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## MR. HAMMER ON TAX REDUCTION AND THE SOLDIERS' BONUS

The Member of Congress From This District States His Position Clearly On Important Legislation In Replying To Letters.

Congressman Wm. C. Hammer, representative of the seventh North Carolina District, has written a letter to Mr. J. E. Latham in reply to a letter requesting his support of the Mellon bill and opposition to the soldiers' compensation bill, and states most clearly his position and gives reasons why he opposes the Mellon bill and favors the Garner bill and why he favors the soldiers' bonus; it is worth reading and it is expected that Mr. Hammer will have more to say later on. It is as follows:

"Replying to your letter definitely I have naturally considered the Mellon bill which was not given out until about a week ago and consists of 344 large pages with several hundred amendments already offered in committee.

"I cannot support the Mellon bill. One of my objections I here give is that his bill gives a reduction of taxes of more than a quarter of a million dollars on a man having a million dollars income, while it takes 200 men with an income of \$5000 each to amount to a million dollars; and the reduction on the entire one million dollars of the income of the 200 receiving the income of \$5,000 each is in all only a reduction of \$4500 for the 200 men.

"While I favor a reduction of taxes as far as possible, and will support any program of reduction that is fair and proper regardless of the source from which it originates, but I will not support so great a reduction on the taxes on big incomes with so small a reduction in the taxes on smaller incomes.

"Permit me to say, I cannot see the justice in the elimination of certain discriminatory taxes while others are retained in the Mellon bill.

"One other matter gives me trouble in my investigations of those questions and that is the reduction of taxes on what is called 'going business' the taxes on which must necessarily be passed on to the consuming public. This is not likely to be true of personal income taxes. These taxes on 'going business' are unsurpassed in

their inquiry by sales taxes which Secretary Mellon advocated so ardently and tried so hard to get passed during the last Congress.

"Next in importance is reduction on personal incomes, but the trouble with Secretary Mellon is he wants to help the large income taxpayer out of all proportion to the reduction given the small income taxpayer. But the proponents of the Mellon plan say that 'we cannot have both tax reduction and the soldiers' bonus'.

"Why not? It is true that there is the most highly organized propaganda against the soldiers' bonus I have ever known; the tariff lobby could not hold it a light, for not only the tariff barons are here, but Wall Street and allied interests, many of which have a long time ago learned that an excessively high tariff helps none but a certain class of the special interests, but they too are interested in killing the bonus. This anti-soldier bonus organization is highly financed and most persistent, and is designedly misrepresenting the facts.

"The total amount required for the soldiers' bonus will probably not exceed two billion dollars. Anyone can easily figure this out. There were something like five million men connected with the armed forces in this country during the World War. The average length of service was seven months. Pay these men an average rate of \$50 a month, the average to be paid each would be \$350. This would not amount to but two billion dollars, while we are told that it will take more than five billion dollars.

Secretary Mellon reports \$20 million so much as a billion a year until he began his intensive campaign in favor of such a heavy reduction of the tax on his own enormous income and that of other owners of great wealth. I might say here, also, that there is enough waste of money in Mr. Mellon's and other departments of the Government to more than pay the annual cost of the soldiers' bonus.

"The wholly inexcusable waste in the Veterans Bureau alone is enough

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## ASHEBORO LIGHT PLANT TO BE SOLD

Contract With Carolina Power Company To Be Ratified by Voters of the Town.

A contract has been entered into with the Carolina Power Company to be ratified by the voters of the town on January 29th, for the sale of the present light plant, including all equipment, and for a contract for the use of power for pumping water and lighting the streets. The sale price is around \$28,000.

This contract calls for the Carolina Power company to build high tension lines from Biscoe to Asheboro and furnish current to the homes and to the manufacturers in large quantities at the rates paid by many of the towns served by this company throughout North Carolina. These rates cannot be raised or lowered except by the order of the corporation commissioner.

The city commissioners have decided that this is a wise thing to do as the town's present plant is overloaded and it was going to be necessary to spend several thousand dollars for new equipment; and it is a known fact current cannot be made by steam to compete with the water rates and this will put us on an equal basis as that of other towns and will give us some inducements to offer to manufacturers to come to Asheboro.

