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TAX REVISION IS BIG SUBJECT FOR NEXT CONGRESS

EXCESS OF REVENUES

Mr Harding Hasn't Any Real Majority in the Senate, and it is Doubtful How Much Legislation the Administration Can Push Through Without a Lot of Trouble.

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Washington, May 12.—Symptoms of what President Harding will be up against in the next Congress are already visible. It became known today that on the inside there has been considerable discussion by the President and his associates of just what should be done in the way of tax revision at the next Congress because it is obvious there is going to be an excess of revenues. But every time the subject is mentioned there is a shrug of the shoulders and an expression of puzzled uncertainty as to what would happen to a recommendation for tax revision if it once got into the hands of the radicals in the next Congress.

The Republican majority in the House and Senate will be slim. But if the Republican party were harmonious any majority however small would be sufficient to express the will of the party. The trouble is Mr. Harding hasn't any real majority at all in the Senate and the La Follette influence is so strong with a certain group in the House that it may well be doubted how much legislation the administration could push through that body without compromising constantly with the radical elements.

The desire of the administration today is to recommend a reduction in taxes if there is some prospect of getting an agreement among the leaders of the different groups and factions in Congress. In the absence of such an understanding, the feeling is that time would be wasted trying to amend the existing revenue laws at all. The danger, of course, is that the radicals will not be satisfied with the recommendation of the administration but will wish to go further in reducing taxes or rather in shifting the burden from one class of taxpayers to the other, particularly imposing a heavier burden on the people and corporations of large income. There has even been talk of revising the excess profits taxes but the administration has no sympathy with the proposal and probably any bill with that kind of a tax would be vetoed by the President if it ever got that far. It isn't that the treasury has any feeling of favoritism for one class as against another, in fact the strongest argument which will be made for a reduction of the higher brackets of the surtax will be that more income is obtainable by a moderate rate than by a higher rate. This may not be a pleasing circumstance in a world of attempted equality but that's what happens just the same. The evasions that can be practiced to avoid higher surtaxes are too numerous and too effective to give the government the money it feels should be forthcoming from persons of large income. The radical, however, has not been willing to look at matters from that

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DR. HART COMING FOR INVESTIGATION

Fayetteville, May 14.—Dr. Hastings H. Hart of the Russell Sage foundation, who was recently invited by Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson to assist in the investigation of the State prisons left White Plains, N. Y. late yesterday for Raleigh according to a special dispatch received by the Fayetteville Observer.

At the time he left White Plains he had not learned that Governor Morrison had withdrawn his request for an investigation according to the Observer.

From Raleigh Dr. Hart plans to go to Washington, D. C. to attend a social service conference.

Greensboro, May 14.—Dr. Hastings Hart, noted penologist, went into executive session with the board of public welfare this afternoon, the meeting being called to decide what action to take since Governor Morrison had withdrawn his order for an investigation of the prisons in the State.

CHINESE EXTEND CRIMES TO SEA

European Passengers Aboard a Steamer are Robbed When the Boat is Over Run by Chinese Pirates.

Hong Kong, May 14.—European passengers were among the terror-stricken and robbed when the Chinese steamer Teasian was seized near Swatow Saturday by pirates who disguised as passengers overpowered the crew, sailed the ship for nearly twenty-four hours at night without lights and finally left her yesterday at the mouth of a small creek transferring loot valued at \$50,000.

The Teasian bound from Hong Kong for Shanghai returned to Hong Kong.

THOMASVILLE BOY COMMITTED SUICIDE

Thomasville, May 13.—Roy Ellidge placed a revolver to his right temple this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and fired a bullet into his head, dying in a short time.

He was 17 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ellidge who live on Highland street. The young man was in an upstairs room at home when the tragedy was enacted, but no one has been able to assign his motive for the act.

TRAINING INSTITUTE GETS TO WORK

Wilmington, May 14.—The third day of the 19th annual county and training institute of the Episcopal diocese of North Carolina began at 7:30 today with the celebration of Holy Communion in all Episcopal churches of the city. Various conferences and round table discussions are on the program for today.

