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BELIEVE JUDGES SHOULD PAY INCOMES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 15.—A poll of state judges today showed that they are not in favor of Judge Ben F. Long's attempt to increase payment of his income tax on the grounds that it would be unconstitutional. The suggestion that a change in the state's family income tax be followed had not been acted upon today. The report that Judge Long would be taken back to his home today, however, and there were some who thought that it ought to be. "Why, just why it does not appear as if a superior court judge should pay his taxes without consulting the legislature," said one of the judges. "I am sure that the state officials would like for him to know how they feel about his attempt to increase the will of the majority. Because they are confident the majority of folk in the state would disagree with Judge Long's action and his conscience they think he has spoken too freely about increasing payment of a few dollars for maintaining an orderly government."

HENDERSON MEN HELD AS FIREBUGS

By the Associated Press.
Henderson, N. C., Feb. 15.—Geo. H. Wyckoff, local jeweler, and W. F. Wooten, well known young man and former member of the Henderson police force, were placed under bond of \$25,000 each by Recorder Sutherland here today on charges of conspiracy with an alleged incendiary fire in a local furniture store on the night of February 12. The ruling of the court was that if the bonds were not given, the men should be taken to the penitentiary at Raleigh for safe-keeping. The action of the court followed testimony given at the preliminary hearing of the two men by Jessie Carter, who was indicted with W. F. Wooten two days after the fire occurred and tried on a charge of arson. Bonds for each were fixed at \$5,000 at the time and were given. Wooten was rearranged with Wyckoff on last Monday night on the conspiracy charge following a statement by Carter to officers and attorneys last Sunday. Carter's testimony had to do with alleged activities of an alleged band of fire bugs believed to exist here whom the authorities believe to be responsible for the fires here in recent months.

MORE DISORDERS IN STANHOPE STREET

By the Associated Press.
Belfast, Feb. 15.—After a period of quiet lasting several hours, disorders again broke out in this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Stanhope street area. The military promptly opened fire.

AMERICAN RANCHER KILLED IN MEXICO

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 15.—Charles Burrow also known as Charles Miller, American manager of a ranch near the city of Monterey, Mexico, was shot to death by unidentified persons on February 1, the state department was advised today in a dispatch from American Consul Bowman at Monterey. The department has instructed Consul Bowman and the embassy at Mexico City to urge the necessary steps to apprehend and punish the persons responsible for the crime.

IS GIVEN CONTRACT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 15.—The contract for the conditioning of the giant liner Leviathan was formally awarded today to the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company. Immediately after the board formally awarded the contract to the Newport News concern the contract was signed by Homer L. Ferguson for the company. Work will begin today in the New York docks on the vessel. Under the contract the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry dock Company will transform the Leviathan into an oil burner for \$6,110,000. Gimbel Brothers of New York were awarded the contract for furnishing for \$551,000. Together with other costs for reconditioning, the total cost to the shipping board is \$6,661,000. Claims are freezing to death on the California beaches, but the Native Son need not worry. Claims are notoriously close-mouthed about their troubles. Seattle Times.

BRYAN IS READY TO CONSIDER SENATE

By the Associated Press.
Miami, Fla., Feb. 15.—William J. Bryan, responding to inquiries today as to whether he would be a candidate for United States Senator from Florida, issued the following statement: "To those who have been kind enough to write me in regard to the senatorship—Greetings: 'I have been actively engaged in politics for more than 30 years and with less than seven years in public life have worked as a private citizen. If the Democrats of Florida should render a service to the state and the party in the nation sufficient to justify me in representing them, I would consider the matter from the standpoint and in connection with other claims upon me, but I have no desire to enter a contest for political office. The nominations that I have received—two for congress, one for the senate and three for the presidency—have been tendered me practically without opposition. No friends will expect me at my time of life, when my political life is known to all, to take the risk of alienating my friends in Florida. I am looking forward to continued friendship with Florida Democrats, with whom I have collaborated for a quarter of a century, and our relations will remain pleasant so long as my interests do not conflict with theirs. 'With profound appreciation of the expressions of friendship and esteem that have come to me, I am. 'WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.'"

POLES PLACE BAN ON MODERN DANCES

By the Associated Press.
Warsaw, Feb. 15.—The "shimmy," the "scandal" and even the fox trot are anathema to the Polish government. All American dances with the exception of the one-step were prohibited at the annual military ball held recently.