Asheboro Hardware Company Will Give Demonstration January 26th

The Asheboro Hardware company has arranged to give a demonstration of all farming machines on January 26th. There will be experts here who will give the demonstration. Of especial interest will be those on engines, tractors, cream separators and other machines which are useful to the rural people. The demonstration will last throughout the day and will not only be interesting to the farmers and their people but to many others. The people of the county are to be congratulated upon their opportunity to attend such a demonstration.

Valuable prizes are to be given away on the day of the demonstration and special prizes will be made for that day on cash sales.

## LARGE STILL BROUGHT IN

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Carl Cox, Policeman Duncan Steed and Jailor Duke Lowe brought into Asheboro an unusually large still. It was found seven miles southwest of Asheboro the night before by these men and Worth Lowe, and appeared to be about ready to begin operations again. Several gallons of beer were destroyed as well. The still was a copper one, and would hold 75 gallons or more.

## TAR HEELS HAVE CHARGE OF ROAD SHOW IN CHICAGO

Mr. Frank Page, state highway commissioner and president of the American Road Builders association, is attending the meeting of the American Road Builders' association in Chicago. A number of prominent citizens of the state are also in the windy city for the meeting.

Mr. Page and his associates will no doubt have a considerable ovation in Chicago on account of the splendid progress North Carolina has made along the lines of road building.

## Death of Asenith Harlin

Asenith Harlin died at the home of her niece, Beulah A. Little near Coleridge January 8th, age 83 years.

Although not a member of any church she professed faith in Jesus Christ, of which she gave testimony and lived a consistent, quiet, unassuming life.

## Delk Family Suing Railroad

Damage suits aggregating, it is said, a record breaking sum have been instituted against the High Point, Randleman, Asheboro, and Southern Railroad by the occupants of the ill-fated car driven by Mr. W. B. Delk, which was struck by a train on that railroad at the South Main street crossing at High Point on the afternoon of September 3, last.

Mr. Delk's mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucy J. Christie, aged 63, of Seagrave, was killed almost instantly, and Johnnie Delk, his baby girl was injured so that she died.

## ASHEBORO WILL MAKE WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION

Mayor Arthur Ross has been, since he was elected mayor especially interested in the extension of water and sewerage lines for the town. A contract has been made for the purchase of the Ed Ledwell farm and a contract for the dam is to be let at an early date. There will be stored forty-four million gallons of water. In addition to the twenty-one million gallon pond that we now have should be sufficient to carry the city through any dry spell that may come for many years, or sufficient for a big fire.

The contract let last week include one and a half million gallons raw water storage reservation on top of the hill west of the Crawford chair company; five hundred thousand fil-

## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN N. Y.

New York Chosen For the First Time In 56 Years; Other Cities Wanted It.

For the first time in 56 years, the Democratic National Convention will be held in New York City. San Francisco, Chicago and St. Louis made a stirring combat for the convention, offering big inducements. After a final vote in which New York led by a good majority, a San Francisco spokesman moved that New York be made the unanimous selection, and this was done. The date has been set as June 24th, which follows the Republican at Cleveland June 10th.

It was stated to several newspaper correspondents that the prospects for Wm. G. McAdoo's nomination for Presidency are most promising. It is further claimed that 70 out of the 98 members of the committee present in Washington at this time favor McAdoo's candidacy, and the others are not counted as being against him, but have made no definite expression.

## Ramseur Methodist Church Hold Centenary Meetings—Other Ramseur News.

Centenary pay up week is being observed here this week with Rev. R. M. Hoyle, of Pleasant Garden speaking Tuesday night and Rev. W. H. Willis, of Asheboro Thursday night, and Rev. W. L. Scott, Ramseur, Friday night. These men are telling us what has been done with our money through the Centenary Movement and are urging our delinquents to meet their subscriptions now that the work may not be delayed.

The condition of our good friend Mr. J. N. Copeland, of this place, is very critical at this writing.

Mr. Ernest Coward, of High Point, has been spending a few days here with friends.

Messrs. J. C. Whitehead and E. C. Turner were business visitors at Asheboro last week.

Mr. J. P. Cox and family went to Greensboro Sunday to see his brother, W. F. Cox who is there for treatment.

Miss Crazelle Moore entertained the Ukulele Club last Friday evening at her home on Liberty street. The evening was spent in a musical program followed by a delightful course of fruit salad, marshmallows and cake.

The orchestra met with V. C. Marley at Marley and Cavens' store Tuesday evening and spent a very enjoyable hour rehearsing some new selections.

