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BOND TAXATION WILL CUT TAXES

Republicans Propose Amendment Making Bond Owners Subject to Income Tax

Washington, Jan. 1.—After Congress reconvenes, the program for the tax reduction will be rounded out by a move on the part of Senator Smoot, of Utah, to get out of judiciary committee the resolution for a constitutional amendment making the owners of State, municipal and county bonds subject to income tax the same as owners of Liberty bonds and all bonds of corporations as well as mortgages on farms and buildings. This resolution passed the lower house last session by a vote of 223 to 101, being five more than the necessary two thirds. It was introduced in the last session of the Senate but for lack of time did not come to a vote. When the Senate reconvened just before the holidays, Senator Smoot reintroduced it, and his next move within a few days will bring it to the front as a rounding out of the present attempt at tax revision.

"In the writer's judgment, this amendment holds out the only promise of real relief for farmers, small business men and small home owners in the intire pending effort at tax revision. Except to speed this amendment, there is substantially nothing that Congress can do, or Mr. Mellon can do, or the Federal government can do in this field for the farmer and small business man. This is a strong assertion but it is within reason. The Federal government cannot lift taxes from the farmer because the Federal government is not collecting any taxes from the average farmer. If Senator Mangus Johnson, with a wife and four children and two hundred acres of land is an average farmer, then he does not have any Federal income tax on his farm income unless the net income of that farm, after deducting all expense, is \$3,600. And if Mangus Johnson's experience with his two hundred acre farm is typical of the average farmer, his net income last year did not reach \$3,600 or any thing like it, for the average farmer last year certainly did not make \$3,600 net.

So Mangus Johnson as a Senator cannot reduce his own income tax as a farmer, and nothing Congress can do can reduce it, because on the assumption that his farm is typical he has not enough income from his farm to pay any income tax on it. Nevertheless, Mangus Johnson, if he is an average farmer, is suffering from taxes. Governor Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska, has a farm of 160 acres on which his taxes in one recent year were \$496 or over \$4 an acre. The farmer everywhere is suffering from taxes. Farmers in some states are being forced into bankruptcy by taxes. But these taxes are not Federal taxes. They are local, State, county, and district taxes collected largely to pay interest on State, county and district bonds.

These bonds are being issued in enormous and rapidly increasing quantities. Something like two billion dollars of them were issued in 1922. The total amount of them is now close to twelve billion dollars. The principal reduction for the enormous issue of these bonds is that there is an immense demand for them. The demand comes from rich men and bankers who cater to rich men. The reason rich men want them is that the Federal government does not tax the income from them. A man with one or two or ten or a hundred million dollars can put all his money

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LIBERATE THAW

New York, Jan. 2.—Counsel for Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, and since 1916 confined in an asylum in Philadelphia, are seeking to have him adjudged legally competent, says a copyrighted story from Philadelphia appearing today in the New York Sun.

If liberated Thaw's counsel hope to obtain for him restoration of his personal fortune now estimated at \$1,000,000, according to the story. Then he would proceed to New York to surrender and face charges of having beaten a boy, charges of which counsel hope to clear him.

Thaw stands accused here of having lured Frederick Gump, Jr., son of a Kansas City manufacturer, to a New York hotel, and with having beaten his naked body savagely with a whip after having locked the boy in a room. The specific charges are kidnapping and second degree assault. Conviction would carry a long term in Sing Sing. The article states that Thaw's defense will be that he was adjudged insane at the time he was alleged to have committed the acts of which he is accused, but that he is now sane. A sane man it will be contended cannot be held for trial for acts of irresponsible moments.

Mrs. Martha Lassiter Dead

News has reached here of the death of Mrs. Martha Lassiter, who for sometime has made her home with her son, Mr. Edgar S. Lassiter, of near Four Oaks. Mrs. Lassiter was about eighty years old.

Last Friday while she was alone in her room her clothing caught fire and before anyone could go to her aid she was badly burned about her face and body. Everything that could be done for her relief was done, but she grew worse until death came Wednesday night.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Neil McInnis, pastor of Selma Presbyterian church, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at the home and interment was made in the family burying ground near Clement church. The floral offering was unusually large and beautiful. Crowds of relatives and friends from Wilson, Benson, Four Oaks and Smithfield attended the funeral.

