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INCOME TAX LAW VALID

The Supreme Court in Unanimous Decision Sweeps Away Contention.

Washington.—The income tax has been declared constitutional by the supreme court in unanimous decision which swept aside every contention raised against it and, in the opinion of congressional leaders opened the way for increasing the tax rate on great fortunes to help pay for national defense.

Proposals are pending in Congress to tax incomes more than \$1,000,000 as high as 50 per cent. Leaders on all sides agree that outside of the impetus which the decision today will give such proposals is likely to come a definite movement to levy on the revenues from great private fortunes for some of the millions the government must raise to carry out the army and navy increases.

"The supreme court's decision has absolutely unfettered the income tax as a source of revenue," said Representative Hull of Tennessee, author of the law. "All doubt is removed and congress is left much freer to act. I believe congress will take advantage of the opportunity to amend the law materially. Without any unusual or unjust charges it can be made to yield \$185,000,000 to \$195,000,000 a year, as against \$85,000,000 or \$90,000,000 at present."

Representative Hull is preparing amendments to carry the tax to incomes below \$1,800 and make graded increases in the sur-taxes on incomes exceeding \$20,000 a year.

So far, the problem of raising the revenue for national defense, although approached from many angles, has not been carried toward any definite solution, because with the constitutionality of the income tax undecided administration leaders were reluctant to place too much dependency on it.

In its decision the supreme court construed for the first time the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution under which the tax is levied and gave it the broadest interpretation possible, rejecting suggestions to confine its scope to narrow limits.

The decision was announced by Chief Justice White and was rendered in the appeal of Frank R. Brushaber from the action of the New York Federal court.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR.

Several Are Missing, Others Are Injured at Buffalo.

Buffalo.—Four persons are known to have been killed, several are missing and four were injured in an explosion that wrecked the plant of the Kelker Blower Company, manufacturers of planing-mill exhausts and ventilators.

Charles Kelker, head of the firm, said that from 22 to 25 employees were in the plant and that 21 of them had been accounted for. Mrs. Helen Kelker, his wife, had both legs blown off and probably will die.

The building occupied by the firm was a long two-story frame structure. The explosion demolished all the walls letting the roof down on the ruins which caught fire. Pieces of the foundation were thrown hundreds of feet and the concussion smashed nearly every window glass within the radius of a block.

"Pure Advertising" For Virginia.

Richmond, Va.—The lower branch of the Virginia General Assembly passed the "pure advertising" bill which makes it a misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation to publish a deceptive or misleading advertisement and provides for this offense a fine of from \$25 to \$250, or confinement in jail of from 10 to 60 days or both.

Asks Americans to Behave.

El Paso, Tex.—Gen. Gabriel Gavra, commandant of the Carranza garrison at Juarez, presented to the military authorities here a request that a United States soldier named Harrison be punished for having fired on and wounded a Mexican civilian. At the same time representations to Z. L. Cobb, United States customs collector here, were made that American cattle thieves were stealing cattle from Mexicans south of the border. A demand was made that they be apprehended and punished.

Court Matters.

Court convened Monday afternoon with Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton presiding. Several cases scheduled for trial for the first of the week were compromised and others continued and having run out of work by noon Tuesday court adjourned until Thursday morning. The following cases were disposed of:

W. G. Lavender vs W. F. Owens et al, judgment for defendant.

Wm. F. Scott vs T. T. Adams Co., compromised.

W. M. Hess vs C. C. & O. Railway, plaintiff takes nonsuit.

Roscoe Shuford, Admr., vs T. T. Adams Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$500.00.

Sallie Dobson vs Southern Railway Co., judgment for plaintiff for \$125.00 and cost.

Swann vs Gardin, judgment declaring the defendants the owners of the M. B. Gardin farm.

The following cases were continued: McKinney vs Hoppis, Hemp-hill vs T. T. Adams Co., Troutman, and A. Blanton Grocery Co. vs Alfred Pfaender.

Farm Notes.

By using lime generously North Cove could lead in growing clover, wheat and potatoes. Yet while other sections used lime the past season with success she used none. Look to your colors. Someone has asked if all are Democrats up there as they seem to be "watching and waiting" for the lime plant to start. The latest information is that they will deliver the goods about July 1. Other sections will have to hustle now to beat North Cove on clover as practically every farmer will sow some this spring.

A large number were present at a recent meeting of the Glenwood Farmers' Union but were disappointed that the speakers of the day, County Organizer Thomason and A. Morgan, failed to be present. This local is doubtless the largest in the county and could easily do some good work in community development. Here is much good land, naturally fertile and well suited to clover. The progressive members appreciating this fact will sow clover this spring.

