

SENATOR SIMMONS FLAYS REPUBLICAN TAXATION PROGRAM

North Carolina Member Gets Under Hide of G. P. Members I. Senate

SPEECH TURNS TABLES ON CHAIRMAN PENROSE

Republican Boss Comes Back at Simmons, As Jim Reed Equal To Occasion in Defending North Carolinian; Points Out Injuries of Bill and Offers Remedy

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Washington, Sept. 30.—Chairman Penrose, who is expected to be imposed upon the Senate by the revision bill offered in the Finance Committee, and a constructive program for four hours this afternoon addressed the Senate.

In his presentation of the Senator Simmons dealt vigorously with the legislation proposed by the Republicans and laid his finger on evidences that want to show the Republicans in revenue bill offered were preparing to take care of the rich and place the heaviest burden of government taxation upon the poor.

It was a speech with arguments that got under the hide of the Republicans and brought irritable and angry retorts from them, noticeably from Senator Penrose, who in the debate on the tax bill in the past three days, has indulged in partisan and personal attacks upon Senator Simmons, for which the North Carolina Senator has sharply called him to terms.

Senator Simmons contrasted tax legislation under the stress of war with the injustices of the tax revision bill now offered by the Republicans in peace times. The war at an end, he declared that there should be retrenchment in taxation, that burdens should be lifted from the people, and that to take the excess profits taxes from the rich and place the heaviest of the burden on the average citizen was unjust.

He said that the tax revision bill would mean that the tax on automobiles, which was now 40 per cent, would be reduced to 25 per cent, and called attention to the fact that Secretary of the Treasury Mellon had sought to have the surtax reduced to 25 per cent, a proposition that would favor the rich; that the taxes that Secretary Mellon said that the Republicans of the Senate and House desire to have lifted were the taxes on corporation and big incomes, Mr. Mellon desiring to shift these to a two-cent tax on each bank check, an increase of one cent in the rate of postage, a license tax on motor vehicles averaging about \$10 per vehicle; a shifting of so much political dough that the House and Senate dared not to touch that far. And not daring, the Republicans agreed that the thing to do was to cut some of the appropriations, but said Senator Simmons, "there is a vast difference between a promise to cut down and actual cutting down, and I imagine that all of the departments in which cuts have been promised are just about as good spenders now as they have been in the past," this telling of deficiencies to be met in the future.

Disregarding Pledges. In the course of his remarks Senator Simmons declared: "There is one thing certain, the Republican party is not, at this bill at least, either carrying out, or even so much as attempting to carry out its pledges to the people that immediately upon coming into power they would proceed without delay, making it the business of the first consideration upon calendar, to reduce the burdensome and oppressive taxes that they informed the country in the last campaign the Democratic party had imposed upon them and was keeping upon them," and showed that the reductions that were promised were to be filled in by borrowing money upon the faith and credit of the United States and contract debts that would have to be met by the tax payers in the future. And the "immediate" reduction promised by the Republicans in the bill offered, he said, made these in 1922 and not in the nine months this year when the Republicans had been in full control of all branches of the government, there being no redemption of promises made.

Burdens on the Poor. Continuing his remarks, Senator Simmons declared that the tax bill offered would lift more than a half million dollars off the shoulders of corporations and millions and shift them to the shoulders of less fortunate taxpayers. And then he demonstrated that the Republican scheme, if adopted, would reduce approximately \$700,000,000 the \$800,000,000 the taxes which otherwise corporations and individuals whose incomes exceed \$50,000 would have to pay. That \$100,000,000 is the deadline of the bill," he said, pointing out that there is "formed in serious and deliberate the forces of the millionaire class of this country," some 15,000 tax payers while "on the other side of the scale there are growing 650,000 average tax payers," coming between \$2,000 and \$40,000 a year.

