

BIG BUSINESS TO SHOVE BURDEN OF TAXES TO PUBLIC

Proposed Repeal Of Excess Profits Tax Means Billion and Half Dollars (By Special Leased Wire.)

SOMEBODY MUST PAY IF BIG BUSINESS DOESN'T

Republican Party Pledged To Help Big Business and Senator Penrose Has Passed Out Orders; Big Business Waxing Fat At Expense Of Mr. Average Citizen

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Washington, Sept. 11.—It is not so many years back that there was a slogan accredited to the autocrats of the railroads, "the public be damned."

There is a 1921 recurrence of the "public be damned," challenge to the people found in the determination of the Harding administration to force into the laws a repeal of the gross profits tax with higher surtaxes and to make this repeal retroactive to January 1, 1921.

Must Help Big Business. But no matter how big the burdens of taxation on the average citizenship of this country it must be increased by exacting it of the shoulders of the rich.

And how much will big business, the idle rich, the profiteering millionaires and multi-millionaires, the corporations which milk the people get out of this tax deal given Mr. Average Citizen?

Somebody has got to pay the taxes from which the big rich will be relieved, and this somebody is the average man of American citizens.

Handsomeness New Church Dedicated At Wilson



Wilson, Sept. 11.—The doors of the magnificent new \$50,000 Wilson Primitive Baptist house of worship, corner of Green and Jackson streets, were thrown open this morning at 11 o'clock.

The introductory sermon dedicating the structure was preached by the pastor, Elder C. N. Denny, of Wilson, from the text John 14:6: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

The seating capacity of the church is four hundred and at both services every seat was taken.

Secretary of War Weeks Makes Personal Inspection of Camp

Accompanied By General Harbord, Secretary Weeks Makes Tour Over Camp Bragg

CONSIDERS RETENTION FROM MILITARY VIEW

No Effort Made By Fayetteville Citizens To Influence His Decision

Fayetteville, Sept. 11.—Hon. John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, today made a personal inspection of Camp Bragg with a view to determining definitely what disposition will be made of the camp.

The question of the retention of the camp for present use is strictly a military one, and no delegation from Fayetteville was present. The only argument made for the continued use of the camp, as heretofore, was the strong showing prepared by General Bowley, as to the military value of the site to the War Department as an artillery training ground.

Secretary Weeks and General Harbord were met on their arrival from Washington at 7 o'clock this morning by General Bowley and Major E. P. King, Jr., the latter a member of the staff of General W. J. Snow, chief of field artillery, and were immediately conducted to the camp, where they were General Bowley's guests at breakfast.

DISASTROUS DROUGHT IS BROKEN IN IREDELL

Statesville, Sept. 11.—The most disastrous drought this section has experienced in 40 years was broken by a copious rain Friday evening. While some portions of Iredeell have been visited by local rains during the summer, most of the county has had only occasional light showers which did not wet the ground more than an inch or two deep.

Raleigh's 13th Semi-Annual Dollar Day THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Continuing through September 16th and 17th.

DELEGATIONS UP IN AIR BECAUSE GOVERNOR LEAVES

Sixteen Favorite Sons After Justiceship, and No Governor To See

FEAR HE MAY DECIDE BEFORE COMING BACK

Generally Predicted That Adams Or Manning Will Get Allen's Place On Supreme Court Bench; Thirteen 'East Of Raleigh' Candidates Hopeful Of Appointment

Delegations coming up to lay siege to the Chief Executive in behalf of favorite sons for the vacancy left on the Supreme Court bench by the death of Justice W. R. Allen last Thursday found no official ear to hear them yesterday.

Sixteen candidates, active, super-active and passive, were arrayed in the city yesterday, thirteen of them of the "east-of-Raleigh" group, one from Raleigh, one from the South, and one from the west.

Two main theories about what Governor Morrison will do are generally accepted, and are the basis of most of the prophesying that is being done about the lobbies of the hotels where the delegations are housed.

Among the Prophets. No. 1.—That the Governor will overcome the reluctance of Attorney General James S. Manning, and name Justice, and Heriot Clarkson will be moved into the attorney generalship.

No. 2.—That Judge W. J. Adams will be named before the Governor returns from Charlotte.

