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Washington, March 14.—The pawn-brokers bonus bill furnishes a striking illustration of the chaotic situation prevailing in the ranks of the Republican party at this time. Harding, Mellon and the Old Guard do not want the government to pay the ex-service men a cash bonus unless it can be done on the basis of a sales tax. Their hope has been to substitute a sales tax system for the present system of high income surtaxes and they believed that their resistance to a bonus except with the sales tax would secure to the country that objectionable form of taxation.

But the farm bloc said no, there will be no bonus if it is to be financed by a sales tax. Harding and Mellon replied very well then, we can bear disappointing the ex-service men if you can. We do not mind it a bit if a lot of you farm bloc Republicans do not retain your seats in the fall elections. In fact it is the very thing we would like to see happen for with your presence in congress party government by the Republicans is unattainable.

The farm bloc Republicans in the house like Frear, Lampert and the Nelsons then turned to the hoped-for payment of interest on the debts owed by foreign governments to the United States as a practical source for a bonus; the plan which had been urged by Senator Simmons. Before they could get their scheme on wheels and moving, they were told that source was "sewed up." In other words the sales tax proponents would through the foreign debt commission appointed by Harding see that no money came from that source for a bonus or for any other purpose that might defeat or remotely postpone the inauguration of the sales tax system.

Then every Republican in the house felt a panic seize his limbs. "We have got to save our necks," they said from Joe Fordney and Nich Longworth down. The election is scarcely eight months off and there is no time to lose. Harding and the senate can look out for themselves. We must get from under."

So they have launched their pawn-brokers bill and are going to pass it under whip and spur. If the ex-service men get no bonus and demand to know why as they certainly will, they will be told from a thousand platforms: "that was what we had to do and it was all we could do."

The daring scheme is launched to frighten Harding and the Old Guard sales tax schemers. It is a bluff and the president from his house boat in Florida has wired his comptroller of the currency to warn the country of the danger in the bill. Mr. Crissinger finds that the scheme will "freeze" two billions of fluid credits for three years in the banks of the country. He calls it a hold-up game, for no bank would dare turn down the paper of an ex-service man endorsed by the government. It will hamstring Harding's returning "normalcy."

When the bill comes before the house on March 20 the Democrats will of course make an effort to amend it but they will be given short shift for the Republican leaders were never in a more desperate frame of mind. Their mail bristles with threats from every congressional district now represented by their party and four million ex-service men seemed to have grown into one hundred million. But the Old Guard with Mellon's hand on the till stands pat.

In the face of this situation it is well known that the government has on hand a sufficient gold reserve against which it could issue bonds and pay the ex-service men a cash bonus with only a slight inflation in the currency and without seriously attacking the bond market. The government now has on hand \$1,566,000,000 excess gold reserve.

The Senate and the Treaties

There is much in the senate debate on the arms conference treaties to remind spectators of the stormy struggle two years ago over the Versailles treaty. In the present debate the irreconcilables claim they alone are consistent. The Democrats are opposing the Four Power pact with all the vehemence with which the irreconcilables fought the Versailles pact, while the Republicans sided by Senator Underwood of Alabama are defending it.

The Republicans have in this debate completely reversed their position of two years ago. But whatever the Four Power pact really is—whether it is an alliance or nothing more than an agreement to hold a conference and talk over differences—no one doubts that if Woodrow Wilson had sent such a treaty to the senate, Senator Lodge and his friends would now be opposing it with all the energies they are expending in upholding it. No doubt there are some Democrats fighting the treaty who would favor it if Wilson had had a hand in the making of it. That is politics but such politics does not alter the fact that the senate debate has made a rather bad showing for the Four Power pact. Indeed this debate is making a poor exhibit of the entire work of the arms conference. There is a considerable slump in the confidence to be placed upon the

AN APPEAL TO THOSE WHO HAVE CHICKENS

Spring is nearly here and with it the time for planting gardens and flowers. The man who hurries home from his work to get a few beans under ground before nightfall and the woman who leaves her household duties to set out flowers in the front yard, are truly patriotic citizens. The one raises something to eat, the other something to make life more cheerful. There ought to be nothing on earth to destroy their efforts save the elements of nature which sometimes go contrary. But consider the clucking old hens of the next door neighbor whose garden is a garbage heap and whose front yard is full of jimson weeds, that come flying or meandering into the neighbor's newly planted garden and front yard and scratch all the seeds out of the ground. In a few minutes they undo all that the industrious man and woman have done. The time the couple have given to the work will all be lost—because a neighbor was too lazy or too careless to keep his chickens at home.