Mr. H. F. Brady attended the Furniture Show at High Point, Monday. Messrs. V. C. and W. E. Marley spent Tuesday there.

## AGED AND RESPECTED COLORED MAN DIES

"Uncle Roden" Clarke, a respected colored man of the "old school" died at the home of George Craven in Trinity township this week. While the exact age of the old man could not be substantiated, the older people who knew him say he was over 120 years old, and until the past seven years had led an active life. Blindness had caused him to be unable to work.

He followed his old "massa" through the war, and then in days of peace he lived a sober industrious life. For a number of years he was employed at Brokaw's lodge. He was one of the construction gang that worked on the Asheboro railroad, when it was being built.

## MR. J. N. COPELAND DIES AT RAMSEUR

Mr. J. N. Copeland, who for the past five years has been ill at his home at Ramseur, passed away Tuesday, at the age of 64 years. Mr. Copeland had been engineer on the railroad leading from Greensboro to Ramseur for more than twenty years. He was a highly respected and much beloved citizen of the community. He was a member of the Friends church.

He is survived by a widow; one daughter, Mrs. T. A. Henderson, of Fayetteville; two sons, Messrs. J. W. Copeland, of Greensboro, and Waldo Copeland, of Ramseur.

The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. W. A. Eham, the burial following in the local cemetery.

## INSURGENTS HAVE ANNEXED THEMSELVES WITH DEMOCRATS

The Old Guard Has Lost Out Completely Since They Failed To Elect Senator Couzens Chairman of Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, January 15.—The Democrats and insurgent Republicans in the senate, it is now understood, have reached a working agreement on tax reduction, the bonus and railroad legislation. Senator LaFollette, leader of the insurgents, went to Senator Robinson, Democratic leader of the senate, and Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat on the finance committee, and after getting their views on taxation, railroads and the bonus, had enough insurgent votes cast for Senator Smith of South Carolina to elect him chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

The Democrats did not want Smith elected and they made no trade with the insurgents to have him elected. And the coalition—if it can be called such—is simply that the insurgents have come over and annexed themselves to the Democrats, and the Old Guard which was given the opportunity to save its face by electing Senator Couzens of Michigan has lost out completely.

It is being forecasted with a good deal of confidence on Capitol Hill that what the Democrats of the Senate desire congress to do as regards tax legislation, the soldiers' compensation and the freight rates on agricultural products, it will do.

Simmons and Robinson, Simmons as guide at the council table, and Robas actors, are now apparently in control of the action of the senate and ultimately of the action of congress without any effort at control on their part. They are determined to define and defend the policy of their party on these subjects of legislation but hankering after the responsibility that belongs to the majority party.

The election of Senator Smith has clearly demonstrated that the above is practically the situation and that it will be seen as the legislative sit-

uation more fully develops, all of the insurgents in the senate will be standing with the Democrats.

The situation in the house is such that the action of the senate will easily control it. The house must inaugurate all purely economic legislation but the senate usually determines its real character. That has been true of every tariff and tax bill enacted within the last twenty-five years.

The tax bill will not reach the senate before the last of February or March 1st, but when it does, the senate will be free to tack the bonus on to the tax bill as a rider, it matters not whether or not a bonus bill is under consideration in the house. And there are Democrats in Senate who say they favor this course of amending the tax bill with the bonus so as to prevent a veto of the bonus.

It is now believed, it will take congress all the winter to find its way through the maze of figures and contradictory statements of the treasury department and of other high authorities concerning the tax bill and the bonus. No one can be found who knows definitely at what point of reduction in the surtaxes capital will cease to seek tax exemption securities. Senator Couzens has disputed Secretary Mellon's figures and has challenged him to a public discussion on the subject.

Then too there is a fog of discussion about the constitutionality of taxing tax exempt securities. Representative Frear of Wisconsin wants the 16th amendment to the constitution tested on this subject by the Supreme Court. Other spokesmen in congress say the test has already been made and that incomes from state and municipal securities can not be taxed by the Federal government without further amending the constitution. It is believed that there is little probability of persuading three-fourths of the states now to adopt such an amendment as so many of them have the habit of issuing bonds for industrial development.

