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STATE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES DON'T HAVE TO PAY ANY INCOME TAX

Judge Devin Rules in Favor of Judge Long - Says He Thought It Might Have Been Good Policy For All Judges to Pay - Morrison to Pay His Tax.

(By W. T. Bost, in The Greensboro News.)

RALPHIGH, Feb. 13. - Judge W. A. Devin ruled against A. D. Watts, revenue commissioner who disagrees with the constitutional construction of the United States and the North Carolina Supreme courts, and today when Judge B. F. Long's income tax issue came before his honor, Judge Devin declared the Ireddell jurist is not liable.

Both State and federal income tax departments have indicated that judicial officers and others not hitherto liable for this income tribute, should be taxed nevertheless. The constitutional barriers were recognized by the federal departments which trusted to the majority of salaried men to make voluntary payment rather than contend. If any lawyer in the federal jurisdiction held that the two highest courts are wrong, the gentleman does not seek fame by standing behind such an argument. But Colonel Watts has not hesitated to disagree with both sets of courts. He declares his ruling is bound to be "pop-lar" and the colonel decries "pop-larity."

Judge Devin made short work of the case. It was presented by Attorney J. Brooks who told the court that if protesting tax dodgers had been the purpose of this presentation the lawyer would not have been Brooks; nor the client Long. The Ireddell jurist had a fine record for supporting the government. Mr. Brooks said, and always had paid taxes liberally. But the courts must recognize the law and the constitution, the lawyer argued.

The Greensboro attorney argued for the righteousness of the constitutional provision, quite apart from the other considerations in the case. The debates on the constitution in the very beginning showed the wisdom of the law written originally into the nation. And he warned up when he contemplated a propaganda throughout the State which has for its object the forwarding of the revenue commissioner brought them to justice. Mr. Brooks did not make it quite to define as that, but he did not like the possible reaction of the State to such a campaign.

Devin Pays His.

Explaining his position after Judge Devin ruled with him, Mr. Brooks referred to a story in Sunday's Charlotte Observer, in which Commissioner Watts' position is set forth in the form of an interview. The purpose of that announcement, Mr. Brooks interpreted to be a sort of repudiation of the original position of Colonel Watts who had said that he would abide by the court opinions should these tribunals hold that the constitution is contrary to the commissioner's construction of it. Mr. Brooks recalled that recently in this country a judge adjudged a grand jury and the crowd on the outside came so close to the judge's house that the judge had to flee. Mr. Brooks fancied a "pop-lar" disrespect for the judges as the result of the commissioner's effort to make them appear in the role of tax dodgers.

Judge Devin declared that in the North Carolina 123, Page against Purrell, and in the U. S. 253, Evans against Gore, the courts had spoken with something of finality. In the North Carolina case Judge Purrell had been taxed on his income. He refused to pay it and Sheriff Page of Wake went after his property. Chief Justice Clark sat down on the Wake sheriff so hard that the question never had come up until Commissioner Watts found a way to be "pop-lar." Judge Purrell was very "unpop-lar," he once fined Joseph Daniels \$2,000 for contempt, and when the editor of the Democratic daily refused to pay the tax, Judge Purrell sentenced the editor to a term in the Yarbrough. Yet, "unpop-lar" as Judge Purrell was, he was relieved of the tax. The United States Supreme court in a very recent opinion by 7 to 2 with Chief Justice White traveling majority words, "pop-lar" as courts go, held the same way and until Colonel Watts came along there was no other opinion which appeared to have any court standing. The case will go up.

Watts Enjoys It. Colonel Watts is having a good time. He is satisfied that he has done so much more "pop-lar" a thing in getting after the judges than he did when he rebated the big tobacco companies of Durham, that one rarely hears him discuss the first and much bigger tax business. For instance, the tobacco paupers (Continued on page 5.)

Taylor Murder Myster Will Never Be Cleared Up Until Edward F. Sands Is Found

Too Many Rumors and Tips, Too Many "Mysteries" and Not Enough Genuine Clues, Say Officers.

(By The Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14. - No official connected with the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery would say today that any actual progress had been made toward its solution.

The officers were at work and still expressing determination to do their best to find the slayer of the film director, but found themselves confronted with "too many wild tips," they said, and too few genuine clues.

Members of the police department still are firm in their belief that the case never will be cleared up until Edward F. Sands, the missing former butler to Taylor, had been found.

