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Revenue Bill Increases Cost of Marriage, Practicing Law and Running Barber Shops

All Inheritance Taxes Increased Except Those Affecting Widows and Children—Filing Stations No Longer on the Free List. Railroad Franchise Taxes Doubled; Telephone, Telegraph and Pullman Companies to Pay 50 Per Cent More—Power and Gas Companies "Hit" for About 200 Per Cent Increase. Bill Now Before House.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—The fee for getting married as well as income taxes would be materially increased by the passage of the revenue bill introduced in the house of representatives today. Barber's chairs would come in for their share of taxing; filling stations would no longer be on the free list as to state license privileges, and all inheritance taxes except those affecting widows and children would be increased.

Railroad companies taxes to the state, for franchise privileges, would be doubled, telephone companies would be required to pay 50 per cent more, also sleeping car and telegraph companies. Taxes paid by power, water and gas companies would be put on a basis of gross earnings, at a rate of one-tenth of one per cent, which is said to be an increase of about 200 per cent of the present rate of taxation paid by these industries.

To Raise \$12,000,000

The revenue bill in its present form according to Chairman N. A. Townsend, of the house finance committee, who placed it before the house today, would raise an annual revenue of approximately \$12,000,000. If the appropriations bill should be written to parallel the budget commission's report, it would call for \$14,000,000 a year for state departments and institutions. The appropriations bill is expected to be introduced next week. Then the task of making the two fit will confront the legislature and be fought out on the floors of the two houses.

As presented to the house for its consideration, sitting as a committee of the whole, the revenue bill makes no changes in the schedule of inheritance taxes as it affects widows and children.

However, as to collateral heirs—brothers and sisters—there is a 25 per cent increase, and increases ranging from five to 100 per cent as to persons of no blood kin, according to the amount involved.

Lawyers \$25 a Year

In schedule B the increases range from 50 to 500 per cent.

For instance, lawyers would have to pay the state \$25, instead of \$5 as at present. There is a provision, however, relieving them of half this amount when they do not make as much as \$1,000 a year.

The bill provides for a marriage license fee of \$5. The present fee is \$3. Filing stations would be required to pay from \$5 to \$20.

Barbers' chairs would be taxed \$1 a year each.

The rate on individual incomes heretofore ranging from one per cent to three per cent, would, under the terms of the new bill range from 1-1/4 per cent to five per cent.

Corporation Incomes

As affecting corporations, there would be a flat rate of four per cent as compared with three now charged.

Railroad franchise taxes would be increased 100 per cent, while that required of telephone companies, telegraph and sleeping car companies would be increased 50 per cent.

Under the terms of the bill water companies, power companies and gas companies would be taxed in proportion to their receipts, the rate being one-tenth of one per cent. Mr. Townsend expected that this form of taxation would incur, substantially, an increase of 200 per cent of the present rate charged these industries.

A tax of \$2 would be imposed on all commercial judgments where the defendants pay the costs, and \$2 on all original processes in civil cases in courts of record.

A plan is being devised to provide for the taxing of contractors, which would, it is indicated, yield between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

Shortest Name

A student at John Hopkins university in Baltimore, claims to have the shortest name on record. It is "I" pronounced as if spelled "E". Mr. I, who is 24 years old, hails from Hanchow, China.

No Australian Ballot During Next Two Years

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—After listening through a series of earnest arguments in the affirmative, with never a word in the negative, the house committee on election laws this afternoon blackballed the state-wide Australian ballot bill, pet of the women, giving in an unfavorable report on the announcement of the chairman that an undetermined number of the committee had voted that way.

Just how many members voted to report the bill favorable, or how many voted to report it unfavorably could not be determined by bystanders. About an equal number seemed to stand on each call. The announced result was an unfavorable report, however, and the only chance the bill has is for consideration through a minority report. Representative Falls, of Cleveland county, announced following the meeting that the minority report will be filed.

The measure had the strong support of the legislative council of the North Carolina women's organization and the women were present to back it up. Nobody had anything to say against it.

RECOVER ALL OF BODIES IN MINE

Begin Burial of 51 Men Who Perished in Indiana; Believe Blast Accidental

Sullivan, Ind., Feb. 22.—An unceasing search started by mine rescue teams for the bodies of 51 men entombed after an explosion in the City Coal Company's shaft here last Friday ended early today when the last corpse was brought to the surface.

Burial of the dead was started, services for two of the victims being held here and for another at Dugger, Ind. There will be no community funeral. Each family will care for its own dead. In several instances where two members of a family perished a single service will be held.

