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USING BONUS PROPOSAL TO PUT SALES TAX ON AMERICAN PEOPLE

(By David F. Saint Clair.)

Washington, Feb. 21.—The motive of the Republicans in the proposed bonus legislation has been stripped to the skin. It stands stark naked with its clothes hanging on a hickory limb, but unabashed, brazen and even daring before the startled gaze of the country.

What is it we all now see? The great body of the American people deep down in their hearts want to give their soldiers in the World War some sort of adequate compensation for their service. The Republican bosses in Washington are so well aware of this feeling that they are compelled to make a political response to it to save their skins in the fall elections. But they believe this feeling is so genuine and profound that they can afford to employ it as a bridge to put across a scheme of taxation that is dearer to them than a protective tariff has ever been.

WHAT A SALES TAX IS

This scheme is a sales tax. Do you know what kind of a tax that is? It is of all the taxes ever invented by human ingenuity the poor man's tax supreme. The poorer a man is outside of a public poor house the more of this tax he has to pay in proportion to what he consumes. In other words the more inferior an article of goods is the greater the tax is on it in proportion. A dollar in a pair of poor shoes is worth far less than a dollar in a pair of good shoes. A sales tax as a consumption tax pure and simple and John D. Rockefeller or Andrew W. Mellon would pay for less of this tax in proportion to what he consumed than would an average tenant farmer in North Carolina.

The leaders of the Republican party have greatly desired to replace the high income surtax and the excess profit tax with this consumption sale tax and they would have succeeded but for the firm opposition of the farm bloc in Congress. The excess profit tax was eliminated and the high surtax was reduced 15 per cent, but the sales tax could muster only 25 votes in the Senate against the combined opposition of the Democratic and Republican farm Senators of the West.

THE PRESIDENT KILLED THE BONUS LAST JULY AND IS TRYING TO KILL A NEW ONE BEFORE IT STARTS

Last summer the President realized that there was then no chance to get a sales tax measure passed. He then came before the Senate and urged that the bonus for the ex-service men be postponed. He hoped by this postponement to convince the ex-service men and the public that the only way by which the government could pay a bonus was by passage of the sales tax measure. The Republicans hope and believe that so much revenue would be collected by this measure that all "obnoxious" forms of taxation on the rich could be eliminated and the cancellation of the foreign war debt owed to the United States could be accomplished. The Republicans have persistently circulated propaganda urging the cancellation of these debts and Senator Simmons intimates that the motive for this cancellation has its basis in a high tariff. These debts must be paid in goods if ever paid and they stand across the scheme for such a tariff.

MELLON'S ARTFUL SCHEME TO CANCEL THE FOREIGN BIG BANKERS AND TO CREATE A HIGH TARIFF

Not being able to get these debts cancelled, Secretary Mellon then proposed a drastic scheme of direct taxation for the bonus. He knew it would not be accepted. So the President now comes forward with either a sales tax or the alternative of no bonus and the Old Guard Republican Senators like Edge of New Jersey, and Smoot of Utah, declare that it will be well worth the bonus to get a sales tax written into law.

But whether the ex-service men get a bonus or not the Republican bosses will not get a sales tax according to the leaders of the farm bloc in Congress. The farmers and labor people are now fighting this tax as the plague of plagues.

WHERE WAS ANDREW JACKSON BORN?

Down in Waxhaw section of Union county, North Carolina, it is not always safe to assert that Andrew Jackson was not born in North Carolina. Just over the South Carolina line in Lancaster county, it is perhaps even more unsafe to state publicly that Old Hickory was not a native of the Palmetto State. This historical inter-state dispute has now got to Congress. W. F. Stevenson, a native of Iredell county, N. C., but now a representative of the Fifth South Carolina district in the House, has made a speech on the floor combating the statement of Historian James Parton that Jackson first saw the light at the McKenney farm on the North Carolina side. Mr. Stevenson contends that Jackson was born at the Crawford farm on the South Carolina side and he quotes from a number of Jackson's letters in which he stated that he was a native of South

ACCIDENT AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

WEEKLY RALEIGH LETTER NEAREST CONTRIBUTIONS

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 21.—After a solid week of "headings" by the State Board of Education from representatives of twenty odd schoolbook publishing firms the country over, the board adopted the list recommended by the State Text-Book Commission, the list of school books that will be used in the public schools of the state for the next five years. This list does not apply to the high schools, which are supplied with books through a different means of selection, but does apply to all of the public schools to and including the seventh grade in all the counties, cities and towns.