In the moonlight schools conducted in Rutherford county, 287 members were enrolled. Henrietta led with 100. At Cliffside there were 76 and at Rutherfordton 45 were enrolled. Rutherford county stands among the banner counties of the state in moonlight school work.

"The Bohemian Girl."

When "The Bohemian Girl," all star revival, comes to the Auditorium, Asheville, on Friday, February 4, we will have an opportunity of hearing the world's favorite comic opera with the greatest aggregation of stars ever heard before in one company in this county. Of "The Bohemian Girl" little need be said, its praises have been sung in every civilized country on earth and its famous numbers, such as "Then You'll Remember Me," "I Dreamt That I Dwelt in Marble Halls," "The Heart Bowed Down" and "Bliss Forever Past," as well as its beautiful chorus numbers are known wherever music exists. In spite of the fact that for years good, bad and indifferent companies have hacked away at this beautiful opera, its popularity has increased year after year, and it stands today acknowledged the world's greatest comic opera. ad

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson Fork, Jan. 24.—D. C. Brown and son, Vanulas, of Glenwood spent several days here last week.

I. H. Gibbs and Pat Gibson attended the Fiddlers' convention at Morganton the latter part of last week.

Thomas Cuthbertson made a business trip to Morganton one day last week.

Mrs. Ella Simmons spent one day last week in Marion.

Mrs. Sam Tate, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving.

Clayton Jaynes visited his grandparents at Sevier the latter part of last week.

Dallas Rowe, who has been engaged in work in Virginia, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cuthbertson spent Saturday and Sunday in Morganton.

TOM'S CREEK

Tom's Creek, Jan. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Bulo Gortney of Yancey county has moved to the N. A. Riddle place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hall of Sunday is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. A. Riddle.

James Lackey of Florida visited home-folks here last week.

N. A. Riddle has returned home from an extended visit in Yancey county.

Charlie Ward has moved to the Charles Corpening farm on the Catawba river.

Miss Mattie Lou Hensley spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Lena Hall.

Miss Alma Godfrey spent the week-end with Miss Zelda Hensley.

The roads are very bad on Toms creek now-a-days.

Come on, Red Top; don't stop because Toms Creek has come in.

FAIRVIEW

Fairview, Jan. 22.—School is progressing nicely here. The Literary Society met Friday and elected the following officers: Callie Anderson, president; George Dobson, vice-president; Emma Toney, secretary; Jessie Dobson, treasurer. A very interesting programme was rendered. The subject for debate next Friday is "Resolved, that the horse is more beneficial than the cow."

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Mode and little son, Floyd, of Glenwood, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dobson.

Miss Rosa Houk spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Marion.

Frank Randolph was in Marion last Friday.

D. W. Dobson and George Dobson spent Saturday in Glenwood.

Fred Houk was a visitor here Sunday.

Wooder Randolph spent Friday in Nebo.

The farmers are plowing some these days.

ASHFORD

Ashford, Jan. 25.—Rev. E. Simpson preached a very interesting sermon Sunday, Jan. 23. After the sermon the gentlemen held a church conference while the ladies organized a Ladies Aid Society. About eighteen members were enrolled with Mrs. J. C. Connelly, president; Mrs. J. S. Brown, vice-president; Miss Ethel Wilson, secretary, and Mrs. M. Connelly, treasurer. The first meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Connelly, Feb. 26th at three o'clock, p. m. Let all the members attend and bring someone with them.

Miss Ethel Wilson of Old Fort spent the week end with homefolks.

Miss Estelle Wilson is sick with la-grippe at her home at Nebo. Mrs. W. J. Brown is teaching this week in her place. We wish for Miss Wilson a speedy recovery.

E. E. English made a business trip to Marion, Monday.

M. C. Caldwell is in Asheville this week on business.

Mrs. Ellen Dockery of near Greensboro, with her two little daughters, is visiting at the home of her brother, J. C. Connelly.

Louise Brown of Woodlawn spent the week-end with homefolks.

Harry Caldwell spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Caldwell.

Mrs. H. S. Brown is with her daugh-

ter, Beatrice, at Burnsville, where she is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. J. S. Brown was shopping in Marion, Monday.

Miss Jeanette Hensley was called to Lincolnton Monday where she will nurse a sick lady.

Quite a number of the people of Ashford are attending court in Marion this week.

There will be services at Concord church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. E. Simpson.

Planting Clover.

