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Country Behind Proposal For Reduction Of Taxes

Coolidge Formulating Message to Congress Along Line that American People Want Relief from War Tax Barden but Soldier Bonus Is a Banquo's Ghost

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Washington, Nov. 19.—The country has got behind the proposal to reduce taxes. There is no longer any doubt about that at the White House and President Coolidge is formulating his message to be delivered to Congress with the idea that the American people want their taxes reduced.

By letters, telegrams, newspaper editorials, personal calls from members of Congress, the administration has learned that the demand for tax revision is almost unanimous. Public opinion has crystallized rapidly. President Coolidge feels he can go ahead with recommendations to Congress that will have behind them the momentum of national opinion at the outset.

The President is anxious to get the views of House and Senate leaders before sending his message to the printers. But the members are slow in drifting back to Washington so Mr. Coolidge is unable to get their reaction to public affairs as quickly as he would like to have it. He would like to know, for instance, just how he should treat the soldier bonus proposal. The politicians say he cannot avoid offering a program for soldier aid because it is inevitable that the Democratic candidates for the Presidency will urge it. William Gibbs McAdoo has been quoted as saying the Government could revise taxes and pay a bonus too. Since Mr. McAdoo was at one time Secretary of the Treasury himself, his observations are taken seriously, especially by the bonus men who say he ought to know.

The difficulty about the bonus, however, is not the question of whether it ought to be paid. Sentiment for the payment of the bonus if the Government could afford it would be almost unanimous as there have been relatively few attacks against the bonus in principle. The greatest factor is really the uncertainty as to the amount of annual outlay that would be needed. The advocates and opponents of the measure disagree as to the total cost. In the face of such a situation it is hardly probable that the President would simply come out in favor of a bonus without discovering some way of meeting the payments however large they may be. The prospects at the moment are that the President will not recommend a bonus for the able-bodied but will deal with the re-organization of the veterans bureau which is charged with the duty of making payments to the disabled service men. This would leave it to Congress again to take the initiative. It will be recalled that Mr. Harding did not start the bonus agitation but expressed his views after Congress had put the matter up to him.

President Coolidge feels that he gave his pledge to the country to follow out the Harding policies. Mr. Harding vetoed the bonus bill. But he did suggest that there be a tax revision before the end of the present administration. In his annual message of December 6, 1921, Mr. Harding said:

"It would suggest insincerity if I expressed complete accord with every expression recorded in your roll calls; but we are all agreed about the difficulties and the inevitable divergence of opinion in seeking the reduction amelioration and readjustment of the burdens of taxation. Later on, when other problems are solved I shall make some recommendations about renewed consideration of our tax program."

Mr. Harding could not have postponed the execution of that promise until the presidential campaign or a second term. Close friends say he favored making it a part of his program this year though he realized the political dangers of putting a tax revision measure into Congress with the Republican party divided by radicalism.

Mr. Coolidge hopes, however, that enough Republicans will stand by the tax program together with the conservative Democrats so that tax reduction can be accomplished. The outlook at the moment for such a coalition is bright.

GRAHAM OF ILLINOIS OPPOSES LONGWORTH

Washington, Nov. 20.—Representative Graham of Illinois yesterday announced his candidacy for the Republican leadership of the House in opposition to Representative Longworth of Ohio.

COTTON SPINNING SHOWS INCREASE

Washington, Nov. 20.—Increased activity in the cotton spinning industry is shown in the October report of the Census Bureau, which showed almost a billion more spindle hours than in September and the largest number of spindle hours since June.

NEW YORK POLICE ARE ON WARPATH

New York, Nov. 20.—The police today put into effect the order that all known criminals and persons without honest means of support or good reason for remaining here must leave the city.

War Will Depend on Munitions Reserves

Chief of Army Ordnance Emphasizes Importance of Emergency Reserves

Washington, Nov. 20.—The next major war "will be won or lost on the sufficiency of munitions reserves," Major General Clarence C. Williams, chief of Army ordnance, predicted in his annual report made public today at the War Department.

