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MAYORS, LEGISLATORS AND OTHERS INSISTING ON AN EXTRA SESSION

Tax Troubles Sufficient to Demand It, They Assert—Public Funds to Shrink—Something Must Be Done to Fill the Hole Left by Reduction in Valuations.

W. T. Bost in Greensboro News.
Raleigh, May 5.—Tax troubles sufficient to bring an unwilling general assembly on a new session of the general assembly are asserted by mayors, farmers and legislators, many of whom are in Raleigh this week.
The reduction under the revaluation act would not of themselves cause all the trouble. There are counties, though, in which half the realty has been swept from the revenue books by order of the county commissioners. There are few of these, of course. All told it is not likely that more than 20 counties will disturb their valuations corporately; but there is hardly any county in which there will not be a vast aggregate reduction of revenues.
As an illustration of the way this will work, a Wake county farmer and large realty owner has property in another part of the state. He bought it low, say for \$3,500. The assessors assessed their charge up to the point of assessing it at \$5,000. Under revaluation it does not wish to sell his farm because he believes in lands, but he would take half the price placed on it by the revaluation. The commissioners have a revival invitation to sell it at any time for \$19,000 net. They will be driven to believe that man.
When the many thousands have been treated the same way the revenues will have melted. There is no way to avoid this shrinkage of values. They will amount to many hundred thousands in taxes the state over. That will leave a hole in the state treasury and something must be done to close it.
Then there must be a big increase in the personality exemption. The legislature of 1919, foreseeing that somebody might attack revaluation, made itself solid with the "poor man" over whom had been spilled more scalding lime than had been caused by all the wars since Sanson beamed the Philistines with the least warlike instrument of a male.
While unsuccessful attack was being made on revaluation unanimously successful appeal was going out to the "poor man" who was getting an exemption of \$300. This covered the wealth of about 40 per cent of the voters. It was absolute death to the Republican campaign. Defeating the Democracy on a revaluation that gave to such a block of voters as that \$275 exemption not hitherto enjoyed, was hopeless. And if the taxpayers had gone out soon enough the majority would have been bigger.

WORLD NOTABLES IN LOUISVILLE FOR RUNNING OF KENTUCKY DERBY

Canada, Europe and Central America Represented in Thousands of Spectators Who Will Attend.
(By The Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 6.—Fifteen horses, thirteen carrying top weight, 126 pounds, today were announced as entries for the \$50,000 Kentucky Derby at a mile and a quarter for three-year-olds at Churchill Downs tomorrow. The list includes Black Servant, Behave Yourself, Tryster, Prudery, Grey Lag, Leonardo II, Bon Homme, Star Venter, Coyne, Careful, Uncle Veto, Billy Barton, Muskallonge, Planet and Fire Brand. Only Tryster and Careful are conceded anything from top weight. Each will carry 121 pounds.
Complete in the betting are Black Servant and Behave Yourself, the E. R. Bradley entry; Tryster and Prudery, the H. P. Whitney entry; and Bon Homme and Leonardo II, the Edward F. Simms entry.
Jockeys will not be announced until tomorrow forenoon, when scratches also will be closed, a track announcement said.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 6.—Many states in the United States and Canada, Europe and Central America will be represented at the running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs tomorrow. Members of President Harding's cabinet, financiers and big business men and women prominent in society will represent the United States. Dr. Estevan Gil Borques, Venezuelan minister of foreign relations, and party, will represent the Isthmian republics, and a family of Belgians have arrived in America for the announced purpose of attending the race.
Thousands of visitors are here, in hotels, private cars and private yachts, while others will arrive today and tomorrow.
Sometime today the names of the starters will be announced, bringing to a close the formalities incident to the race. Indications are that between a dozen and fifteen three-year-olds will start in the mile and a quarter struggle for first money in the \$50,000 added purse.
Speculation as to whether Leonardo II would start was ended last night by E. F. Simms, owner, announcing that the colt would not start if the track is muddy. Bon Homme is his other prospective starter.
Rumors were current today that the triple-digit bid of the stable of H. P. Whitney—Tryster, Prudery and Bon Homme—would be entered.
Track authorities today are considering the following colts as probable starters: Tryster, Brownspan, Grey Lag, Star Venter, Behave Yourself, Black Servant, Billy Barton, Leonardo II, Bon Homme, Touch Me Not, Muskallonge and Fire Brand.
Uncle Veto, is the only gelding considered possible, while three fillies—Prudery, Careful and Nancy Lee—probably will attempt to duplicate the feat of Regret, the only filly that ever won a Kentucky derby.

