

BITTER FIGHT ON PROPOSED REPEAL OF PROFITS TAXES

Republican Senators and Congressmen Hearing From The Folks Back Home

RETROACTIVE FEATURE AROUSSES OPPOSITION

House Republicans Knocked Out Mellon-Harding Proposal and Now Senator Penrose Proposes to Put It Through In Senate; Senator Calder Wants To Legalize Beer

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Washington, Sept. 10.—There is to be a merry war between the House and the Senate, as well as between factions in both House and Senate, on the features of the tax bill that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is endeavoring to put over. No matter that he is said now to have the backing of President Harding, since the President has found that Chairman Fordney and his crazy quilt tax bill has put him in a hole, for there are insurgent Republicans in both the House and the Senate who propose to back Secretary Mellon and even the President.

These Representatives and Senators have either been "bark home" or have heard from "The old folks at home" and the young folks as well, and the talk is not of their liking at all. In fact they find that what has been going on in Congress and what has not been going on has provided fuel to "keep the home fires burning" rather than to heat the weather here to their recent trip. Some of them are back prepared to go up against the things of which the voters complain, for they are thinking of votes for next year and they see no votes in nominees of the things that Secretary Mellon and President Harding are calling for.

Bitter Fight Expected

The big point in dispute is the announced Mellon-Harding plan to not only secure the repeal of the excess profits tax, but to make the repeal retroactive to January 1, 1921. That proposition means a bitter fight between the House and Senate, for while the Republicans on the Senate finance committee look with favor on the plan, having the favor of the smiles of the Business in view, the House Republicans have already knocked out the retroactive feature of the excess profits tax. The Senate feature fell by the wayside in a Republican House caucus by a vote of 96 to 87, and as the Democrats are fairly angry with repeal at all they will throw their votes with the insurgent Republicans to kill their retroactive feature, if the Senate puts that in the revenue bill, and the signs right now indicate that there will be rough sledding for that Mellon-Harding plan.

And the fight is to be warmer because Secretary Mellon now wants to make the reduction of the maximum surtax to 25 per cent in place of 30 per cent, while even the 32 per cent rate figure was antagonized by 50 Republicans who bolted the Republican caucus and voted with the Democrats to recommit the bill. The view expressed by the opponents of the retroactive feature is that the big corporations have taken time by the forelock and anticipating paying the present surtax this year have already levied that upon the public, and have the money in their pockets. Making the tax retroactive they hold will simply keep the government from getting money that it sorely needs and allow the corporations affected to hold on to it, without a scintilla of relief to the public.

Penrose Backing Measure.

The Senate finance committee have tangled much over the matter, but Senator Penrose proposes to put it through. Leading the fight against it is Senator LaFollette and even if it gets through the committee it will be fought on the floor of the Senate by the Progressives and there will be almost solid Democratic support for the Democrats against any repeal at all as they are also against any reduction of the surtax and the continuation of the transportation taxes. "Indefensible," declares Senator Simmons of the proposition to reduce the surtaxes, declaring also that "the transportation taxes have increased freight rates and resulted in stagnation of traffic." The simmering of the kettle of opposition to the retroactive feature of the excess profits taxes and the surtaxes is to change into boiling antagonism with the temper of the people furnishing the fuel.

Wants To Legalize Beer.

And there is also another fire in the making caused by the proposition of Senator Calder, of New York, to put a tax on beer up to 2.75 per cent at \$5 a barrel, the prohibition forces see "A nigger in the woodpile" on this proposition, that it is an attempt to legalize beer with 2.75 per cent alcoholic contents. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League of America, says of this: The proposal to raise one million dollars in taxes on 2.75 per cent beer will meet the solid opposition of the dry forces. It is a proposition that is interesting liquor and is prohibited by the Constitution. The American people are not adding. They will spend a million dollars if necessary to defend the constitution but will never be bribed by any amount of money, no matter how large to nullify the constitution.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE CAROLINAS EXPOSITION WHICH OPENS IN CHARLOTTE TOMORROW



Insert: John L. Dabbs, president; at top, C. Lane Etheredge, secretary; standing, H. O. Miller, vice-president; reading left to right: first row, R. E. Scoggins, assistant treasurer; P. L. McMahon, treasurer; C. W. Parker, director; second row: R. Kent Blair, director; John Paul Lucas, director; J. C. Patton, executive secretary; J. A. Daly, publicity manager; Thomas M. Glasgow, director; David Owens, vice-president; J. P. Harris and Joe G. Fitzsimons, directors. All of the officers are from Charlotte. The Made-in-Carolinas Exposition, with more than 200 manufacturers of the two States displaying their products, will be held in Charlotte, September 12-29.