Neighborly kindness ought to be sufficient reason for one preventing such occurrences as this, but among some people that seems to be an unknown quantity. They take no pride in their own place and haven't enough sense of justice to keep their chickens off premises of their neighbors who takes pride in his. What does it matter to them if the results of many afternoons' work in the garden or in the front are lost to the man next door? Their chickens get fat on seed. They would not think for a moment of going into their neighbor's garden and stealing a mess of tomatoes, but they don't worry when their chickens fly the fence and destroy the whole crop.

Asheboro needs gardens and needs flowers. She needs pretty homesteads and more attractive premises. The Courier makes this appeal directly to those who have chickens to encourage by keeping up their chickens. If you have chickens, you owe it to your neighbors to clip their wings, patch up the fences an stake every precaution against their trespassing on your neighbor's premises. It is already against the law for chickens or any other stocks to move at random, but neighbors ought not to have to go to law about matters of this kind. Have enough sense of pride, be honorable enough to treat your neighbors as you would have them treat you.

CHICKENS WILL BE BUSHED

Chairman Fordney, of the House Ways and Means Committee, declares that the soldiers' bonus bill will pass for humanitarian and not political reasons.

This bill as it stands at present will pay the soldiers a dollar a day for 600 days of home service and \$1.25 a day for 500 days of foreign service. He also can receive a 20-year paid up insurance policy on which he can borrow 50 per cent of his compensation from a bank.

Mr. Fordney is of the opinion that patriotic Americans should not object to an increase of taxation to pay the bonus, for had not the war been won taxes would now be at least twenty times what they are. He stated that during the war his committee authorized the issuance of fifty-one billion dollars worth of bonds. Up to that time, since the founding of the government, we had spent only thirty-one billions.

value of the achievements of the conference in behalf of world peace. The senate debate has chilled the hope and enthusiasm of not a few warm friends of the conference, but it is felt that perhaps it would be a serious mistake not to ratify these treaties, though they are nothing like as important and essential as the ratification would have been to this country and the world.

The Fight on Ford—Fertilizer Goes Up Again

The fight here on Henry Ford's proposal to lease Muscle Shoals is like the battle of the little narrow known on the boundless unknown, talent fighting genius. Men fear the unknown and in the industrial and economical life of this country no man stands so nearly for the incalculable as Henry Ford.

With Muscle Shoals in Ford's hands, one of his antagonists has predicted that he will compel the great steel industry of Pittsburgh to transfer itself to Alabama. Another antagonist sees Ford driving the Mellons and their great aluminum trust out of business. The oil companies, the steel interests, the chemical companies, the fertilizer trust and Wall street are all here fighting Ford. His only friends are the American people but they seem not to count in this fight.

In the very face of this fight on Ford, the Fertilizer trust has had the nerve to raise the price of the nitrate of ammonia from \$45 to \$55 per ton to the farmers within the last ten days. This move was made because the "nut" now believes it has Ford scared. It now intends to squeeze out of the farmers of the South the money it has expended in its campaign against him. The Democrats will of course move for a congressional investigation but they will not get it for a trust that can beat Ford in congress can easily prevent an investigation.

FALLING TREE KILLS MRS. A. M. OWENS

Mrs. Ellen Owen was killed and her husband, A. M. Owen, painfully injured, near the Piedmont toll bridge, three miles north of Spencer, March 11, as the result of the car in which they were driving being struck by a falling tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen, who reside on a farm near the scene of the accident, were conveying eggs and butter to market and happened to be passing the point where a negro had just completed the chopping down of a large pine tree, which fell across the highway and caused the accident. It seems the wood chopper had employed means to prevent the tree from falling in the direction of the road, but a high wind rendered them ineffective.

Mr. Owen was rushed to a Salisbury hospital and it is believed that he will recover.

SERMON BY WIRELESS HEARD AT LEXINGTON

Several people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Numa Beck in Lexington on Monday night, the 12th, and had the experience of hearing a sermon by Wm. Jennings Bryan, which was delivered in Point Breeze Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and was broadcasted by wireless telephone. Mr. Beck and his brother, Howard, have rigged up a splendid wireless set, making all of the apparatus themselves except two bulbs and a set of batteries.