BUDGET BILL IS READY FOR CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Passed by the House with several changes as adopted by the Senate, the budget bill was ready to go to a conference today with prospects for an early agreement on amendments. Chief among the changes in the bill, as passed by the House yesterday, was a provision to make the proposed budget bureau, which under the Senate bill would be an adjunct of the treasury department, an independent bureau.
While providing, as does the Senate bill, for abolition of the office of Comptroller of the Currency, and creation in its place of a comptroller general to be selected by the President for a term of seven years, the House measure would make the latter officer subject to removal by a concurrent resolution of Congress not requiring the signature of the President. The Senate bill provides for removal by joint resolution requiring executive approval.

GREENVILLE BANKER ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF CIVIL ENGINEER

ORANGETOWN, S. C., May 6.—Evidence in the trial of Edward N. Mittle, business man and banker of Greenville, charged with the murder of J. H. Patterson, a civil engineer, was expected to be concluded here today.
The defense began its testimony yesterday after the prosecution had closed late in the day, and it was announced that plans were for Mittle himself to take the stand before closing the defense evidence.
Mittle shot Patterson to death near here last November because of his attentions to Mrs. Starr Jackson, employee of a bank at Bowman, of which Mittle was president, according to witnesses for the state. The woman herself told the jury that Mittle, although not divorced from his wife, had forced her to go through a wedding ceremony before a magistrate, and had threatened later to kill her and then himself, if she accepted Patterson's attentions.
Evidence to show that Patterson, in a dying statement, had accused Mittle, and that the latter had admitted on surrndering that he had shot a man, was also introduced.

WEATHER

North Carolina, overcast tonight; Saturday fair, with rising temperature.

CAPIAS FOR ARREST OF SIDNEY J. CATTS IS IN HANDS OF THE SHERIFF

Former Governor of Florida Accused of Accepting Money For His Vote in Favor of Granting Pardon—Is in Business in Atlanta.

(By The Associated Press.)
STARKE, Fla., May 6.—A capias for the arrest of Sidney J. Catts, former governor of Florida, indicted by the Bradford county grand jury for the alleged acceptance of \$700 for his vote in favor of granting a conditional pardon to J. J. Coleman, convicted in Bay county in 1918 for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Charles Scott, and sentenced to life imprisonment, was in the hands of the sheriff today, having been issued late yesterday by Circuit Judge Long.
Bond was fixed at \$5,000, Catts, while still maintaining his home in DeFuniak Springs, is engaged in business in Atlanta, and was understood today to be somewhere in Alabama.
The Bradford county grand jury act of by reason of the fact that the state prison farm at Raiford, where Coleman was serving his sentence, before his pardon, is in this county.
The governor of Florida does not possess full pardoning powers, but is one of the five members of the pardon board, which includes four members of the governor's cabinet and the chief executive. The governor, however, does possess the veto power over the granting of pardons. Under the rules of procedure, a majority vote of the board is sufficient for favorable or adverse action upon an application for clemency.
Catts' conduct while governor is now under investigation by a joint legislative committee in Tallahassee, which was instructed to inquire into rumors that the governor had accepted sums of money to influence his official action in the granting of pardons and the removal and appointment of persons to office. The committee's hearing is being conducted in executive session and no announcement has been made as to its findings. His term of office expired last January 3.

FUTURE MERCHANT MARINE IS AT STAKE, SAYS FARRELL

(By The Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, O., May 6.—The National Foreign Trade Council convention was told today by James A. Farrell, of New York, chairman of the council, and president of the United States Ship Corporation, that the future of American merchant marine is at stake. The government, he said, just \$20,000,000 for the sale of the merchant fleet when the armistice was signed. Mr. Farrell urged an international conference of maritime nations to stabilize the situation, and recommended the chartering of the government fleet to individuals, either on a bare boat basis or on time-essays and a revised revision of American shipping laws.
Mr. Farrell declared that "the future of our merchant marine development is at stake as the present position is the outcome of unbalanced efforts to deal with a problem, the requirements of which necessitated from the beginning a settled policy and a well defined program. It is the duty of all Americans to protest the elimination of our overseas fleet, trying the world's carrying trade."

ARRANGING CONFERENCES OF OWNERS AND STRIKERS

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 6.—An attempt to arrange further conferences in this city between shipowners and striking workers who walked out last Sunday in protest against a 15 per cent wage reduction, was being made today by the American Steamship Owners' Association. All independent operators were invited to meet in the association's offices and it was reported that the workers would be invited to attend a parley in a week.
The shipping board, Chamber of Commerce, advised for Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. Other American steamships departing with the Argentine for Jacksonville, Eastern Ocean Line, and E. E. Barbou for Mexico ports.

