

## GRISSOM STEPS UP ONE NOTCH NEARER TO COVETED GOAL

### Greensboro Man Nominated for Job As Collector of Revenue in North Carolina

### HIRAM JOHNSON MAY BLOCK CONFIRMATION

Secretary of Republican State Committee Ridiculed California Senator in Addition to 'Betraying' Him at Chicago; Grissom Also Distributed Linney's Letter to Women

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Washington, Oct. 4.—After many weary, weary months of waiting, William Grissom, of Greensboro, secretary of the North Carolina State Republican committee, is right up at that political pie-counter with his platter ready. This afternoon President Harding sent his name to the Senate for the position of collector of internal revenue for North Carolina, and there is nothing now between Grissom and the job except the matter of confirmation. As soon as the nomination has run the gauntlet of the Senate, the fate will be in the hands of the Senate. Will he have easy sledding or it will be rocky road that he will travel? That depends. One factor to be considered in the Grissom nomination is as to the attitude of Senator Hiram Johnson and his allies, and if they conclude to fight the nomination whether they can secure enough Democratic aid to defeat it. There are reasons why Senator Johnson will fight the nomination outside of the fact that Mr. Grissom was one of the delegates from North Carolina to the Republican National convention at Chicago when Senator Johnson claims he was "betrayed" by Grissom not voting for him as the Republican presidential candidate as directed by the North Carolina preference primary. One of these other reasons is that Grissom has been publicly sneered at and laughed at Senator Johnson in his capacities for the North Carolina vote for the presidency, did this so openly that the newspapers told of it.

Ridicule Johnson's chances. This ridicule of Mr. Grissom's took place in Greensboro on the night of May 15, this year. On that night David H. Blair, Winston-Salem was on his way to Washington, his nomination for commissioner of internal revenue being up in the air as Senator Johnson was fighting it. Mr. Grissom told of Mr. Blair's confidence. In a "special" to the Charlotte Observer from Greensboro there occurs this: "Mr. Grissom went into the why and wherefores of the situation, the reasons why Hiram Johnson stands no chance whatever, not only in his fight against the confirmation of Mr. Blair but also in his fight against confirmation of other organization Tar Heel Johnson's contention that he should have had the support of the North Carolina delegation to the Republican National convention for the nomination; for the plain truth is laughable, Mr. Grissom thinks."

Another reason that may bring a fight on the Grissom nomination is that he was one of the trio of alleged authors of the famous or infamous, as you choose, letter of then Republican State Chairman Frank A. Linney, to the white women of North Carolina, the letter which Chairman Linney in his pursuit of the job of District Attorney swallowed whole when the negroes were hot after his scalp. Grissom as secretary of the Republican State committee gave his approval to the letter and sent it out from headquarters. He may have some explaining to do to his fellow Republicans in the Senate who depend upon their political brothers in black for the votes to put them across when the polls are opened.

But as against all of this the Grissom nomination will have the backing of the Harding administration with the favor of Commissioner Blair and the repeated denials of Senators Hiram Johnson, Borah and their allies may have sickened them of the fight and that the rest of the "hog combine" North Carolina Republican state will get through without any hard fight against it. This does not include the nomination of J. L. McCaskill, of Fayetteville, for collector of the Port of Wilmington, which is said to have been in the hands of President Harding for some months, held up because of the strenuous fight the former Senator Marion Butler is making against McCaskill, for whom he has no use.

Nothing For House to Do. "All dressed up and no where to go" is the condition in which the House of Representatives found itself today when it met after the "gentleman's agreement" of recesses for three days at September 21. The expectation of Republican Leader Mondell had been that by October 4 the Senate would have ground out some of the big legislation over which it has been fuming and fretting for months, but there has been nothing doing that can be sent back to the House for it to what its legislative teeth on. So there is to be another period of marking time for a week or so for the House with the hope that Senate decision will change to Senate decision and send over some business that calls for attention. But right now the Senate is yarning itself along with listless debates on the tax revision bill, with an occasional inroad into the trend of events of a speech on the peace treaties.

## LITTLE VICTIMS OF RUSSIAN FAMINE.



Almost every day scenes similar to the one pictured above are witnessed in the streets of the famine-stricken districts of Russia. Hundreds of babies are dying because of the lack of proper food, and millions more are doomed unless help is quickly given. The photograph shows a funeral procession of the little victims at Samara.