MRS. BRIDGERS' SISTERS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. F. N. Bridgers last night received the news that two of her sisters, Mrs. W. G. Coleman and Miss Nannie Fleming, were killed late yesterday at Middleburg, six miles north of Henderson when a Seaboard Air Line northbound freight train struck a sedan automobile in which they were riding. Their two brothers, Mr. R. D. Fleming and Mr. Thomas Fleming, riding in the car were injured. The former, who was driving the car, suffered a fractured knee and cuts and bruises about the hands and head. Mr. Thomas Fleming received a broken shoulder, injuries to his back and minor bruises. Mrs. Coleman died instantly. Miss Fleming lived more than an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridgers left this morning for the old family home of the Flemings near Vaughn. Details of the funeral had not been arranged this morning.

Miss Fleming made her home with her unmarried brother, Mr. Thomas Fleming, at the old family home near Vaughn. Mrs. Coleman, who lived at Churchill, is survived by her husband and several children. Mr. R. D. Fleming lives near Vaughn. He has a wife and several children.

The following details of the accident were related in a dispatch from Henderson:

R. D. Fleming, who was able to converse with friends, said his engine stalled as he drove upon the track, the rails protruding about three inches above the level of the road crossing, and blocking the car as it slowed down. Eye witnesses said it was impossible for the engineer to stop his train before striking the car. Fleming said he did not know a train was approaching until his car had stalled.

The crash occurred at the station crossing at Middleburg, not more than 25 feet from the station building. The car was approaching from the west side of the railroad, and the station cut off the south view of the tracks. Eye witnesses said that Tom Fleming, in the front seat with his brother, arose from the seat as if to open the door in an effort to get out and the two women, sitting on the rear seat, upon seeing the train a few yards away, leaped to their feet, threw up their hands and collapsed. Their bodies were carried a hundred yards by the train while Tom Fleming was found on the pilot of the engine when it came to a standstill, a quarter of a mile from the crash.

The party had been visiting their cousin, E. L. Fleming in the Middleburg community, and were returning home. Mrs. Coleman is survived by a husband and two children. Tom Fleming is unmarried.

SOLICITORS GET THEIR ORDERS TO INSPECT PRISONS

WANT EARLY REPORTS MORE

The County Commissioners Have Been Advised That They are Expected to Cooperate in Every Way Possible with the Solicitors in Their Investigations.

Raleigh, May 11.—Solicitors throughout North Carolina today were advised by Attorney Gen. Jas. S. Manning to conduct investigations of prison conditions in their respective districts and to report to him "the results as early as you can conveniently do so."

Simultaneously the officer addressed letters to the boards of county commissioners advising them of the communications sent to solicitors and urging them to cooperate. Mr. Manning's letter to the solicitors which was sent out following instructions issued by the Governor Friday, regarding the withdrawal of state and county prison system of the department of public welfare is as follows:

"Owing to the charges recently made and published as to the treatment of prisoners in prison camps and other places of confinement and I am directed by Governor to urge upon you to make a personal investigation of prison conditions in any prison camp or camps in any county in your district and also the condition of the jails in the counties of your district as follows:

"1. The method of housing of the prisoners.

"2. The feeding and clothing of prisoners.

"3. The treatment of prisoners both sick prisoners and well prisoners.

"4. If any illegal or criminal acts have been committed by guards or superintendents against prisoners committed to their charge.

"5. And if such acts have been committed to prosecute those who have violated the laws of the state. I trust you will make this investigation as thorough as can be and report in detail.

"I am also in direction of the Governor writing to chairman of board of county commissioners in your districts to aid and assist you in every possible way to investigate the true conditions. You may have found it advisable to help you if you deem it advisable or necessary to make these investigations, but what the governor desires and what I am urging you to do is to make these investigations yourself.

"I shall appreciate your acknowledgment of this letter and have you send me your report as early as you can."

FIFTY KILLED IN TEXAS TORNADO

Big Springs, Tex., May 14.—Fifty persons were killed and 100 injured three miles from Colorado, Texas when a tornado swept this section according to reports telephoned here today.

Since this news was received communication has been cut off due to damage to telephone and telegraph wires. The worst damage is 10 miles from Big Springs, it was reported.

Eight bodies of persons killed in a tornado near here this morning have been brought to Colorado and it is reported several more bodies are on the way here. There is no official estimate of the number dead.

Persons doing relief work report dead and injured found at almost every farm and ranch dwelling for miles south of here.

H. R. Green, chairman of Red Cross here, said the injured probably will reach 100 and probably 500 killed.

Doctors and nurses from a dozen nearby towns have been appealed to and are searching in the devastated area. Only slight damage was done to Colorado.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK

Raleigh, May 14.—For South Atlantic and East Gulf states: Unsettled, showery weather first part of week followed by generally fair weather. Temperatures somewhat below normal in interior and normal on coasts.

