

ADDITIONAL TIME GIVEN FOR FILING OF INCOME TAXES

Due to Fact That New Law Has Just Become Effective Time Extension Is Granted.

LITTLE INCOMES MUST BE PAID

Persons With Incomes of Less Than \$5,000 Not Granted Any Extension Under New Ruling.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Treasury today granted a number of extensions of time as to when final returns must be made for this year's payment to the government.

Extensions were decided upon because the nearness of March 15 when the returns ordinarily would be due, and to the fact that the new tax law was approved today.

Under the new regulations, citizens and residents of the United States whose net incomes exceed \$5,000 and domestic corporations will be given until May 15, or two months' extension in which to file tax returns.

However, they must make tentative returns on or before March 15 together with one-fourth of the estimated amount of tax.

If the estimated tax is less than shown to be due on the completed return, the difference will bear interest at 6 per cent, a year until paid back.

The American citizens residing or traveling abroad, including those in the military and naval service, and all other persons outside the United States, were given until June 15, or three months' extension, to file their returns.

This order applies to taxpayers in Alaska, Hawaii and other United States possessions and tentative returns will not be required of them. However, the returns must be accompanied by an affidavit explaining the cause of delay, and interest will be charged at the rate of 6 per cent, a year from the date of tax until paid.

The Treasury said it was not considered necessary to grant an extension to non-residents, alien individuals and foreign corporations having no office or place of business in the United States, since such returns are due on the calendar year basis, and not until the 15th day of the sixth month following the closing of the taxable year if filed on a fiscal year basis. All other returns under the order must be filed on their respective due dates unless a specific request for an extension is made to the local collector of Internal Revenue.

BOSWELL IS SENTENCED TO PRISON 20 YEARS Convicted of Second Degree Murder For the Death of Clayton E. Beason.

Wilson, N. C., Feb. 26.—(AP)—A sentence of not less than twenty, nor more than twenty-five years of hard labor in the state's prison, was pronounced on Ernest Boswell, white man, in a special criminal term of Wilson county court here today, by Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount.

Boswell was convicted of second degree murder last Saturday. Boswell was convicted in connection with the death of Clayton E. Beason, slot machine operator.

The sentence given Boswell today was similar to that imposed upon Arthur Lamm for his part in the killing. Lamm was convicted and sentenced to from 20 to 25 years last September, Judge E. H. Cramer of Southport having imposed the sentence on Lamm.

Beason was found dead on the road with two bullets through the head and the arrest and conviction of Lamm first, and last week of Boswell, followed.

President Signs New Tax Reduction Bill, Thus Making It Law

Several Persons Who Were Prominent in Drafting the Bill Saw the President Sign It.

SEN. SIMMONS THUS HONORED

Bill Provides Reduction of 387,000,000 in Amount of Taxes To Be Paid During This Year.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The new tax reduction bill became a law today when President Coolidge gave it his formal approval. The measure was signed at 10:22 o'clock in the executive offices. It provides for a reduction of \$387,000,000 in the amount of taxes to be paid by the American people this year, as signed by the Chief Executive in his offices as a battery of still and motion picture camera men recorded the scene.

Invited to witness the ceremony were several who were prominent in the drafting of the legislation. They included Secretary Mellon, Director Lord of the budget, Representative Tilson of Connecticut, floor leader of the House; Chairman Green of the House Ways and Means committee; Chairman Smoot of the Senate Finance Committee; and Senator Simmons, ranking democrat on the finance committee.

The bill received final Congressional sanction Wednesday and was transmitted yesterday to the White House, from where it was sent to the Treasury for review before it was signed by the President.

In signing the bill, President Coolidge made no comment, verbal or written as to its provisions or probable effect. The signing was to have taken place at 10 o'clock, but was delayed by the late arrival of Senator Simmons.

The President's office was transformed into a studio, with two Kleig lights adding to the illumination. As Mr. Coolidge took up a pen he said to his invited guests: "Come up close behind my chair, short gentlemen in front, tall gentlemen behind."

For ten minutes photographers took shots of the President and the group behind him from various angles, finally swarming up to his desk for close-ups. The clicking and grinding of cameras continued until the President finally said: "That's Enough." Then the office was cleared and the President went to an adjoining room for the semi-weekly meeting with his cabinet.

START DRIVE AGAINST GANGSTERS AND GUNMEN Immigration Officials Will Try to Round Up Aliens Who Give Trouble.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Immigration officials in Chicago have been directed by the Labor Department to cooperate with municipal authorities there in making effective as far as possible the drive against alien gunmen and gangsters.

Assistant Robt. Carl White said today a special force of immigration inspectors had been ordered to Chicago to augment the regular staff there, and warrants for deportation of alien undesirable were issued as requests were received.

A number of warrants already have been forwarded to the special force operating in Chicago under charge of Supervisor J. J. Hurley. Instructions given Mr. Hurley and his assistants require that they examine the record of all gangsters arrested by the city police, and wherever legal justification is found, that they automatically initiate deportation steps.

RUBBER DROPS 4 CENTS PER POUND ON EXCHANGE Break Attributed in Large Measure to Hoover's Campaign For Economy.

