

## SIMMONS FAVORS TAX CUT OF \$400,000,000

Ranking Democratic Member of Senate Finance Committee Outlines His Views

Washington, Nov. 1.—A reduction of \$400,000,000 can be made in taxes without jeopardy to the treasury, declared Senator F. M. Simmons, ranking Democratic member of the Senate Finance Committee, here today.

After a visit to the White House, Senator Simmons made the following statement to newspaper men as to his position on the tax question:

### Simmons' Statement.

"You ask me if I am now prepared to give an estimate of the amount of reduction in taxes that I think can be made, without jeopardy to the treasury. The book balance at the end of the last fiscal year amounted to \$635,000,000. The reductions heretofore made have been upon the basis of the treasury balance as shown by the books. Since this estimate of the last year's balance was made, I understand there has been some change made in the Treasury's system of bookkeeping, tending to show a smaller balance by eliminating certain items heretofore included. I am quite confident that taxes may at this time be reduced, without financial embarrassment to the Treasury, to the extent of fully \$400,000,000.

"You ask how I would apply and distribute this reduction. I have no hesitation in giving you my present views, subject to modification as conditions may develop in the investigations now in progress in the House and the investigations which will be made by the finance committee of the Senate. There are two items of taxation which are practically as high today as they were at the peak of war-time taxation. They are: First, the corporation income tax, which is actually higher, and second, the tax on the finished products of tobacco.

I think both of those taxes ought to be reduced. I am sure we can safely reduce the corporation income tax to 12 per cent, and I think even to a lower level. Upon the basis of a total reduction of \$400,000,000, it can be reduced to below 12 per cent as I now see it. The corporation income tax is, in practical effect, a consumption tax. Most corporations are able to include it and do include it in the price of their products by treating it as a part of the cost of operation. The tobacco tax is also a consumption tax; but when it is so high as to limit and circumscribe the market for the manufactured product, there is a temptation to put a part of it upon the farmer who produces the raw material by reducing the price paid for the raw product.

Nuisance Taxes.

"I want to see the slate wiped clean, as nearly as possible, of all so-called nuisance taxes. They are not yielding a large amount of revenue, and they are a nuisance because of their cost of collection and inconvenience, both to the taxpayer and the tax collector. I would also like to see both the tax on automobiles and the tax on admissions repealed, but whether it will be possible to repeal these altogether must depend upon further investigation.

"You ask me if I favor the repeal of the federal estate tax.

"Yes, I do, and for the reason that I wish to leave that field of taxation entirely to the states, many of which are now so sorely pressed to find revenue to meet the demands of modern conditions in state government. The states need this source of revenue and the federal government does not. In fact, heretofore the policy of the United States has been not to invade the domain of estate taxation except in case of war or expectation of war. While I made a very vigorous fight in behalf of the repeal of the federal estate tax when the last revenue bill was un-

## Monoxide Poisoning Was Cause of Death

Salisbury Health Officer Decides Gas From Heater Killed School Principal in Bath Room

Salisbury, Oct. 30.—Announcement is made by Dr. C. W. Armstrong that the death of Frank H. John, principal of the Salisbury high school, was caused by monoxide gas poison. Mr. John died October 11 in the bath room of the home where he roomed, his dead body being found the following morning. Dr. Armstrong, who is city health officer, was acting coroner at the time and his findings have been substantiated by analysis and tests conducted since the sudden death of the popular young educator.

The gas came from a heater in the insufficiently ventilated bath room and the death is held by the acting coroner as being purely accidental, no blame being attached to anyone. In making his findings known Dr. Armstrong warns citizens against this deadly monoxide gas and announces that he will ask city authorities to inspect all homes using gas or oil heaters—Daily News.

## Mr. Rufus Mann Dies Suddenly

Again death has fallen suddenly upon a good citizen. Mr. Rufus Mann of the Brown Chapel community was the latest victim, making four good citizens of that good community who have been suddenly called to their reward within the last few months.

Mr. Mann died last Thursday and was buried at Brown's Chapel Friday. He leaves a widow, who was before marriage, Miss Mary J. Mann, and two sons, Walter and Kenan, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank Durham.

Mr. Mann had reached the goodly age of 72 years and seven months.

### INFANT PASSES.

Their friends sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Williams in the death of their little daughter Ida Ruth, which occurred last Thursday. The burial was at New Salem. The child was two months and twenty days of age.

Land of the FREE and home of the BRAVE. Ask Admiral Magruder who was brave and now is free.

der consideration, and the Senate voted for its repeal, the House would not agree to the repeal. I have seen no reason since that time to change my opinion upon this question. Of course, if the federal estate tax should be repealed, the repeal would not—and should not—be retroactive.

### No Retroaction.

"You ask if I would make the repeal of the taxes on corporations and tobacco retroactive.