MAJOR HALE DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

By the Associated Press.
Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 15.—Major Edward J. Hale, 83, minister to Costa Rica during President Wilson's administration and former editor and owner of the Fayetteville Observer, died at his home here shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

HARVARD STUDENT ACQUITTED BY JURY

By the Associated Press.
Boston, Feb. 15.—A jury in the superior court today returned a verdict of not guilty against James A. Duncan of Columbia, S. C., a graduate student at Harvard University, charged with assault on David J. Clair, a negro policeman last May. The jurors were out one hour.

CABARRUS BONDS SOLD

By the Associated Press.
Concord, N. C., Feb. 15.—Stacy and Baughn of Toledo, O., were the successful bidders for \$250,000 worth of county bonds sold today by Cabarrus county. The bonds brought a premium of \$1525 and bear 5 1/2 per cent interest. Money from the bonds will be used for good roads and bridges.

HICKORY OFFICE ROW AT CAPITOL

The Greensboro News' Washington correspondent, C. W. Gilbert, has quite a lengthy chapter in today's paper on the Hickory postoffice row. It will be of interest to Record readers: Another spirited controversy over Republican patronage in North Carolina broke out here today. This now centers about the postmaster-ship at Hickory. After a conference with First Assistant Postmaster General Work, who advised him to go back home and try to get together with John M. Morehead, the national committee man, Horace Abce, one of the Republican leaders of Catawba county is returning home to gather evidence regarding alleged unfitness of H. H. Miller to be postmaster at Hickory. Mr. Abce himself was on the eligible list, but is understood to have informed Dr. Work that he didn't want the job himself, but it should go to R. L. Hefner, who has been indicated by Mr. Abce and other Republicans at Hickory. That there will soon be at least a dozen postoffice wrangles in full swing in the state, including the Elkin, Morehead City and Rockingham offices, was apparent here today. Mr. Abce came to Washington determined to fight out with the postoffice department the proposed appointment of Mr. Miller at Hickory. Mr. Miller has the endorsement of National Committeeman Morehead according to the story told the first assistant postmaster general by Mr. Abce, and Mr. Morehead has declined to reconsider the matter or listen to complaints against Miller. It is said that Mr. Abce who is president of the Republican club at Hickory, told First Assistant Postmaster General Works that the majority of the patrons of the office and the Republicans of Hickory were opposed to the selection of Mr. Miller by Mr. Morehead, that Mr. Miller is a convert to Republicanism and was a Democrat until the last election; that he was not highest on an eligible list which contained only Republicans; that he said certain things during the war period which he shouldn't have said, and that it would injure the Republican party in Catawba county to take a man like Mr. Miller, a former Democrat, and turn down men who had been active for the party.

GOING AFTER EVIDENCE

It is reliably reported that at the postoffice department Dr. Work attempted to act as peacemaker and smooth out the Republican differences in North Carolina, advising Mr. Abce to go back and see what sort of an arrangement could be made with National Committeeman Morehead. Mr. Abce said he was a friend of the national committeeman, and would not criticize him, except to say that he had made a mistake in the Miller endorsement and now that he would not listen to protests from other Republicans of Hickory. However, if Mr. Morehead and Mr. Abce are unable to get together, it is understood that Mr. Abce will return to Washington with affidavits and other documents to support his charges against Miller. The first assistant postmaster general hopes he will not have to go into such documents although he is expected to do so if the fight continues as bitterly as it began today. "I saw Mr. Abce," said Dr. Work (Continue on page two.)

THREE EXAMINERS ARE PUT IN FIELD

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The state corporation commission announces the appointment of three new state bank examiners who will work under the state banking department. They are: M. C. Crowson, of High Point; J. C. Gilkey, of Cumberland county; and D. M. Darden, of Tyrrell county. It is the purpose of the banking department to make more frequent examinations of all state banks with the view of putting a stop to bank failures which have been too numerous in recent months.

COLLINS IN LONDON

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 15.—Michael Collins, who aided in London this morning, had a long conference with Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies, today. The capital of Ireland will remain at Dublin, in spite of all Mr. De Valera's efforts to get it removed to Donnybrook.—Boston Transcript.

QUESTION DAVIS ABOUT TAYLOR MURDER

By the Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Feb. 15.—The search for clues into the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, went on today with the questioning of William Davis, chauffeur for Mabel Normand. Sheriff deputies who cling to the belief that Edward F. Sands, missing former secretary-butler to Taylor, had nothing to do with Taylor's murder, urged another questioning of Davis. It was understood the additional information did not tend to involve Davis. The chauffeur had previously corroborated the statement of Miss Normand, who was one of the last persons with Taylor. Mack Sennett, film producer and manager for Miss Normand, has been questioned by a representative of the district attorney in the hope he might be able to give some information leading to a clue, but without result, it is announced. Sennett said he would be glad to aid the officers in every way possible. Officials connected with the investigation had made no comment early today on the arrest last night of eight men who are alleged to have attempted to hold up rich men by blackmail.

