

MELLON STATES NEW  
TAX MEASURE WILL  
NO RUIN COUNTRY

While the Reduction Was More Than He Thought Wise, He Does Not Expect Any Deficit.

GIVES WARNING  
ABOUT FINANCES

Says the Budget Figures Must Be Followed Carefully Unless a Debt is Soon Piled Up.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Although the new tax bill somewhat exceeds the reduction in revenue which the Treasury believes safe, Secretary Mellon said today it was generally satisfactory to the administration. As the bill now stands, the Secretary said, the government should have little serious difficulty in meeting its financial needs. He explained, however, that any appropriations by Congress not now contemplated would create a deficit for the Treasury.

The Treasury believes that the retroactive features of the estate tax will not cause embarrassment to the Treasury.

The 1927 fiscal year surplus will be small if there is any in the opinion of the Treasury head, but he suggested that the revenue reduction will have little effect on the current fiscal year. Such surplus as is available for the current year is being applied to reduction of the public debt and that policy will continue to the end of the fiscal year, June 30th.

Under Secretary Winston predicted that the law would be productive of some increase in revenue. It has been proved, he said, that the lowering of the tax levies was conducive to business extension and the opening up of new sources of taxation.

The under secretary said present indications were for revenues somewhat in excess of expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, the first full fiscal year after the bill becomes effective. He, however, added that these calculations were predicted on the assumption of the government's expenditure for the fiscal year will be within the limits of the bill.

## AT CHARLOTTE ROTARY

Rosens Staging of Stunt in Which He Was "Elected" Mayor of Charlotte, Feb. 24.—"Sure I'm a friend of the people which the Rotary Club is not," Tom P. Jimsion, former Methodist minister and labor leader, and recent addition to the legal profession here, said Wednesday in an attack on the Rotary Club for staging a stunt at its weekly luncheon Tuesday in which he was "elected" the new mayor of Charlotte.

Said Mr. Jimsion: "They said I am a friend of a people. I sincerely hope I am, but I cannot say that much for the Rotary Club. I believe in an act serve the interests of the people by remaining away from the city hall."

"I notice that the two things urged in my favor are that I was defeated for the position of mayor of Winston-Salem and that I have the backing and friendship of former Governor Cameron Morrison. I think the former is a good recommendation and I want to say that I would rather be a street sweeper in the city of Charlotte than to be mayor of the village of Winston-Salem."

"I might ask the magnanimous Rotarians, who tried to have fun at my expense, that my name be given no further consideration by them, and that some one be elected to whom the salary would be an attraction."

## Anti-Evolution Bill Finally Is Passed By Mississippi's Senate.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 24.—The anti-evolution bill passed the Mississippi Senate today by a vote of 29 to 16.

The vote came after three hours' of excited debate, the bill passing without amendment in the same form it passed the House, 76 to 32, making it illegal to teach any theory "that man descended or descended from a lower order of animal." A motion to indefinitely postpone consideration was lost, 26 to 18.

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## Deadlock Reported Settled.

Peking, Feb. 25.—(AP)—It is unofficially stated that the deadlock growing out of the closing of the ports of Canton and Whampoa by the Commissioner of Customs at Canton has been settled.

## Penny Ad. In Tribune Showed Dog His Error

"Remember that penny ad. I put in The Tribune the other day about my lost dog?" asked a Concord man this morning.

"Well, the dog must have seen the ad. for he came walking in yesterday morning. Seems to understand after seeing the ad. that we care something for him."

"These ads. sure get results."

## Los Angeles' Prettiest Divorcee



Mrs. Irene Hatcher is the prettiest divorcee in Los Angeles—at least that's what Judge P. E. Keeler called her when he gave her a decree. He said he "couldn't understand why her husband would desert such a sweet pretty wife."

GREECE APPEALS TO  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Wants League to Settle Dispute Over Fixation of the Greco-Turkish Frontier.

General, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Greece has appealed to the league of nations against Turkey for settlement of the dispute over fixation of the Greco-Turkish frontier.

Greece's appeal is made under the second paragraph of article 2 of the league covenant, which declared it to be "the friendly friendly right of each member of the league to bring to the attention of the assembly or of the council, any circumstances whatever affecting the international relations which threaten to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

Massachusetts Company Pleads Infringement.

Greensboro, Feb. 24.—Bloss Fayman and company, of Boston, Mass., today filed in the office here of clerk of United States court, western district of North Carolina a bill in equity asking that the Allen Cotton Mills, of Bisco, be restrained from using the trade mark "krinkle-lette" on good manufactured, claiming that it is an infringement on the trade mark "ripelette" used by the plaintiff company for its bedspreads, cotton piece goods, etc., manufactured by it. It is further asked that the defendant be ordered to pay to the Boston concern what profits it has made off of sale of "krinklelette" goods. The matter will be decided by Judge of the court, E. Yates Webb of Shelby.