No hardship will be imposed upon the parents of children by the adoption of new text-books, Superintendent E. C. Brooks declares in a statement accompanying the announcement of the decision of the board. The adoptions become effective as the child passes from one grade to another, and would naturally require the purchase of new books. Arrangements for exchange have been made in cases where the adoption is immediately effective.

There are 411,000 pupils enrolled in the first three grades, of 62 1-2 per cent of the entire enrollment in the elementary grades. These will not be affected materially this year by the change-text books. But all new books adopted must become in general use throughout the state with the beginning of the school year 1923.

Under this arrangement each of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades will be compelled to change by the beginning of the school year 1923-24, the subjects of geography, physiology and civics, and by the beginning of the school year 1924-25, the subjects of readers, language, histories (except sixth grade), arithmetics, and spellers. But since perhaps one-half of them will be compelled to buy these books this year because of promotion to classes and the loss or destruction of old books and next year twenty-five per cent of the remainder will be compelled to buy new books for the same reason, the effect of the change so far as the cost of text-books is concerned, is small. Moreover, in the grades from four to seven, inclusive, there are usually two books in each subject, except in reading and history, one book for grades four and five, and one book for grades six and seven. Therefore, those in the fourth and sixth grades that buy text-books this year will buy no texts in these subjects next year. Moreover, those in the sixth and seventh grades that use the old books this year will, as a rule, be required to buy new books anyway next year.

NEW PROPERTY VALUATIONS

The total assessed value of property in North Carolina is, according to the 1921 valuations, estimated to be two billion and 575 million dollars, which is much less than that of 1920, the "valuation year." Over a half billion in values was written off the tax books during the year 1921, and in that year a total of \$26,326,339 was levied in taxes for county purposes, an estimated increase of five million dollars over the preceding year. The figures for taxes levied do not include municipal taxes. Through reductions made by the commissioners of more than half the counties in the state, approved by the State Revenue Commission, aggregate property values have shrunk from \$3,158,480,072, reported to the general assembly in 1920 by the State Tax Commission, to \$2,575,230,000.

RULING AS TO EDUCATION OUTSIDERS IN CITY SCHOOLS

City schools and other specially chartered school districts will not be allowed to make a profit on the tuition charges for children living outside the city limits, according to rules made by the Department of Education. The announcement is the result of a conference of a committee of ten, composed of city and county superintendents, who were asked to work out some arrangement which would provide the children living in the suburbs with six months free school every year.

Under the new rules the county board of education is directed to pay the tuition for six months and the parents of the children will have to pay the remaining four months. This of course applies to children living in the edge of a specially chartered district, who want to attend the better schools in the special tax districts. Each superintendent in these districts is directed to work out the per capita cost of instruction in his school, and to bill the county board of education for six months on the basis of actual cost of providing schools for each child. The parents of the child will also pay on the same cost basis. This plan, it is understood, is satisfactory to both the city and county superintendents. The city men have protested against having to provide room in their already crowded schools for children, whose parents live outside and did not have to pay special taxes. Likewise, they appreciated the fact that under the constitution every child was entitled to six months free school every year.