And the sheriff's deputies were still firm in their contention that Sands had nothing to do with the case.

The air is full of rumors concerning "mystery men" and "mystery women" and "mystery witnesses," "drug peddlers," "jealous motives," and "revenge theories" but back of them all are the facts that Sands had not been found; that the murderer had not been arrested, and that the case was unsolved.

SWINDLES OF CHICAGO CONCERN TOTALLED \$6,500,000

CHICAGO, Feb. 14. - Investigation of the deals of the Western Land Operators' Company, the third concern raided by authorities within three days, and believed by them to have swindled foreign born citizens of more than \$1,500,000 was under way here today by Government agents.

Within three days gigantic alleged swindles totalling approximately \$6,500,000, according to estimates by officers, were disclosed with the arrest Saturday of Raymond J. Bischoff, and the arrests yesterday of three employees of the Western Land Operators Association and three employees of the American Novaculite Company.

Lester Harrington, said by police to be the moving spirit in the affairs of the American Novaculite Company, and Charles Grueh and Charles Phillips, general manager and president of the Western Land Operators' Company, are being sought by the police.

The raid on the offices of the Western Land Operators' Company was made last night upon the complaint of Sidney Banes, attorney, representing 300 creditors. The police believed they had established a connection between the working of Bischoff and Harrington, and now think that the Western Land Operators' Company was connected with the other two and that the three were operating huge swindles jointly.

RISKED LIFE TO SAVE DOG WHICH ONCE SAVED HER LIFE

SILVER CREEK, N. Y., Feb. 14. - Lydia Harris, a maid employed in the home of C. D. Livermore, lawyer, risked her life to save a dog which recently had protected her from attacks.

The Livermore house caught fire; the family and the maid escaped in night clothing. After they had arrived at a neighbor's house, Miss Harris thought about the dog and rushed back to the burning building to bring the animal out in safety.

THREE PERSONS IN FIRE ARE STILL MISSING

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 14. - Police early today declared that three persons, known to have been in the Lexington hotel here the morning of February 7, when the building was destroyed by fire, still are missing, and that they are puzzled at their failure to find the body of E. T. Cox, one of the proprietors of the hotel. The list of known dead, they said, is twelve, with two of the bodies remaining unidentified.

Rev. J. R. Hood, pastor of Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Hood left this morning for Hamlet in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of their son, Mr. J. B. Hood, Jr., Young Mr. Hood, who travels for the International Harvester Company out of Charlotte, was taken suddenly ill Monday night with an attack of acute appendicitis and was taken to a Hamlet hospital, where he underwent an operation at a late hour last night.

Rev. L. R. Niell, of Covington, Ga., who is visiting relatives in the Pisgah neighborhood, will conduct the mid-week prayer service at the Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church Wednesday night in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Hood.

High School Students Are Ignorant of Facts of Current History

Heroes of the Movies and of Baseball Diamond do Not Stand so High as One Might Suppose - Some Did Not Know Pershing or Harding.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. - Supposedly national heroes of the diamond, the gridiron and the silver sheet do not stand so high as might be supposed with the high school and college students. This was learned today when the Institute for Public Service made public some results of a national current history test taken by more than 200,000 pupils.

Twenty thousand of the students averaged only 46 per cent on ten questions about baseball, football and the movies. Of 500 seniors more of them knew about De Valera, Lloyd George, Briand and General Leonard Wood than about which team won the world's series or what shining light of the screen is starred in a current popular picture.

A majority of 500 girl seniors know more about Sinn Fein than about Mlle. Langlen and Bette Lee.

Some of them thought Mlle. Langlen was a French chemist and some others identified her as Japan's representative at the armament conference.

As for Christy Mathewson, his picture elicited the answer that he was the man who sold out the world series in 1920. Thirty-five per cent of the boys did not know who won the last world's series; 50 per cent did not know Babe Ruth's home run record and 70 per cent of the girl seniors did not know the name of the only woman member of Congress.

Three of a hundred high school seniors could not identify Pershing, and four out of the same 100 did not recognize a picture of President Harding.

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DR. EATON'S ADDRESS IS DECLARED A MASTERPIECE

Prominent Minister and Educator to Address Chamber of Commerce Friday Night, February 17 - Native of Nova Scotia.

If Dr. Eaton could come back to Hickory and deliver another address here we would have an audience of not less than 1,500 people anxious to hear him," is the message of a leading Hickory citizen to the chamber of commerce received today.