CANDIDATES SAY NOTHING

(By The Associated Press.)
BERLIN, May 6.—Prospective candidates for the cabinet and the political parties are receiving a downcast concerning the formation of a new ministry until the parliamentary attitude was regarded to the Allied objectives on financial and industrial has been clarified.
For this reason the progress will not show this morning.

28 CASUALTIES RESULT FROM ATTACK ON CROWN

(By The Associated Press.)
DUBLIN, May 6.—Thirty attacks on the crown forces, with 28 casualties, one of which was fatal, are reported in the weekly summary of events in Ireland, issued from Dublin today. There were twelve unsuccessful attacks on police barracks, the summary says, and three Sinn Fein murders of civilians. Forty-two raids were made on the mails. Arrests for outrages and political offenses numbered 18 and 125 internment orders were issued, making a total of 2,921 persons interned. Releases from internment numbered 133.

CAPTAIN OF SCHOONER IS SHOT BY COOK

(By The Associated Press.)
BATH, Me., May 6.—Word that Captain Chester T. Wallace, of the five-masted schooner Gardiner G. Deering, had been shot on the high seas by the schooner's cook, was received here late last night by G. G. Deering Company, the vessel's owners. The message, dated Nassau, Bahama Islands, asserted that the shooting had occurred in "self-defense," but added no details. It said there was no mutiny on board and that the schooner had put into Nassau for orders.

CHAMBER TO INVESTIGATE AS TO THE NEED OF MILK AND FOOD INSPECTION

Urges Congressional Action For Relief of Disabled Soldiers—Number of New Members Elected to Chamber.

Instructing a special committee to investigate the need of milk and food in the nation and to report back its findings, adopting resolutions urging congressional action for relief of disabled soldiers and transacting other routine business, the first regular May meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium Thursday afternoon. Present were President A. G. Myers, Vice Presidents S. A. Robinson and J. O. White, Treasurer S. N. Boyce and Directors W. L. Hayes, L. G. McLeod, Hugh A. Myers and A. J. Kirby and the secretary.
There has been much demand for such legislation as that proposed, but the Chamber of Commerce will not place the matter before the city officials until investigation has shown whether or not there is real need.
New members elected include T. E. Leonard, industrial supplies; C. W. Spence, general contractor; J. Y. Miller, real estate; Richards Brothers, printing; E. C. Taylor, oil and general merchandise; R. H. Parker, commission merchant; E. M. Johnson, lumber dealer; W. T. Webster, manager Swift & Company; J. E. Kelly, real estate; D. C. High, automobile dealer; J. Miles McAllister, filling station.

BURLESQUE SHOW IS RIOT OF FUN

Local Amateur Therpian Make Hit in Dickens "American Museum of Living Figures", Presented Under Auspices of Gastonia Chapter, U. D. C.
One of the most laughable amateur performances given in Gastonia this season was the burlesque on Dickens' "The American Museum of Living Figures," presented by Mrs. Beulah Fitz Gerald, under the auspices of the Gastonia Chapter, U. D. C., Mrs. W. H. Beale, president.
Mrs. Fitz Gerald opened the entertainment with a series of readings, which were very enjoyable. Mrs. Fitz Gerald is a reader of note. The curtain then went upon the first group of wax figures, Mr. A. H. Higginbotham, the "Giggling Fool," taking the honors for hilarious bits of make-up and performance. Mrs. Beulah Fitz Gerald, "Pushed Mrs. Higginbotham for premier honors. Her elation was close on to the best display in the recent American Legion contest.
The second scene presented a variety of such varied characters, D. H. Williams as the "dancing fool," carried off the honors on this scene. Ed McLeod and Miss Nell Pickens as the dancing couple and given brought down the house. The work of Misses Edna Harton and Lucile Edington as dancing girls was also very enjoyable. The two female comedians, George Coker and John W. Kelly, made one of the biggest lots of the performance.
The third scene furnished a perfect riot of fun. It was featured by the work of the two ladies, W. H. Morris and George Coker, George Coker's impersonation of Richard III, Rogers and his team, and George Coker's drunken inebriated impersonations.
One two nights of rehearsing had been given to the performers, and many of the performers had had but one night to drill in their parts. Gastonia credit was brilliant. The work of the two comedians, Prof. W. P. Grier and John Jones, was also noteworthy. Mrs. J. Beulah Fitz Gerald, the pianist, gave a fine accompaniment of the program by the club members.

DEMPSEY OPENS CAMP

(By The Associated Press.)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 6.—Jack Dempsey's camp, in which he will prepare for his world title bout July 2 at Jersey City, with George Carpentier, European champion, was opened today.