## Tobacco Appeal Dismissed By Board of Equalization

### County of Rockingham Wins Fight Against Rebate Sought By American

### ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES WITH COUNTY

### Board Refuses to Duplicate Recent Gift of \$110,000 - In Durham

The State Board of Equalization took Junius Parker at his word yesterday when he declared that he would rather have the American Tobacco Company lose its \$15,000 tax rebate in Rockingham county than have the public think ill of his corporation or its motives, and threw his case out of court.

Motion to dismiss the appeal of the tobacco company, offered the opening of the hearing, precipitated a two hour argument in which Mr. Parker pleaded for the waiving of technicalities, formalities, and even kindly benevolence toward "errors of counsel" that were made the basis of the contention that the corporation had no recourse.

Question raised by the attorneys for the county at the outset attacking the power of the Board to hear a petition from the corporation since it had neglected to comply with the formal statutes was kept well in the foreground, and the petitioner had no occasion for extended attack upon the values complained against. The hearing revolved altogether around the legal aspects of the case.

Manning Settles Issue. Attorney General James S. Manning, whose decision opened the way for the hearing of the petition from the American and Liggett and Myers companies on their Durham county exception that led to a rebate of \$110,000, assumed the responsibility of the Board's action when he offered the opinion that the company's neglect to include the Rockingham properties in its exceptions, precluded it from any further consideration.

The opinion was lengthy in its review of the circumstances that led to the reopening of the Durham case and its confirmation in a gift of \$110,000 to the tobacco companies, and in its explanation of the interpretation of law that the American Tobacco Company was off from any recourse in Rockingham county.

"Error of counsel" cited repeatedly by Mr. Parker to explain why the company had not included Rockingham county property in the general omnibus exception to the valuation set by the Tax Commission, probably saved the County from being included in the rebated exception that was used as the basis of the Attorney General's opinion that the Board could not upon the case.

The Rockingham county case differed from the Durham case in the detail that the taxes had already been paid, and without protest, the tax was never paid in Durham county, and new exceptions were filed as often as prior exceptions were denied by the Tax Commission. These tactics, in the opinion of the Attorney General, kept the appeal alive.

No such sustenance was provided for the \$2,925,000 worth of property in Rockingham, and it died before Section 979 of the Consolidated Statutes.

## HARDING TO MARCH IN BIG PROCESSION ON ARMISTICE DAY

### Plans For Solemn Ceremonies in Honor of Unknown Hero Near Completion

### MAKE-UP OF MILITARY ESCORT IS ANNOUNCED

### Names of Active Pallbearers, All Veterans Wearing Decorations For Gallantry, Are Made Public; Casket To Lie In State in Rotunda of Nation's Capitol

Washington, Oct. 4.—Plans for the solemn ceremonies of Armistice Day, when the nation will pay highest honors to its unknown dead of the great war, reached a climax today when President Harding and his cabinet decided to trudge afoot up Pennsylvania Avenue at the head of the funeral cortege. By Presidential proclamation the business and pleasure of the nation will stand at rest two minutes on that day in tribute to the dead as the body from a lonely nameless grave in some great struggle of the war is carried to its last rest in the peaceful Virginia Hills that look down across the Potomac on the nation's Capital.

Not since President Wilson led a "Preparedness" march up the great avenue in 1916 has the chief executive appeared afoot in any parade in the capital and never previously has a President set for himself so long a trip as President Harding will undertake. Military Escort. The War Department announced today the make-up of the military escort which will precede the gun carriage on which the casket is carried. In addition to the regular sailors and Marines, a provisional battalion of New York and Pennsylvania National Guard will share in the honors to the dead comrade. Under army regulations, the escort will be that provided for the highest military rank of the service, a general.

While the names of the general officers of the Army and Marine Corps and rear admirals of the Navy who will be honorary pallbearers have not been disclosed, the War Department made public today the list of non-commissioned and warrant officers who will actually bear the casket and from the enlisted or which the last state of the long journey from a French battlefield to Arlington will be made. They are:

Active Pall-Bearers. Sergeants Samuel Woodfill, 30th regiment company, Fort Thomas, Ky., who served in the Army since 1901, reaching the rank of captain during the war and promptly re-enlisting after the war. He was severely wounded in France, and among his many decorations wears the Medal of Honor. Sergeant Harry Taylor, headquarters troops, 1st Cavalry, Douglas, Ariz., serving his sixth enlistment with the cavalry and cited for gallantry in the Meuse-Argonne action. Sergeant Thomas D. Saunders, Company A, 2nd Engineers, Camp Travis, Texas, also wounded overseas and decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry. Sergeant Louis Raga, 32nd Coast Artillery, Camp Eastus, Va., also wounded in action overseas.