For several years Mrs. Lassiter had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She was a woman of the finest Christian character and has lived an exemplary life. Her husband, the late Mr. Joseph Lassiter, preceded her to the grave about twenty years ago. She was a sister of the late Mr. Seth Woodall, a pioneer citizen of this city. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. D. M. Coates, of this city, and three sons, Messrs. Edgar S., and J. H. Lassiter, of near Four Oaks, and Rev. A. T. Lassiter, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Benson.

The bereaved ones have a large circle of friends who sympathize with them in their loss.

Accepts Position With J. D. Spiers

Mr. V. J. Underwood has accepted a position with J. D. Spiers. He will be in the furniture department. Mr. Underwood has been with Turnage & Talton for the past five years.

in these State, county and city bonds and thereafter need pay no income tax whatever. It is to reach these men and to be able to tax the income from these bonds and farm mortgages, that the constitutional amendment is prohibited.—Mark Sullivan in News and Observer.

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF SELMA

Many College Students Return to School; Other Items Of Interest

Selma, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cameron and family spent Christmas with Mr. J. A. Cameron, of Swan Station.

Mrs. Herbert Screws spent the week end in Dudley with friends.

Mrs. W. S. Grimley of Greensboro, Mrs. John Rose of Fremont and Miss Lovie Griffin of Dabney, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Griffin.

Mrs. W. H. Fields spent Friday in Princeton with her niece, Mrs. Joe Edwards.

Mrs. Oscar Eason spent Christmas with her brother, Mr. Raymond Griswold.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Earp and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Earp, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Earp of Thanksgiving last week.

Miss Minnie Bright of Durham visited Mrs. J. P. Temple during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Woodard and children spent Christmas day with Mrs. Woodard's mother, Mrs. Lillian Holland in Buie's Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nordan, of Portsmouth, Va., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Pearce of Wilmington have been visiting relatives in the city during the holidays.

Mrs. E. V. Deans has returned from Laurinburg where she visited her sister, Mrs. T. T. Covington.

Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Noble and son and Miss Annie Noble of Raleigh, spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whitley, of Florence, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitley and family of Vanceboro, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard last week.

Messrs. Fletcher Futrell and Joseph Watson of Pine Level visited friends in the city last Thursday.

Miss Mattie Ellington of Richmond Va., has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Call.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Fulghum and family have moved into their cottage on Pine street.

Mrs. Z. V. Fitzgerald of Raleigh visited Mrs. Bradley Pearce last week.

Miss Bertha Woodard has returned to Archer Lodge to resume her duties as teacher in the school there after spending the holidays at her home here. Miss Woodard had as her house guest during the holidays Miss Willow Way Benbow, also a teacher in the Archer Lodge school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Godwin of Charlotte spent the holidays with Mrs. Godwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Benoy.

Miss Bessie Willets, of Wilmington spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Willets.

Mr. R. L. Ray and brother, Mr. F. O. Ray, of Mebane, R. L. Ray, Jr., F. O. Ray and T. T. Ray spent last week in Eastern Carolina hunting.

Miss Ruth Hinnant of Kenly spent Christmas with Miss Martha Ward.

Mr. C. S. Griffith has returned from his home in Wilmington where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggs, Mr. B. H. Woodard and Miss Bertha Woodard spent Christmas day in Kenly with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodge.

Mr. R. D. Blackman spent several days last week in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Ray of Smithfield spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Ray.

Mrs. W. H. Etheridge of Kenly spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. O'Neal.

Mr. C. G. Wiggs went to Wilson and Rocky Mount on business last Thursday.

Dr. S. A. Oliver of Benson, Messrs J. D. Massey and F. G. Lowe have returned from a hunting trip in Eastern Carolina.

Miss Ada Hill has returned to her home in South Boston, Va., after spending several months in Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Woodard went to Mount Olive Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. V. Dail.

Miss Emma Lucas Ward, who is

HAPPENINGS IN CITY PRINCETON

Several Weddings Solemnized During the Holidays— Personal Mention

Princeton, Jan. 3.—Miss Roberta Barnes, of Wayne county, is visiting Miss Mildred Pearce.

Miss Fannie Wellons of Hookerton and Miss Ruth Tyler from Roxboro, were visitors in town for the week end.

Miss Ila Odum was married to Mr. Jim Massey last Friday, December 28th.

Miss Eula Harris one of the teachers in the graded school, was married to Mr. Lester Arnett last Sunday night.