RALEIGH BANK TANGLE

The worst bank "failure" ever re-

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The following list is taken from the book kept by Mr. L. C. Moser, treasurer of the Randolph County Near East Relief fund:

Dr. T. C. Walker	\$5.00
W. D. Stedman & Son	150.00
Mrs. C. J. Clark and T. J. Finch	33.00
Primary Room M. P. S. S.	2.30
Joyland Theatre—Alice in Hun- gerland Film	8.25
Mrs. R. P. Deal	25.00
Mrs. Annie Robins	3.00
G. A. Patterson	2.50
H. D. Scarboro	2.00
Mary E. Curtis	1.00
J. E. Walker	.50
M. P. Sunday school	26.00
Union service collection	31.21

A week longer has been granted to Randolph County to raise money for this cause, and it is hoped that the full quota will be raised this week. A "Dollar Club" is being formed of people who are willing to give a dollar. This list will be published in the next issue of the paper. Every one can add a dollar, and that amount will soon swell until the work will be greatly furthered if all who can will respond. Several names have already been given for this. Won't you add yours to the list?

MAJ. EDWARD J. HALE, OF FAYETTEVILLE, DEAD

Maj. E. J. Hale, who died last Friday at his home in Fayetteville, bore a name distinguished in the annals of North Carolina journalism. The Fayetteville Observer, which his father edited for a long period of years, was the political bible of many North Carolinians.

After completing his education at the State University, he entered the Confederate army and served with credit and distinction. After the war, he became editor of the Observer and wrote editorials of finish and power, giving his paper wide popularity and prominence.

During the first administration of President Cleveland he was made consul-general to Manchester, England, and Minister to Costa Rica in the Wilson administration.

He made a special study of international law and diplomacy and did much to extend the commerce of the country. A lovable and useful citizen he fallen.

ACCIDENT AT RAILWAY CROSSING IN DURHAM

Mr. Hadley Son of Randolph Woman. The boys had attended a dance at Ra-

Three University students were killed, two injured, and the driver killed when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Southern railway switch engine in the eastern part of Durham last Thursday night. The boys had attended a dance at Durham and were returning to the University when the accident occurred. It is said that all the boys were asleep when the crash came. The three killed were George Hadley, Mt. Airy, George T. Peoples, of Virginia; and T. H. Bryant, of Chapel Hill. Charles Leeman, of Monroe, also died later. P. Boone, Goldsboro; J. C. Spach, of Winston-Salem, were injured but will recover. Mr. Hadley's mother was Miss Swanna Brower, of Liberty.

corded in Raleigh is being revealed by the investigation and facts brought out by court receivers in the case of the Central Bank and Trust Company, which started up here a few years ago with R. G. Allen, formerly of Louisburg, owner and manager of a motion picture house here, as the main work. Depositors are getting less hopeful each day of getting much back. The bank "failed" last December. The latest charges are that an item of \$70,000 was placed on the books of the Central Bank and Trust Company by R. G. Allen as representing an equity in Superba Theatre building which the bank had no title that he could discover, and that notes of R. G. Allen and the Superba Theatre aggregating \$40,000 were placed in the bank between the time he examined it as state bank examiner and the time he took charge of the institution, were made by J. H. Hightower, president of the defunct bank.

The charges form a part of an answer submitted by Hightower and H. H. Massey to the complaint of the receivers of the bank, on which Judge W. A. Devin appointed J. G. Ball, one of the bank receivers, receiver of the Superba Theatre. Hearing to show cause why the receivership should not be made permanent has been fixed for February 22, and in their answer the defendants ask that the action be dismissed, that the property be turned over to the bank receivers, and that notes aggregating \$90,000 executed by the defendants be returned to them.

Superior Court Judge Devin has signed an order in Wake county superior court, directing all creditors of the defunct Central Bank and Trust Company to file claims on or before April 20, 1922, or else forfeit their rights. The requirement does not apply to depositors.

Receivers of the bank were also given authority to institute any suits necessary to liquidate the assets of the bank.

There seems to exist little doubt that the sum will be raised.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Jones made a trip to Greensboro Saturday.

Carl Kirkman, Edson Curtis, Misses Lucie Booth, Polly Newson, and Madge Jones spent Sunday evening at High Point.

W. C. Jones made a business trip to Greensboro Monday.

Colon Cox and family and Mrs. G. Cox and daughter, Miss Beasie, of Greensboro, are spending a few days in town.

Mrs. T. A. Slack made a business trip to Liberty one day last week.

Mrs. Henry Curtis is on the sick list this week.