Staff Sergeant James W. Bell, 115th Field Artillery, Camp Travis, Texas, a veteran of long service with the guns and cited for gallantry in France. From the Navy will come Chief torpedo man James Dolaney. He wears a navy cross for conspicuous gallantry and was taken prisoner by the Germans when the steamship "Campana" was sunk by the U-Boat, but refused any information to the enemy in the face of repeated threats of death. Chief water tender Charles Leo O'Connor, of eight years service afloat and awarded a decoration for heroism when the U. S. S. Mt. Vernon was torpedoed.

Gunnery Sergeant Ernest A. Janson, Marine corps, who has served an army attachment and three in the Marines and fought overseas with the 49th company, 5th Marines, was severely wounded and wears the Congressional Medal of Honor and other American and foreign decorations for gallantry. The Navy will come direct to Washington Navy Yard from France. The War Department has ruled that there shall be no other ceremony but the nation's tribute in the nation's capital. When the cruiser Olympia completes her mission, the casket will be carried at night to the vast rotunda of the Capitol to lie in state with a full military guard of honor through the day and night of November 10 under the great dome.

## SAYS "APPROXIMATE AGE" OF WOMEN WILL NOT DO

### Pittsburgh, Oct. 4.—Women must not quibble about their age if they wish to vote, according to a decision given in common pleas court here yesterday when an appeal of Miss Elizabeth Warren from an action of registration officials was dismissed. The court held the exact age is necessary for identification, and that the words "approximate age" will not suffice.

### KU KLUX WARNS BOYS TO STOP 'DISORDERLY CONDUCT'

DeQuincy, La., Oct. 4.—Proclamations signed "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" have been posted here warning boys to "cut out" disorderly conduct and advising parents to take a hand. "Professional loafers, whiskey dealers, and law violators are all known to us, and we expect you to make this town 'clean at once,'" says the proclamation. "Negroes who conduct themselves as they should need not fear us. We will help you" is the concluding paragraph in the proclamation.

## FURTHER REVENUE REVISION WILL BE NECESSARY LATER

### Penrose Declares Present Tax Law Is Only of a Temporary Character

### MUCH OPPOSITION TO SALES TAX PROPOSAL

### Mondell Says House Sentiment Is For 'Lifting and Not a Shifting of Taxes'; Senator Reed Makes Attack On Measure; Amendments To Stimulate Building Offered

Washington, Oct. 4.—Further revenue revision legislation ought to be enacted for the next taxable year or as soon thereafter as possible, Chairman Penrose, of the Senate finance committee said today in a statement emphasizing that the pending measure was merely of a temporary and emergency character.

Discussing the sales tax, Senator Penrose said there was "no use to advance novel or untried suggestions of taxation at a time when promptness of action of some kind is the slogan." House leaders were even more pronounced in their declarations regarding such a tax, Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, and Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the Republican leader, declaring that no such proposal could be put through the House.

Must Lift Taxes. Mr. Mondell insisted that there had been no change in the House sentiment that there should be a "lifting and not a shifting of taxes." Mr. Fordney took a similar view and it was indicated that House leaders would in part upon a tax revision program substantially in accord with that agreed upon at the White House conference last August.

Senator Penrose said there were many sources of revenue and methods of taxation that ought to be considered by Congress at an early date and that he intended to address the Senate on "this particular subject."

To Restore Business. "Meantime, we have only one thing to do—get the country out of the depths into which it has been plunged and restore business and industrial activities and employment, and correct inconvenience as much as possible."

Several amendments to the bill designed to stimulate construction of homes were proposed today by Senator Fordney, of New York, head of the special Senate committee, which some time ago made an investigation of building conditions. One amendment would provide that profits from the sale of dwellings between January 1, 1922, and January 1, 1927, shall be exempt from taxation if used in constructing other dwellings within one year after the sale. Another would provide that taxpayers shall be allowed an exemption up to \$2,000 on monies received as interest on funds loaned for building or purchasing dwellings.

## REED DENOUNCES POLICY OF BUDGET BUREAU

Washington, Oct. 4.—The action of the Budget Bureau in cutting down Congressional appropriations for the Federal department was denounced in the Senate today by Senator Jim Reed, Democrat, Missouri, "as an impudent assertion of the right to set aside the action of the legislative body."