Against this prophesy is arrayed the firm belief of the Thirteen Northeasterners that Governor Morrison will get down his geography and study it before he names anybody, and that having studied, he will go as far to the northeast as circumstances advise him.

Among the prophets are many who confess to the confidence of the Governor, and his advisers. He is quoted as being impressed with the tremendous endorsement that has come in from every quarter of the State for Adams.

Like To Have Manning. Again, he is quoted as being very desirous of appointing Manning to the place, and that his early departure to Charlotte was for conference with Manning and Clarkson, who are both in Charlotte.

Significant in support of the Manning-Clarkson arrangement is the fact that Clarkson is known to have declined to take a hand in recommending anybody, although his sanction has been sought for every man in the field.

Politics and Geography. The Governor is quoted as having said that he could not appoint Mr. Clarkson even if Judge Manning took the place.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon, despite a light drizzle, President Harding tramped a mile on the board walk and was given enthusiastic receptions.

Tonight the President and Mrs. Harding were the guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander P. Moore, of Pittsburg.

ARREST BASEBALL PLAYERS FOR PLAYING ON SUNDAY

Miami, Fla., Sept. 11.—Twenty-two players, members of the Daytona Florida State league club and the Miami Florida East Coast league club and the two umpires, were placed under arrest by Sheriff Allen today, for violating the State's blue law forbidding Sunday baseball.

Wadesboro Bar Endorses Adams. Wadesboro, Sept. 11.—The Wadesboro bar has unanimously endorsed Judge W. J. Adams, of Charlotte, for the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench and the majority of the bar has endorsed R. B. Redwine, of Monroe, to succeed Judge Adams in the event of his elevation to the Supreme Court bench.

KILLED TWO MEN TO OBTAIN AUTO; YOUTH CONFESSES

Marches Man In House, Holds Him Up With Gun, Handcuffs Him, and Murders Him

SAME PROCEDURE FOR OTHER MAN, HE SAYS

Chicago Young Man Wanted To Be Sure They Made No Noise and Also That They Would Not Revive; Uses Baseball Bat To Beat Them To Death; Escapes In Car

Chicago, Sept. 11.—Harvey W. Church, the 20 year old youth accused of slaying B. J. Daugherty and Carl Ausmus to obtain possession of a \$5,500 automobile, broke down after twelve hours of questioning today and made a complete confession, according to the police.

The youth, brought back last night from Adams, Wis., his former home, where he had driven his mother in the car Friday, the day after the murder, was quoted as admitting that he alone planned and executed the tragedy.

The terrible beatings shown on the bodies and the trussing of both was merely "to be sure they were dead," according to the alleged confession which in part follows:

Placed Hand Cuffs On Him. "Ausmus waited in the car outside my house at the curbing while I went inside with Daugherty. I told him I would give him the money in the parlor. When I got to the parlor I drew a pistol. He just laid up his hands. I guess he thought I was going to rob him."

"I pulled out the handcuffs with one hand and told him to hold out his hands one at a time. At the time I kept him covered with a hatchet. He looked like a powerful man and I wasn't going to give him a chance. I took him to the basement."

"When we got down the stairs I took the baseball bat in one hand but I kept him covered with the pistol so that he could not move. 'Turn around' I said. He started to turn. I guess then he had an idea of what was coming but it was too late. I swung the bat with all my might, and it caught him right across the head. He went down but tried to strike back with his two hands together."

Kept Beating Him Over Head. "I kept beating him over the head until he didn't move any more. I hit him with a hat and with a hatchet. Then I set him back. I was afraid he might come to while I was going up stairs to get Ausmus. Then we went upstairs and waited. I knew Ausmus would come in. He did a few moments later and I went through the same thing I did with the other fellow."

"After I had them both killed I waited until dark and put Ausmus in a hole in the garage. Then I bound up Daugherty's body in a quilt and dragged it to the automobile. I dumped him in the river, right over the bridge where he was found floating. I had a lot of trouble with that body. Kind of hard for one fellow to handle a body that way. You know, it flip flops around. Then I drove around in the car."

"It certainly was a beautiful car and I guess I should have gone back and looked up the basement instead of riding around. It didn't seem so very terrible to me. I wanted the car and I thought I would get caught if Daugherty or the other fellow got away."