25 AUTOS ENTERED FOR INDIANAPOLIS RACE

(By The Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 6.—Twenty-five automobiles have been entered in the annual 500 mile international sweepstakes race at the Indianapolis track for speedway May 29. Entries for the event, which carries with it a purse of approximately \$100,000, closed yesterday.

GERMAN LEADERS MEET

(By The Associated Press.)
PARIS, May 6.—Leaders of German political parties met this morning to take action regarding the Allied ultimatum, says a Havas dispatch from the German capital.

AMERICAN FUNERAL BASE AT CHERBOURG ABANDONED

(By The Associated Press.)
CHERBOURG, France, May 6.—As a result of orders received from American military authorities at Antwerp the American funeral base here organized a year ago, has been abandoned. The personnel has been ordered to Belgium.

NEW PRELATE



Archbishop John Joseph Glennon, of St. Louis, may succeed the late Cardinal Gibbons as archbishop of Baltimore.

HARDING WEARS A 10 1/2 BEDROOM SLIPPER

NEW YORK, May 6.—President Harding's size for bedroom slippers is ten and one-half.
Confirmation of this fact was made by the president himself in a letter addressed to Doris and Edith Brown, camp fire girls. They planned to give him a bouquet of flowers while he was here for the unveiling of the statue to Bolivar. Failing to reach the President, the girls decided to send him a pair of bedroom slippers and wrote to ask the size. His appreciative response revealed the secret.

TALLEY, THIRD MAN IN MURDER CAR, STILL AT LARGE THIS MORNING

Officers Searched All Day Yesterday for Him—Many Rumors Received—But Talley Is Not Yet Caught—Edwards Is Growing Nervous.
(By The Associated Press.)
GREENSBORO, May 5.—Efforts of county officers and posse of policemen and citizens to find the third man in the party of whiskey runners, one of whom shot and killed Policeman Thomas McClinton here late Wednesday afternoon were unavailing today, although the searchers scoured Guilford and portions of the surrounding countryside all day and tonight.
How the man eluded the dragnet drawn by hundreds of men is a mystery.
According to one of the party, Lewis Edwards, in jail here, the man being hunted is Earl Talley, of Lenoirville, a man well known to officers of Lenoirville and of this city, and they say that he has a court record. One rather warm clue is being followed up tonight. A farmer near Hillsdale, 12 miles north of here, reported late today that he had encountered a man answering the description of Talley and asked with him a short distance, leaving him when the man entered an onion patch and began to eat some onions. Searching parties are out in the Hillsdale neighborhood.
One telephone report reaching here today from Lenoirville was misunderstood by police officers to say that Talley had been captured there, but when officers from here went to get him they found out their mistake. The chief of police of Lenoirville telephoned that Talley's wife stated when officers went to her house last night and left this morning for Reidsville. Police men from here went there but failed to find him. The search is still being prosecuted with vigor.
Lewis Edwards, who was captured last night when he and Talley left the car in which they were fleeing with Tom Robertson, of Spray, talked freely in his cell here today. He denies that he shot Policeman McClinton, stating that he did not know who shot him.
He said that Talley and Robertson picked him up in Danville, that he does not know where they got the whiskey they had in their car or where they were going with it, and that he was on the back seat when the policeman was killed, the other two on the front seat. Edwards is the son of W. L. Edwards, a Danville policeman, he said, a man who has been on the force there for 14 years. He is about 21 years old, powerfully built. He asked that his father be sent for.
According to H. G. Ballen, Lenoirville police chief, Tom Robertson, who was killed last night near Reidsville by pursuing policemen and policemen, was a bad man, out under one thousand dollar bond when he was killed. Ballen also stated over the phone that Talley is out under two thousand dollar bond in Rockingham on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

DAVIS HOPES FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT

Chairman Benson Reopens Negotiations With Marine Engineers.
WASHINGTON, May 6.—Hope for an early settlement of the wage dispute which has threatened a general tie-up of American shipping was revived today as the result of the re-opening of negotiations between Chairman Benson, of the shipping board, and representatives of the Marine Engineers, in conference with Secretary Davis. The labor secretary was prepared to resume today his joint discussion with these two parties but the controversy began last night after representatives of the workers had at their request held a separate conference with him. Although all parties maintained silence as to the progress of the subsequent joint negotiations, which continued for several hours, there were indications of optimism for an ultimate settlement.
The union representatives asked for a conference with the secretary after holding a prolonged discussion of the situation, in which it was indicated they had reached a decision as to just how far they were prepared to go in reaching a settlement. Prior to resuming his discussion with the men, Secretary Davis went to the white house, where he discussed for more than hour the new developments in the situation.
While the shipowners were not represented at the joint conference last night, it was said they were kept informed of developments by telephone. It was planned to keep them acquainted with today's proceedings also in the event of continued absence of their representatives.

