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ROOSEVELT ASKS SWEEPING POWERS

Sales Tax Passed By House, 62-43, And Hurried On To Senate

ALL AMENDMENTS ARE VOTED DOWN IN RAPID FASHION

Proposed Substitution of Selected Commodity Tax Is Lost by Vote of 35 to 72

DEBATE IS LIMITED ONLY TO 17 MINUTES

Proposal To Submit Sales Tax Issue to Voters Offered by Watson of Nash But Fails Along With All Other Amendments; Many Taxes Are Increased

Raleigh, April 20 (AP)—The House today passed and sent to the Senate the biennial revenue bill, levying a two percent general sales tax on retail distribution, and containing material increases in most State taxes.

Witnesses Claim Lane Boy Was Not Killed by Tree

Hertford, April 20 (AP)—A string of witnesses went on the stand for the State here today in the murder trial of George K. Lane and his second wife, charged with the death of Lane's 17-year-old son, and gave testimony indicating the boy had not met death under a falling tree, as claimed by his father.

Charlotte Lady Tried For Murder

Mrs. Peterman Pleads Not Guilty to Murder of Her Prominent Husband

Charlotte, April 20 (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Peterman, Charlotte society matron, went on trial in Mecklenburg Superior Court today on a charge of murdering her husband, Roy L. Peterman, a vice president of the Southern Public Utilities Company, who was shot to death in the fashionable Peterman home the night of February 13.

Senate Expected To Make Numerous Revenue Changes

Will Probably Drop Kilowatt Hour and Corporation Excess Levies and Raise House General Sales Tax Rate To Three Percent; Then to Conference

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 20.—The Senate is expected to make a number of changes in the revenue bill and an unofficial poll of its membership shows that it will probably remove the kilowatt hour tax on electricity and the corporate excess tax, put on in the House and then boost the general sales tax plan to three per cent to make up for the difference in revenue.

third reading in the House today, containing the two per cent general sales tax plan, the Ewing kilowatt hour tax amendment and the Everett amendment to tax corporate excess in foreign corporations.

MERCHANTS WARN SALES TAX TO BE TESTED IN COURT

State Association Serves Notice on House It Will Resist Levy to the Bitter End

NEVER SUSTAINED BY HIGHER COURTS

Dowell Declares if Tax Is Turned Down and Budget Left Unbalanced by Over \$8,000,000, Legislature Cannot Say It Was Not Warned

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 20.—The merchants of North Carolina, still convinced that a general sales tax is unfair, discriminatory and unconstitutional, will contest the legality and constitutionality of any general sales tax that may be enacted in North Carolina and will fight it through to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary, they told the members of the House and Senate today.

To Run Indian Affairs



Complete reorganization of the Indian bureau, with its control of the affairs of hundreds of thousands of native Americans is expected to follow confirmation of the appointment of John Collier of California as the new Indian commissioner.

COTTON SPINNING HOLDING ITS OWN

93.9 Percent In March, Against 95 Percent In Month of February

Washington, April 20 (AP)—The cotton spinning industry was reported by the Census Bureau today to have operated during March at 93.9 percent capacity on a single shift basis, compared with 95.0 percent during February this year, and 90.1 percent in March last year.

First Contingent Of Conservation Workers To Start

Charlotte, April 20 (AP)—The first of the 32,300 men North Carolina is expected to contribute to President Roosevelt's citizen conservation corps are scheduled to start leaving here next week.

ABANDONMENT OF GOLD MAY FURNISH JOBS TO WORKERS

Conviction Spreads That Gruelling Deflation of Past Years at Last Is Ended

HIGHER COSTS OF LIVING UNLIKELY

New Situation Should Be Welcomed by Nation, Bankers and Economists Hold; Gains In Price Levels But Small Fraction of Slump From Depression

New York, April 20 (AP)—What does it mean in dollars and cents? This was the question on innumerable lips today not only those of butchers, bakers and candlestick makers, but of leading bankers, as markets were convulsed by news that the United States had suspended the gold standard.

May Mean More Jobs. While clear answers to the questions were lacking, pending development of Washington's controlled inflation program, it was agreed in many financial and economic quarters that it should mean more jobs.

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U. S. Envoy at Mexican Post



Joseph Daniels, new United States Ambassador to Mexico, is pictured surrounded by members of his staff in the Embassy garden soon after his arrival in Mexico City.

3-POINT MEASURE FOR REGULATION OF INFLATION SOUGHT

Could Issue New Currency, Accept Silver For War Debts or Cut Dollar Gold Content

PRESIDENT SURE OF HIS PURPOSES

Cofident of Ability To Handle Situation for Improvement of Economic Structure; Useful Weapon In Approaching Economic Conferences Is Seen

Washington, April 20 (AP)—A 'three-point' measure giving President Roosevelt complete authority to start the United States, now off the gold standard on a policy of controlled inflation, was whipped into shape today with the chief executive's approval.

Dropping Gold Standard Here Stuns Whole World

Roosevelt Move Aimed at Europe

Washington, April 20 (AP)—Speaker Rainey told newspapermen today that President Roosevelt's monetary moves were designed to meet at "concerted and planned" campaign by foreign nations to beat down the United States commercially.

EXEMPTION FROM SALES TAX FAILED

House Refuses to Make Any Loopholes, Regardless Of The Items

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, BY J. C. BASKERVILLE. Raleigh, April 20.—All efforts to exempt anything from the two per cent general sales tax finally adopted by the House failed, chiefly because a majority knew that any exemptions at all would create a loophole through which hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars of revenue would be lost.

CHINESE GENERAL FLEES TO BERLIN

Reported Killed In Manchuria Last July; Large Party With Him

Berlin, April 20 (AP)—General May Chan-Chan, reputedly the Chinese national hero, whom Japanese military leaders claimed was killed in battle last July in Manchuria, arrived today from Omsk, Siberia, with him were two other Chinese generals, Su Ping-Wen and Li (apparently Li Chingling, former governor of Shili province and a Manchurian commander several years ago) and about 60 other Chinese officers and soldiers.

Reaction in England Is Puzzle and Extreme Anxiety at Step By United States

DOLLAR VALUE IN EXCHANGES FALLS

Stocks Skyrocket In France and American Travelers Abroad Feel Effects; Britain Rejects Theory Move Is Bludgeon for Roosevelt With MacDonald

The first official departure of the United States from the gold standard in more than 50 years was felt today throughout the world. London—Britain's reaction was puzzlement and extreme anxiety. The dollar value dropped heavily. At one time it was \$3.90 to the pound.

France May Be Forced From Gold

Financiers There Fear Compulsory Course In Path America Has Taken

Paris, April 20 (AP)—French financiers feared today that France eventually would be obliged to follow the United States off the gold standard.



WILL ROGERS says: Amarillo, Texas, April 20.—Just flew in here, headed west. We had to come in mighty high to dodge all the farms and ranches that were blowing around down on the lower strata.

McAdoo Proposes Eight Billions In Refunding Bonds

Washington, April 20 (AP)—Senator McAdoo, Democrat, California, a former secretary of the treasury, today introduced a bill authorizing the issuance up to eight billion dollars in United States notes to refund the government's short-term debts maturing in the next five years.

WEATHER

FOE NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday; slightly colder on the coast tonight.