## OFFERS KENYON JOB ON THE FEDERAL BENCH

Washington, Oct. 4.—Senator Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, is considering an offer of appointment as federal judge for the northern district. President Harding has let the Iowa senator know he may have the place if he wished and Mr. Kenyon has not yet determined whether he will take it or remain in the senate.

## PRICES FOR TOBACCO AT WILSON CONTINUE GOOD

Wilson, Oct. 4.—Prices on the Wilson tobacco market continue to improve as the better grades are being placed on the warehouse floors. Monday 648,876 pounds were sold for \$223,480.29, an average of \$34.44 per hundred.

## STATE'S BIG WEEK FOR COUNTY FAIRS GETS GOOD START

### NEWS AND OBSERVER WILL GIVE COMPLETE REPORTS OF GAMES AS THEY OCCUR. Complete and instantaneous reports of the World's Series baseball games will be given from the News and Observer office, each play being shown on a miniature diamond the instant it takes place at the Polo Grounds in New York.

Every strike and every ball will be indicated on the board before the umpire in New York has scarcely finished waving his hand, and, in order that there may be no doubt about it—a game will be sounded to signify each and every base hit. Of course, four strikes of the gong when "Babe" Ruth is at the bat, will mean that the "Bambino" has sent still another apple to rest beyond the confines of the ball orchard.

For the benefit of those who are prevented by the crowd from seeing the board, and if past years can furnish a guide there will be hundreds of such, each play will also be announced.

The first game will begin this afternoon at 2 o'clock and at the same hour friends of the News and Observer will begin to learn whether the "Yankees" or the "Giants" are to be the next to be crowned with the title of "Champion of the World."

## DECLARES LAWYER PLANNED ROBBERY

### Frank Rawlins Gives His Version of Tragedy in Trial of John Pope

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 4.—Frank Rawlins, slayer of George H. Hickman, manager of the Palace Theatre, gave his version of the robbery and killing at the trial here today of John H. Pope, local attorney, charged with murder in connection with the affair.

He was the "tool" of Pope, he testified, whom he first met in the confidence of an attorney as he was held in jail on a larceny charge. He was without financial means of defense, he said, but Pope told him it was alright, as he had "five or six jobs" for him. Pope obtained his acquittal and a few hours later pointed out to Mr. Hickman, with the remark "That's the first job." Three days later, Rawlins testified, he and Pope started upon their mission, with Pope furnishing the mask and other paraphernalia. Pope awarded him \$25,000, he said, as he entered the play house, but after the tragedy he was caught before he could reach the machine in which they were to escape.

Over the protest of the defense the state got a statement from Rawlins into the evidence that he would not have committed the robbery, during which Hickman was killed, unless it had been planned by Pope.

Makes Clean Breast. Rawlins, brought in to court under heavy guard, remained on the stand during the entire day. He expected to be hanged, he said, but after consuming Pope's portion for five days, he decided to make a clean breast and let "his all take our medicine."

He added that he only knew of Pope's implication, although he assumed Isaac Novitzky, material state's witness, had become involved through their use of his car.

His cross-examination, counsel for the defense sought to develop that he had undergone a change of mind after attempting to commit suicide then staging a hunger strike. It was established that he had made a clean breast of the matter, he said, by implicating Pope after having been arranged to follow on a murder charge and he testified for two days later. He said that for the first time in his testimony he was appointed by the court to defend Hickman, he said. Rawlins insisted, however, that he recognized Pope after he had waited for him to come and see him. Pope had previously told him, he said, that he was well connected in the city and could get him out of any trouble.

Deny Any Statement. State's attorneys again denied today they had any knowledge of a written statement from Rawlins, although it had been generally understood that he had made one. Rawlins, however, testified that he had made a signed statement and had given it to the police. Thus, he said, followed his first confession with his cousin, H. H. Hagan, and did not place any reliance on his story in which he assumed that George Forden had said. The court refused to accept the statement he brought in until after his next testimony will be heard as to the admitted facts in evidence.

Rawlins' description of the details of the struggle in which Hickman lost his life was too much for Mrs. E. J. Hickman, his mother, and she frequently gave way to her grief.

Pope was inevitable. He seldom turned his gaze from his accused and when he did it was usually to consult with his counsel. Rawlins sought to make it clear that he was struggling with two men in the theatre manager's office. He gave his age as 29 years and said he was born in Atlanta, Ga., but lived the greater part of his life in Chicago.