Will Reduce Pressure Monday Unless Waste of Water Stops

ADAMS LEADING IN ENDORSEMENTS

Judge Manning Proposed, But It Is Said He Would Not Accept

Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, and Attorney General J. S. Manning are apparently leading in the mass of telegrams and letters of recommendation and endorsement piling up on Governor Cameron Morrison as influences in the selection of a successor to Associate Justice W. R. Allen, of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Nearly a score of names have been proposed to the Governor, either as active candidates or as popular favorites in various sections of the State. Governor Morrison yesterday conceded that Judge Adams and Attorney General Manning probably led the list, but he had been informed that Attorney General Manning's name did not carry with the attorney general's consent. Judge Manning yesterday was in Charlotte, where, according to the Governor, he has taken over the Governor's part in the counsel of the attorneys of the Hardaway Construction Company in their "million dollar" suit against the Southern Power Company. It was stated yesterday that Judge Manning would not accept the office.

The elimination of Attorney General Manning, if he is eliminated, would leave Judge Adams as the leading figure in the race. Judge Adams ran well in the last primary when Judge Hoke and Judge Stacy were nominated for seats on the Supreme Court bench. He is strongly favored by a large part of the bar of the State, his endorsements declare, and his appointment would be highly pleasing to the legal profession. Governor Morrison yesterday declined to state when he would make the appointment. He inferentially denied the rumor that the appointment would be made in time for Judge Allen's successor to take a place on the bench Tuesday morning when court convenes for the argument of appeals in the third district.

The Governor will leave today, probably, for Charlotte and will not return before Tuesday, but he was careful not to commit himself, even to the extent of promising anxious delegations that he would not make an appointment before they could be heard.

A number of delegations called on Governor Morrison yesterday but by telegraph and mail the endorsements flowed in.

Included in the batch, either as active candidates or as proposed by friends, were Judge Q. H. Gilpin, New Bern; Senator L. V. Bassett, Rocky Mount; John E. Woodward, Wilson; W. A. Finch, Wilson; N. J. Bonse, Kinston; J. W. Bailey, Raleigh; Judge Thomas J. Shaw, Greensboro; Tasker Polk, Warrenton; Judge B. F. Long, Statesville; Heriot Clarkston, Charlotte; Thomas D. Warren, New Bern; Judge George Rountree, Wilmington.

Want Thomas M. Pittman.

The Henderson Bar yesterday adopted resolutions urging Thomas M. Pittman, prominent member of the Henderson bar, as successor to the late Associate Justice Allen. The petition signed yesterday follows:

"The Henderson, N. C. bar, in common with all the citizens of our State, mourn the loss of our distinguished friend, Judge W. R. Allen. Yet we feel that his work must go on. We feel that should you appoint our townsman, Thomas M. Pittman, to fill his unexpired term it would be highly pleasing to the bar and of great service to the State.

"His qualifications are well known to you and the profession. While not too old for work, his thirty years' strenuous practice and his eager study of the principles of the law have richly qualified him to pass upon the questions which will come before the court.

"His research has made him familiar

FLOOD DEATH LIST STANDS AT FORTY AT SAN ANTONIO; MANY MORE BELIEVED LOST

TEXAS SWEEP BY TERRIFIC STORM

High Winds and Heavy Rains Cause Heavy Property Loss; Many Injured

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 10.—High winds and heavy rains which swept south Texas late yesterday and early today is one of the most severe storms in several years, causing property damage of thousands of dollars and injury to numbers of people, had subsided late today, according to reports received here.

Only one fatality, that of Brakeman Wagner, who was killed near Noonan in the wreck of Southern Pacific train No. 227, has been reported as resulting directly from the storm, excluding the persons who were killed in the flood at San Antonio. The train, a mixed passenger and freight, was derailed early today when it plunged into a washout. The engineer and fireman of the train were injured. None of the passengers was hurt.

Near Austin property damage was estimated at \$150,000, and eight persons were injured by a tornado and cloud-burst late today.

Hardly had the forces of the tornado spent itself when a heavy fall of rain commenced. The torrent soon filled the streets, flooding stores and buildings. During the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. today, 18.23 inches of rain fell in Austin, the Federal weather observer announced, the greatest precipitation for that length of time ever reported there.

All trains from Austin to San Antonio and Dallas are held up and highways are impassable.

Reports from Cameron, south of Waco, said that the Little River there had broken its banks, causing much havoc, the damage being confined principally to crops.