"I wish to emphasize the preponderating importance of adequate emergency reserves," General Williams said, adding that in view of the isolated position, highly developed specialized industries and immense resources of the United States it seemed "fairly certain that no power or combination of powers now in existence," could successfully invade the country after American man power and industry had been fully mobilized.

"The possible rate of mobilization will always be determined by the state of our reserves," the report said "since man power can be mobilized much more rapidly than industry. From this point of view, taking into account the present economic development of the world, it may be said that the next major war will be won or lost on the sufficiency of munitions reserve."

The war left the country with a large stock of reserves on hand, General Williams continued, but with the passage o ftime the value of these is decreasing "due to development of improved and more powerful types." There is also, he added, a deterioration in stocks of ammunition which "is very much more pressing" that the question of obsolesence of material.

The report said that lack of funds during the last two years has prevented completion of the artillery development program worked out at the close of the war and that it has been possible "to cover reasonably well" in a contracted program only the gun material for infantry, divisional batteries and small caliber anti-aircraft weapons together with one type of tank. Even the contracted program cannot proceed "to an effective degree" during the coming year under budget limitations, the report added.

"The Department has now been working on the program for four years and can see no hopes of developing for the service and getting certain designs under the limited program ready for production without substantial increase in the funds available," said General Williams. He added that work which could be done in one year by his department now required three years time to complete."

ASKS TEN MILLIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Washington, Nov. 20.—An appropriation of $10,000,000 for the enforcement of the prohibition and narcotic laws during the next fiscal years was said today by prohibition officials to have been included in Treasury estimates submitted to the director of the bidget.

SCOUT COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Elizabeth City Boy Scouts Council will be held tonight at the offices of the Spence-Hollowell Company, South Water street. Scoutmaster Scattergood is sending out an appeal to all who have made pledges for Boy Scout work in the city to pay these pledges at once to Treasurer H. G. Kramer, as Elizabeth City Scouting is in need of funds to carry on its work.

KIDNAPPED CHILD FOUND MURDERED

New York, Nov. 20.—The body of Irving Pickelny, four and a half years old, who was kidnapped from in front of his Grant street home on October 26, was found today slashed with a knife in the cellar of a Suffolk street tenement house.

TRYING TO GIVE GERMANY CREDIT

Negotiations Under Way Between Berlin Bank and Group of American, British and Dutch Financiers.

(By The Associated Press.)

Berlin, Nov. 20.—The Boersen Courrier today said that negotiations are in progress between a well known Berlin bank and a group of American, British and Dutch financiers for credit to Germany of 1,400,000,000 gold marks.

The granting of such credit, says the newspaper, is dependent upon conditions that there be no change in the internal political situation in Germany and that the offer be made only to the Stresemann government.

BRITISH POLOISTS ARE TAUGHT SPEED

London, Nov. 20. — The speed Americans put into their polo playing made a strong impression on Lord Cholmondeley, one of the British horsemen who has just returned home after participating in a series of matches in the New York arena. He says, however, that the Americans do not have really first-grade ponies and he thinks the British-American championship match next summer ought to be an even money bet, provided the British make up two teams not later than the end of May and land their ponies in New York six weeks before the battle, and the players a month before.

"The Americans appear to go twice our speed," Lord Cholmondeley said. "They take their man at once instead of waiting for him to hit the ball, and they take the ball, if possible, before it hits the boards, should it be going on to them, and so speed up the game.

"When we first arrived all three teams were painfully slow. My own ponies appeared to be third class, as they had acquired the bad methods of their masters, who were checking on all their shots. The longer we played the more we got into the American style, and my own ponies appeared more than to hold their own against the best American ponies."

Lord Cholmondeley said Colonel Melvill was the only player who went over to America with the three teams who hit the proper pace—all out—from start to finish. The rest had to learn how to gallop.

REICHBANK HEAD DIES AT BERLIN

(By The Associated Press.)