Dr. Chas. Aubrey Eaton will address the members of the chamber of commerce Friday night at 7:45 o'clock, his address being preceded by an interesting program to lead variety to the occasion. Up to 8 o'clock this morning 87 members of the chamber have sent in cards stating that they will attend the smoker and by Friday night it is expected that not less than 200 or 250 will be on hand.

Reports received from over North Carolina points where Dr. Eaton has spoken all indicate that his address is one of the most vitally interesting to business men ever heard in the state. All want him back soon. There is every indication that the members of the chamber are going to enjoy a real supper treat.

Dr. Eaton is a man with an unusual history. Born in a family of modest circumstances in Nova Scotia, he was by nature endowed with tremendous physical and mental energy. As a lad he worked at shipbuilding. Later he became a railroad navvy. So he knows the hammer and pize, the pick and shovel, not by theory alone, but by right of earning his bread by the sweat of his brow.

By his own efforts earning his way, he qualified for the Baptist ministry. In that way he quickly won success. In rapid succession he progressed from Toronto to Cleveland and then to the Madison avenue church in New York, considered to be perhaps the leading pastorate of that faith in America. A speech he made at a meeting of naval authorities in New York caused the government to commend him for the work of putting spirit into the seafarers. From that day until the armistice he traveled night and day, working without ceasing, explaining to the men why they were personally vitally concerned to speed up shipbuilding and produce tonnage as fast as possible.

SAYS PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES ARE LIKE MOVIE STARS

CHICAGO, Feb. 14. - Professional athletes are much like movie stars, who get paid for being heroes, in that they have a tendency toward laxness of morals and in their belief that they are entitled to special privileges, Coach Alonzo A. Stagg told students of the University of Chicago here yesterday.

TELEPATHY IS THE COURT LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN SAYS PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14. - Angels communicate with each other by telepathy and converse with men by the same means, Dr. Horace C. Stinton, secretary of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association, and a student of psychic phenomena, declared last night in an address before the association.

"Telepathy is the court language of heaven," he said, "it is used by three omniscient, omnipresent beings - the Father, the Holy Ghost and Christ. The Father and the Holy Ghost never had any physical organs or speech. Therefore, thought transmission must be the language used."

For centuries scientists have noticed the marvels of telepathy and clairvoyance," Dr. Stinton quoted many passages from Scripture to show how the angels communicated with humans by means of telepathy. In every case, he said, the thought transmission took place while the man was asleep.

COMMITTEE URGES THAT MORE GRASS AND FLOWERS BE PLANTED IN YARDS

Planting of park space between sidewalk and street curbing with grass, more roses and shrubbery and a general cleaning up, are among the first recommendations resulting from the creation of a Civic Beautification Committee as a sub-committee of the Department of Civic Affairs of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. The first meeting of the committee was held Monday afternoon with Chairman H. E. White presiding.

The committee at the outset realizes that it has a mammoth job as there are practically no limits to what may be done.

G. Rush Spencer, a member of the committee, made the suggestion that one of the first lines of work possible to undertake and one that would do much to improve the appearance of the city would be to urge property owners to immediately take care of the park space where they live.

It was soon his to urge to plant lawn grass but there are a few weeds yet in which it may be done. Property owners are urged to help in the general plan by enriching the soil in the small plots between sidewalk and curb with some good lawn fertilizer and to sow lawn seed therein. This will cause but slight expense and will do much to make the city more attractive.

Shrubbery may yet be planted and it is urged that roses be planted more and also that the crepe myrtle be given consideration, especially as a background for the city.

There are numerous instances in which the city may be made more attractive by some cleaning up and in these cases property owners are going to be urged to help by removing some unsightly things.

The entire attitude of the chamber of commerce in the matter is going to be that of appealing to the civic pride of the property owner and urging his cooperation by assisting. No hardship will be worked upon any one in this way and yet Gastonia will be made far more attractive.

The committee will work out a definite plan covering all details later for general work of a permanent nature and the cooperation of the Woman's Club, which has always taken a leading part in this splendid work, will be sought in the shaping up and carrying out of the general plan.