The town of San Marcos was under water this morning and without light or power, although later reports said that the water was receding. Several houses there were washed from their foundations.

The Texas-Mexican Railroad at Corpus Christi announced that eleven bridges and 8,000 feet of track had been washed out between Corpus Christi and Laredo.

The business district of Laredo was reported inundated by flood waters.

EXPOSITION WILL OPEN TOMORROW

Charlotte Undertaking Represents Biggest Effort Of Kind In Carolina

Charlotte, Sept. 10.—Representing the successful culmination of the greatest single effort ever made to impress upon Carolina people the tremendous value, high quality and wide diversity of Carolina manufactured products, the Made-in-Carolina Exposition will be formally opened at 1 o'clock Monday, with Governor Cameron Morrison delivering at 3:30 o'clock the opening day address. More than 200 of the leading manufacturers of these states representing a capitalization estimated at more than \$200,000,000, have practically completed the great task of arranging their exhibits, and the finishing touches will be given before the opening hour. More than 5,000 different products are displayed, the interior of the great brick, steel and concrete building having been given an appearance of impressiveness and attractiveness in keeping with the importance of the exposition, industrially and educationally.

Fine Co-operation Received.

Practically every civic organization in North Carolina and many of them in South Carolina have co-operated with enthusiasm in arousing interest in this event, supplementing in a most definite and valuable way the months of sustained effort on the part of the exposition officials, under direction of President John L. Dabbs and the board of directors, and the various exhibitors. This concentration of effort has resulted in the development of an interest on the part of the Carolina people which the exposition officials believe will assure a total attendance of approximately 100,000 people.

SECRETARY WEEKS WILL VISIT CAMP BRAGG TODAY

(By Leased Wire.)

Washington, Sept. 10.—Secretary of War Weeks, accompanied by General Harbord, Colonel King and John M. Morehead, Republican National committee man for North Carolina, left tonight for Fayetteville and will visit Camp Bragg Sunday. Secretary Weeks goes to personally inspect the camp, which he has been urged to retain in active use, orders having been issued that it be vacated, the troops now there to be sent principally to Camp Knox, Kentucky. General Howley, in charge at Camp Bragg, has urged its retention, as it is held to be the best heavy artillery range in America. Secretary Weeks said today that while in Fayetteville that he would be glad to have any of its citizens call on him, but as he would be there on Sunday there would be no public reception. It had been planned to have such a recognition in case the Secretary of War visited Fayetteville during the business days of the week, but he finds that his duties keep him so steadily in Washington that Sunday is the only day in which he can be absent from the War Department.

FIND BODY OF FRUIT GROWER IN A DITCH

Moorhaven, Fla., Sept. 10.—The body of Eugene Haskell, fifty, farmer and fruit grower at the citrus center neighborhood, was found in a drainage ditch between here and that place this afternoon. The man had been missing for several days, and while the body was so decomposed as to make the cause of death only a matter of conjecture, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of "death by violence at the hands of some person unknown, the motive being robbery."

CHANGE IN DATES FOR 30TH DIVISION REUNION

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10.—Dates for the reunion of the Thirtieth Division at Nashville have been changed from November 11 and 12 to November 4 and 5, according to announcement today by Major Frank P. Bowen, secretary of the Old Hickory Association with headquarters in Knoxville. The change was made in order that General Pershing and Marshal Foch can attend.

ELLENBORO VOTES BONDS TO ERECT NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Ellenboro, Sept. 10.—In an election here today a bond issue of \$25,000 for the erection of a school building, was carried by a large majority.

OVER 25 PERSONS DROWN WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES; MANY OTHERS INJURED.

Chester, Pa., Sept. 10.—Between 25 and 30 persons were drowned or crushed to death and more than a score of others injured here tonight when the foot path of the Third street bridge over Chester river collapsed. The dead and injured were part of a crowd of approximately seventy-five persons that had gathered on the structure to watch the efforts of police in grappling for the body of a five-year-old boy who was drowned but a half hour before. Many of the dead are women and children.

The bridge was an old-fashioned structure, ninety feet long and cleared the water by about twenty feet. It carried two trolley tracks across the stream and had one foot path. The river is about fifteen feet deep where the accident occurred.

An hour and a half after the collapse more than twenty bodies had been removed to the morgue. At that time there were seven seriously injured persons in the Chester hospital.

At nine o'clock more than a score of bodies had been taken to the morgue. As the dead were carried in, men, women and children urged toward the place. Mothers sought children and husbands were looking for their wives or children.