"No, I would not—and for the simple reason that these taxes have already been collected by the manufacturing corporations out of the consumer—or are now in process of collection—and to make them retroactive would be practically making a present to these corporations of the amount involved.

"You ask about the suggestion of the Treasury Department with reference to the further reduction in the individual income tax between the brackets of \$16,000 and \$90,000.

In the main, I agree with Secretary Mellon with reference to this. The secretary now makes a proposition that is substantially what the Democratic members of the Senate finance committee sought to accomplish—and in part did accomplish—in the last tax reduction bill, and the method now proposed by the Secretary is the same as that advocated by the Senate minority in our proposals during the tax reduction fight of 1926.

I congratulate Secretary Mellon on his adoption of the method we then proposed."

## MUST PAY NEW HANOVER TEACHERS

May Raise Back Salaries By Note, Sale of Bonds Or Issuance of Certificates

Wilmington, Oct. 26.—Holding that the claims of teachers for the collection of unpaid salaries totaling \$104,000 is a valid debt of New Hanover county, Judge W. A. Devin in Superior court today directed that the county pay the debt with funds to be obtained from a note, sale of bonds, or issuance of certificates.

Referring to the means of getting the money, Judge Devin wrote, "instead of levying said taxes forthwith, the said defendant, the board of commissioners of New Hanover county, is authorized and empowered to provide funds for the payment of the said debts, interests and costs thereof, by the execution and sale of notes or bonds, or certificates of indebtedness of the county of New Hanover in such sums and in such denominations with such due dates and interest rate, as in their opinion may be most advantageous to New Hanover county, and said notes, bonds and certificates of indebtedness when so issued and sold and paid for, shall be and remain valid obligations of the county until fully paid. The court being of the opinion that the proviso in section 43, public laws of 1927, chapter 81, requiring the qualified voters of New Hanover county to pass upon the issuing of bonds for future purposes and not for the issuing of bonds for paying valid obligations incurred prior to July 1, 1927. It is therefore, ordered that the board of commissioners is authorized and empowered to finance the obligations herein before declared valid, either by short term notes or by issuing permanent bonds as in its judgment is deemed wise."

The defendants appealed to the Supreme court.

Plans are under way in this county for the organization of a Junior Jersey Calf Club. Mr. A. C. Kimrey of the Department of Dairy Husbandry spent Wednesday, October 23 in this county, visiting our farmers who are producing whole milk and butter fat, and advising them as to feed and care of their herds. During the morning, he made an address to the boys of the Pittsboro school, showing them the benefits to be derived from their joining this calf club, and he also showed these boys something of the growth of the dairy industry in Wisconsin and other northern states, and lately in our own state. Mr. Kimrey stated that the center of the Dairy Industry is moving to the southeast. He pointed out that this movement is but natural, as southern states, including North Carolina are naturally adapted to dairy farming, as a longer growing and grazing season prevails in these states, and the soil and topography are ideally suited for dairying. Mr. Kimrey stated that North Carolina needs a half a million dairy cows to provide enough dairy products for its own inhabitants, and that the average number of cows per person in North Carolina is only 1.7 per cent. He compared this number with Wisconsin, which has an average of 10 cows per farm. This accounts for the fact that the average farm income for every farmer and boy working on the farm in Wisconsin is \$2,400. In North Carolina, the average income is \$900. He urged these boys to make plans to stay on the farms, and to plan now for more dairy cows in the future.

## BUSY WEEK FOR CO. AGENT

Broken up is what seems to have been a long-established distillery in Gulf township, which was supposedly operated by Bill Rives.

After an all-night watch, Sheriff Blair and deputies Desern, Burns, Lacey Johnson, and Emory Thomas made a successful raid upon the distillery and armed with a search warrant searched the home of Bill Rives, finding several gallons of liquor in the residence and bottles galore and other vessels up to the size of a five-gallon keg. The distillery which was located a half-mile from the Johnson home still had fire under it, but the run had been completed.

Rives and his son John were arrested and brought to jail, where they stayed till a hearing was had Monday, when bond was given for their appearance at court.

It was a 75-gallon copper still.

## WOULD WARN VIOLATORS OF THE FISHING LAWS

Mr. R. L. Hatcher, game warden for Chatham county, has had a sharp letter from state warden, J. H. Dixon, stating that several reports have been made to him of violations of the fish laws in this county, and asking him to see to it that people are definitely warned that it is against the law to fish with nets, seines, or traps, or to dynamite any stream.

That seems plain enough. One may fish with ordinary hook and line without license or let. But better keep those seines, traps, and nets out of the water or Mr. Hatcher may get you, for th estate man is right after him.

It is now up to Morrow in Mexico.