Miss Lillie Toler was married to Mr. Raymond Eason last Saturday.

Misses Eula and Sadie Boyett have gone to Greensboro to enter school.

Miss Lillie Woodard and Mr. Thurman Bizzell were married last Thursday.

Misses Gladys Worley and Louise Edwards and Messrs. Luther Worley and Chester Adams visited friends in Goldsboro Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Swicegood from Salisbury, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Young, through the holidays.

The community league will meet Friday night, January 4th, at 7:30, in the Town Hall.

Miss Eula Baker is visiting relatives in Nash county this week.

Miss Ellen Uzzle, from Wilson's Mills, was a visitor in town a short while Saturday.

Mr. G. P. Massey and Miss Estelle Holt went to Smithfield shopping Tuesday.

The little visitor which arrived at Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Suggs' last week was a boy, instead of a girl, as reported.

Leland Holt, the little son of Mr. Roger Holt of Greensboro, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Mattie Mason and daughter, Clyde, have returned from Richmond, Va., where they have been for the past two months.

Clairborn and Thomas King are spending the week with relatives at Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Maurey and Josephine and D. R. Jr., of Cherryville, were visitors in town Christmas week.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Highsmith, Elizabeth, Chas. and Geo. Perry Highsmith, from Dunn, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Perry Christmas Day.

Mr. J. I. Davis and Mrs. A. L. Davis, from Burlington, and Mrs. M. P. Allen, from Durham, spent the week here.

Miss Rena Perry who is teaching in Selma spent the holidays with her parents Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Perry.

Misses Annie Mae Roberts, of Selma, and Rosalie Cole, of Esplanade, Mich. were the guests of Miss Rena Perry Monday night.

A Card Of Thanks

We, the keepers of the Johnston County Home, wish to thank the people of Smithfield, and other places, for the sumptuous Christmas dinner and the beautiful supply of fruit and confectioneries furnished the inmates during the holidays.

May each one of you enjoy a prosperous and happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stephenson.

one of the teachers in the Lumberton graded school is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Ward.

The following young people have returned to their respective colleges after spending the holidays here with their parents: Messrs W. G. Debnam, J. A. Temple and H. F. Eason, to Carolina; Messrs C. L. Corbett, A. A. Corbett, Elmore Earp and Cronje Earp, to Wake Forest, Hector Debnam to Oak Ridge, Miss Mirian Breitz to Salem College, Miss Elizabeth Earp to Meredith, Miss Agnes Rose to Durham Conservatory of Music, Miss Martha Ward to N. C. College for Women, Miss Rosa Weddell to Trinity College.

WILL HOLD FARMERS' SHORT COURSE

Plans have been completed for the four short courses in agriculture to be given by the State College during the week of January 9 to 16, according to an announcement by Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, director of Instruction for the School of Agriculture. One course will deal with cotton, tobacco, and small grains; the second with fruit and vegetable growing; the third with farm dairying and animal husbandry, and the fourth with poultry raising. The college authorities have planned to make the courses both short and practical and make them applicable to the rural woman as well as to the man on the farm. No tuition will be charged, and the main costs for attending the courses will be for board, lodging and railroad fare.

Professor Metcalf states that in addition to the regular classroom work during the day, there will be special evening programs consisting of addresses by Director B. W. Kilgore, Dean of the School of Agriculture, who will make the address of welcome; Dominant Rural Social Problems by Prof. W. A. Anderson, Professor of Rural Sociology; Farmers Group Programs and Projects by Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Professor of Rural Organization; What the State of North Carolina is Doing for Rural Schools, by T. E. Browne, Director of Vocational Education; The Program for Rural Health, Dr. G. M. Cooper, Assistant Secretary, State Board of Health, and Farm Forestry by H. M. Curran, Forester. Agricultural Extension Service.

It is especially desired that farm women shall feel free to attend this short course as well as the men. Many women have made requests that they be allowed to attend because so many of them are interested in poultry. Dr. B. F. Kaupp is arranging the poultry course to give special instruction to these adult women who do come. Professor Metcalf will mail a circular giving detailed information to any resident of North Carolina.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE BURNS OIL PLANT

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Damage estimated at close to one million dollars was done by a fire at the Whiting, Indiana, plant of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana this afternoon.