ANOTHER BID FOR GOVERNMENT WORKS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 15.—Another offer for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals was completed today and arrangements made to transmit it to congress. The offer was tendered by Thomas Martin, acting for the Alabama Power Company, of which he is president, and with its submission the total number of offers for the war-acquired property reaches four. The Alabama Power Company proposes completion of the Wilson dam without further advances or expenditures by the United States and the outright purchase of the Warrior plant on the Gorgas river, which is situated on ground already owned by the power company.

METTS TO VISIT STATE GUARD UNITS

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—Adjutant General John Van B. Metts announced today that he will accompany the inspectors who will visit all home stations of the national guard units in the state in the hope that he may become more familiar with the officers and men and they with their executive commander. This is a departure from the old order. In years past the adjutant general issued all orders from his Raleigh offices and rarely ever saw the local units of the guard except once a year at the annual encampment. General Metts will witness the first inspection February 29 at Hickory of Troop C cavalry, the last one being Troop 29 at Raleigh. The following national guard officers will attend the annual convention of national guard associations of the United States in New Orleans February 27 and 28: Col. Don E. Scott, 120th infantry, Graham; Maj. Wade Bowman, 2nd squadron, 109th cavalry, Hickory; Capt. R. S. McClelland, 421st company, coast artillery, Wilmington, and Capt. E. F. Michaux, Battery A, 117th field artillery, Goldsboro. Major Gordon Smith, assistant adjutant general, will represent General Metts at a meeting of adjutant generals of the several states in New Orleans on the same date.

RESIGNS AS MINISTER

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 15.—Boaz W. Long, American minister to Cuba since 1919, has tendered his resignation to President Harding, effective at once.

MORRILL SPEAKS TO LOCAL CLUBMAN

H. L. Morrill of Charlotte gave the Hickory Kiwanis club last night a thoughtful talk on "The Soul of Business" and introduced to local Kiwanians and their guests the "On the Way to Better Business" program sponsored by the international association. He preached a doctrine of service. The evening's program, in charge of Prof. Frank C. Longaker, was full of pep and interest, a recitation by Miss Hortense Hoyt, instructor at Lenoir College, carrying the company by storm and assuring an encore. Miss Holt gave a sort of French version of the fall in the garden of Eden, using French words to perfection and putting expression into voice and manner. Leroy F. Abernethy was presented with a past president's pin and President Chas. W. Bagby was given a president's pin. Earl N. Carr and Hiram Balch won attendance prizes. Frank Gwin of Marion was one of the guests. President Bagby announced that Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, would be here Friday night, February 24, to discuss the township high school question, which will be considered by representatives of school boards, civic clubs and other organizations under the auspices of the Kiwanis club. Dinner will be served in American legion hall. Before the president introduced Mr. Morrill, Dr. Longaker made a short talk on Roger Babson, the statistician, whose wonderful speech before the International Kiwanis clubs at Cleveland on the "Business Outlook" was presented to the members by Hazel R. Aiken as a silent boost. The speaker of the evening also referred to Mr. Babson's wonderful work. Mr. Morrill laid down three fundamental principles in business success. The first is knowledge, which he said should be applied like power. Knowledge applied is power, is the way he put it. The second principle is confidence, and he elaborated on this. Can a man make a success if he lacks confidence in himself or business or his organization? The speaker asked. The greatest curse to business is fear—being afraid to attempt big things. Some men don't know how. Their knowledge is lacking. Seventy per cent of the people have minds of 13 year old children, he said. The mental capacity has stopped. The third point emphasized is service. Christ is the best example of service, and he should be taken as our guide. Mr. Morrill urged the application of the Golden Rule in dealing with one's associates and employees and the public. He paid a tribute to North Carolina, declaring that the western part of the state has California beat a mile. It is the garden spot of the world and we can make of this section he said, the great playground of the nation. A native of Georgia, Mr. Morrill said he had refused to leave North Carolina for any other place, because he knew this was the best state in the union and had the greatest future.

STREET CAR MEN STRIKE IN COLUMBIA

By the Associated Press.
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.—There are no street cars running in Columbia today. Carmen voted to strike, early this morning following the discharge yesterday of 25 members of the company. It was stated that the street car company had operated at a loss for several months and something had to be done.