Body Found In River. The body of Daugherty, a former Harvard student, and captain in the tank corps, whose home was in St. Paul, was found by a passer-by in the Des Plaines River on the outskirts of the city and a few blocks away from the Church home Friday. A string of rope was twisted tightly about the throat which was cut from ear to ear.

A pair of regulation police handcuffs dangled from one wrist.

Yesterday morning, a search of the garage behind the church home revealed the body of Ausmus, who had been buried while yet alive, according to the coroner.

Church, following his arrest, asserted his innocence, and returned willingly to Chicago. He was accompanied by his aged father and mother and drove the car for the possession of which he was accused of killing the two automobile men.

Repeatedly on the trip he assured his parents that he would be able to disprove the charge.

Declared Tissue of Lies. Coroner Peter Hoffman tonight declared that Church's alleged confession was a "tissue of lies, false on the face of it." He said that it would have been physically impossible for

WATER BEGINS TO RECEDE IN TEXAS CITY AFTER FLOOD

WALNUT COVE WOMAN FALLS TO DEATH FROM TOP OF NEW TWIN CITY HOTEL

Winston-Salem, Sept. 11.—While walking on the roof of the new 12-story hotel here this afternoon, Miss Lillian Mitchell, 24 years old, daughter of Edgar Mitchell, of Walnut Cove, fell from a high parapet, to the roof over the ball room ten floors below, and was instantly killed.

At the coroner's inquest this evening, one of the witnesses said that Miss Mitchell had asked her, "if you loved a man and he loved you and you knew that the marriage could never take place, what would you do?" The witness stated that she advised Miss Mitchell to continue on and to trust to her. "But," replied Miss Mitchell, according to the witness, "suppose every future moment made things worse?"

At another time Miss Mitchell remarked to the witness, "I could scream until everyone in the building heard me."

Not being able to arrive at a decision from the evidence presented, the jury adjourned until tomorrow when it will view the building and seek to obtain other evidence.

She with two friends was on top of the building on a sightseeing tour. The other members of the party were looking at Pilot Mountain and when they turned around Miss Mitchell could not be seen. They supposed that she had gone down stairs and they went down in search of her. It was not until they reached the lower floors that they learned she had fallen.

Miss Mitchell had been in the city for eight months, being employed by P. H. Hanes Knitting Company.

24 DROWNED WHEN BRIDGE CRASHES

Boys Of Youth Whose Cries Attracted Crowd Last One Recovered From River

Chester, Pa., Sept. 11.—Twenty-four persons were drowned and five seriously injured in the collapse last night of the bridge spanning the Chester river at Third street, in the heart of the city's business district. The police made this announcement tonight after divers had definitely determined no more bodies remained in the water.

A small wrought iron gusset plate, part of the support for a foot path along the side of the structure which had been half eaten by rust, gave way under the weight of nearly a hundred persons who were attracted to the spot by the cries of a drowning boy and precipitated the victims into the river.

The last body to be dragged from the deep mud at the bottom of the river was that of eight year old Charles Apostolis, the child, whose death was the involuntary cause of the accident. It was recovered shortly before noon today and placed at the end of the row of 24 victims whose bodies reposed in White's morgue awaiting removal to their family homes.

Crowd Gathers On Bridge. All the noon were residents of Chester, most of whom had just reached the business district on their way to theatres or stores. Lattie Charles Apostolis was in a group of children on the river bank in the rear of a theatre watching the antics of a bear which was to appear in the show. He was knocked into the river by one of his excited playmates and his cries for help attracted the crowds on Third street.

Several hundred persons dashed for the small bridge and others were trying to push on to it when without warning one end of the footway buckled. The heavy walk dropped like a trap door and in an instant 24 persons were struggling in the muddy water.

A score more clung to the foot board rail and iron water pipes fighting to reach safety before their fragile supports gave way.

The victims were caught in a veritable death trap. At the point of the accident the water is 16 feet deep. The river is scarcely more than 25 feet wide and factory and store walls are built to its very edge. Those who could swim found it impossible to scale the slippery walls and there was no floating debris to which they might cling. The foot-path had simply crumpled and hung to twisted supports.

Tangled Mass of Humanity. A minute after the accident occurred half a dozen men dove and pulled half drowned men, women and children out of the tangled mass of humanity. Several buckets hurled to the scene and aided in the work of rescue. Policemen and firemen dragged the river's bottom for bodies.