## MR. ROBERT BUNCH LEAVES EUREKA HOSPITAL

Messrs. W. A. Bunch and Britt Armfield went to Eureka hospital near Carthage, last Tuesday, and brought Mr. Robert Bunch through Asheboro on the way to High Point, where they took Mr. Bunch for an X-ray examination at the High Point hospital. It will be remembered that Mr. Bunch was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Carthage, on December 29, when Mr. Harvey Yow was instantly killed. Mr. Bunch has been in Eureka hospital and has recovered rapidly.

Dr. Burrus is having an X-ray picture made of the young man's head to see if another operation is necessary. If nothing wrong with the skull is shown in the picture, Mr. Bunch will be out in a few days. A telephone message yesterday said that he stood the trip well and had a good night.

## FRIENDS CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School 9:45.  
Worship 11:00.  
C. E. Meeting 7:00.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:30.  
The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met with Mrs. Calvin Gregory last Thursday afternoon.  
The Christian Endeavor Society held services at the county home last Sunday afternoon.  
Two new members were received into the church last Sunday. Twenty-five members have been taken in the last two months.  
There will be a C. E. social held at the home of J. L. Overman on Friday night, January 19th.  
Next Sunday morning will be the pastor's regular time at Science Hill.  
Rev. Gregory and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Cox last Sunday.

## METHODIST EPISCOPAL MATTERS

(By W. H. Willis)

The writer made talks this week at Pleasant Garden, Liberty and Ramseur in the interest of the centenary.

Asheboro people have had the pleasure this week of hearing Rev. W. L. Scott, of Ramseur; Rev. O. D. Hanson, of Siler City; and others in the "World Week" exercises.

On Friday, the 18th, services will be held throughout the day as follows:

10:30—talks by J. A. Spence, Prof. W. H. McMillan, and Mrs. D. M. Westberry.

8 P. M.—Talks by Mrs. J. W. Hadley and others.

7 P. M.—A Pageant, "Mother Melancthon's seventy fifth birthday in China."

The writer will visit some towns in the North Carolina conference next week as a representative of the centenary commission.

The pastor will preach Sunday in his own night.

11 A. M.—A text of two letters.

7 P. M.—God's Eye.

## 80,000 Horsepower To Be Developed At Once In The Carolinas.

The announcement Sunday that the Corporation Commission has granted an increased power rate for the Southern Power Company will mean great thing for the development of our State. The plan calls for an immediate construction program of hydro-electric and steam power plant development. The erection of a 40,000 horse-power hydro-electric plant at Rhodhiss, near Hickory is included in the program, as well as a 40,000 steam plant at Duncun, S. C.

The Rhodhiss plant will be located on the Catawba river in Caldwell and Burke counties, about 10 miles from the city of Hickory. It will develop 40,000 horsepower and will be about one-half the size of the Mountain Island plant, near Mount Holly, which has been finished at a cost of about \$6,000,000. The Mountain Island plant will develop 80,000 horsepower. The probable cost of the Rhodhiss plant, it is understood, will be about \$30,000,000.

The plant at Duncun, S. C., will be a steam plant for the development of electric power, and will be four-fifths as large as the steam plant at Mount Holly, in this state, which is among the largest in the United States. This plant also will develop 40,000 horsepower, and will cost around \$2,000,000 to build, it is understood. The Mount Holly plant was originally built to develop 10,000 horsepower, and last summer was extended to develop 40,000 horsepower more.

## CHATHAM COUNTY MAN DIES AT WASHINGTON

Samuel Dorsett, prominently connected in Chatham and well known throughout North Carolina, died at a Washington hospital Monday after an illness of several weeks. For two years or more, Mr. Dorsett had suffered from diabetes but his condition had become grave a few months ago. For thirty years he has been prominent in business circles in the state and has been unusually successful. He has also served as alderman at Asheboro and at Spencer where he lived for some time. The deceased is survived by his aged father, J. Dan Dorsett, of Chatham county, a widow and several brothers and sisters. The funeral and burial were held from the old home church, Love's Creek, Wednesday afternoon.

## ASHEBORO BANKS PROSPEROUS

The three banks of Asheboro have all held stockholders' meetings since New Year and report most prosperous years just closed. All three institutions will have the same officers for the coming year as they had last year.

The Asheboro Bank and Trust Company reports an increase of 50 per cent in deposits during the past year, while the Bank of Randolph and the First National have had an unusually large volume of business.