Favor the Rich. The figures which showed the favors to the rich, he declared, were such as to stifle the country. And he followed up his discussion of the favoritism to

Force Deputy Sheriff In Greene County To Resign

Officer Took Mrs. Sarah Whitley Held On Charge of Murder In Connection With Death of Husband, To See Daughter; Wave of Indignation Follows

Snow Hill, Sept. 30.—Deputy Sheriff C. E. Jones got into a hornet's nest by taking Mrs. Sarah Whitley, who is in jail on a charge implicating her in the killing of her husband, to see her daughter at Walsenburg, and has been forced to resign his position. Sheriff Herring has taken over the jail and henceforth will see that Mrs. Whitley is accorded no more privileges than are other prisoners.

Friends of the deputy sheriff believe that he acted in utmost good faith, and in fact he has shown every evidence of a desire to do the right and proper thing, but this did not keep him from losing his job, so great was the indignation aroused by the according of special privileges to the woman.

Got Legal Advice. According to the deputy sheriff, the woman had expressed a desire to see her daughter, who, although asked to come to see her mother, had not done so. Deputy Jones went to J. Paul Prizelle, an attorney employed for the prosecution, who was of the opinion that if the woman was taken in charge by an officer, there would be no harm.

Acting on what he considered good advice, the officer started on his ill-fated journey. Meantime Sheriff Herring had gotten wind of what was transpiring and took up the matter

Atlantic And Yadkin Files Lengthy Bill Of Complaint

Third Railroad Enters Federal Court To Fight State Taxation System

COMPLAINT PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL WITH OTHERS

Judge Bynum Thinks State May Ask For Continuance; To Hold Conference

Greensboro, Sept. 30.—Attorneys for the Atlantic and Yadkin Valley Railroad, a subsidiary of the Southern system, today appeared in Federal court here and filed a lengthy bill of complaint against the State of North Carolina, charging that its property had been unfairly assessed, that it was about to be the victim of unfair and exorbitant taxation, and that it had been denied the right of appeal on the valuation placed on its property in North Carolina, and all of the other things set forth in the bill of complaint of the Southern States, which was filed last week.

The railroad, which is one of the shortest lines in the State, is owned by Mr. A. W. Bynum, a prominent Greensboro banker, and the third to file the bill of complaint. The bill charges that the State has been assessed at over four million dollars; that this year the valuation has remained unchanged in spite of the fact that real estate in practically every county through which the road runs and owns property has been reduced in valuation; that on the other hand the tax rates have been raised instead of lowered; and that the railway company is the victim of unjust discrimination by the county commissioners of several counties in which it holds property.

The hearing in the latest case will probably be held in Federal court at the same time that the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line complaints are on before the court.

Practically identical. A study of the bill of complaint shows that it is practically identical with the complaint filed by the Southern, therefore the issues to be decided in both cases are the same.

In discussing the case, Judge William B. Bynum, of the local bar, recently retained by Governor Merriam, to aid in the defense of Commissioner Watts, declared that the cases are probably the biggest that have ever been filed against an official of the State of North Carolina.

Shelter Tax System. The allegations of the railroads, if they are upheld by the higher courts, will nearly shatter our system of taxation and will reflect seriously upon the integrity and fairness of the commissioners of the several counties through which the railroads operate, said the attorney. However, Judge Bynum is of the opinion that the defense will be successful, although he predicts a powerful legal battle, when Attorney General Manning, George H. Brown, and Locke Crige meet the railroads and the three railroads involved.

Judge Bynum will go to Raleigh Saturday, where the legal staff of the State's defense will hold a conference and decide upon a course of action. He is of the opinion that the State will hardly be ready for trial by October 5, and while not definitely saying so, he is understood that there is a splendid chance of the State asking for a continuance to give them more time to prepare the defense.

May Want Continuance. It is pointed out that owing to the fact that the three companies named as plaintiffs operate in every county in the State, or practically so, it will take

OXFORD MINISTER FOUND DEAD FROM WOUND BY PISTOL

Rev. R. C. Craven, Popular Methodist Pastor, Believed To Have Shot Himself

HE HAD SUFFERED MUCH FROM NERVOUS TROUBLE

Left Home Late In Afternoon On Bicycle To Visit Masonic Orphanage; Body Found Near Spring On Outskirts of Town; Interment Will Take Place Today at Dawn

Oxford, Sept. 30.—The body of Rev. R. C. Craven, pastor of the Methodist church here and one of the prominent ministers in the North Carolina Methodist conference, was found near here this morning at 3 o'clock with a bullet hole through the temple and a pistol lying by his side. There was no writing to indicate that suicide had been planned but the authorities are convinced that the minister ended his life.