SUN SPOTS NOT TO BE SEEN TONIGHT

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Feb. 14. - Aurora's pleasing colors aren't to be exhibited tonight, sun spots or sun spots, announced Dr. Frank Schlesinger, astronomer at Yale Observatory. He advises against seeking the aurora, although the despatches from Miami, Fla., announce that the stars now visible on the sun's face were likely to cause a colorful display overhead. "The spots are too small," the scientist reported, "and not likely to offer anything striking."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

- Tuesday. 2:30 Gastonia Manufacturers. 3:00 Gaston County Manufacturers. 7:00 Chamber of Commerce Glee Club. 8:00 Community Chorus. Wednesday. 3:00 Women's Meeting. 5:00 Textile Superintendents' Club. Thursday. 4:00 Board of Directors. 5:00 Community Service Play Rehearsal. 7:30 Pythian Band. Friday. 7:45 Membership Meeting.

HARDING EXPECTED TO TELL CONGRESS HOW BONUS MONEY IS TO BE RAISED

President and Secretary Mellon Confer on Plan by Which Money Can be Raised - Gowing Opposition to Levying of Additional Taxes - Short Term Notes Proposed.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. - The question of how the soldiers' bonus should be financed still was under consideration by President Harding today and was understood to have been brought up at the regular Cabinet meeting. A decision was expected soon, perhaps later in the day.

At the Capitol it appeared that the question of how the soldiers' bonus should be financed still was under consideration by President Harding today and was understood to have been brought up at the regular Cabinet meeting.

Some congressional leaders were opposed to depending directly upon any part of the retained foreign debt as a means of financing the bonus, but they said that when the debt had been obtained, part of the interest or principal could be used in retiring the Treasury notes. It is understood that a 4 1/2 suggested life of the notes is five years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. - Members of Congress charged with the reporting of soldier bonus legislation expected to reach President Harding today an expression of his views as to how the necessary funds should be raised.

When the President conferred on this question yesterday with Secretary Mellon it was understood two proposals resulting from committee discussion of the subject had been presented to him for discussion. Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee have suggested a program of special taxes to raise the necessary revenue, while Chairman McKim and Senator Smoot, of Utah, ranking republican member of the Finance committee, have put forward a plan under which short treasury notes or bonds would be issued during the period of cash payments.

The President following an attempt to reach the matter out in joint conference after the House subcommittee proposal had been opposed by majority members of the Finance committee.

There was no indication today that Secretary Mellon, following his conference with the President, had changed his views with regard to the issuing of notes or bonds as expressed in his recent letter to Chairman Embury, of the Ways and Means committee. Congressional leaders on the other hand, said there appeared to be a growing opposition to the levying of additional taxes at this time.

DISCONTINUE PICTURES OF MINTER AND NORMAND

LYNN, Mass., Feb. 14. - Local picture theaters have discontinued showing pictures featuring Mary Miles Minter and Madel Normand, whose names have been mentioned in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, at Los Angeles. The action was taken at the request of the city's board of censors.

SPOT COTTON MERCHANTS OPPOSE CHANGES IN SMITH-LEVER BILL

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. - Opposition to any change in the Smith-Lever cotton futures act was expressed today at a hearing before the House Agriculture Committee by a group of Southern spot cotton merchants. They contended the present law was functioning satisfactorily and declared that it would be detrimental to the producer as well as to all others who handle cotton, to amend its provisions.

The delegation included J. W. Eyles, Houston, Texas; Baylis Harris, Galveston, Texas; S. Y. West, Little Rock, Ark. and E. B. Norman, New Orleans.

NEAR EAST MEETING IN BESSEMER CITY

To Be Held Tonight At 7:30 O'clock In Auditorium Of Graded School.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. G. R. Gillette, County Chairman of Near East Relief, will address a union mass meeting to be held in the graded school auditorium of Bessemer City. A large chorus recruited from all corners of the city will furnish the musical entertainment. All members of the city, Messrs. S. J. Durham and George M. Manney have been enthusiastic workers for the starving women and children of Armenia and Mr. R. C. Kennedy has been appointed city chairman for Near East Relief.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, rain tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET NEW YORK, Feb. 14. - Cotton futures closed strong. March 17.85; May 17.51; July 16.98; October 16.47; December 16.37. TODAY'S COTTON MARKET Strict to good middling ..... 17c Cotton seed ..... 51c

CONDITIONS IN IRELAND ARE SUCH THAT CIVIL WAR MAY BREAK OUT ON THE FRONTIER

Dangerous Tension Exists Between North and South - British Military Evacuation Causes Suspicion - Ulstermen Are Angry.