The machine shops and boiler works, including several buildings and most of the machinery in them were practically destroyed and 30 storage tanks containing about 900,000 gallons of gasoline were threatened by the flames.

NO RECORDER'S COURT FOR THREE WEEKS

Owing to the fact that Criminal Court was in session here before Christmas and that Christmas Day came on Tuesday, the regular time for Recorder's court, and the following Tuesday being New Year's Day, there has been no Recorder's Court held here during the past three weeks. Next Tuesday and Wednesday will be given over to criminal cases which will be tried at that time.

WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY TO MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the church in the first business meeting of the year. All members are urged to be present.

Misses Lucile Johnson and Ada Flowers and Mr. Walter Huntley went to Goldsboro Tuesday afternoon.

SPECIAL PROGRAM AT M. E. CHURCH

"The World's Redeemer", A Christmas Cantata to be Given by Music Dept.

The following program was prepared by the Music Department of the Woman's Club for the Christmas service at the Centenary Methodist church on Christmas Day, but owing to the illness of some of those taking part, it was postponed until next Sunday, January 6. The program will be rendered Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

1. He Shall Reign Forever, opening chorus.
2. 'Neath the Starry Heavens, duet and choir.
3. Arise and Shine, choir.
4. From Lands Afar, Men's chorus and choir.
5. The Gates of Heaven Unbar, choir.

Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. D. H. Tuttle.

6. Bring you Good Tidings, Solo and women's chorus.
 7. Glory to God in the Highest, solo and choir.
 8. The Song and the Star, obligato solo and choir.
 9. Christmas Memories, choir.
 10. He Came to Redeem the World, duet, quartet and choir.
 11. Come, Let us Adore Him, choir Benediction.
- Sopranos—Miss Irene Myatt, Mrs. John White Ives, Mrs. C. H. Hood.
Tenors—Rev. S. L. Morgan, Mr. Marvin Woodall.
Altos—Mrs. N. T. Holland, Miss Lucile Johnson, Miss Helene Ives.
Basses—Mr. P. H. Kasey, Mr. Paul Eason.

CHURCHES URGE FIGHT ON WAR SYSTEM

Chicago, Jan. 1.—A declaration that the "war system" still grips the Christendom and all men of good will to unite in a crusade for a Christian International, and the United States International, and the United States to join the International Court of Justice, were contained in resolutions adopted today by the Union Ministers meeting under the auspices of the Chicago Church Federation. The Federation represents fifteen denominations and more than 650 churches.

Every communion and every local church is urged to name committees on international good-will in support of the crusade against war and for a Christian system of international relations.

Termining the "war system" the world's "outstanding collective sin," the declaration says:

"In spite of staggering war debts, enormous and expensive military preparations still go on. The war system hinders production, blocks industry, consumes capitals dooms millions to hopeless poverty, cripples every movement for the common good, threatens the destruction of Christian civilization, and worst of all, works spiritual havoc among men. It constitutes a denial of the teachings and spirit of Jesus.

"In humble penitence for past mistakes and sincere repentance for our want of faith in and devotion to the ideals of the kingdom of God, and affirming our unshakable belief in the peaceful method of settling all international disputes, we declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to war and the entire war system, and affirm our purposes to lead our people in a crusade for a warless world."

Say kind words; if you cannot say something kind, keep quiet.

American People Have Gone Installment Payment Mad

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Americans have gone installment payment mad, declares the January issue of the National Retail Clothier, official publication of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers, in commenting on the tendency in the country today to buy products on the installment plan. Statisticians have compiled a list of 68 important

commodities being sold on time payments, with the automobile and musical instruments heading the list. The list runs from radio sets through washing machines, stocks and bonds to buildings. A vast majority of the wage-earners, it is declared, have mortgaged their incomes for years to come because of the trend of the country to buy luxuries and necessities of life on the installment plan.

Polk County Gives Good Example Of What The Millennium Means

Asheville, Jan. 2.—No one in Polk county claims that the millennial dawn has come, but Sheriff G. L. Thompson and others there say a condition exists in that county akin to the millenium. The new county home erected two years ago, is without a single occupant except the superintendent. The county jail had

only one prisoner in it on New Year's day. No arrests were made in the entire county during the Christmas holidays, it is claimed.

This is a puzzling situation for the Polk County Commissioners, who have pointed with pride to the new county jail nearing completion at Columbus.