MANY LIVES LOST IN TORNADO IN SOUTH

At least twenty-three persons were killed and many injured in the tornado which swept over isolated portions of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma Tuesday night late, and continuing into Wednesday morning. The heaviest loss of life is reported at Gowen, Okla., a village where 12 persons were killed. The storm in Arkansas left a trail of wrecked buildings for twenty miles. Six negroes were killed and several other persons slightly injured. Over twenty-five persons were killed and 150 buildings demolished at Cornith, Miss. Many other places suffered equally with these mentioned, but details were meagre due to the damage done to the wire communication. The rivers and small streams in practically all sections visited by the storm are alarmingly swollen, and unless they recede rapidly further ill effects are feared.

PRESIDENT TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON SATURDAY

President and Mrs. Harding ended their houseboat cruise in Florida waters and will remain at Palm Beach for three days, leaving for Washington Friday. Attorney General Daugherty, who has been their companion on the trip will also return to Washington Saturday. Both the President and Mr. Daugherty are enjoying the golfing on the Palm Beach green.

Free Seed to Continue

The House agricultural appropriation bill carries an appropriation of \$360,000 for free seed, the vote standing 145 to 65. In framing the measure this appropriation had been omitted on the grounds that the price of seeds had dropped and that the free distribution of the same was not justified to the extent formerly prevailing. The 65 members voting in opposition were most persistent in their efforts to defeat the measure.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Mr. Robt. L. Patterson, of Norfolk, spent a day or two with his sister, Mrs. T. A. Moffitt and family last week.

Mr. E. J. Steed and family and Mr. R. E. Wooley spent Sunday with friends at High Point.

Mr. C. H. Yollva was called to the eastern part of the state Monday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law.

Mr. W. E. Luck left Sunday for Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wright are the proud parents of a 11½-pound boy. The many friends of our efficient bank teller, Miss Jessie Whitehead, are in sympathy with her in her illness and hope she will soon recover her health and be with us again.

Mr. A. A. Gant is improving his home on Main street by painting it inside and out.

Messrs. Dewey Whitehead and Roy Moffitt went to Greensboro Sunday.

A few cases of influenza in town and community cause the doctors to advise the school board to close the school for the week. We hope the condition will be so greatly improved by the end of the week that it may open again next week.

The new building is promised to the school by April 1, when the old one will be torn away at once and converted into a residence.

Scores of people were made homeless near Macon, Ga. last Saturday by the worst flood since 1919. Bridges and roads were washed away as well as much damage being done to personal property.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION APRIL 8

The Republican county convention will be held in the court house in Asheboro Saturday, April 8, at 11 a. m. The purpose of the meeting, it is announced, is to elect a county chairman, secretary, executive committee and delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial and judicial conventions. It is further stated that all Republican voters are also requested to meet at their usual meeting place and elect a township chairman, and elect a delegate for each 25 voters to attend the county convention in April.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS OF THE STATE MEET

The second meeting of the North Carolina College Conference was held in Greensboro last week, and many things which will tend toward the up-building of the State college system were accomplished. The college presidents who were present came to an agreement as to the entrance requirements of the state colleges. It was agreed that a four year high school course in a recognized secondary high school, which is equivalent to fifteen units is the minimum. Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler president of Salem college was elected president, and Prof. N. W. Walker of the University, secretary and treasurer. Both men are well known in this section of the state, especially Professor Walker who had charge of the Asheboro school a number of years ago.

DENTON TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS

The citizens of Denton will on April 18, vote on the question of issuing \$30,000 in school building bonds and to levy a special tax sufficient to take care of interest, sinking fund, etc.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Mr. A. C. Hughes returned to Columbus, Ohio, last Saturday.

Mr. L. M. Jones is sick this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fentress and R. D. Gasiron spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Greensboro and High Point.

Mr. G. H. Cox and family spent Sunday evening at Ramseur.

Mr. B. I. Parham, who has been at Sanford for some time, came home Saturday.

Miss Katie Marley, of Randleman, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Marley.

H. B. Buie and son, Charles, Miss Lucy Buie and Miss Jessie Craven went to Greensboro Sunday.

"Granny" Foust is with her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Slack for a few weeks.

Mr. M. W. Free and son, Herbert, spent Sunday at Cedar Falls.

Mr. David Holladay returned to his work at Greensboro Monday.

Rev. J. R. Miller, of Belmont, preached at the Baptist church Monday night.

Miss Addie Henson and Lindsay Frazier, of White Oak, were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Tippet and son Cecil visited in Greensboro Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Routh, our clever assistant miller, is not only well up on his job in the mill, but is destined to become an expert in early truck growing having had an exposition at Mr. Peter Alfred's Saturday night quite a lot of fine spring Irish potatoes.