Miss Pannie Hughes, who has been quite ill, returned to her work at Greensboro Saturday.

Mr. W. R. Hughes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Black.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moffitt last week a daughter.

Mrs. Vanie Cross, Miss Pauline Cox and Mrs. D. F. Hayes are quite ill this week.

Mrs. J. C. Lewis, of Greensboro, is visiting her parents for a few days, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Dove and James Buie spent Sunday with the family of John Troxton.

Mr. J. W. Tippett died Sunday evening. An obituary will appear next week.

Rev. W. M. Smith preached two able sermons in his pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday.

LITTLE BILLY HENDRIX SUSTAINS SERIOUS BURNS

Little Billy, the two and a half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hendrix on Sunset avenue sustained serious burns on last Friday. Mrs. Hendrix had only been out of the room for a few minutes when the child screamed. When she returned his clothing was burning. She and her daughter, Mrs. Smith, immediately extinguished the flames, both sustaining severe burns on their hands. The little fellow is severely burned on his face, arms and body and it is thought that he inhaled some of the flames. His condition is considered somewhat improved as we go to press.

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NEW MILLINERY STORE FOR ASHEBORO

Asheboro is constantly adding new business enterprises. The last one to be added is that of a millinery store owned and managed by Misses Cora McMasters and Mittie Lovett. Miss McMasters has for a number of years been engaged in the millinery business. She has been located in Hillsboro for the past five years. Her location in Hillsboro, Miss McMasters was in Winston-Salem. Miss Lovett has been connected with the firm of W. H. Moring and has considerable experience in the mercantile business.

Their establishment is over the Asheboro Bank and Trust Company temporarily. Miss McMaster just returned from the northern markets where she has purchased an extensive line of millinery and other ladies' goods. Not only ready-to-wear hats and pattern hats will be on sale but these ladies will make all kinds of hats.

MRS. ROBY HINSHAW ASSAULTED BY NEGRO

Mrs. Roby Hinshaw, of Level Cross township, was assaulted by Henry Rains last Saturday. Mrs. Hinshaw's husband was away from home at work when the tragedy occurred. According to the evidence Mrs. Hinshaw was at the woodpile when Henry Rains, a notorious mutant who lived in the same neighborhood appeared and without saying anything went into the house and stoned himself. Mrs. Hinshaw carried an ax full of wood and was putting some on the fire when the negro grabbed her and attempted an unmentionable crime. Mrs. Hinshaw fought him until Rains finally driving him away. Rains is about forty years of age and is married. The sheriff and his deputies caught him at his home Saturday and placed him in jail. He was tried on Monday and was put in jail and bound over to court. Mrs. Hinshaw is about forty-five years of age and is a woman of excellent character.

WAGGER CLOTHING COMPANY CHANGES LOCATION

The Wagger Clothing Company has this week moved into the new building which has recently been completed by Mr. J. S. Lewis. Mr. Wagger has been in the brick building next to the lawyer's row since locating in Asheboro. The new quarters are commodious and he expects to have an excellent line of goods including men's and women's ready-to-wear, millinery, etc.

DUKES MAKE LARGE DONATIONS TO NEGRO HOSPITAL

J. H. and B. N. Duke have offered to contribute \$75,000 to a new hospital for the colored people of Durham, provided an equal sum is raised from other sources.

The second annual convention of the League of Women voters of the state was held last week in Greensboro. Miss Alexander, of Greensboro, was elected chairman to succeed Miss Gertrude Will, of Goldsboro, who declined re-election. The platform adopted included a strong enforcement of the retention of the state-wide primary law, establishing equal guardianship for mothers and for the establishment of the Australian ballot. A resolution was also conspicuous urging better movies.

4-YEAR-OLD CHILD SAVES TWO SMALLER CHILDREN

A remarkable deed of heroism is recorded when the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Green Robertson, of Lynchburg, Va., led her little sister, aged two years, from their home which was burning. She then ran back and found she could not get the three-months-old baby, so she put him on a pillow and dragged him out of the house. The mother ran to the spring for water distance of nearly a

Thomasville, N.C.

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