W. R. Bailey, Farm Demonstrator.

It is often said that a certain field is too poor to grow clover, and yet almost everyone who has observed closely has seen fine, thrifty stalks growing on poor, washed off galls. From a careful study it would seem that if the baby plant can get well started it will make good almost anywhere, that if we can supply proper conditions for the tiny clover success is assured. And what does the tender legume need to make it grow into a vigorous nitrogen gatherer? Inoculation, lime, phosphorus and moisture are often lacking. Of course a broadcast application of 1 to 4 tons per acre of ground limestone is best but if this has not been done the following plan makes good:

Get clover dirt, dry it in the shade and sift or screen out rocks, clods and trash. Mix this with the clover seed and basic slag, if it can be had, and drill all thru fertilizer hopper. Of course it must be on firm ground or seed will be too deep. This puts seed in a small furrow where they will stand more drought and cold than when sowed broadcast. The clover dirt is put down away from the sun and in close contact with the seed, making inoculation certain. Do not use less than one bushel per acre, more will be better. Acid phosphate should not be mixed with the clover soil as it will kill the germs. On the other hand, basic slag, which contains lime and phosphorus, can be mixed directly with the clover dirt and will prove a great help to both germs and clover seedling. As slag comes mostly from Germany there is little to be had and it will cost over \$20, except from W. B. Gibson, Statesville, N. C., who has a few tons at \$18. Bone meal contains lime, phosphorus and ammonia and can be used instead. Next choice would be a mixture of land plaster and ground limestone or either of the above.

Last fall G. C. Conley planted clover by this plan and it is a perfect success, the clover had never been grown on the land before and the field was so poor the wheat crop last summer was not worth harvesting. No lime or fertilizer was used. T. W. Wilson planted by the same plan October 22 and his is doing well in spite of the very late sowing and severe winter.

Red clover can be sowed successfully this way on wheat if the discs are set lightly. If land has been well limed, inoculated and fertilized seed can be put in almost any way with fair success, but lacking these it will be well to drill as above. Seed is high and we cannot afford to risk losing it.

The Taylorsville Scout hears that Prof. A. T. Allen, a native of Alexander county and superintendent of the Salisbury graded schools, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The big power dam at Granite Falls is almost complete.

Asheville city commissioners have appointed a smoke inspector.

Fifty moonlight schools are in progress in Pasquotank county.

A new furniture factory at High Point will manufacture dining room and library tables.

The home of Judge Frank A. Daniels, at Goldsboro, was damaged about \$5,000 by fire of unknown origin a few days ago. The loss was covered by insurance.

Old Gold and Black is the name of a weekly paper that Wake Forest now claims. The paper is printed every Saturday by the Star Printing Company of Wake Forest.

While in the act of dressing for breakfast, Miss Napler, a winter tourist at Hendersonville, from New York found her clothing on fire and came near being burned to death.

Material is being placed on the ground at Forest City for the erection of the creamery, which has already begun and the building is expected to be completed by the first of April.

Experiments to determine the value of the soy bean as a hog fattener have just been completed at the Edgemont test farm, and according to the statistics compiled results are favorable.

The High Point city council voted to reduce the price of electricity to consumers in that city from eight to six cents the kilowatt, which is said to be the cheapest electricity in the state.

With Dr. T. J. Henderson of Chattanooga, Tenn., presiding, the stock holders of the Southern Baptist Assembly met at Ridgecrest and adopted practical plans for the enlargement of the assembly grounds.

The sale of Red Cross seals in Wilmington nearly reached the 100,000 mark, according to announcement made at the meeting of the Red Cross Society of that city. The exact figures were 95,440 or 3,000 more than last year's total.

A movement is on foot to establish a canning factory in Elizabeth City. Messrs. Foreman and Derrickson of the Foreman-Derrickson Veneer Company are behind the movement which means that if definitely undertaken the plan will be put through.

Mrs. Minnie Reese, who lives near Canton, has received a cablegram from officials in France, stating that her son, Baxter Franklin, twenty years of age, has been killed in the trenches while fighting with the Canadian contingent of the Allied troops.

The noted hunting preserves of 6,000 acres of territory in Dare county has been purchased from the widow of the late Senator Reburn, of Pennsylvania, by a party of North Carolina sportsmen. The property is valued \$25,000 and the trail of the deer, bear and other wild animals make it particularly desirable grounds to sport lovers.

Garland Hoover Wins Scholarship in Ninth District.

Garland Hoover, of Caldwell County, won the scholarship in the Ninth District offered by Congressman Doughton. Garland made a yield of 125.8 bushels on his acre at a cost per bushel of 22.6 cents. The acre yielded him a net profit of \$97.37.

The scholarship which was offered to the boy making the best record in the district is worth \$50.00 and is given on condition that the boy is ready to enter the Agricultural and Mechanical College the following fall.