Berlin, Nov. 20.—Doctor Rudolph Havenstein, president of the Reichbank, died here today.

WELCOMES NEGROES WHO LIKE TO WORK

New York, Nov. 20.—Governor Smith last night addressing a mass meeting of negroes here told them that negroes from the South who were hard workers would be welcomed in the North.

BUY BIRTHPLACE OF JAMES MONROE

Washington, Nov. 20. The birth place of James Monroe, situated in Westmoreland County, Virginia, now owned by a negro clergyman, is to be restored as a memorial to the expounder of the Monroe Doctrine.

Plans have been drawn up by the Society of Descendants of James Monroe to buy the house and make it a repository for articles of historic interest associated with the former President.

Hens Break Record For Laying Eggs

Trapnesting Tests Used to Keep Count of Production at Experiment Station

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—Two hundred and fifty-eight eggs in ten months from Jan. to November 1, this year, is the record of a Rhode Island Red hen at the Mountain Branch near Swannanoa station of the North Carolina Experiment station, according to reports received here and announced today. Another Rhode Island Red hen it was reported, laid 236 eggs in the same period and both of the chickens are still laying. Egg counts were kept by means of trap nests.

Speaking of the trap nesting tests at Swannanoa, Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry investigation work of The North Carolina State College and the Department of Agriculture, said, "We started the work with 100 single comb Rhode Island Red pullets last winter. Sixteen of these pullets have laid over 200 aggs each during the year; nine have laid between 213 and 258 eggs, with two laying 258 and 236, respectively. This shows some of the results being secured by our poultry workers in developing high production fowls, as we generally consider the Red as a utility fowl used for both meat and eggs rather than for eggs alone as in the case of the Leghorn."

MRS. MORTIMER IS BEFORE COMMITTEE

Washington, Nov. 20—Mrs. Katherine Mortimer, wife of Elias H. Mortimer, principal accuser of former Director Charles R. Forbes, appeared today before the Senate Committee investigating the Veterans Bureau accompanied by her counsel.

Mrs. Forbes tried unsuccessfully to testify before the committee in the effort she said to vindicate publicly her "character and good name."

Responding to the formal request of her counsel, Chairman Reed said that Mrs. Mortimer had been heard at her own request in private and that if she desired the committee would release her testimony. Her counsel then said that Mrs. Mortimer had requested him to ask the committee that her testimony given in secret session be made public.

Mrs. Norman Simpson of Route Five, City, entered the Community Hospital Monday for medical treatment.

The Red Cross Asks Help For The Least Of These

The Appeal Is for Everybody to Answer the Call, and As Many as Can Do So to Answer With Larger Amounts Than One Dollar

Barely one-third of the amount hoped for has been raised in the Red Cross Roll Call here.

With a really generous response to the Roll Call a public health nurse can be secured to relieve suffering among the poor, to help to train mothers in the task of bringing up healthy little children, and to do many needed things, right here in the home community.

The Red Cross calls throughout this week, and there is yet time to answer.

If the call is answered with $1, 50 cents of that dollar, goes to Red Cross headquarters and will be used to help in national and international work.

The other 50 cents stays here and helps. If the answer is made with $5, $10, $100 or more, 50 cents goes to headquarters just the same, and all the rest stays here.

It is hoped that everybody will answer the call, because everybody should have a part in this humanitarian work. It is hoped too that many people will answer with larger amounts than $1, so that greater things may be accomplished here at home.

The following story is just an example of the need here at home, and how the local Red Cross comes to the rescue of the needy:

On a cold, rainy, blustery afternoon in March, one of those days that keeps a fellow by his own fireside and makes him glad for the comfort and warmth of a good home, there came a ring over the phone in the office of the local welfare department.

Hurriedly answering, the welfare worker heard the familiar words, "Won't you go to the home of ——— right away. They need you."

As quickly as she could the worker went and what did she find? Four children shivering over a small blaze that the oldest, a girl of ten years, was trying to keep going with a basket of chips, which was all the wood she had. A tot of three was crying for the mother who had been gone from the home since early morning, weak from long illness, yet trying to earn a living for her babies.