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 18 1-2 to 18 3-4 cents per pound.

## New Tax Measure Is Sent to White House For President's Signature

Washington, Feb. 24.—Congress today ordered the \$387,000,000 tax reduction bill sent to President Coolidge, completing work on its first and probably most important piece of legislation of the season.

The President is expected to make the bill effective with his signature at an early date, although allowed 10 days in which to study it.

Final congressional approval of the measure came late today with the acceptance by the senate, 61 to 10, of the compromise reached in conference with the house. By a similarly overwhelming vote, the house ratified the compromise yesterday.

Carrying provisions for relief of virtually every federal taxpayer, its effects will begin to be felt when first income tax installments fall due March 15. More than 2,300,000 who paid income taxes last year will be relieved of all taxes under the measure.

Those voting against the bill were: Republicans—Fraser and Nye, of North Dakota; Howell, of Nebraska; LaFollette, of Wisconsin, and Norbeck, of South Dakota—5.

Democrats—Blease, South Carolina; Trammell, Florida, and Walsh, Montana—4.

Farmer labor—Shipstead, Minnesota—1.

Total—10.

President to Sign.

150 PERSONS HELD  
CAPTIVES BY BLAZE  
ESCAPE WITH LIVES

Men, Women and Children Were Trapped in Post Office Building in Australian Town by Fires.

FIRE FIGHTERS  
MAY BE DOOMED

They Have Been Cut Off by Fires Which Have Been Raging in Queens-town District.

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Bush fires which recently have done immense damage in Australia have broken out again in the Queensstown district, King Lake township, has been destroyed except for the post office. In this building 150 inhabitants took refuge and at last reports it was surrounded by flames. The fate of the inmates is not known.

A party of fire fighters who left Queensstown for King Lake apparently had been cut off by the flames. A large party of Melbourne police went to Queensstown to try to get through to King Lake but were unable to reach that place.

## Finally Escaped.

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 25.—(AP)—One hundred and fifty men, women and children who took refuge in the postoffice building at King Lake, while the remainder of the town was swept by a great bush fire, have been rescued after being surrounded by the flames for six hours.

TWO APPLICANTS DENIED  
LICENSE AS BARRISTERS

Farmer and Duke Cannot Practice Law in North Carolina.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Rex L. Farmer, of Wilson, and Otis W. Duke, of Greensboro, both justices of the peace, were declared by the supreme court today to be "lacking in the necessary upright character" to entitle them to licenses to practice law. They were among the class of applicants who passed the bar examination last month.

The court handed down a paper by Chief Justice Stacy denying the licenses as the result of evidence adduced at a hearing February 11th, when formal protests against the two men were accompanied by damaging allegations of improper conduct as individuals and while acting in official capacities.

"No one should seek to enter the legal profession who does not understand its high vision or who does not feel its essential nobility," the chief justice declared. "It is neither a place of refuge nor a reformatory for those who have stumbled in other fields."

Evidence of stumbling by Farmer and Duke was offered in abundance by the allegations put before the court.

Against Farmer it was charged that as a justice of the peace he had failed to make due returns and account for moneys and things entrusted to him, and in some instances had converted them to his own use; had collected on bad checks and had failed to turn the money over to the party making claim, and that he had failed to account for money collected for a membership fee in the Ku Klux Klan.

Another charge was to the effect that during the course of a hearing in his magistrate's court, when a lawyer's claim of cotton were expected here for tender next month were factors on the decline, which soon extended to 1971 for March and 1792 for October, or about 7 to 12 points below yesterday's closing quotations. Trade interests were buyers at the lower prices, however, and the market was a shade up from the lowest at the end of the first hour, although the tone was rather unsettled.

Rains reported in the South were thought likely to delay farm work for two or three days but were not considered harmful.

Cotton futures opened barely steady, March 19.80; May 19.20; July 18.60; Oct. 17.95; Dec. 17.59.

## With Our Advertisers.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday will be four big days at the Parks-Bell Company's. These are the days of the Big White Sale. See ad. today on page two.

On March 5th and 6th, E. B. Smith, of Stanfield, will sell to the highest bidder for cash his stock of general merchandise, each item to be sold separately. Sale will start at 10 o'clock. He will also sell a lot of farming implements, two trucks, his real estate, etc. See ad. in this paper.

See new ad. today of the Bob's Dry Cleaning Company.