Sullivan County officials are disposed to accept the theory that the explosion was caused by the sudden precipitation into the mine of a quantity of gas from an earth pocket, the gas being ignited by the spark from a miner's tool or the flare from a worker's lamp.

Henry L. Humrichouser, member of the State Industrial Board, arrived and began expediting the payments to which families of the victims are entitled under the workman's compensation law. The law provides for payments of \$13.20 each week for 300 weeks to each dependent family.

Pitched Ball Destroys Profit for Bootlegger

Gastonia, Feb. 21.—A wild pitched baseball by a local high school candidate for Coach Pat Crawford's varsity resulted in a local bootlegger losing two perfectly good quarts of corn liquor here Friday morning.

The scene was one block below the New York Street school building. Two urchins were catching ball. One of them threw wild to his playmate. The ball bounced off the other's mitt and rolled out into the road, and the boy who missed it promptly darted into the street for it. A Ford came south at this moment and the driver was forced to give his car a swift turn into the curb. One of its doors flew open and two quart fruit jars of corn liquor rolled out. One was destroyed but the other remained intact and unbroken.

The boys who caused all the trouble quickly sprung upon the stuff. Meanwhile, as quick as a Ford will do it the driver left that vicinity. He turned into Edgewood Circle drive and headed for parts unknown. The boy turned the quart of booze over to the high school authorities.

He might get to take it home with him and use it for "flu" medicine. Then again the officers of the law might get hold of it and pour it down the sewer.

Aim Blow At Weed Co-ops

Bill Introduced To Allow Members to Withdraw

NO WEDDING NOTICE

Bill To Require Publication of Intention to Marry is Sidetracked—Kill Bill to Change Dog Tax—Raise Gas Tax

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Introduction in the house of representatives of a measure to amend the charters of cooperative marketing associations so as to allow withdrawal of membership and introduction and passage in the senate of a bill calling on the attorney general to investigate the affairs of the North Carolina Fisheries Products company of Wilmington, were the outstanding features of the busy sessions of the general assembly at the week-end.

Representative J. C. Braswell, of Nash, introduced on request the bill to allow withdrawals from co-operative marketing associations. Considerable interest in the measure is developing and a lively contest on it is expected. Some legislative observers have classed it as a "dark horse issue."

The bill providing for an investigation of the Fisheries Products company was introduced by Senator Everett of Pitt, in the form of a joint resolution.

"There is no telling how much the people of North Carolina have lost in this concern," he declared.

In Pitt county alone, he continued, "the people have subscribed to between \$100,000 and \$200,000 in the company, which," he asserted, "is apparently worthless. Subscribers to the stock have received nothing from it or heard anything from the company since they bought an interest in it," he added. Martin county citizens have subscribed to over \$100,000 of the stock," said Senator Everett.

Senator Alderman, of Vance, furthered the cause of the bill with the statement that his constituents had also suffered heavily from the Fisheries Products company stock and that he was heartily in favor of the bill.

An amendment to include in the bill provisions for investigations by the attorney general of the Bailey Brothers Tobacco company, of Winston-Salem and the Paul Rubber company, of Salisbury, was suggested by Senator Grant, of Davie. Senator Everett, however, objected to anything that would delay action on his measure and proposed that the Davie senator draw up another resolution to serve his purposes. Senator Grant acceded.

Needn't Tell Business

The bill to require applicants for marriage licenses to give 15 days notice to the register of deeds, who would be requested to post such notices in his office, was overwhelmingly sidetracked in the house of representatives when it came up on second reading.

Both branches met early today, then broke up their individual sittings at noon for a joint session to elect members of the boards of trustees of the university of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, returning later to their separate sessions, which lasted well up into the afternoon.

The highways revenue bill, raising the gasoline tax from three cents to

FIVE PRISONERS STILL AT LARGE

One Found Dead From Exposure Near Prison Farm

Raleigh, Feb. 23.—Only five of the 19 convicts who escaped from the North Carolina prison farm at Caledonia, Halifax county, a week ago, were at large today, state prison officials said here tonight. Three of the number were apprehended yesterday, while Grover Clev and Henderson, who escaped at the time, was found dead in the wood near the farm yesterday, apparently having perished from exposure, the announcement said.

Henderson was serving a 10-year sentence from Madison county for train robbery, authorities said. He had served five years of the sentence when he escaped.

Two others, Roby Smith and H. B. Taylor, were captured at Salisbury this morning by the chief of police of that place, while Jimmy Ballance was apprehended yesterday, advices received at state prison said.

All of the men captured during the week-end search were white.