## Alabama Klansmen Give Up Membership

150 Members Of Tuscaloosa Post Not In Sympathy With Rough-House Methods.

Tuscaloosa, Oct. 27.—One hundred and fifty klansmen, members of Tuscaloosa klan No. 14 of the Alabama realm of the K.K.K., have withdrawn from the order, it was made known today by Bruce Shelton, former head of the local klavern.

Action followed disapproval of "recent disorders in the state laid at the door of the klan."

In adjoining sine die the klan unit lauded Attorney General Charles McCall, of Alabama, for withdrawing from the klan.

In a statement regarding the "adjournment" Mr. Shelton said in part:

"The immediate cause of the break was the determination of state klan officers to send Earl Hotalen (a Baptist minister and klan lecturer) to Tuscaloosa to put on one of his tent meetings. We objected and were overruled, therefore we adjourn sine die.

"We have never been in sympathy with the 'rough house' tactics used in some places. We do not intend to be parties to any such conduct.

"We feel that a barrel of rotten apples is still a barrel of rotten apples even though it has one good apple in the middle. We believe absolutely in the announced principle of the klan, but will not continue to function under the present conditions."

## Try To Halt Moving Of Mills To South

New England Is Making Stand Against General Exodus Of Textile Factories.

Boston, Oct. 28.—Colonel G. Edward Buxton, newly elected president of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, told the members of the banquet closing the annual meeting tonight that he did not believe "that we New England people will permit the cotton industry to depart."

Colonel Buxton, who is president and treasurer of the B. B. and R. Knight corporation of Rhode Island added:

"I do not believe we will permit the villages that cluster along our waterways to become abandoned and the whole complicated web of commerce, trade, banking and transportation to suffer the very serious loss which would follow our defeat and elimination."

"We know that countless industrial uses for our fabrics have arisen and will yet arise. It is common knowledge that such expansion has gone south and that many a New England mill has closed its doors forever. We find remaining in New England 16,696,042 spindles in place, representing a capital investment of nearly \$900,000,000, with about 200,000 employees, and a huge allied army of men and women in enterprises directly dependent upon the continuation of the present industry in New England.

### CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eubanks of Bynum, wish to express their appreciation to the people for their kindness during the bereavement due to the accidental death of their little son.

Mr. T. Ira White of the Oakley church community.

N. C. SHIVER, County Agent, October 29th, 1927.

In office Saturdays and first Mondays.

## GINNING SHORT 544 BALES

Chatham Falling Behind Last Year's Crop—Randolph Almost Out Of Cotton Business.

The ginner's report for October 18, shows that Chatham is rapidly falling behind last year's comparatively small crop. On that date last season this county reported 2,564 bales ginned; this year it is only 2,020 bales. But proportionately the loss here does not compare with that in the more southern and eastern counties, Wayne is off 8,000 bales out of 20,000 for last year. Pasquotank reports only 235 against 1323 last year. Robeson is shy about 14,000 bales of last year's 40,000. Johnston is off 10,000; Harnett is off about 5,000 bales and a big part of that presumably is lost from Sampson's 100,000 bale contribution in good years to Harnett gins, since Sampson shows a loss in home ginnings nearly 9,000 bales from last year's 25,920 on Oct. 18, showing that Mr. Weevil has been working Sampson harder than the more northern Harnett.

Lee is only 400 bales behind last year's report. Greene has lost half. Cumberland 7,000 out of 18,000. But Cleveland is ahead of last year by nearly 3,000 bales, and that and Union seem about the only counties leading last year's report. Randolph is about to get out of the cotton growing business. Last year it reported 212 bales. Oct. 18, and this year only 62 bales. Alamance beats it with 109 bales against 248 for last season same date.

Why doesn't the price go up and stay up? Mr. Boll Weevil has certainly done his part to send it up. If he hadn't been busy, the price probably would be ten cents or less.

## Short Term Of Criminal Court

Court adjourned sine die Thursday noon with a docket cleared except for those called and failing to appear. Many cases were disposed of, but scarcely one consumed as much as an hour and only five cases went to the jury. The Solicitor after Monday was absent, being concerned in a case in which his brother, W. R. Williams was being sued in the Wake Court for \$20,000 damages resulting from an automobile wreck. Attorney D. L. Bell acted for Solicitor Williams, but had light work, as submissions were the order of the day.

The following cases not reported in the last issue of the Record were disposed of:

State vs. Henry Taylor, C. C. W., \$50 and costs.

The case against J. G. and John Desern for disposing of crop was nol prossed.

A. B. Holt, Garland Mayton and Furman Mayton, connected with the robbery of Burns Filling Station here, submit to charge of receiving stolen goods—prayer for judgment continued for two years on condition that they pay costs and pay to Wilson Burns \$175.00.

Bernice Hatley submits to charge of C. C. W. and pays \$50 and costs. Ben Thomas pleads guilty to aiding and abetting in the manufacture of liquor. Costs.