(By The Associated Press.)

BELFAST, Feb. 14. - Snipers continued their grim work in the disturbed sections of Belfast this morning and by mid-day the death toll since Saturday had been increased to 18 by the deaths of two men who were victims to flying bullets in the streets during the noon hour. The number of wounded at the same hour had reached the total of approximately 50.

In the main thoroughfares of the city business proceeded apparently as usual, but in the storm centers the sniping was frequent and dangerous.

WOULD REGULATE COAL INDUSTRY BY FEDERAL TRIBUNAL SAYS KENYON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. - Establishment of a Federal tribunal and code of laws for regulation of the coal industry was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, which investigated the recent West Virginia coal field disorders.

The bill follows the line of Mr. Kenyon's recent report on the West Virginia situation and probably will be his last before he retires to go on the Federal bench. It would create a "national coal mining board" and provide statutory rights for both labor and capital in the coal industry. Devises of the board would be enforced by public opinion and their violation not made punishable.

The board would be composed of nine members, three each representing the employees, employers and the public. All would be appointed by the president, subject to senate confirmation. The labor group would be selected from six names presented by the United Mine Workers of America. Employer nominations would be made by the National Coal Association and the Anthracite Operators' Association.

Under the bill employers and employees would be required to make every possible effort to settle disputes between themselves, but in event of failure would be required to submit the controversies to the board.

Decisions of the board would require assent of a majority. The board members would receive annual salaries of \$10,000.

The coal mining "code" detailed in the bill follows the recommendations of Senator Kenyon in his report on the West Virginia controversy. It includes eleven "principles." The first would declare coal to be "a public necessity and its production and distribution the public interest is predominant." Officers would declare for collective bargaining, human standards in fixing wages and working conditions, adequate return for invested capital, a six-day standard working week on an eight-hour basis, and would prohibit employment of women or children under 16 years of age. Other provisions would prohibit interference with non-union men or with union men seeking peacefully to organize.

The bill was referred to the Senate labor committee.

MARTIAL LAW ON BORDER TO INCLUDE THE COUNTY

MEXICO, Feb. 14. - Martial law in effect at Mexia, hammer oil town, for some time, probably will be extended to include all Limestone county, according to a statement by Governor Neff, after a conference with Brigadier General Wolfers, Adjutant General Barton and others. The Governor also said that if local officers of Limestone and Freestone counties did not give military authorities their fullest cooperation they would be suspended and military appointments.

"Instead of lifting martial law, we propose to extend it," Governor Neff said.

The State assumed control after disorderly elements coming in with the oil boom assumed the appearance.

CRITICIZE ALLOWANCES PAID TO ROYAL FAMILY

LONDON, Feb. 14. - Criticism of the allowances made to the Royal Family, and the expenditures on the Indian and Canadian tours of the Prince of Wales were made by John Robertson, junior member of the House of Commons for Rothwell, yesterday, in debate on the economy recommendations of the Gresham committee. Mr. Robertson said he was sure the royal family would be willing to economize "when so many women and children are starving."

GASTONIA GOES OVER THE TOP IN NEAR EAST RELIEF CAMPAIGN

In two hours or less, the teams had finished their work and were reporting their several amounts to headquarters. The campaign in the city and county has been most thoroughly organized and advertised. Under the leadership of Revs. J. H. Henderlite and G. R. Gillespie, widest publicity had been given the movement. The wide publicity, together with the nature of the appeal for funds struck a responsive chord, and people gave liberally. Many of the more prominent business men took two and three orphans as their quota. The canvassing committee in the city and county was headed by Mr. J. H. Kennedy. The canvass in the county has not been finished. Mass meetings are to be held at several points throughout the county this week.

SCORE OF SHIPS SEARCHING FOR SAILOR ADRIFT IN BOAT

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. - A score of ships of all kinds, from battered tramp steamers of the seven seas to graceful, pleasure freighted passenger liners, were leaving for ocean routes today on a mission of mercy. They were continuing to search for John Birker, 24, the sailor who was cast adrift from the steamship Gaffney, last Wednesday, 700 miles in an unfringed part of the Atlantic.

If Birker's frail craft is still afloat, today's dawn marks the beginning of his seventh day adrift on the waters. The master of the Gaffney, Captain Walter Beckwith, advised every craft carrying wireless to seek the drifting sailor.