

PEOPLE DEMAND OF CONGRESS TO EXPLAIN THE NECESSITY FOR ENACTING HUGE TAX MEASURE

(By The United Press)
Washington.—The American people began today demanding of congress to explain why the huge tax bill which becomes a law within a few days. From every part of the nation comes these inquiries: Why must the American people pay six billion dollars in taxes this year and four billion dollars next year? Now that the war is over why should congress be at work to enact the biggest tax bill in the world's history?—a bill collecting sixty dollars this year and forty dollars next year from every man, woman and child of the country's one hundred million pop-

ulation. The answer to these inquiries lie in the records of the treasury department and the appropriation committee of the senate and house. These records show that the government will cost the people eighteen billion dollars this fiscal year and ten billion dollars for the fiscal year of 1920, the rest of the money coming from bonds. Unless by some miracle tax spending is brought within the limits of tax paying there will be bond issues not only in 1919 but also in 1920.

GENL. BUSINESS CONSERVATION PAVES WAY FOR LOWER PRICES

(By United Press)
Washington.—Declination of production coupled with general business conservation throughout the country is paving the way for lower prices. The new conditions have converted the sellers' market into a buyers' market, according to announcement made by the Federal reserve board. In the resume of business conditions throughout the country the board found a tendency for prices to decline and this has become marked since the first of the year, and probably is given an impetus by after holiday reaction.

Wilson's Effects Being Packed for Shipment

(By United Press)
Paris.—Already packing up is going on in the Murat Palace. While the President and Mrs. Wilson are not scheduled to sail before next Thursday, he and Mrs. Wilson's gifts and effects are being boxed preparatory for shipment. Pounding hammers echoed merrily through the ancient house as the rare paintings, books, jewelry, statues and cigarette cases were stored in wooden cases with a weight of one hundred pounds apiece and worth one hundred pounds sterling.

Tobacco Prices Are Still High on Local Market

Although the sales are light the prices for tobacco on the Greenville market still continue to be high. Greenville has made for high prices and record this season for high prices and and the prospects are for these high prices to keep up to the very closing day of the market which is scheduled for February 28th. Greenville has already sold over twenty five million pounds of the Golden Weed which means that this year is going to be a record breaking one. No tobacco market in the state is more attractive and inviting to the farmer and they bring their tobacco here knowing they will receive the top notch price. This has been a great season for the raisers of tobacco in Eastern Carolina and especially has it been great in Greenville.

Situation in Portugal Still About the Same

(By United Press)
Paris.—The situation in the Portuguese republic is practically unchanged, according to official communiqué just received from Lisbon. ATTRACTIVE OFFICE The Greenville Electrical and Supply Co., have now one of the most attractive offices in the city and they are better able than ever to show their many useful things in the electrical line.

MISS R. B. MUFFLY LECTURED TO WOMANS CLUB ON YESTERDAY

Miss Muffly lectured before the Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon on Community Singing. She illustrated her lecture by having a chorus of girls sing the songs that have been of most pleasure to the soldier boys and that would appeal to a community. She said singing is no longer given over to the sentimental but its real value has been realized and it is important that communities as well as individuals should cultivate the habit of singing. What has brought about this change? War. For the first time in the history of the world men have been trained to teach the soldiers and sailors to sing. General Pershing asked that five hundred trained leaders be sent over; not to sing for the boys merely for entertainment but to teach them to sing themselves. She urged upon the women to stomp, if you cannot sing, hum or make a noise of some kind, it is inspiring, it is wholesome. Learn the patriotic songs. If you do not know them get together and learn them. What can the club women do to promote community singing? (1) They should be interested in the chorus in the high school; they should encourage young people singing in every occasion. Occasionally have a public meeting, invite the chorus to sing; ask the parents to come hear them sing; then insist on everyone singing with the chorus and before you know it you will have the community singing. (2) Never open a meeting of any kind without singing. (3) Get the church choruses to cooperate and have vesper services at least once a month; use the best talent you have but let most of the

singing be done by the masses. Her appeal to the music loving people of Greenville to take the initiative and have vesper services. The club is indebted to Miss Muffly for her lecture and to the girls for their beautiful singing. The important business transacted was that the club will entertain the Tenth district Federation one day during the month of April. A committee was appointed to formulate and make estimates on the cemetery being kept under perpetual care; these plans will be submitted to the public later. A committee was appointed to take the initiative in a movement to place a building on the library site as a memorial to the soldiers; they are to invite representative men and women to meet with them and discuss the problem. A "get together meeting" of the club will be held at the home of the president on Tuesday afternoon. All of the members of the club are expected to attend this meeting.

Textile Striker at Lawrence, N. J. Met Death Today

(By United Press)
Lawrence.—The first death among the textile strikers here occurred early today when an unidentified man was shot who ventured on his way home from a meeting of the strikers. His assailant fired two shots.