Progressive Party Gives Up The Ghost

Chicago, Feb. 21.—The Conference for Progressive Political Action gave up the ghost here tonight. Its meeting was adjourned without action of any sort on formation of a new party.

This meeting was followed an hour later by another meeting composed of delegates to the old body, but minus representation from the 16 affiliated railroad unions and brotherhoods. The second meeting was summoned to devise plans for launching the new party.

Ku Klux Give \$100 To Evangelist Spinks

Marion, Feb. 18.—At the close of the evangelist meeting held here by Railroad Spinks of Alabama, Sunday, 24 Ku Klux Klansmen, arrayed in their spooky robes of white, marched in to the Baptist church here just before the beginning of the evening service and deposited in the hands of Rev. Mr. Spinks one hundred dollars, together with a note expressing to him their appreciation of his declaring the whole counsel of God during the meeting. The event created quite an excitement in the town, as the organization has only been perfected in Marion in the last few weeks.

four cents a gallon, and providing a new system of management for the road fund went on its passage in the house without discussion or opposition. This completed the major road legislation of the 1925 session, save the red tape procedure of ratification.

The house passed a bill to require fire drills in the public schools at least once a month, a measure to give certain counties authority to establish civil county courts and a bill designed to prevent overlapping of jurisdiction of municipal courts.

After a short debate centering in the question of rewards for officers of the law the senate tabled with a big majority a bill by Senator Carter, of Surry, and an amendment proposed by him, which among other things would have allowed county commissioners to pay \$20 to officers making arrests resulting in conviction of operating an illicit whiskey distillery.

The senate killed a bill to change the state dog tax law.

Dynamite Seals Tomb of Floyd Collins in Sand Cave

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 18.—Sealed in his perpetual tomb, Floyd Collins sleeps tonight in peace. Buried alive, he endured for days the terrifying solitude, praying that, somehow he would escape an impending doom that always was his companion. Unable longer to withstand the tortures of body and spirit, he died, alone, trapped in the jaws of the cave whose wonders he discovered.

Realizing perhaps, that the valiant efforts of scores of persons to rescue him would be in vain, he met death gamely, his jaws set. A few hours, or maybe a day or two, after death had ended his suffering, rescuers broke open his sarcophagus.

Plans were made to bring out the body, but the risk was to great and the caverns he knew and loved so well became his crypt. With simple funeral services yesterday his body

was resigned to the cave that would not release him.

But above the sepulchre of that obscure unfortunate had been unfolded a news serial that enthralled the country for 17 days. The climax was reached Monday with the finding of the body. The epilogue was written today.

The boom of detonating dynamite; the dull thud of huge boulders, loosened from the centuries-old bed on the desolate hillside, as they tumbled in and sealed the new pit, was as the drawing of a coplan to the heroic work of the rescuers.

Blockaders Strike Back At Minister By Firing Church

Young Baptist Preacher Had Led Crusade Against Liquor Makers in Franklin County—Class Point Toward Those Against Whom He Had Waged Fight

Louisburg, Feb. 23.—Blockaders and bootleggers in the Ingleside community seven miles north of here, driven to desperation by the relentless crusade waged against them by a stalwart young Baptist preacher, struck back yesterday by burning down the Corinth Baptist church, of which the Rev. N. F. Britt, is pastor.

The fire has all the hallmarks of incendiarism. No arrests have yet been made, but county officers, the young preacher, and the aroused members of his churchless congregation are working on three very definite clues that are expected to result in indictments. And in the meantime the preacher is continuing his drive against the manufacture of liquor.

Suspicion points definitely to two young men of the community, both officers and the minister declare, but they are not yet willing to identify them more definitely. Both are believed to be among the 31 citizens of the section whose names have been presented to the Franklin county grand jury as a result of the preacher's drive against blockading. Fourteen indictments have already been returned, and four convictions secured. Seventeen other presentments will be acted upon by the grand jury in May.

Ingleside is a prosperous farming community on the old stage road between Warrenton and Louisburg, and has for more than a century been considered one of the best neighborhoods in the county. It has an excellent school and two churches. Many of the homes are splendid old houses dating back before the War Between the Sections. The great bulk of the citizens are law abiding and are in thorough sympathy with the young preacher's aims.

Liquor Traffic Grows

During the past few years the manufacture of liquor has grown to alarming proportions, with the lower element of the community generally engaged in it. Conditions last summer reached such a stage that the church people of the community determined that something must be done about it. Particular stress was laid upon the condition in the revival meetings that are held in most country churches in late summer. The Rev. Mr. Britt was particularly earnest in his endeavors.

