

HIGH TAXES MIGHT KEEP MOVIES OUT

Hollywood Studios Consider Moving Into North Carolina To Work

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 2.—The motion picture industry is considering North Carolina as a possible new location for its activities, instead of California. Fred E. Pelton, representing the National Association of Motion Picture

Producers, is here in the State now and will make a survey of the entire State with regard to its qualifications as a new home for the film industry. It would spend \$150,000,000 a year in the State if it came here, Pelton said. The one thing that may prevent the motion picture industry from moving to North Carolina may be the same thing that is causing it to leave California, namely, excessively high taxes on corporations, Pelton indicated. The industry is going to leave California because it is being discriminated against by the California State government through the imposition of extremely high taxes, with the result that it is planning to move bodily to another State where it can be assured of fairer treatment, Pelton said. But when the North Carolina franchise and income tax rates were out-

lined to him, he said that he was afraid that the high taxes already imposed on corporations in North Carolina would make it impossible for the film industry to consider coming to this state. "From the standpoint of geography, climate and varied scenery, your State is ideal," Pelton said. "But we are planning to leave California because of excessive taxation, and apparently would run into it again if we should come to North Carolina. However, we are going to make a thorough survey of the State anyway." After conferring with Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Commissioner of Revenue and others, including Director R. Bruce Etheridge, of the Department of Conservation and Development, here yesterday, Director Etheridge, Assistant Director Paul Kelly and Charles Powell, secretary to Governor Ehringhaus, conducted Pelton on an inspection tour of this immediate section, including Durham, Burlington and Greensboro. Today or tomorrow Pelton expects to visit Charlotte, High Point, Winston Salem and other cities in the Piedmont. Later on he will go to Asheville and inspect the western part of the State. Pelton was disappointed because there were no large cities in the state but showed interest in Charlotte because it was the largest.

Dreads Spring, Fall



Mary Kate Ware

Twelve-year-old Mary Kate Ware of Birmingham, Ala., dreads the arrival of spring and fall. For nine years with the change of seasons Mary, stricken by a strange malady, has turned from a robust, happy child to a witch-like creature with shriveled fingers and legs. Physicians admit they are baffled. Above is a recent photo of Mary.

reported out by a vote of 11 to 9, provided all those who favor reporting the bill favorably would vote to report it "without prejudice." But the opponents of the bill are confident that they can block even a "without prejudice" report.

It is generally understood, however, that those favoring the bill will not make any effort to get the bill reported out as it now stands until after an effort has been made to get the revenue-raising features of the bill incorporated into the revenue act. It is believed that Senators Newman, Gravelly and others favoring the Hill bill principal will seek to insert a section in the revenue bill to tax liquor when and if its sale is permitted in the State, as a means of balancing the budget and providing the additional \$2,000,000 still needed to bridge the gap between the revenue and appropriations bill and to make it possible to increase the appropriation for schools to \$22,000,000 a year.

If the effort to get this section taxing the sale of liquor in the State in the revenue bill succeeds, then a machinery bill, similar to the Hill bill will be brought out later to set up the machinery for opening liquor stores, the holding of elections, and so forth. But even the most optimistic advocates of legalized liquor admit that this plan does not seem to have a chance in the world of succeeding.

Absentee Ballot Showdown Coming

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as it applies to several counties, but the Senate Elections Committee has killed in rapid order six such measures. Among the six killed was a bill, introduced by the Wake county members of the lower house. Passing the House, it was sent to the Senate. Despite the fact that Senator Weathers, who represents Wake county in the upper legislative body, favors repeal of the entire wartime absentee voting system, the Senate committee killed it.