It has been known that for some time the minister has been under a nervous strain and that he had been in consultation with his physician. At the dinner table yesterday he was heard to exclaim, with his hand to his head, "Oh, what a terrible pain shot through my head."

Left Home In Afternoon. Late yesterday afternoon he left home on his bicycle, telling his family that he was going to the Masonic orphanage, which is on the outskirts of town. His bicycle was found this morning about 3 o'clock by searching parties at De La Croix Spring, which is near the orphanage. The body was found about a half mile from the spring.

Announcement of the tragic death of the popular pastor came as a great shock today. He had appeared to be in good spirits yesterday and said nothing to anyone, so far as known, to cause suspicion that he intended suicide.

Mr. Craven had been pastor of the Methodist church here for the past three years, coming here after a four years' pastorate in Rocky Mount. No minister has ever been held in higher esteem by the people of the town. Not only had he endeared himself to the members of his own church, but to all the church people in the community. He was a great lover of young people, and has probably done more for the boys and girls of the town than any minister who has ever held a pastorate here. Especially has he done a great work among the children of the Oxford Orphanage.

When Mr. Craven failed to return home last night, his family became uneasy and a searching party went to look for him. It was feared that some misfortune had befallen him. He had frequently visited the spring, where his bicycle was found.

His body was found lying on the ground with his coat neatly folded under his head, and the pistol by his side. There was no evidence of a struggle.

Funeral services for the deceased were held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the First Methodist Church, of which he was pastor, being conducted by the Rev. H. M. North, of Raleigh, the Rev. H. M. North, of Raleigh, educational secretary; the Rev. R. L. Davis, of Raleigh, and the Rev. R. H. (Continued on page two.)

DR. MAYS SAYS HE DOES NOT INTEND TO RESIGN

Declares He Has Full Refutation of Charges Made Against Him

Ridgeway, Sept. 30.—Dr. Livingston T. Mays, in a statement sent out by him here today, states he "has no intention of resigning" because of attacks made on his character in affidavits presented in behalf of J. T. Harris, sentenced to die for the murder of F. W. Munnish, and adds that he has "full refutation of all charges" made by attorneys of the condemned murderer. His statement reads: "I have no intention of resigning, and have full refutation of all charges offered by attorneys of the condemned murderer. My full local board and the pastor of Ridgeway so affirm in the following:

"In noting recent attacks made against Dr. Livingston T. Mays by affidavits in murder case, in view of the position accorded Dr. Mays and in virtue of testimonials and evidence of his integrity, I have read. It is just to him that the public should know that his integrity has not been questioned at Ridgeway. Being pastor here I have known that he has not been able to please everybody, but he has tried faithfully to build up the peer of any like institution in the South. In lieu of the documentary proof which I have seen, I am convinced that the charges are absolutely false. The motive in making these charges is evident."

TWO MACHINES WRECKED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Winston-Salem, Sept. 30.—Two automobiles were practically demolished as the result of a head-on collision at the foot of Fisher Hill near Kernersville last night. One car was owned by a Mr. Ridenhour, of Greensboro, and was being driven by Lee Garner, colored, who was en route to Greensboro with two negro women. His car was hurled into the creek and one of the women went with it, though she suffered only a slight bruise. The other was being driven by Kemp McCauston, who was en route to this city with three other young men. Thomas McCauston, of Kernersville, is the owner of this car. The negro, Garner, was given a hearing today and bound over to Forsyth superior court for alleged reckless driving. He gave bond.

MRS. MARTHA ADDERTON DIES AT LEXINGTON HOME

Lexington, Sept. 30.—Mrs. Martha Adderton, widow of Stokes Adderton, for many years a prominent business man of Lexington, died at her home here today, at the age of eighty-two years.