The Kidd-Frix Co. are the representatives here of C. G. Conn, manufacturer of band instruments. You can get these instruments with no payment down. See ad.

Estate left without a will are settled by arbitrary state laws, a tedious procedure, often resulting in an unfair distribution among heirs. See ad. of Citizens Banks and Trust Co.

Ponzi Surrenders.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Charles Ponzi, sought on a federal warrant charging use of the mails to defraud, surrendered to the United States marshal here today. He made bond of \$1,000, fixed when the warrant was issued yesterday, and left the federal building.

Protest Ruling Affecting "Snap Cotton."

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Houston, Texas, cotton exchange has protested against a recent ruling of the Department of Agriculture requiring appeals in cases involving what is known as "snap cotton" to be judged by an appeal committee in Washington.

Snap cotton is cotton that is not picked by hand. The reason for the Department's order was given as the necessity for greater uniformity in grading, grading of snap cotton being considered more difficult. It was said today that the ruling would not be rescinded.

Ten Pages Today Two Sections

## 100 Candles



When Edward Harney reached his 100th birthday the whole town of Henry, Ill., where he lives, turned out to help him celebrate. He was presented among other things, with a cake bearing 100 candles. He is believed to be the oldest person in Illinois.

BIG CROWD PRESENT  
FOR TRIAL OF RAY

Great Interest in the Case at Marshall Where the Farmer Is Being Tried For His Life.

Asheville, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The Superior Court room of Madison county at Marshall was jammed this morning when selection of a jury to try Wallace Ray, 48 years old, for the murder of Dr. O. V. Burnett in a pistol duel last November was started, according to information received here.

A special venire of 150 men appeared and it was predicted that it would be difficult to obtain a jury. Judge P. A. McElroy, of Marshall, is presiding at the trial. Solicitor J. Ed Swain, of Asheville, who will prosecute the case, has declared that he will press the charge of first degree murder and will seek infliction of the death penalty.

## THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Barely Steady at Decline of 1 to 14 Points Under Continued Selling.

New York, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The cotton market opened barely steady today at a decline of 1 to 14 points under continued selling which developed late yesterday, in sympathy with lower Liverpool cables.

Reiterated reports of an easier spot basis in the South, and rumors that shipments of cotton were expected here for tender next month were factors on the decline, which soon extended to 1971 for March and 1792 for October, or about 7 to 12 points below yesterday's closing quotations. Trade interests were buyers at the lower prices, however, and the market was a shade up from the lowest at the end of the first hour, although the tone was rather unsettled.

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## Storm Warnings Displayed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Advisory 9:30 a. m. storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic Coast, Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me., and small craft warnings south of Hatteras to Jacksonville, Fla. Severe storm central moving rapidly northeastward.

Southern to Buy 113 Locomotives.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Southern Railway is in the market for 113 locomotives, the largest locomotive inquiry in many months. The company also is taking bids on 2,250 freight cars.

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3rd Prize—Season Pass.

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Property Damaged By  
Tornado In SouthwestA Report From  
Tenn., Says  
groes Are Known to  
Have Been Killed.FARM BUILDINGS  
BLOWN TO GROUNDStorm Struck in Arkansas  
and Moved on to Mississippi and Tennessee Towns.

Greenwood, Miss., Feb. 25.—(AP)—One negro child was killed and sixteen negroes were injured, one severely, in a tornado which wrecked several buildings on the S. C. Hill plantation near Sison, eight miles south of Greenwood, late last night.

The storm, sweeping in from the southwest, wrecked a plantation residence, the store building and a number of tenant houses. Six white children were caught in the wreckage of the dwelling but only one was injured.

Several tenant houses on the Holly Grove plantation near Sison, also were damaged.

## Three Known Dead.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Three negroes killed and a score of persons injured was the known toll today of a tornado which swept across Mississippi River from southeast Arkansas late last night after demolishing several buildings in the vicinity of Lake Village, wrecked about twenty-five buildings in a residential suburb at Greenville, Miss., and played havoc with barns and tenant houses on several plantations in northern Mississippi.

WOULD LIMIT TRADING  
IN GRAIN FUTURES

1,000,000 Bushels Daily Would Be Limit in Amendment in Futures Trading Act.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Trading in grain futures would be limited to 1,000,000 bushels daily for a single operator, under an amendment to the futures trading act, introduced today by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas.

The amendment, Senator Capper declared, would make it more difficult for "grain gamblers to raid the market."

"Unrestricted trading as now permitted makes it possible for the speculators to manipulate the market at will, and bring about excessive price fluctuations," he continued. "These violent fluctuations caused by manipulations of speculators constitute an economic crime which works great injury to the legitimate grain trade as well as to the producers."