CONSOLIDATE TWO FAMOUS HIGHWAYS

(By The Associated Press.)
TOPEKA, Kas., May 6.—Formal consolidation of the National Midland Trail and the Roosevelt National Highway to be known as the Roosevelt-Midland Trail, was announced here today by Dr. R. M. Sawhill, of Glasgow, Kas., of the Midland Trail Association.
The length of the new trail is 2,934 miles. The old trails traversed practically the same route from the west coast to Charlottesville, Va., from that point the Midland trail went north to New York, the Roosevelt trail to Norfolk, Va. Both routes are included in the consolidation.
STRIKE BREAKING SEAMEN EN ROUTE (By The Associated Press.)
SAVANNAH, Ga., May 6.—The tug Jacob Paulsen, of Savannah, is now en route to Charleston, bearing a number of strike breaking seamen for the steamship Brasler, now there, and which it is hoped to bring to Savannah. The men were placed aboard the Paulsen last night by shipping board representatives, but no without excitement. There were one or two shots fired as the boarding party went to the docks in automobiles and there were a number of bricks thrown, but no one was hurt and no arrests were made. It is hoped to carry the strike breakers direct to the side of the Brasler and thus avoid having to go ashore at Charleston.
HOPE FOR PEACE AS RESULT OF MEETING (By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 6.—Hope that yesterday's meeting in Dublin of Sir James Craig, premier-delegate for Ulster, and Ramon de Valera, the Irish republican leader, may be a sign of the dawn of peace in Ireland, pervaded newspaper comment here today. The London Times said that at least five distinct efforts to obtain peace, beside that being carried on by Sir James and Mr. De Valera were going forward simultaneously.
BOY CHESS WIZARD LOSES TWO BUT WINS 15 (By The Associated Press.)
DETROIT, May 6.—Samuel Rzeszewski, nine year old chess wizard, lost two games here last night in a simultaneous match with 20 players. He won 15 and three were draws. It was the first time since the boy began his exhibition tour that he has been defeated twice in one contest. He lost here to L. Vanorden, of Toledo, and Benjamin Franc, Detroit.

PARIS NEWSPAPERS ARE GLOOMY AT PROSPECT

(By The Associated Press.)
PARIS, May 6.—Allied terms of reparations which were presented to the German war criminals' commission here last night, were believed today to have been received in Berlin. Consideration of them, it was thought, might await the formation of a new ministry to succeed that of Constantin Fehrenbach, which resigned Wednesday night.
The agreement reported by the Supreme Allied Council in fixing the reparations demands of the Germans failed to satisfy a majority of the newspapers of Paris, which commented today in varying degrees of gloom on the situation as it stands at present.

LEADER ARRESTED

(By The Associated Press.)
WARSAW, May 6.—Unconfirmed reports from Sosnowice, early today, say that Adalbert Korfanty, former Polish plebiscite commissioner in upper Silesia, who has proclaimed himself leader of the Polish insurgents in that territory, has been arrested by the inter-Allied plebiscite commission, together with his entire staff.
30,000 Locked Out. (By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 6.—A lockout of 30,000 seagoing stewards and cooks began today, this step being taken by shipping companies because of the men's refusal to accept a wage cut of about 17 per cent. The lockout may interfere with the comfort of steamship passengers, but owners of vessels are said to be confident that all vacancies can be easily filled. The Transport Workers' Federation has promised its support to the stewards and cooks union.

600 CASES STOLEN

(By The Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 6.—One hundred cases of whisky, valued at \$5,000, was stolen late last night from the Bowling Driftillery at Tyrone, Anderson county, according to reports received here today. Ten masked men held up two guards at the distillery, the reports said, and after loading the liquor on four motor trucks made their escape.

SHOE AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES IMPROVE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 6.—Condition in the shoe and leather industries are improving, Herbert T. Drake, president of the New England Shoe and Leather Association, today told the "Times" Council of America.
"A great deal has been accomplished in the past few months," Mr. Drake said. "In the three largest New England footwear centers there have been no wage reductions in spite of the fact of the manufacturers. The result has been a very narrow margin of profit for the manufacturer and had not been so for the shoe buyer."
Manufacturers of shoes will be disappointed when they realize that 10, 15 or even 20 per cent reduction in the shoe workers' wages means only 10 to 20 cents per pair in the shoe he buys.

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