New York, Feb. 25.—Rubber prices broke four cents a pound on the rubber exchange of New York today as a result of trading totaling 988,000 pounds, the highest figure since the exchange opened February 15. The market reached new low prices. May futures selling at 48.9 cents and June contracts at 47.9. Toward the close prices strengthened slightly, May closing at 49.5 and the June at 48.5.

Members of the exchange and manufacturers attributed the break to a considerable measure to Secretary Hoover's campaign for economy, which has centered the attention of the ultimate consumer upon high prices, particularly of automobile tires.

20 Millionaires Save \$11,000,000 By Slash of Surtax in New Bill

Washington, Feb. 26.—While the new tax bill will exempt about 2,000,000 found taxpayers from the Federal impost, the benefit will not be to the "little fellows" alone. Great savings will accrue to the possessors of large fortunes through reduction of Auk Taxes, the maximum reduction being from 40 per cent to 20 per cent, an income of \$100,000 or more.

Basil Manly of the People's Legislative Bureau said today that twenty millionaires would save \$11,058,571 this year if their incomes were the same as in 1925. Manly gave the following names, incomes on which taxes were paid last year and savings under the new law:

Table with columns: Name, Tax Paid, Amt. Saved. Includes J. D. Rockefeller Jr., Henry Ford, Edsel Ford, Andrew W. Mellon, etc.

MEMORIAL PLANNED FOR FANNY CROSBY

Federal Council of Churches to Honor Blind Hymn Writer Next Month. Chicago, Feb. 26.—Plans for a celebration and offering in memory of Fanny Crosby, blind hymn writer, have been prepared by Dr. S. Parker Cadman, President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, in observance of her birthday, March 23.

Madame Schumann-Heink, 85, Again Sings in Grand Opera. New York, Feb. 25.—Returning to the stage of the Metropolitan opera house after an absence of nine years, Mme. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, now in her 85th year, sang today the role of "Erda" in Wagner's "Das Rheingold."

Gastonia Mail Clerks Rate High. Gastonia, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The dispatch mail clerks, eight in number, in the Gastonia post office rate as high or higher in efficiency than any other set of Uncle Sam's employes throughout the South.

Building Permit For New Passenger Station. Greensboro, Feb. 25.—A building permit for the proposed new passenger station to be erected here in the near future by the Southern Railway company was issued today from the local building permit office, calling for an expenditure of more than \$800,000.

Gastonia High School Baseball Team. Gastonia, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Gastonia high school baseball team has excellent prospects for the coming season, according to Coach Clifford A. Crawford.

Vanderford Tells About Mob Threat Against Mr. Ham. Salisbury, Feb. 25.—Without having seen Rev. M. F. Ham's quoted speech in today's Greensboro News regarding his experiences with a "mob" in Salisbury seventeen years ago, Col. T. H. Vanderford tonight gave almost identically the same story of the incident of that given by Mr. Ham.

Oil Gleaned From Rattlesnakes. Rattlesnake oil selling at \$100 a gallon has brought a new industry into a certain section of Texas. Cisco, Texas, long since has been known as an oil center, but this is an entirely new phase of the business.

No Time to Fool With Postal Matters. "I haven't time to monkey with being a darned old postmaster," ran a curt note received recently by the U. S. postal authorities in Washington, together with pigeon holes, boxes, stamps and other equipment.

Fair and Colder Weather East of the Mississippi is Forecast. Washington, Feb. 25.—The weather bureau tonight issued the following storm warning: "Advisory warnings changed to southwest 10 p. m. north of Block Island, R. C., to Portland, Me. Severe storm central over northern Lake Huron moving northeastward with a decided increase in intensity. This storm has been accompanied by general precipitation over the eastern half of the South except southern Florida and by strong shifting winds and gales over much of that area."

Place Your Application With Mgr. Concord Theatre For Charleston Contest. 1st Prize—\$15 in gold. 2nd Prize—\$10 in gold. 3rd Prize—Season Pass.

Negro Boomed When Led From Prison To Place Where He Was Hanged

Henry Butler Paid His Life For A Girl Who Wanted to "Pull" Death Rope.

CROWD DID NOT MAKE DISORDER

Many Persons Lined Walls and Climbed in Trees so as to Get View of Negro as He Was Hung.

Georgetown, Del., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Henry Butler, negro, convicted for a felonious attack upon a ten-year-old girl, was hanged in the jail yard here today. The trap was sprung at 10:05 and he was pronounced dead at 10:16.

The child victim of the negro's attack was convalescing at a farm near Bridgeville as the Delaware law which imposes a death sentence for such crimes was carried out. During the night the little girl was said to have told her mother that she wished she could "pull the rope" of the trap for hanging Butler.

The negro was taken from his cell in the county prison shortly before 10 o'clock to the sound of booms and cat-calls from a large crowd that surrounded the jail for several squares. Prior to going to the scaffold Butler had prayed with friends and two ministers and had announced himself "willing to go to glory."

As Deputy Sheriff Buc Coy escorted the condemned man into the courtyard where the gallows awaited, persons in the crowd who had climbed trees overlooking the place of execution described the scenes to the crowd below.