Dr. and Mrs. T. I. Fox went to Greensboro one day last week.

W. C. Jones has bought the L. M. Jones store building and has moved it near his dwelling house and has put in a full line of groceries.

Miss Irene Parks, while at play jumping the rope, fell and broke her arm last week.

H. P. Black, W. R. Hughes and W. R. Cox made a business trip to Statesville one day last week.

Mr. W. A. Strider and Mrs. Ellen Yow were united in marriage at the residence of W. C. Jones last Thursday evening. W. C. Jones, Esq., officiating. They left Friday morning for a few days' visit at Greensboro.

The groom is a son of Manuel D. Strider, and the bride a daughter of Mrs. Lydia Moon.

Their many friends wish them a long and happy life. They will make their future home here.

They both hold positions with the Randolph Manufacturing Co.

Mr. C. C. Brower and family spent Saturday evening and Sunday at Cedar Falls.

Allred Brothers have improved the looks of their store building with a coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curtis and Mrs. Nannie Free spent Sunday at Mr. Jackson's in Greensboro.

Misses Ethel and Lella McKinnon visited relatives at Coleridge Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Webster went to Greensboro Sunday.

S. T. Jones' daughter, Miss Swanne, is critically ill and was carried to the hospital at Asheboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Hoover, of Mt. Olivet, spent Sunday with the family of W. H. Wrenn.

Mrs. Margaret Smith has returned from Richmond, Va., where she has been buying military for Franklinville Store Company. The military opening will be next Friday and Saturday.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY POWER PLANT

It will be of interest to learn that the town of Asheboro has recently bought a new generator to produce additional power for the water and light plant. And further improvement is to be made by raising the dam at the pond in order to make a larger storage of water for the coming summer. While the water was short for a few weeks in the town last summer, the situation did not become acute as it did in many places throughout the state.

The Board has also reduced the charge for water and lights 15 per cent of the 25 per cent excess. This seems as much as the present high freight rates will consistently permit.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS MEETS

The county highway commission met in Asheboro March 7. The following business was transacted:

It was ordered that J. E. Brady appoint an overseer to construct road from R. W. Branson's to Science Hill.

It was also ordered that the State Highway and Cedar Falls road be graded at an early date.

A public cartway was ordered opened from Gray's Chapel road via Patterson's mill to White's Chapel and that said J. A. Brady lay out road at an early date.

The price of dragging roads with team was reduced from \$4.00 per day to \$3 per day, also the price of a day laborer was reduced to \$1.50 per day.

It is understood that the county intends to maintain the roads other than those maintained by State Highway Commission.

Mrs. R. R. Reitzell Dead

The news of the death of Mrs. R. R. Reitzell, of near Liberty, February 24th, was received with regret by her many friends throughout this section of the state. Mrs. Reitzell died at her home four miles north of Liberty from paralysis at the age of 72. Before her marriage she was Emeline Murray. The funeral services and burial occurred at Richland church. Surviving Mrs. Reitzell are six children, one daughter, Mrs. Z. S. Moffitt, of Asheboro Route 1, and five sons, J. P. C. R., J. W., and B. F. Reitzell, of Liberty; and C. M. Reitzell, of Greensboro.

THE ILLUMINATED CROSS

Every body was pleased with the service at the M. E. church last Sunday night. You could hear people saying on every hand, as they left the church: "Wasn't it a fine service?" "Something different." "Can't those folk sing?" "If they would have services like that oftener I would attend more." "It was just too short." "If they keep that up they will have to make more room; the house was full."

The services next Sunday night will be packed with good things. There will be singing by the junior choir, the male quartette, and the congregation. The "Big Sing" idea will prevail. We will help you sing that old time song you love. "Echo Singing," be something new in "Echo Singing." But above all else your interest will center about the "Illuminated Cross" which will be switched on during prayer and at the close of the service.

If you like a good robust spiritual service come to the church at 11 a. m. If you are a mollycoddle you had better stay away.

A. C. GIBBS, Pastor.

RANDLEMAN NEWS

Mrs. D. F. Hayes, of Greensboro is spending a few days in town the guest of Mrs. E. P. Hayes.

Mr. Max Wagner left Sunday for New York and other northern points.

Miss Wilma Brooks, of High Point, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. J. Worth Ivey, of Charleston, S. C., is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ivey.

Messrs. A. B. Beasley and R. C. Bulla spent Thursday in Greensboro on business.

Misses Mary Ferguson and Ophelia Kirkman were week end visitors in High Point.