"And where is daddy," the worker asked. "He is gone away off, and we can't find him. He don't come to see us any more," said the ten year old.

"And did you have any breakfast this morning?"

"Some bread and coffee," came the answer.

Running to a nearby phone, the welfare worker sent in an emergency call to the local Red Cross office. The word came back, "Go ahead; do everything necessary to relieve the situation. We will pay the bills."

In just a little while there was a good fire to warm the shivering little bodies, nourishing food cooking for the hungry babies, milk for the mother who needed to get her strength back for her job of breadwinner.

It was the Red Cross that made this quick action possible. It is to the Red Cross that the appeal is made in other emergencies similar to this, and it is the men and women who join the Red Cross that are sharing in this privilege of ministering "to the least of these."

Californian Is To Give Lecture Here

Congressman Free Brought To Elizabeth City by Chamber of Commerce

An illustrated lecture on California showing what that state has achieved and how she has done it will be delivered at the Pasquotank Courthouse on Thursday night of this week by Congressman A. M. Free of the eighth California Congressional district.

Congressman Free comes to Elizabeth City under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce; but the lecture is for the public in general and anybody is invited. Mr. Job became acquainted with the California Congressman while both were attending the meeting of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association at Norfolk last week. Mr. Free became so much interested in this section that he consented to come to Elizabeth City and deliver his lecture.

After consenting to lecture here Congressman Free found that he had overlooked an important engagement at Washington and called up Secretary Job to tell the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce man that he would have to cancel his engagement here. After consideration, however, he decided on an alternative course and cancelled the appointment at Washington instead.

It is hoped, in view of Congressman Free's courtesy to Elizabeth City in this matter, as well as in view of the highly interesting subject matter of his lecture and of his reputation as a speaker, that the courthouse will be filled Thursday night by those who will go out to hear the distinguished visitor.

Congressman Free is president of the organization in California that has fought alien ownership of land in that state and that has recently won a great victory in the Supreme Court's decision that a state has jurisdiction as to the question of who may own land within its borders.

Learns Football From the Bottom

Poindexter at University Had Never Played the Game Until He Went There

Chapel Hill, Nov. 20.—Charles Crawford Poindexter, left guard on the University of North Carolina eleven, is one of those students who never played football before coming to the University.

He hails from Franklin, in the mountains of the western part of the state, and he has the ruggedness and determination that bespeak high praise for these qualities in mountain-bred men.

The most interesting thing about his football career is that he has never had time taken out or missed playing in a varsity game during his four years here. Not to have been knocked out a single time is a distinct record,—one that no other member of the squad can boast. The Fetzers are looking to the mountains for more such men.

Counting the season with the freshman team, of which he was a star member, he has played five years of football. He was picked for all South Atlantic guard last year. He is 23 years old, weighs 178 pounds and is five feet 11 inches in height.

He was captain of Carolina's wrestling team last year and state Olympic heavyweight champion. For three years he has been a varsity track man.

Poindexter belongs to the category of football players who knock into a cocked hat the theory of some folk that athletes and scholarship do not mix. He has not only graduated in three and one half years, but made high marks in his studies. He has taken an active interest in practically all campus activities. Last year he was president of the Y. M. C. A. He is a member of the Golden Fleece and a number of other honorary organizations. This is his first year in the school of law.

"Pondy" has won many high honors in the University, but perhaps the biggest honor lies in the fact that he has worked his way through while winning them.

TIME IS EXTENDED FOR ENTIRE YEAR

Washington, Nov. 20.—An extension of one year during which World War officers are eligible for appointment without examination to officers of the reserve corps was today authorized by Secretary Weeks.

The time limit expired November 11, but under the present ruling will be continued until Armistice Day, 1924.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 20.—Spot cotton, closed steady, Middling, 35.35 an advance of 15 points. Futures, closing bid; Dec. 34.80, Jan. 34.32, March 34.58, May 34.73, July 34.20, Oct. 28.30.