Parimeter Is Robbed. PEDESTRIAN, Oct. 4.—Three armed bandits in a motor car held up Andrew J. DeWetter, a United States Shipping Board paymaster, near the Hog Island ship yard this afternoon and robbed him of about \$10,000, and escaped.

## Circuit of Events Reaches From Elizabeth City on Eastern Shore To Spruce Pine In Mountains

## FLORAL PARADE OPENS BIG FALL FESTIVAL IN WAYNE COUNTY CITY

Goldensboro and Greenville Open Big County Fairs With Wide Variety of Attractions While Twin City Reports Unusually Good Outlook For Its Annual Fall Feature; Catawba County Reports Best Exposition In Its History; Granville Starts Off With Big Parade and Crowds Throng Oxford During Day

Nine county fairs got under way in North Carolina yesterday with unusually large attendance for the opening day, according to reports from the different counties. The exhibitors are declared to be above the average of past years.

This week will be featured with the largest number of fairs during the fall. Four county fairs are scheduled for next week and the following week will be given over to the great State fair in Raleigh. There will be county fairs for several weeks following.

The present season promises to eclipse any previous year in the variety of exhibitions and features for the various sections of the State. The "Know North Carolina" slogan is being emphasized all over North Carolina.

While fish and fish products were being emphasized at the Albemarle district fair at Elizabeth City yesterday, the corn and tobacco of the Piedmont section were being shown to advantage at the Forsythe county fair which opened its doors in Winston-Salem.

The Wayne county fair got under way yesterday with big floral parade and three big bands furnished enough music to fill Goldensboro with melody. The crowds were unusually large for an opening day.

Oxford had a big parade to open the tenth annual Granville fair while the 11th county fair at Greenville was featured with a long parade and much music.

Within sight of the Blue Ridge, the Catawba county fair opened at Hickory with the very best line of exhibits ever seen in that progressive county while up amidst the everlasting hills at Spruce Pine in Mitchell, cheese and dairy products vied with corn and livestock for honors.

The Franklin county fair at Louisburg and the Person county fair at Roxboro completed the list of fairs for this week. These two counties are in the centers of rich agricultural sections and the displays of farm and field were up to the general high average.

FLORAL PARADE FEATURES BIG FAIR AT GOLDSBORO. Goldensboro, Oct. 4.—The Wayne county fair at Goldensboro opened today and indications are that it will be the greatest in the history of the fair association. At 10 o'clock this morning the greatest floral parade that Goldensboro has ever witnessed formed on John street and led by 20 mounted marshals and three large bands paraded to the fair grounds, where the fair was officially opened by its popular and untiring president, B. H. Edwards.

Expert agriculturists, live stock and poultry men claim that the exhibits this year are greater than ever before and the midway with its 30 interesting and attractive shows and riding devices is beyond criticism. It is estimated that ten thousand people have visited the fair today and the directors of the fair association are highly gratified at the prospects of a successful week.

The horse racing for the first day was unusually good and the schedule for races throughout the week promises to be most attractive.

RECORD ATTENDANCE FOR ALBEMARLE DISTRICT FAIR. Elizabeth City, Oct. 4.—The first day of the 1921 Albemarle district fair closed today with the largest first day attendance ever recorded at a fair in this city. The exhibits were ready for the crowds on the first afternoon and were the largest and best ever seen at a district fair. The agricultural exhibits were more than double the size of last year. The livestock and poultry displays matched the agricultural exhibits in size and quality and the manufacturing and industrial exhibits eclipsed all records.

The exhibit of the North Carolina fisheries commission including a remarkable display of shell fish and fish products from the waters of this section of the State attracted unusual attention as did also an exhibit of the soy bean and its products which included soy bean oil for paints and varnishes and soy bean meal and flour for eating purposes.

The shows and free attractions had been put in readiness a day before and attracted shows and many lovely floats and decorated cars were in the procession.

GRANVILLE FAIR OPENS WITH SPLENDID PARADE. Oxford, Oct. 4.—The tenth Granville county agricultural fair opened today with a most auspicious opening. A long parade headed by Chief Marshal Hubert Curran with 30 senior and 10 junior marshals on horses and ponies marched to the fair grounds at 11 o'clock. Inspiring music was furnished by a string band and many lovely floats and decorated cars were in the procession.