Six weeks later the young preacher took stock of the situation. Little improvement had been made, although a number of confessed blockaders had professed religion. Drunkenness still prevailed, and at times he was compelled to eject some of the younger element from his church services for disorderly conduct. He determined to try another plan for ridding the community of liquor. He laid his plans before several of the leading members of his church, and they approved them.

Among the converts at the August meeting were two young fellows, Bennett Faulkner and John Parrish. The latter appeared to be thoroughly familiar with the blockading industry and willingly joined the preacher and Faulkner in their campaign to find the illicit stills, destroy them and present the evidence to the grand jury.

Scour the Woods for Stills

For four months the preacher and the two young converts scoured the woods at night. Many nights they lay in the brush within a few feet of a still and watched the operators at work. They were able to identify the men, and by overhearing their talk, pick up clues to other stills. The preacher kept a note book in which he set down all he heard and saw. Once they were discovered, and shot at by the blockaders.

When the grand jury assembled in January the preacher presented his evidence directly to Solicitor W. F. Evans, and the grand jury returned indictments against 14 men. Those indicted were Harley Dickerson, J. H. Holden, Hubert Holden, Jesse Dickerson, John Clapton, Clifton Dickerson, Sid Driver and William Gupton, white and George Wright, Percy Fogg, Raymond Ingram, Dave Ingram, Chufus Lloyd, negroes.

Fear Convicted and Sentenced

Four of those indicted, Harley Dickerson and Clifton Dickerson, and George Wright and Percy Fogg, were

convicted before Judge Frank A. Daniels and sentenced to the roads. The sentences range from 6 months to 18 months. Continuances were secured in other cases. Other presentments have been made to the grand jury, 17 in number, on which indictments have not yet been returned. The Holdens are members of a prominent family and are brothers-in-law to the preacher.

When the cases were brought to trial John Parrish turned upon the preacher. To use his own words, he "betrayed" him. That is he refused to testify against the accused. It is understood that his name is among the number which have been presented to the grand jury. Bennett Faulkner stood by the preacher and testified against all of the accused when they were brought to trial.

Intense feeling has developed in the community. Liquor has been driven out of it almost completely. Threats began to be relayed to the preacher, against his own safety and against the safety of the church property. He has openly defied the threats and has challenged them to make them good. He is thoroughly convinced that the burning of the church Sunday morning is a direct result of threats made against him.

Rebuild Immediately

The congregation, generally speaking is standing behind its pastor. Some division there has been, it is admitted. The church has 281 members. Sympathizers with the lawless element have either withdrawn or have been dropped from membership. Disaffection among the members is said to be relatively small. A meeting of the loyal members, almost 100 per cent strong, was held in the church yard yesterday while the ashes of the church were still smouldering, and decision reached to rebuild immediately.

Within sight of the ruins of the Corinth church is the Trinity Methodist church. The pastor of this church has taken no active part in the crusade. Most of its membership is said to be in active sympathy with the work of the young Baptist preacher, and giving him their moral support. The overwhelming sentiment of the community seems to approve the crusader, but his active lieutenant is the 20 year old convert of the August meeting, Bennett Faulkner.

A Man Unafraid

Britt is 28 years old, a native of Robeson county, a graduate of Wake Forest College. He weighs 170 pounds and has the look of a man unafraid. He preaches at Corinth twice a month and at Wakefield in Wake county twice a month. He has none of the look of a fanatic, but rather of quiet determination to do what he has set out to do. Mixed with it is something of a young man's natural love of adventure.

Tonight he is somewhere out in the brush with young Faulkner looking for a still. Somebody brought him information today that one had been located. Dressed in a pair of old army trousers and a flannel shirt, he set off about sundown this afternoon to resume his offensive against an evil that the best preaching he could do failed to move. He is trying something else.

Assault of Wife Gets Prison Sentence

Durham, Feb. 21.—Marvin Falls, self-confessed would-be wife-murderer, must serve not less than ten years, nor more than fifteen in the State prison as a result of his attempt to kill his wife early on the morning of February 2. Falls sat with his head on his chest throughout the final hearing today and gave no sign that he had heard the sentence.

Falls struck Margaret Long Falls, his 15-year-old wife, over the head with a length of pipe and then slashed her throat with a razor as she lay in bed at the home of her father, W. H. Long. A string of beads about her neck saved her. The defense at the last moment entered a plea for mercy, introducing testimony to indicate that Falls is subnormal. Falls' attorney told the court he had not been able to arouse his client to any attempt at a defense.