PROPOSED NEW FEDERAL  
DEPARTMENT OPPOSED

Dr. J. Gresham Machen, of Princeton, Against Department of Education.

Washington, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Creation of a national department of education was opposed before the joint Senate and House committee on education today by Dr. J. Gresham Machen, of the Princeton Theological Seminary.

The joint committee conducting hearings on the Crutis bill for establishment of such a department was told by Dr. Machen that it would tend to make education uniform under a strong central control, contrary to the spirit of the American government.

Uncle Sam Swears Out Warrant For Charles Ponzi.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 24.—A federal warrant for the arrest of Charles Ponzi, "financial wizard," on charges alleging illegal use of the mails to defraud, was issued here today at the request of postoffice inspectors.

The warrant was issued in connection with Ponzi's real estate dealings, by which he sought to sell lots for ten dollars each with the purpose, he declared, of paying back creditors who lost in his international reply coupon activities in Boston.

France and Russia Negotiating.

Paris, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Negotiations between Soviet Russia and France with regard to commercial relations, credits and the settlement of debts, were opened today in the foreign office under the chairmanship of Premier Briand, M. Rakovsky, the Soviet ambassador, represented his country.

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GOVERNOR FIELDS  
ASKS EXECUTIVES  
FOR CONFERENCE

Wants to Discuss With Governors Allocation and Exchange of Prison Commodities.

GOV. McLEAN IS  
GOVERNOR NAMED

Governors of Arkansas, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia Named.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 25.—(AP)—Governor Fields today invited seven governors to attend a conference on allocation of prison industries to be held here April 7th and 8th.

Governors invited are Tom J. Terrill, of Arkansas; Ed Jackson, of Indiana; A. W. McLean, of North Carolina; Sam A. Baker, of Missouri; Austin Peay, of Tennessee; Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, and Howard M. Gore, of West Virginia.

John F. Smith, president of Berea College, has been prominent in proposing the regional conference on prison labor. In extending the invitation Governor Fields wrote each governor:

"You will recall that the proposal for co-operation in the allocation and exchange of prison commodities so as to overcome as far as possible the opposition of manufacturing and labor groups has been before the conference of governors for the past three years. 'The proposal received general approval and was referred to zone conferences, five of which already have been held. I enclose the report of the inter-mountain conference on the allocation of prison industries."

"Will you not come to Frankfort on the date above mentioned and if possible bring a delegation of those from your state who are conversant with penal industrial problems?"

"If you find it impossible to come yourself, I trust you will have your representatives present at this important conference."

WOMAN ADMITS SHE  
WAS NOT ASSAULTED

Mrs. Wright, However, Says Martin and Knotts Abused and Robbed Her—Capital Charge Dropped.

Charlotte, Feb. 24.—The shadow of the electric chair was lifted this afternoon from Oscar Martin and Jim Knotts, young white men who have been in jail here for the past several weeks charged with criminal assaulting and robbing Mrs. Mary J. Wright, 64-year-old Newell woman.

Mrs. Wright this afternoon admitted that she was not criminally assaulted by the young men and said that she would testify at the trial scheduled to start in Superior court here Friday. However, she maintained that she was abused and robbed by the two men.

As a result of Mrs. Wright's admission Solicitor John G. Carpenter announced that he would not call the two men to trial on a capital charge. However, he announced that he would press the lesser charges against them.

Mrs. Wright said she had had doubts from the time of the attack that she was criminally assaulted and said she would testify to that effect for "I do not want them to be electrocuted."

## Dollar Sales at Efford's

Friday, Saturday and Monday will be three big Dollar Sales Days at Efford's, during which Dollar Days prices will be given on every garment in the ready-to-wear department.

This will be good news for every one living in this section. They have made great preparations and plan to give you the biggest and best bargains ever. In two pages of ads. today they give you a part of the plan. It has bargains they will have to offer you these three days. They will have a Bargain Table for \$1.00, on which you will find values up to \$8.00. It is expected that these Dollar Days offerings will eclipse anything in the previous achievements in the merchandise history of this store.

## Charges Government Employees Like to Load.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Representative Martin L. Davey, of Ohio, has stirred quite a commotion here by charging that many government employees loaf and waste money for Uncle Sam. He would reorganize the entire business end of the government. The Civilian club of Canton, N. C., is among the first organization to approve a party Davey plan. It has adopted a resolution urging North Carolina members to support the Davey bill.

## SAT'S BEAR SAYS:

Generally fair and colder tonight and Friday, steady, southwest and west winds, diminishing tonight.