroads contended that the contract intended to guarantee the rates of pay per unit for railroad labor while the carriers argued that the labor should be computed in terms of the accomplishment of a given result, and hence the words included in their meaning quality as well as wages of labor.

The contract language under dispute follows:

"During the period of Federal control the Director General shall annually, as nearly as practicable, expend and charge to railway operating expenses, either in payments for labor and materials or by paying into funds, such sums for the maintenance, repair, renewal, retirement, and depreciation of the property . . . as may be requisite in order that such property may be returned to the company at the end of federal control in substantially good repair and in substantially as complete equipment as it was on January 1, 1918."

Commission's Ruling The words "cost of labor," the commission held "do not, we think, open the door to a comparison of the quality or efficiency of labor. To hold otherwise would be contrary to the plain intent of the provision, for it is impossible by resort to the accounts of the carriers to determine the relative efficiency of labor at various periods, and the introduction of this indefinite and intangible factor would have relegated the 'accounting' test to the very limbo of controversy and conflict of opinion which it was designed to avoid."

"If it had been the intent to include the factor of quality or effectiveness or efficiency, whether it may be termed, this would have been done in apt and unmistakable language and not by the strained construction of a phrase susceptible of simpler interpretation. This view is strongly confirmed by the history of the negotiations."

HARDING CONCLUDES MOUNTAIN VACATION

Portland, Maine, Aug. 6.—President Harding ended his vacation visit to the White Mountains of New Hampshire today and crossed Maine to board the yacht Mayflower here for the return voyage to Washington.

Accompanied by Mrs. Harding and other members of the vacation party, the President made the 14-mile cross-country trip by automobile, starting early in the day from Lancaster, N. H., where he has been the guest of Secretary of War Weeks since Tuesday.

He went out of his way to visit a soldiers' sanitarium at Oxford, Maine, stopped at Poland Springs for lunch and a game of golf and accepted an invitation to pay a brief call and make a speech at West Brook, just outside of Portland, in the early evening. Staffing late tonight the Mayflower is expected to reach Washington Tuesday noon.

NEARLY HALF MILLION SOLD AT LUMBERTON

Lumberton, Aug. 6.—Leaf tobacco sales on the Lumberton tobacco market for the week ending yesterday totaled about 400,000 pounds at an average of approximately \$8.00 per hundred. Only a small percentage of good tobacco has been offered on this market so far. Prices of low grades continue to sell unsatisfactorily, while prices for the better grades are considered fair.

The highest price paid during the week was 42 cents a pound. One farmer sold a load of 875 pounds on the local market yesterday that brought an average of 41 cents a pound, he received \$359.36 for the sale.

Reports from Fairmont, St. Paul's and from Lake City, S. C., indicate prices average about the same, quality considered.

OPEN SAFETY PIN REMOVED FROM INTESTINES IN OPERATION

Lumberton, Aug. 6.—An open safety pin was removed from the intestines of a young lady at the Baker Sanatorium, here, Wednesday. The young lady swallowed the pin 13 months ago.