Only the footway on the bridge collapsed. The rest of the bridge remained intact.

James Emerbe, of Chester, was standing near the bridge when the accident occurred. He drowned 23 men, women and children from the water. Nine of them upon examination were found to be dead.

Police Officials at Texas City Say Estimate of Two Hundred and Fifty Lives Lost Is Conservative

HIGH WATER HAMPERING WORK OF RESCUE BANDS IN RECOVERING BODIES

Property Damage Will Run Into Millions of Dollars; Reports From Outlying Sections Confirm Fear That Flood Is Worst In The History of San Antonio; Heart of Business Section Inundated, Buildings Swept Away and Thousands Made Homeless; Heroic Rescue Work Performed During a Night of Horror; Flood Waters Came Upon City Without Warning

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 10.—With the known list of dead standing at forty this afternoon, police officials still believe an estimate of two hundred and fifty lives lost as a result of the disastrous flood, which struck this city early Saturday morning, to be a conservative one. No attempt has been made to estimate the property damage, but it is certain to run into millions of dollars.

POLICE TO DETAIN "FATTY" ARBUCKLE

Death of Young Woman Following Affair In Hotel Will Be Investigated

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 10.—The police today announced they would take into custody Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, who started from Los Angeles last night by automobile to clear up an affair at his suite in a hotel here last Monday following which the death of Miss Virginia Rapps, a film actress, is said to have resulted. Arbuckle will be taken into custody by the police, it was said, pending an investigation into the woman's death. No charge will be placed against him, according to Michael Griffin, acting captain of detectives, but he will be detained until after the inquest.

Arbuckle was quoted as saying when he passed through Fresno today on his way here that he had never met the girl until Monday when she was brought into his suite, to join a party. She had a few drinks, Arbuckle said, and then it became necessary to call a physician and have her removed.

According to a sworn statement to the police by Miss Alice Blake, one of the party, she and another woman, Miss Zey Frevon, missed Miss Rapps from the room, and found her in an adjoining room in great distress. The hotel physician was summoned, Miss Blake stated.

Miss Rapps later was removed to a hospital where she died yesterday. Physicians who performed an autopsy said death was caused by peritonitis and that bruises were found on her body. The stomach was removed for examination.

Arbuckle and all members of the party will be subpoenaed to testify at the inquest, according to the coroner. Harry Kelly, secretary of the grand jury, said that body would investigate the case at its meeting Monday night.

Miss Rapps was born in Chicago. She was 23 years old. She went to Los Angeles about five years ago and obtained employment with motion picture companies.

In the last season or two she appeared with well known male stars. She made her home in Los Angeles with an aunt.

BALFOUR IN REPLY TO CRITICS OF THE LEAGUE

Geneva, Sept. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Arthur J. Balfour, of the British delegation, speaking today at the assembly of the League of Nations in defense of the council, which had been under attack for three days, warned the assembly that the mandate question was full of difficulties and dangers and that it was venturesome to try, as Lord Robert Cecil proposed, to fix the terms of the mandates immediately. He was much "pained," said, by Hjalmar Branting's charges that the council and the assembly were under the control of a small group of powers.

He expressed surprise at the attack of the Jugoslav delegates, M. Shalikhovitch, on Albania, and at Lord Robert Cecil's demand for the immediate fixing of the terms of the mandates.

Mr. Balfour pointed next to the international court of justice as an achievement which was sufficient in itself to justify the league, and confessed its critics, who accused it of inaction. Treating of disarmament as well as mandates he plainly intimated that it was the absence of the United States from the league which made it impossible to move quickly.

The first week of the assembly ends without having developed any figure on the floor, and the debate appears rather shop worn.

Came Without Warning.

San Antonio was caught without warning. The rain which caused the flood fell after three o'clock Friday evening in the hills along the Oltmos Creek.

The electric display accompanying the storm was the most vivid ever seen here as lightning flashed almost continuously and the thunder boomed and reverberated through the heavens. While torrents of rain were still falling in the streets of San Antonio and the residents, unable to get out because of the downpour, went early to bed, a roar was heard, subdued but ominous as the flood waters broke down upon the town.

"It was impossible to stand on your feet against the swift current," said one man, who escaped from his home before the force of the flood struck. "I got away early as the first waters roar was heard, subdued, but ominous cling to buildings, trees, fences and wreckage to get out. I could not stand upright against the water. When the crest came a few minutes later, I do not believe any human being could have withstood it."

Homeless Swept Away

Large houses were swept about on the flood waters.

Dollar Day

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Continuing through September 16th and 17th.