Mr. E. E. Clapp, of Durham, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Clara Connor, of High Point who has been the guest of her brother Mr. S. W. Connor for the past week returned to her home Saturday.

Miss Aline Connor spent the week end in High Point the guest of Miss Mildred Hayworth on 809 South Main Street.

Mrs. J. W. Cozart, of Badin is visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

Miss Jewel Summer, of the N. C. W. of Greensboro, was a week end visitor in town.

Mr. Talton O'Bryant, of Rosemary, is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ferguson were visitors in High Point, Sunday.

Mr. Robert Deal, of Greensboro, was a visitor in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Baughan, of Spry, is a visitor in town. She was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Aigie Sittman, who is seriously ill.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

The Greensboro Automobile Show which opened in the tobacco warehouse Tuesday is widely attended by people from all over the state. There is also a musical feature in connection with the show, and a special event of interest will be the races on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. T. C. Hicks was chosen by the county commissioners of Guilford county at their meeting the first of the week for the superintendent of the county home. Mr. Hicks succeeds S. J. Scott, who recently resigned. He was chosen from 38 other applicants.

It was announced by the War Department that a shipment of 1,000 bodies of soldiers March 11 from Brest to New York at last completed the shipment of American dead from the Battlefields of France. There are 97 bodies to be shipped from England, and this will be begun at once. It is said by those who know that no Sunday passes without scores of people visiting the American cemetery and placing flowers on the mounds as a tribute of love and appreciation. This fact caused many relatives to leave the bodies in France.

It has been recently announced that Edsel Ford, son of the multimillionaire automobile manufacturer, will be a candidate for Congress at the next election. It has not been disclosed, however, as to just the party affiliations he will seek.

Former secretary of the treasury, William Gibbs McAdoo has moved his family from New York to Los Angeles, where, he states, he will practice law.

General Julian S. Carr's many friends throughout the State will be glad to note that his improvement from his recent illness is steady and satisfactory.

Alfred Williams, a negro living near Atlanta, Ga., was lynched early Sunday morning charged with shooting L. O. Anderson a white man. Williams was taken by a posse as he was being taken to jail, and lynched. It is thought that Anderson will recover.

For over fifteen years the Post office at Hamlet has been in charge of a member of the Terry family and another one has recently been appointed, Jinks Terry. He succeeds R. B. Terry who held the office under the Democratic administration.

Roscoe Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, went on trial Monday for the third time for manslaughter. The charge grew out of the circumstances connected with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe following a drinking party in Arbuckle's apartments. It is expected that more witnesses will be called than were at either of the first two trials.

Reports come from the Near East headquarters in Raleigh that the amount of money assigned to that State has not been subscribed for that work. If it is not, it will mean that thousands of children will be turned from the orphanage in Armenia which is supported by the good people of North Carolina. Many people of Randolph county have sent in subscriptions for this fund, but there are still many who have given nothing. Let's not leave those orphans to starve because we neglect to give our dollar of five, or any amount we can spare.

Mrs. Fodie Buie Kenyon, a native of North Carolina, who for 24 years held a position in the Department of Justice, has resigned. She was presented by her friends with flowers and a Silver vase, which is something unusual in the case of a government clerk. She is a daughter of D. A. Buie, of Robeson county.

Another North Carolina lady to win success in the government service is Mrs. A. B. Morrison, of Monticello. She has over 30 years service to her credit, and is now grandmother, but still popular and efficient.

PAGEANT AT M. P. CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 19

Sunday evening, March 19, will be a pageant "Christ in America" given at the M. P. church in Asheboro. It is given by the Home Missionary Society and sets forth in a vivid manner the wide field for opportunity in Christian work in America. The character is Columbia who holds a torch of liberty high while she represents her native nation and to her in their native costume and for the gospel to be given to all people in America. The pageant of the church with a procession of church choir singers led by the minister, the close of the service an offering will be taken. The money will be used to further the work of the M. P. school at Pine Ridge, Ky. The pageant is cordially invited to attend.

Captain Kinney Dead

Captain Jerome C. Kinney, of the Asheville, died in that city March 14 at the advanced age of 84.

For 35 years Captain Kinney was one of the best known and most efficient engineers in the service of the Southern Railway. As the result of an accident which largely paralyzed him he retired from active service years ago and has since been engaged in truck farming and bee raising of his sons were engineers, whom were killed in road accidents.

Captain Kinney was born in Guilford county near Lexington.

The funeral was conducted Monday morning from the Kinney home, one of the largest in Asheville.