Still later the Mecklenburg legislators offered their repealers for their county. The Wake delegation, perceiving an opportunity to tie their cause to the Mecklenburg bill and thus gain support, at once sent forward an amendment adding Wake county. The bill was passed by the House and is now in the hands of the Senate Elections Committee. Senator Bell, of Mecklenburg, is also known as an opponent of the absentee ballot law and is a member of the elections committee. It is thought that he will exert considerable effort to get the bill out of the committee's hands and passed by the Senate. Whether or not Wake county will be included in the bill if it reaches the floor of the senate is not known, but it is assumed that the same forces who voted thumbs down on the Wake

county repealer will also vote the same way on the Mecklenburg bill and its Wake county amendment. Despite the fact that Governor Ehringhaus, the State board of elections, the Republican party, and most Democratic leaders have condemned in no uncertain terms the absentee ballot law the forces for its retention are very strong in the legislature; so strong that the house elections committee refused to approve a bill by Representative Scholl which would have abolished the act for the entire State. In the senate an identical bill by Senator White, of Robeson, met with an identical fate at the hands of the elections committee. In the senate committee now is a bill by Senator White which would repeal the law only as it applies to Robeson county. That county was, only several months ago, the scene of a two-weeks investigation by the State board of elections of alleged widespread abuses of the act. Even the White local bill is having its troubles. Sensing defeat at the committee's hands Senator White has demanded a public hearing for his local measure. The date for the hearing will probably be announced this week.

Opposition to repeal of the law, enacted during the World War for the alleged convenience of North Carolinians who were members of the army and navy, comes from the counties where the margin between the two major political parties is slim. Observers point significant fingers at the chairman, Representative Sparger and Senator Nixon, of the house and senate committees, respectively. Representative Sparger hails from Stokes, a county, say politicians here, that would send a Republican to the legislature instead of Democrat Sparger if it were not for the absentee ballot. Senator Nixon comes from the county of Lincoln, home balliwick of Republican Representative Charlie Jonas.

Lest the average citizen gather the notion that it is only certain Democrats who want to retain the abused law it must be remembered that prominent Republicans in the legislature

have said, strictly off the record, that they hope the law is not repealed. They regard it as their No. 1 piece of ammunition to fire at Democrats in general elections. They will vote to repeal the act if a repealer should ever reach the floor of the legislature because their party has made opposition to the law a party fetish. At the same time they are sitting still, hoping that it remains on the statute books.

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Complaints Planned For Rubber Code

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ate Finance Committee, now holding hearings on NRA.

The complaints will represent the first time that an NRA code authority has been charged by a government agency with illegal activity.

Akron, Ohio, April 2.—(AP)—Three major rubber companies cleared their decks for a stormy etel of labor trouble today, but union labor leaders continued to take their strike vote and remained silent.

Sheriff James T. S. Flower had 1,000 special deputies at his call as union workers at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company cast their ballots for or against a strike. The Goodrich and Firestone locals of the United Rubber Workers Union have set strike elections for Sunday.

About 200 special guards equipped with helmets, tear gas and night sticks guarded the Firestone plant last night, a Firestone spokesman said. Special deputies also patrolled the Goodyear and Goodrich plants. Adjutant Emil S. Marx, of the Ohio National Guard, said he had received no request for National Guard troops in event of a strike here, but he said he had sent an observer into the city. Sheriff Flower said that if a strike move is made, he will immediately warn citizens to stay clear of danger zones in the vicinity of the plants, which will be patrolled by deputies and police.

Liquor Store Bill Is Dead, Some Believe

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Browning of Swain, Burrus of Guilford, Ferrell of Forsyth, Horton of Chatham, Johnston of Buncombe, Steele of Iredell, Swearingen of Cabarrus, Teague of Wayne, White of Robeson and Williams of Yadkin. The members regarded as favoring the bill and willing to vote for a favorable report are Senators Newman of New Hanover, chairman of the committee; Gravelly of Nash, Bailey of Washington, Morgan of Richmond, Robertson of Orange, Smith of Stanley, Spence of Moore, Stacy of Rockingham and Thompson of Cleveland.

It is understood that Senator Burrus of Guilford is willing to vote to report the bill "without prejudice" but that he will not vote to report it favorably. Some think that Senator Horton of Chatham might also agree to vote for a "without prejudice" report, in which case the bill could be

Borah Makes a Call



Senator Borah One of the severest critics of President Roosevelt's policies is snapped leaving the White House in Washington. He is Senator William E. Borah of Idaho who shared a tray-luncheon with the president, marking the first time they had met privately. Both agreed they had an interesting talk.

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