TROOPS TO LEAVE IRELAND

By the Associated Press.
Belfast, Feb. 15.—Arrangements for the evacuation of British troops from southern Ireland were resumed today after a suspension lasting two days. At Dublin preparations were making for the embarkation of 400 troops.

WOULD LET BATTER STEAL FIRST BASE

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 15.—Speeding up baseball by permitting a batter to steal first base is a suggestion that has Judge Landis, baseball commissioner, guessing today. The commissioner received a letter from Newton C. Gilliam, a Kansas City, Mo., attorney, in which he suggests that the theft privilege of a batter would offset the "fine scientific pitching" which the attorney thinks slows up the game from spectator's standpoint. "The ins and outs of the game are not properly balanced," according to Mr. Gilliam, who contends that a good beginning often makes a game ending with the batter being mowed down, one-two-three. "Let the batter steal first base," wrote the attorney, "and this advantage will be equalled."

KENTUCKY LEAF GROWERS GET RESULTS

By the Associated Press.
Lexington, Ky., Feb. 15.—From the days when buyers went from barn to barn and bought tobacco, to the highly organized Burley Tobacco Cooperative Marketing Association which this year is advancing as much money to growers on a 40 per cent basis as was paid for the entire crop last season, is the progress made in marketing Kentucky's annual burley tobacco crop of approximately 200,000,000 pounds. The farmer's fight for good prices for his product has been one of ups and downs. The 1920 crop brought him the highest price he ever received for his tobacco, but the 1921 crop, that cost upward of eighteen cents a pound to grow, was sold at a loss, the season's average being fourteen and one-half cents. With a view to averting a repetition of this, Judge Robert W. Bingham, Louisville newspaper owner, became interested in the cooperative marketing plan, and in company with several growers, visited Barney Baruch in New York and laid before him a plan for financing the crop. On March 28 a meeting of tobacco growers from Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia was held here, at which Aaron Sapiro presented the plan under which California fruit and grain growers and other producers are organized. From this meeting the movement to organize the Burley tobacco growers was launched, and after several months 85 per cent of the crop was pledged and the Burley tobacco cooperative marketing association incorporated in North Carolina. When the Kentucky general assembly met the first of the year, the Bingham Cooperative marketing bill was passed in record time and the association then incorporated in Kentucky. In the meantime, however, the association had secured 117 tobacco warehouses in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Kentucky for its exclusive use. The war finance corporation and banks in the interested districts pledged almost \$6,000,000 to the association. On January 26 the warehouses here were opened for the receipt of pledged tobacco and it was graded upon delivery by the grower and a check for an estimated value of 40 per cent of the worth of the crop advanced to the growers. Four days later the houses throughout the burley district were opened and tobacco began to pour in. This plan will be in operation for at least five years, the farmers having signed up for this period of time. Prior to 1904 the barn to barn sale was in vogue. After this period the loose leaf warehouse, where the tobacco was taken by farmers and auctioned off, was used extensively. The first attempt to form a tobacco pool took place in Cincinnati in 1879, but was short lived. The famous equity society, with its attendant night riding and other evidences of dissatisfaction, was organized in 1905. The burley society was organized along similar lines the next spring. After several years the equity disbanded. The burley, however, continued to operate. It is said that never more than 30 per cent of the crop was pledged to it in any year. The loose leaf warehouse system has been in use during the last few years and there now are several hundred such houses in Kentucky alone with many others in the adjoining states. The crux was reached in January, 1921, when farmers offered their high-priced crops for sale. The average price paid on the opening day on the whole was far below the cost of production, and many growers faced ruin.

SNOW AND SLEET REPORTED IN SOUTH

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 15.—Snow and sleet in Virginia today demoralized telegraph and telephone communications to the south. In southwest Virginia sleet on the lines hampered railway service by interfering with communications and large numbers of trees in the wooded section of the state fell. The weather bureau reported snow in North Carolina and the middle Atlantic states and cold wave warnings have been ordered in North Carolina, Kentucky, Georgia and northern Florida.

GRAND JURY ASKED TO PROBE HOTEL FIRE

By the Associated Press.
Richmond, Va., Feb. 15.—Chief of Police Chas. A. Sherry today announced that following a week's investigation into the fire of the Lexington Hotel here that caused loss of 12 lives he had recommended to Judge Richardson's court and Commonwealth Attorney Dave Satterfield that results of his inquiries be sent a grand jury investigation.

INVESTIGATE CHARGES

By the Associated Press.
Jackson, Miss., Feb. 15.—A resolution was introduced in the house today providing for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the charges against Governor Russell in the \$100,000 damage suit filed against the government by Frances Birkhead, a former stenographer.