The black cap was pulled over Butler's head, and the noose adjusted about his neck as he murmured, "O God, save my soul." An unseen hand of the hangman pulled the trap rope. The drop failed to break the negro's neck and it was twelve minutes before Dr. Joseph B. Waples, of Georgetown, and Dr. William R. Messick, of Lewis, pronounced life extinct.

With the execution over, preparations were made for public view of the body which was left dangling from the gallows. A small gate in the court yard wall was opened so that the line of persons could obtain a momentary glimpse of the executed man as they passed by.

The conduct of the crowd was orderly in contrast to the scenes during Butler's trial when State troops called out by the governor were forced to use tear gas to keep the crowd from rushing into the court house.

WALLACE RAY TELLS HIS STORY TO JURY Denies He Knew Dr. Burnett, Who He Killed, Was Near Scene of the Tragedy.

Asheville, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Wallace Ray, on trial in Madison county superior court at Marshall on a charge of murdering Dr. O. V. Burnett, told his story to the jury that must decide whether he is to live or die. Ray is being tried the third time for his life.

The court room was jammed and silent during the hours Ray was relating his account of the events that led up to the duel and of the battle itself. The duel was fought last November and ended in the death of Dr. Burnett and the severe wounding of Ray. Ray denied that when he alighted from his automobile near Muddy Branch immediately before the shooting he knew Dr. Burnett was anywhere in the vicinity.

Before Ray took the stand, Sheriff Rector testified that he deputized Dr. Burnett some time before the shooting. Testimony of the six or eight remaining defense witnesses will be completed today and the case will go to the jury tomorrow, court attaches predict.

Many Stockings Exported. Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—After satisfying the demands of the flapper and the more conservative needs of her family, the United States shipped 6,425,175 dozen pairs of full length stockings, rolled tops and socks, valued at \$19,754,644 to foreign countries during 1925.

These figures, made public today by the commerce department, showed, however, that the American flappers counterpart abroad is not smitten particularly on silk, more than two-thirds of the total exports being made up of cotton hosiery.

AGREEMENT BY THE UNITED STATES AND TURKEY ANNOUNCED

Commercial Pact is Drawn Up Pending the Outcome of Lausanne Treaty in the U. S. Senate.

DUTIES WILL BE LOWERED BY PACT

American Goods Can Be Sent to Turkey Without the Prevailing High Tariff.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The Commerce Department announced today that a temporary commercial agreement had been entered into by the United States and Turkey, under which each country grants to the products of the other most favored nation's treatment.

The agreement which is in the form of notes exchanged between Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American high commissioner at Constantinople, and the Turkish government, is a modus vivendi which provides for temporary neutral agreement during the pendency before the senate of the Lausanne treaty with Turkey, which would establish peace time diplomatic and commercial relationship.

A direct effect of the agreement is to nullify discriminatory duties levied against American goods exported to Turkey and which come competition with the exports there of the allied nations. The Turkish government, in accordance with its treaties with the allied countries, but the rates applied to goods from other than allied nations were considered unfair.

MANY ASPIRANTS SEEK JUDGE BRYSON'S SEAT Pay is Not as All Attractive and Title Is No Longer So Important But Candidates Are Plenty.

Asheville, Feb. 25.—The announcement of Judge Thad Bryson that he would retire at the end of his present term has developed a spirited contest in the 20th judicial district and no less than seven candidates are being mentioned as Judge Bryson's successor. Some of the candidates may withdraw before the final marathon is staged, but it appears reasonably certain that a majority of them will remain in the fight until the end.

It seems strange that while so many judges are either resigning or retiring, other lawyers are so anxious for a place on the bench. The pay is not at all attractive to a lawyer with a considerable practice. And the lawyer without any practice to speak of, is hardly the man to elevate to judgeship. There was a time when the title of "judge" carried weight and prestige, no matter whether the judge was active or retired. But in this day and generation such is not the case. When a man is addressed as "judge" in North Carolina it may signify one of four things. He may be a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the superior court, a police court judge or a plain justice of the peace. Of course there is a great difference between the importance of these offices, but all are denominated "judge" none the less. At the present time the judges in North Carolina will equal or exceed the number of colonels in Kentucky.

Be all this as it may, however, some of the Democratic lawyers of the 20th district seem to regard the office of superior court judges as "to be desired."

FIRE DOES BUT LITTLE DAMAGE IN THE CAPITOL Fire Broke Out in South Wing of Capitol Building But Was Quickly Extinguished.

Washington, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Fire broke out today in the south wing of the capitol building but was quickly extinguished without great damage. The blaze which started in the kitchen on the House side of the building was discovered before it had gained force and headway and firemen quickly brought it under control.

The scene of the fire is directly under the chamber occupied by the house. The restaurant is a public one but serves most of the membership of the house.

To Widen Asheville Streets. Asheville, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Asheville has authorized a bond issue of \$500,000 for immediate use in widening several of its downtown streets. The city engineering department has been instructed to prepare a map of the zone of benefits and damages to property owners affected.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS! Fair tonight and Saturday, colder tonight. Fresh west and northwest winds.