Randolph Rollins, auto stealing, two years in penitentiary.

Harrison Johnson pays costs for simple assault.

George Leech wanted for trial for C. C. W. didn't appear. Capias.

Elmer Perry submits to liquor charge. Judgment suspended for two years upon his giving \$300.00 bond for good behavior and consenting to allow himself, car and premises to be searched at any time without search warrant.

Eli Burnett was ordered to pay costs for cruelty to animals before May term.

The case against Ross Fox, Ernest McMasters, Clyde Stephens, Virgil Fox, and Jonh Haitcock, growing out of a fight between these young men and some Greensboro youths, was disposed of by Ross Fox submitting to a charge of driving a car while under the influence of liquor. Penalty, \$50 and costs and \$200 bond not to drive car for 90 days.

Hampton Vestal of the Greensboro group, submitted to assault charge and the others got a nol pros. Costs for Hampton Vestal.

Nash Baldwin plead guilty to C. C. W. Let off with costs.

T. W. Scurlock pays \$50.00 and costs C. C. W., and loses pital.

Jim Mitchell on charge of possessing material for manufacture of liquor, pays cost and makes bond \$200 for good behavior.

Leck Taylor was called and failed. Capias.

Roger Cheek escapes 6 months in jail for abusing his family by paying costs.

Monkey Moore 4 months in jail for liquor.

Cooper Harris for driving car while drunk, is under bond of \$300 to behave two years and not to sit on the front seat of any automobile for twelve months.

Wesley Carroll, who several months ago through Habeas Corpus proceedings before the Supreme Court gained the point that he could not be seized and incarcerated by Chatham County officers for violation of parole without a formal Court order, is given the dose by Judge Cranmer, who ordered him to be carried back to Durham County where he has a year to serve and that the first year of the Chatham County sentence run concurrently with the Durham sentence, and that he then be brought back to Chatham to serve one year more. Turner Sumners, making and selling wine, 6 months on roads.

Major Partridge gets off with costs, bond for good behavior, and forfeiture of privilege of sitting on front seat of an automobile for 12 months. Nol pros in case of Lacy Partridge.

Leck Taylor gets similar dose for driving auto while drunk. Alvin Taylor the same.

Claud Maness submits to charge

## FATAL AUTO CRASH NEAR GIBSONVILLE

One Killed And Eight Injured Sunday Evening In Head-On Collision

Greensboro, Oct. 30.—One woman is dead and eight other persons are in Burlington and Greensboro hospitals with severe injuries as a result of a terrific head on collision of two automobiles on highway number 10 three miles west of Gibsonville tonight.

Mrs. C. L. Simpson of Altamaha was so badly hurt that she died while being taken to a hospital in Burlington.

The injured are: C. L. Simpson, broken leg. Mrs. J. D. Simpson, head cut. J. D. Simpson, broken leg.

Willie Simpson, 12, leg fractured. J. W. Van Hook, minor hurts. Jennie Lee Van Hook, leg broken. S. W. Pleasants, Leg fractured. Miss Clara Pleasants, cut and bruised.

The Simpsons all reside in the Altamaha community of Alamance county. Van Hook and Miss Van Hook, his sister reside at Roxboro, the former being a student at Elon college and the latter a student at Salem college, Winston-Salem, Pleasants and Miss Pleasants, his sister, are from Winston-Salem. The latter are in a hospital here while the six others were carried to a Burlington hospital. It was said tonight that they would all recover.

It would to the ordinary observer have seemed almost out of reason to lay out lots a mile from the court house and expect to sell them. But that very thing has Mr. C. C. Edwards done and the lots are going fast. The area being sold is a mile north of the court house on the paved highway. The lots are 100 by 400 feet. Among those who have bought to date are Mr. J. T. Gunter of Sanford; who bought 18 acres on the west side of the road; W. H. Glenn of Durham, Mr. Gunter's sister, who resides in Wilson, W. G. Fields and C. B. Johnson. Mr. Gunter is likely to move to his place; also Mr. Johnson expects to build as soon as he can. Mr. Bruce Poe is now associated with Mr. Edwards in the real estate business at Durham, and was here Monday and Tuesday in connection with the sale of the lots.

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## New Division Selling Fast

Hopes For Mrs. Will F. Bland's Recovery

The whole town of Pittsboro has been distressed the past week over the condition of Mrs. Will F. Bland, who had to undergo an operation for mastoiditis. After suffering terribly for a day or two, she underwent the operation at McPherson's hospital, Durham, last Saturday afternoon, when an abscess was removed from her brain.

The splendid rally made by Mrs. Bland and the fact that she has got along remarkably well since the operation have made her friends glad and hopeful that she will be saved for husband, children, and the community in which she is held in the highest esteem.

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