As the first shock of the accident wore off today there was a general demand through the city for a thorough investigation into the cause of the accident. Charges and counter charges were made by and against the board of commissioners of Delaware county, which is responsible for the condition of the bridge.

Investigations will be started by the board of commissioners, the police department and the coroner. The inquest will be held Thursday night.

TOWN MARSHAL KILLED IN BATTLE WITH BURGLARS

Lyons, Ga., Sept. 11.—Andrew J. Collins, city marshal, was shot and killed early this morning in a pitched battle with a gang of burglars who were looting a local store. Sheriff C. W. Culpepper and several leading citizens were in the battle. Two arrests have been made.

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List Of Known-Dead In San Antonio Stands At Forty-Seven Persons With Search Continuing

PROPERTY LOSS WILL BE BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN MILLION DOLLARS

At Least Two Hundred Dwellings Washed Away and Many Old Landmarks In Historic Texas City Swept Away; Water Attained Great Velocity In Heart Of Town and Much Damage Was Done To Pavements, Many Entire Blocks Being Carried Away; Gangs Of Workmen Carrying Away Debris; Few Bridges Carried Away

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 11.—With the known death list standing at 47 the waters of the disastrous flood which struck this city early Saturday evening were receding today. Much of the debris, however, especially in the Alazan Creek district remains to be secured. The wreckage in places was tangled to a depth of 20 feet. The property damage in the business district was estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

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At the San Antonio Express building, the current at the crest of the flood was estimated at twelve miles an hour. It was so strong that heavy floating timbers caused much damage to buildings.

A number of old landmarks on side streets in the business section disappeared as completely as though they had melted away. Some of these structures were more than one hundred years old. All were small and were occupied by miscellaneous business enterprises.

It was impossible to obtain accurate estimates of the number of dwellings washed away but according to one police report the figure was placed at 200 of the 27 bridges that crossed the San Antonio river in its 14 mile winding course through the city only one actually was washed away, left all except four were damaged several, most beyond repair.

A trip to Berg's Mill showed that a report that the entire settlement had been washed away was untrue, only a portion of a bridge to the mill having been destroyed.

Busy Recovering Bodies. The efforts of the rescuers today were confined principally to recovering bodies, work of rescuing the marooned having been completed yesterday.

The fact that most of the bodies recovered have been fully clothed, shows that the victims either were warned or heard the approaching of water in time to make preparations to leave. The city proper has been crippled all day from the flood. There has been no light or street car service because of no electric power. Water has been running in the mains in a few portions of the city and the pressure is weak at these places. City officials said today that the water pressure would be turned on before tomorrow and it is thought electric current also will be had tomorrow.

City Building Inspector John L. Richter, estimated the damage to buildings at approximately \$700,000. He said that no large buildings have been damaged permanently and that none is in a dangerous condition. Hardly any of the damaged businesses carried flood insurance either on the buildings or stock.

Precautions Against Epidemic. Efforts to prevent an epidemic are being taken. A check by D. D. Harrigan, city engineer, showed that 13 of the 27 bridges spanning the San Antonio river are virtually undamaged. At first it was thought all but four were damaged but with the removal of debris and driftwood today, it was found that thirteen still are safe and sound. Only one bridge was washed away.

The rapidity with which the waters receded after the rains stopped is accounted for by the fact that the water

Fatty Arbuckle Jailed in San Francisco on Murder Charge

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 11.—Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture actor, was booked on a charge of murder late last night in connection with the death Friday of Miss Virginia Rapp, film actress following a party in Arbuckle's suite at a hotel here last Monday. Arbuckle was locked up in city prison for the night.

Arbuckle was charged, according to Assistant District Attorney Milton U'ren, under the section of the California code providing that life taken in rape or attempted rape is considered murder.

Captain of Detectives Dunne Matheson said the evidence showed that there had been an attack made on the girl.

"On Monday a formal complaint will be filed against Arbuckle," Matheson said. He added that Arbuckle is expected to make a statement.

The complaint against Arbuckle was made following examination of Dr. M. E. Rumwel, Miss Zeg Zegs and Al Semanchar, motion picture manager for Miss Rapp and others.

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