WEATHER

For North Carolina: cloudy weather with showers Tuesday and in extreme southwest portion tonight; not much change in temperature; moderate to fresh northeast and winds.

BRITISH THINK RUSSIANS HAVE CHANGED VIEWS

Lord Curzon Seems Determined to Maintain all the Points Raised in the British Note and Will Not Tolerate Long Explanations from Moscow on the Subject.

London, May 11.—In British official circles the reply of the Russian Foreign government to England is considered as avoiding a rupture. Satisfaction is expressed at what the British consider an about face on the part of Moscow in its attitude toward Great Britain.

While the British government is ready to discuss the disputed matters with Leonide Krassin or another accredited envoy Lord Curzon seems determined to maintain all the points raised in the British note and will not tolerate long discursive explanations from Moscow it is indicated.

He will also insist it be declared an adequate apology and apology for the wrongs alleged by the British in their note.

SIX DROWN IN MISSISSIPPI

Rock Island, Ill., May 14.—Six young people, three men and three women were drowned last night in the Mississippi river at Campbell's Island just east of this city when they jumped from a trestle to avoid being struck by a street car, control of which had been lost by the operator. The young people were walking back to East Moline after a dance at the island.

DR. R. H. JOHNSTON DIED IN WILSON

Had Been Ill for Two Weeks with Acute Bright's Disease; Was Brilliant in His Profession; a Good Citizen.

Dr. Richard H. Johnston, eminent physician in our city, nose and throat disease, died last evening at 11:30 at a local hospital. Death resulted from acute Bright's disease. Dr. Johnston had been ill for two weeks and his condition became alarming soon after he became ill.

Dr. Johnston was born 52 years ago in Tarboro the son of W. H. Johnston and Caroline Gattling Johnston. He was educated at Horner's Military School, the University of Maryland and also studied in his chosen profession in Berlin. He was associated with the Maryland General Hospital for some years, leaving there in 1911 to come to Tarboro. Later he went to Charlotte, coming here from that place four years ago. Dr. Johnston was recognized as a specialist of great ability and had achieved great success in his profession. His reputation in his work had spread all over the country and patients came to him from many sections of the country for treatment. He had treated such well known men as Gen. Dupont.

Eighteen years ago, Dr. Johnston was married to Miss Mary S. Small of Baltimore. Mrs. Johnston survives. There are also three children, Caroline, 17 years of age; Richard 14, and Dorothy, 12. Dr. Johnston's parents have been dead for a number of years. One brother, Mr. Henry Johnston, of Tarboro, survives. Also one uncle, Capt. R. H. Gattling of Tarboro. Capt. Gattling, who is 88 years of age, is a remarkably active man. The remains of Dr. Johnston have been placed in St. Timothy's church where they will remain until tomorrow. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock from Calvary Episcopal church of which the deceased was a member. The funeral party will leave here at nine o'clock. Rev. Bertram Brown of Tarboro and Rev. E. W. Baxter of Wilson will conduct the funeral services. The burial will take place in Tarboro.

Active pallbearers will be Dr. J. A. Tarner, Messrs. Tom Lantz, S. P. Clark, B. H. Cozart, J. C. Eagles, Casper Smith, R. C. Bagley and Geo. Stanton.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mr. E. H. Cozart, Dr. E. L. Strickland, E. P. Lane, D. B. Best, C. E. Moore, C. A. Woodard, C. A. Thomason, Messrs. W. E. Warren, T. M. Washington, E. G. Rawlings and B. E. Eagles, all of Wilson, Messrs. S. S. Nash, W. S. Clark, R. H. Albright, W. A. Hart, W. L. Bridgers, Drs. J. M. Baker, W. J. Thigpen and S. N. Harrell, all of Tarboro and Dr. A. M. Wooten of Pinetops.

Dr. Johnston will be greatly missed in the community. He was a good citizen and an affable gentleman.

Col. Blair Much Puzzled Over Governor's Decision

NEW YORK BIDDING FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

THERE'S NO CONFLICT

The Chairman of the State Board of Charities Said the Governor Said Nothing of a Lack of Funds to Carry on the Investigation When it Was First Agreed Upon; Therefore He is Surprised That the Governor Should Mention It Now.