New York, Nov. 20.—Cotton futures opened today at the following level; Dec. 34.70, Jan. 34.40, March 34.60, May 34.75, July 34.30.

INVOKES AID OF FEDERAL COURTS

Governor Walton, Ousted from Office After Little More Than Ten Months, Makes One More Effort.

(By The Associated Press.)

Oklahoma City, Nov. 20.—J. C. Walton's gubernatorial career, as spectacular as it was brief, is ended.

Deposed by the verdict of the senate court of impeachment which late yesterday found him guilty of moral turpitude, corruption in office, neglect of duty, and incompetency, his term as Oklahoma's fifth governor was broken off after a little more than ten months,—sensational to the last.

But as his successor prepared today to take the reigns of government, Walton girded himself for a last desperate effort to retain the office by invoking the aid of the United States courts.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 20.—Governor J. C. Walton was yesterday impeached by the unanimous vote of the Senate, sitting as an impeachment committee.

DRAWS FINE WHEN HITS WHOLESALE GROCER'S TRUCK

Eulus Pritchard was fined $50 and costs in recorder's court Monday morning for reckless driving of a motor car while under the influence of liquor. Mr. Pritchard hit the Banks & Hughes truck on Pennsylvania Avenue Saturday night, but claimed that the accident was due to a blowout. In reply to the testimony of officers that he was under the influence of liquor when he was taken in custody at his home shortly after the accident, Mr. Pritchard said that he had taken an overdose of medicine, which had made him sick.

Through his attorney, M. B. Simpson, the defendant noted an appeal from the judgment of the court and gave appeal bond in the sum of $100.

Richard Lee, colored youth, for riding a bicycle with lights was taxed with the costs.

FUNERAL W. F. UMPHLETT

The funeral of William F. Umphlett was conducted at the home about four miles from Hertford Tuesday afternoon at half past two o'clock by Rev. W. T. Phipps and interment was made in the Hertford cemetery.

Mr. Umphlett died Monday morning at 4:15 o'clock in the Elizabeth City Hospital, as a result of injuries received last Wednesday when his clothing was caught in the shafting of his own gin near his home and he was thrown violently against the wall of the building. He was brought to the hospital here the following Saturday afternoon with his body covered with bruises and abrasions and with gangrene developing in the muscles of his right leg which were crushed to a pulp.

He is survived by a wife and by two sons, Leonard and Moulton. Surviving him also are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charnie Umphlett of Perquimans County; one brother, D. C. Umphlett of Hertford, and four sisters, Mrs. W. E. Dail and Mrs. J. F. Nurney of New Hope, and Mrs. J. S. Jackson and Mrs. A. C. Boyce of Edenton.

Mr. Umphlett was widely known and well liked in this section and his death was a shock to a wide circle of friends.

CAN SEE HUMAN CORK FROM STATE BRIDGE

A good crowd witnessed the exhibition of Norris F. Kellan, the "human cork," at Abbott's wharf Tuesday afternoon and a still larger crowd is expected to see his performance tonight, which is to be held, it has been decided, from the Elizabeth City Boat Line wharf instead of from Abbott's wharf. A good view of the night exhibition may be obtained from the State river bridge.

Turks Want Signs Written in Turkish

Constintinople, 20.—Sign painters and the sellers of freezes have had a rush of business since the allied evacuation that makes them the envy of those tradesmen who have suffered from the departure of the foreigners. Men who never wore the national headgear oftener than does a Shriner in the United States have deemed it prudent to put away their European hats, and not incur the sometimes rough attention of street crowds by appearing without the fez.

A few days ago the Vali of the city ordered that every business sign should be in Turkish characters, and the supply of native sign letters has not been up to the demand. It is required that the Turkish characters shall occupy the upper or principal position on all signs. A foreign language may be used under the Turkish, but only to one quarter of the area given the native lettering.

F. G. Smithwick of Merry Hill, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. F. G. Jacocks, left for his home Monday night.