## George E. Copeland Selected District Manager of Standard Oil Company In Central Carolina Field

The Charlotte Observer carries the following, which will be read with interest in Asheboro:

"George E. Copeland, for the past four years department manager in the branch office of the Standard Oil Company, at Charlotte, has been given direct supervision over the marketing of their petroleum products in Asheboro, Randleman, Denton, High Point, Thomasville, Winston-Salem, Kernersville, Madison, Greensboro, Burlington, Rural Hall and Walnut Cove. His headquarters will be at Greensboro, although he will spend a great deal of his time at the various points in his territory.

During his residence in Charlotte Mr. Copeland has made numbers of warm friends, as also have Mrs. Copeland and their only son, Edward Copeland, who is now a student at the University of North Carolina. Though rejoicing in the knowledge that a great opportunity is open for him, there will be general and genuine regret in the necessity of his departure.

Among his associates Mr. Copeland has impressed his personality and his rare abilities, and he is considered by his friends and those of the industry familiar with his work, as being admirably qualified for the place. That he has made a success of his work is attested by his selection to fill this position, which carries with it a wide range of responsibility and authority."

## DEATH OF MRS. LULA LAMB

Mrs. Lula M. Lamb died at her home four miles northeast of Greensboro Monday from pneumonia, age 50 years. Funeral services were held from the Randleman Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Lamb is survived by, besides her husband, John F. Lamb, three small daughters, Mary, Pearl and Frances Lamb, one son, Paul. Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Graves, of Randleman; three brothers, B. N., J. L. and Frank Graves, of Guilford county; four sisters, Messdames J. W. Hanner, R. E. Spivey, and Alex McCaakill, of Greensboro, and Mrs. S. G. Robbins, of Randleman.

## BAILEY FOR GOVERNOR

Josiah W. Bailey, Raleigh attorney, has announced his decision to be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination at the Primary next June. In a letter to State Chairman, John G. Dawson last Saturday, Mr. Bailey said that he would make the platform on which he would stand public on January 17.

Dukes Give \$50,000 to Guilford

J. B. and B. N. Duke, of New York City, have contributed \$50,000 each to the Guilford College endowment fund. It is said that the gift of the Dukes is in memory of their mother who attended college there.

## THE NAME OF DR. MURPHEE ANNOUNCED FOR PRESIDENT

The candidacy of Dr. A. A. Murphee, of Gainesville, Fla., was announced the first of this week by William Jennings Bryan. Dr. Murphee is president of the University of Florida. Mr. Bryan's statement follows in part:

"If elected a delegate to the national convention, I shall present the name of Dr. A. A. Murphee, president of the University of Florida, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of president. There are a number of Floridians whose names have been mentioned and who are deserving of consideration in this connection, such as Senator Fletcher, Governor Hardee and Judge Nathan Bryan. I would be glad to support any of them, but I believe that just at this time Dr. Murphee possesses more points of advantage and less points of attack than any other of the persons whose names have been mentioned.

"He is a rare combination of intellect and heart; he is a splendid executive, as shown by the success of the University of Florida under his management; and he is a Democrat, both in sentiment and in manner. He is dry and progressive and sound on economic questions. His popularity will grow as he becomes known.

"I shall discuss his merits more fully at some future time; all I mean to do now is to suggest his name for consideration. It will not hurt the state university to have the light turned on the merits of its distinguished President. (Signed.)

"William Jennings Bryan."

## AGED LIBERTY WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. Lou Patterson, age 78, widow of the late Dr. A. J. Patterson, died at her home in Liberty January 15th. Mrs. Patterson was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church and beloved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Reitzel and Mrs. Sallie Reitzel, two brothers, A. P. Brown, of Liberty, H. L. Brown, of Atlanta; three sisters, Mrs. Lilly Kirkman, Liberty; Mrs. Emma Siler, Siler City; Mrs. Swannie Hadley, Mount Airy; one grand-daughter and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Patterson's former pastor, Rev. I. P. Frazier, of Statesville. Interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

## FORMER N. C. MAN RETURNS TO NATIVE STATE

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McNeil and daughter, Miss Hazel, of Texas, have moved into the home of Mr. I. N. Cox at Central Falls. Mr. McNeil is a civil engineer, and will have charge of the improvements that are being made on the Central Falls cotton mill.

Mr. McNeil was formerly of Fayetteville and is a member of one of the states oldest and most prominent families.