Mrs. Adderton sustained a broken hip as the result of a fall several weeks ago, which hastened her demise. Immediate services include three daughters and six sons, Mrs. E. V. Walker, Mrs. R. A. Burkhead, Mrs. Winston Braggs and James Adderton, all of this city. Funeral services will be held probably Monday at 2 o'clock at yet unannounced.

LATEST LABOR SAVING DEVICE



The latest invention in the way of labor-saving devices is the apparatus pictured here, which takes the place of twenty men, according to the inventor. It is an auto-truck attachment which automatically bores post-holes. It consists of a huge earth-boring auger on the end of a twelve-foot geared shaft, mounted on the front of the chassis of an ordinary automobile truck. The power plant of the truck furnishes the power for the boring machinery—the simple expedient of disengaging the clutch of the truck and throwing in that of the boring apparatus being the only operation necessary in digging a hole of any depth down to ten feet. The driver operates the entire mechanism from his seat on the truck. After the hole is bored the permanent derrick on the body of the truck lifts the pole from the roadside and drops it into the hole ready for the army of "tamers" who follow.

ADOPT PROGRAM TO HELP UNEMPLOYED

Unemployment Emergency Regarded Primarily As A Community One; Remedies

Washington, Sept. 30.—Formulation of an emergency program designed to effect the immediate relief of the nation's idle, variously estimated at from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 persons, was completed today by the National Conference on Unemployment with the adoption of specific measures recommended by committees.

The conference then adjourned until October tenth, when it will consider a permanent unemployment policy and suggestions for the return of business and commerce to normal. Meanwhile its committees will work on details of these subjects.

A Community Task. The conference found the task of meeting the unemployment emergency was primarily a community one with the responsibility of leadership and its solution resting on the mayors, Federal, state and municipal aid, however, was urged. Particular reference was made by the conferees to the connection between prices and the solution of the country's economic questions.

"During the period of drastic economic readjustment through which we are now passing," the emergency program said, "the continued efforts of any one to profit beyond the requirements of safe business practice or economic consistency should be condemned. One of the important obstacles to a resumption of normal business activity will be removed as prices reach replacement values in terms of efficient production and distributing cost, plus reasonable profit."

Must Reduce Prices. "We, therefore, strongly urge all manufacturers and wholesalers who may not yet have adopted this policy to do so, but it is essential to the success of these measures when put into effect that retail prices shall promptly and fairly reflect the price adjustment of the producer, manufacturer and the wholesaler. When these principles have been recognized and the recommendations complied with, we are confident that the public will increase their purchases, thereby increasing the operations of the mills, factories and transportation companies, and consequently reducing the number of unemployed."

HIGH POINT NEGRO BOUND OVER TO COURT

High Point, Sept. 30.—Nick Moore, well known High Point negro, who on the morning of August 16 slashed the throat of his wife and three children and turned a revolver on his wife and three children, was given a preliminary hearing in police court here today. Judge Walter Royall found probable cause and ordered the defendant held for Guilford superior court under a \$500 bond. High Point business men signed the bond and Moore was released. The negro denies having any knowledge of the affair, claiming that he was crazed while asleep.

TWIN CITY GAS COMPANY WANTS RATE INCREASE

Winston-Salem, Sept. 30.—The local gas company has petitioned the Corporation Commission to permit another increase in rates. The proposed schedule fixes a minimum of fifty cents for the first one hundred feet. Then there will be graduated rates of increase until ten thousand feet will cost the consumer \$19.50. However, the percentage of increase from one thousand to two thousand feet will affect more people than any other point in the schedule. It is known that there will be strong opposition to proposed increases when application comes up for hearing.

KINSTON MASONS PLAN TO BUILD NEW TEMPLE

Kinston, Sept. 30.—Construction of a temple to cost several hundred thousand dollars is planned by leaders of the five Masonic organizations here. The building, which probably will be erected as soon as conditions are a little more settled. It will be one of the largest of the kind in the section, and may be six or eight stories high. One plan calls for a theatre on the first floor. Several floors will be rented for offices. The building and various other branches of the Masonic order will be completed in the near future.