Winston-Salem, May 14.—"I am not aware of any conflict between the state board of charities and public welfare and the state prison board in the matter of a prison investigation." Col. W. A. Blair, chairman of the former named board said this morning on his return from New York City where he has been for several days on business. Col. Blair says he does not understand the attitude of Gov. Morrison and the prison board since he has a letter from James Leak of Wadesboro, president of the prison board saying he would be glad to cooperate with the board of charities.

Col. Blair expects to go to Greensboro this afternoon to confer with Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner and other members of the board regarding future action. It is probable the meeting will be called for one day this week.

Dr. H. H. Hart of New York City noted penologist probably will be in Greensboro this afternoon as he was to attend a meeting set for today which had to be postponed on account of the absence of Chairman Blair. Before leaving for New York Blair had a letter from Gov. Morrison requesting the state board of charities to conduct the investigation but nothing was said then about a lack of funds. Upon his return last night Col. Blair had a letter stating that no funds were available for an investigation.

What the Governor meant by this Col. Blair says he does not know, however the board went ahead with the plans for the investigation and invited Dr. Hart.

It was presumed that some means of defraying the expenses of the investigation would be found. Just when things were getting in shape for the investigation the Governor's letter of withdrawal request was received.

WILLARD-FIRPO BOUT CERTAIN

New York, May 14.—The proposed fight between Jess Willard and Louis Firpo victors in the main bout Saturday of the milk fund show at the Yankee stadium, has an opponent for Jack Dempsey was a step nearer to completion today when Willard agreed to meet the South American on June 30 provided satisfactory terms were arranged.

MOUNTS PARENTS GOT NOTE

Telling Where Body Was Chicago, May 14.—The grand jury investigating the disappearance of Leighton Mount, who has not been seen since the night of the freshman-sophomore class rush at Northwestern University in September, 1921, directed attention today to a note received by the student's parents in which they were told that their son's body would be found in his water near his home.

PATROLMAN GRIFFIN WAS MURDERED BY UNKNOWN

Cleveland, May 14.—The body of Patrolman Dennis Griffin, kidnapped by a man he had arrested early Friday morning and with whom he had stayed for the police station was found this afternoon 300 feet from where remnants of his charred clothing were found between Garner lake and Bainbridge, 20 miles east of here.

Griffin had been shot twice through the head and once in the abdomen. Police say any one of the shots would have killed him. His body was stripped of all clothing. He was found buried in a grave not more than 2 feet deep.

Griffin for several weeks prior to his disappearance had received threats, presumably from a gang of hoodlums whom he had forbidden to enter his room. He was on his way from the bathing beach when he disappeared. His abandoned automobile was found next morning near a bridge and since then every available officer aided by Chesterfield county authorities, citizens and members of members of Ku Klux Klan had searched for him day and night. Griffin is said to have been the leader of the local Klan.

JESSE COLEMAN IS INJURED.

Several of the Rock Ridge people attended the concert by Anna Case at the Wilson High School auditorium Friday night. They were well pleased with Miss Case's interpretation.

Miss Fitzhugh attended an opera at Princeton Friday Night. She and Curtis Hinton also attended.

Mr. R. T. Barnes, Dr. L. V. Crady and Mr. Short went to Raleigh last Monday.

The Philanthropic Class of Marsh Swamp Sunday School met with Mrs. L. V. Grady on Saturday afternoon.

The commencement at Rock Ridge will be held in the new high school auditorium. The sermon will be preached by Dr. Mercer on Sunday June 2 at 3 p. m. On Tuesday June 5 at 11 a. m., Joseph Daniels will speak.

Jesse Coleman, the son of W. H. Coleman fell and broke his arm while playing last Friday.

On Sunday afternoon Oscar Boykin, the young son of Mr. Lafayette Boykin, had the misfortune to have his fingers blown off while playing with dynamite caps.

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING

Aluminum and china shower will be given at the Presbyterian Sunday School building at eight o'clock for the benefit of the new kitchen in the building.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet this evening at eight o'clock.

Program at the Princess theater, Wm. Faversham in "The Man Who Lost Himself," Wm. Desmond in "Around the World in 18 Days," a comedy.

Program at the Wilson theater, Douglas McLean "The Hottentot"; two reel comedy.

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IN TORNADO

Shelburne, Tex., May 14.—Joe Riddling and his two children were killed and a number of persons injured in a tornado which struck the Spade ranch south of Colorado and mowed a path 26 miles long across Mitchell county.