Oh Boy Coming to Greenville on Next Wednesday

A clever book and beautiful score combine to make "Oh Boy", the brightest and smartest musical comedy hit in years. "Oh Boy" is presented by F. Ray Comstock and William Elliott and is the fourth in the series of New York Princess theatre comedies and comes to White's theatre Wednesday next. "Oh Boy" is the joint work of Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse and Jerome Kern. Mr. Bolton and Mr. Wodehouse providing the book and lyrics and Mr. Kern the music. F. Ray Comstock and William Elliott under whose management "Oh Boy" is presented will send here an organization which will measure up to the standard of New York Princess theatre productions. There will be a number of local favorites in the cast including Zella Rameau, Marie Dilworth, Mar McAlle, Martie Edwards, George Phillips, Harry Hoyt, Phil Branson, Jere Maccaull and a chorus of unusual charm and beauty and a scenic production that will be the most pretensions of the season.

Genl. Agreement Reached on Whole Constitution

(By United Press)
Paris.—A general agreement has been reached as to the principles underlying the whole draft of the league of nations constitution, it is officially announced. At the latest meeting of the league of nations the commission practically agreed as to the third article. While this decision is provisional it is stated that many apparent difficulties have been solved.

HAVE RETURNED

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Woolfolk returned last night from Gambrills, Md., where Mr. Woolfolk has been in the service for the past year. Their friends here are very glad to know that he has been discharged from the service and that they will again make their home here.

GONE TO LA GRANGE

Mr. C. B. Rowlett of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co. left this morning for La Grange to take charge of the publicity campaign for the auction sale of the Harpel hotel and the Rouse and Hadley property. This sale is to take place on February 18th.

DEEDS OF TRANSFER

The following deeds of transfer have been filed in the register of deeds' office for registration since the last report: Fred H. Outerbridge to Mattie M. Hearne, consideration \$4,000. J. O. Proctor et al to J. H. Edwards, consideration \$1,550. E. B. Ficklin and wife to E. G. Flanagan et al, consideration \$5,110. Mr. W. H. Gower of Grifton is here this afternoon on business.

FINE SALE AT THE STAR TODAY

Our sale of today of about forty thousand pounds was one of the most satisfactory sales we have had since Christmas. Many of those selling with us were heard to say that they received considerably more than they expected. We only have left three weeks before the market closes and we would again urge that your tobacco be marketed as rapidly as possible. SMITH & SUGG.

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KILLED THE "EMPEROR OF THE SAHARA"



A late photograph of Mrs. Jacques Lebaudy, who slew her millionaire husband at her home in Westbury, L. I., she says, to protect herself and daughter Jacqueline, who is shown here with her. Lebaudy, self-styled "emperor of the Sahara," was the son of the "sugar king" of France.

Chances Passing 4 Yr. Immigrant Bill Now Slim

(By United Press)
Washington.—Chances for the four year immigrant exclusion bill to come up at this session of congress is endangered by the announcement by the house rules committee that it has considered the measure but that it took no action.

Fifty Sailors to Be Inoculated With Flu Germs

(By United Press)
Boston.—Realizing that they face great suffering, possibly death, fifty of the healthiest sailors at the Deed Island naval station are now at the United States quarantine station at Gallup's Island ready to be inoculated with influenza germs. Professor N. T. Rosenau of Harvard university will experiment upon them with an effort to find the cause for the spread of the disease.

GERMAN ASSEMBLY MEETS AT WEIMAR

(By United Press)
Weimar.—The first popular national legislative assembly in the history of Germany is meeting to write a constitution for the people of the former German Empire. The assembly, composed of 421 members including 34 women, was elected by direct popular vote of the whole people, and is decidedly socialistic in complexion. The membership is divided among the political parties thus: Majority Socialists 164 Christian People's Party 88 Democrats 47 German National Party 34 Minority Socialists 24 Guelphs 4 Bavarian Peasants League 4 Wurttemberg Bourgeois Party 2 League 1 Peasants and Workmen Democrat..... 1 This gives the majority socialists a plurality with other socialistic groups so well represented that a constitution that would be called radical in any of the older countries of the world is practically assured.

ENLISTED MEN OF NAVY COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY

Washington.—Secretary Daniels announced today he had commended twenty eight enlisted men of the navy for acts of exceptional bravery. Among them were 23 members of the crew of the steamer Beatrice commended for efficiency in action and accuracy in firing during an encounter with a German submarine November 8.

GONE TO KINSTON

Mr. K. W. Cobb of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co. left this morning for Kinston to take charge of the advertising campaign for the auction sale of the Ellis farm near Dawson on the Kinston to Institute road. The sale will take place on February 18th.