TARHEEL SENATOR PROPOSES NEW TAX LAW IN THE SENATE

Simmons Offers Substitute Measure After Denouncing Republican Program

SMOOT ALSO PROPOSES A SEPARATE PROGRAM

North Carolina Senator Urges Two Parties To Get Together In Effort To Work Out Bill That Will Meet Present Requirements; Takes Fling at Secretary Mellon

Washington, Sept. 30.—Two separate tax programs as substitutes for most of the levy provisions in the pending revenue revision bill were presented today to the Senate, one from the Republican side and one from the Democratic side:

Senator Smoot, of Utah, proposed a manufacturers' sales tax of three per cent on articles as finally finished or produced for consumption or use. Repeal of all of the special war taxes of whatever nature, including the excess profits and transportation levies. Retention of the existing ten per cent income tax on corporations.

Senator Smoot proposed no change in the committee plan with regard to individual income taxes or the existing tobacco, liquor and inheritance taxes. Simmons' Proposals. Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, proposed:

A graduated income tax on corporations, ranging from 12 1/2 to 25 per cent in lieu of the excess profits tax. Restoration of the income surtax rates to a minimum of 52 per cent on incomes in excess of \$500,000. Repeal of the transportation taxes on freight, passenger and Pullman accommodations.

Retention of the corporation capital stock tax. Repeal of the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations. That individual exemption be confined to incomes below \$20,000. Slight reductions in the normal rates on incomes below \$20,000.

Senator Simmons told the Senate that if there could be an agreement for an equitable readjustment of the taxes so that the several groups of taxpayers would be on a parity as proposed in the Democratic program, he personally would be willing to give serious consideration to a manufacturers' sale or consumption tax, properly safeguarded as a substitute for all of the miscellaneous taxes imposed under the present law.

Urges Co-Operation. The North Carolina Senator appealed to parties to get together in an effort to work out a bill meeting the requirements of the present situation and conditions.

Senator Smoot, in presenting his amendments, read a prepared statement in which the sales tax proposal was set forth.

Senator Simmons offered the Democratic tax program to the Senate at the conclusion of a three-hour address in which he vigorously assailed the Senate finance committee bill as one providing for tax reductions "in behalf of the corporations and the ultra rich."

"Taking the bill from the beginning to the end of it," he said, "there is hardly a tax that is touched where the little man is not forgotten and ignored and his rights trampled upon while the rich man's slightest whispers for relief are heard all the money of the people lavishly rebated and remitted to these men who have grown so mighty in this country that they can fix the prices of my products when it is one of their raw materials and then fix the price that I shall pay for the finished product after they have manipulated it."

Fling at Mellon. Senator Simmons took a fling at Treasury Secretary Mellon for recommending repeal of the profits taxes and the high income surtaxes and at the same time suggesting new levies, such as increased rates on first-class postage, a bank check levy and a license tax on automobiles.

The ways and means committee the Senator said, accepted the Secretary's proposal to reduce the levies on the wealthy, but had "too much political agency" to attempt to put on the new taxes proposed.

THREE MORE IMPLICATED IN NOTED LIPPARD CASE

Solicitor Huffman Has Three Hickory Men Arrested and Lodged in Burke Jail

Morganton, Sept. 30.—The noted Lippard murder case which was the center of so much interest in Burke and Catawba counties last winter and due to which two trials have already been held resulting in three men serving prison sentences seems to furnish a continued story of mystery and sensational developments.

Vernon Lafone, Dan Sipe and Cecil Spencer were placed in jail here tonight charged with aiding and abetting for the purpose of robbery in the murder of Glenn Lippard with Hickory last November. With their arrest Solicitor Huffman is confident he is making a step that will lead to the final solution of one of the most difficult criminal cases the State has ever attempted to unravel.

For some time he has been getting corroborative evidence which led to the arrests in Hickory this afternoon and he gave your correspondent an understanding insight that he believes he has a strong case against the young men. He stated that he expects to take out bench warrants for them and have the hearing next week before Judge Bryson, who is to be here for a six-day