Weaver Given Seat in Congress From 10th Dist.

Washington.—On a strict party vote the house elections committee No. 3 yesterday decided that Representative Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, of the 10th North Carolina district, is entitled to his seat in the 65th congress and that James J. Britt of Asheville, has no title thereto. After months of delay the committee voted 4 to 3 to recommend to the house that the Britt contest be dismissed and Mr. Weaver declared legally elected. Seven of the nine members of the committee were in Washington to vote on the long standing contest. The alignment was solely political. Chairman Watson of Virginia and Representatives Phelan of Massachusetts, Claypool of Ohio and Connally of Texas, all Democrats, voted to seat Mr. Weaver. Representatives Dowell of Iowa, LaGuardia of New York and Sanders of Indiana, Republicans, voted in favor of seating former Representative Britt. Two Democrats, Sears of Florida and Hem of Kentucky were out of the city. It is to be assumed that had they been present the vote to seat Mr. Weaver would have been 6 to 3, which is the political complexion of the election committee.

REPRESENTATIVE COX WANTS THE AUTOMOBILE TIRES TAXED

Raleigh.—R. M. Cox of Forsyth, it was learned yesterday, will soon appear before legislative committees and urge incorporation in one of the pending statewide road bills of provisions for taxing automobile tires instead of levying a tax upon the horsepower basis, as contemplated in the Stevens-Stevens measure and the Matthews bill or a gasoline tax as specified in the Burns bill. Representative Cox, who has devoted much study to the question of state highway legislation, is convinced that imposition of a tax upon auto tires really is the most practical and equitable method of raising revenue where-with to construct an effective system of roads in North Carolina. While he is not committed to any particular schedule to be followed in levying such taxes, the Anson legislator feels that not more than 5 per cent of the amount paid for tires should be collected as road tax. He is of the opinion that in this manner many thousands of dollars could be raised for road work. At the same time he expresses the conviction that the plan embodies more equitable provisions for securing funds for highway development than would be possible, either under the scheme to tax cars upon the horsepower basis or the project by which a cent a gallon would be assessed against gasoline sales. For the collection of this tire tax Mr. Cox would utilize existing agencies, depending upon sheriffs, policemen and other offices of the law. Penalties would be provided for violations; failure to pay the tax would make one liable to a fine, the extent of which would be large enough to prove a deterrent to those who might otherwise seek to escape the tax. The Forsyth man also would provide a reward to be paid to officers apprehending violators. This reward to be perhaps \$10 in each case. Meanwhile with the Stevens-Stevens

STRIKE THREATENING TO TIE UP SHIP YARDS ON DELEWARE RIVER CALLED THIS MORNING

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR INDORSES CHILD LABOR BILL FOR STATE

(By United Press)
Raleigh.—At a joint meeting yesterday afternoon of the legislative committee of the State Federation of Labor attended by representatives of 800,000 North Carolina workers, unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement was given to child labor bill prepared by Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman and known in the general assembly, where it is pending, as the Connor-Saunders bill. Committeemen pledged faith in Commissioner Shipman and agreed they would strongly oppose any attempt to curtail functions of the labor commissioner or to withdraw any powers properly belonging to that office, which they were convinced, should be expanded instead of crippled. Governor Bickett voices opposition to the movement embodied in a legislative bill designed to place the governor instead of a labor commissioner on the proposed child labor commission, and prospects of the passage of the Connor-Saunders measure are increasingly strong as a result of this Bickett stand and unqualified support of organized labor in North Carolina.

Silk Mill Strike Still in Effect at Patterson

(By United Press)
Patterson.—Despite the efforts at a settlement of the strike the twenty seven thousand silk mill employees is still in effect here. Strikes at Passaic have stopped the work of two mills there. The operatives stood firm in their demand for forty seven hours a week. Another meeting in an attempt to end the trouble is scheduled for tonight.

Body of Negro Not Yet Located States Sheriff

(By United Press)
New Bern, Feb. 7.—The sheriff of Onslow county arrived in this city this morning and he states that the body of Daniel Petway, colored, who was taken from the jail in Jacksonville night before last by a mob has not as yet been found. The surprise is, says the sheriff, that the mob killed him and then threw his body in the river. The other negro, John Daniels, was lynched. They were incarcerated in the county jail for an assault upon Mr. George Dickey, manager of the John L. Roper Lumber Company's farm. The sheriff further stated that the negroes in his section were much wrought up over the affair and that trouble is looked for.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

There will be Litany service at St. Paul's Episcopal church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All the members and all others have a cordial invitation to be present.

IS OUT AGAIN

The friends of the Rev. C. H. Bascom, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, are glad to see him out again after a few days' indisposition.

IS INDISPOSED

Mr. E. G. Flanagan is ill at his home on Evans street. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

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