

Republicans Have Agreed On Maximum Surtax Rates

Soliciting Approval of Secretary Mellon on Compromise
Which It Is Hoped Will Win Enough Democratic Votes
To Carry It Through

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Jan. 29.—Republican members of the House ways and means committee have agreed among themselves to place the maximum surtax rates at 35 per cent. They are soliciting the approval of Secretary Mellon and President Coolidge and some of the house members think the approval will be forthcoming as it is the best compromise they think they can get in the House.

Mr. Mellon proposed 25 per cent as the maximum while the Democratic plan introduced by Representative John Garner of Texas provides for a maximum of 44 per cent.

The Republican leaders have been trying to win converts among the Democrats, particularly those who represent districts with large cities in them, the supposition being that the big business interests will be able to persuade their Democratic Representatives to go along with the Republicans at 35 per cent rather than jeopardize the chances of the whole tax question being ground between the upper and nether millstone of partisan rivalry.

Thirty-five per cent is better than nothing, and 35 per cent is better than 44—that's the argument being used among the conservative Democrats enough of whom are said to be interested in the Republican proposal to encourage the Republican leaders to go to Secretary Mellon in order to win his approval.

Those Democrats who are leaning toward the 35 per cent proposal do not represent a majority of their party by any means, but enough are said to be lined up to enable the Republicans with their aid to get the 35 per cent rate through the House but these Democrats will not pledge themselves to vote for it unless they have assurance that Secretary Mellon will accept it and that they will be voting for something that will really be adopted. If the President and Secretary of the Treasury stand pat on the 25 cent rate, the Democrats do not want to put themselves in the position of abandoning the 44 per cent rate in the Garner plan.

The ways and means committee is already changing the Mellon proposals considerably. The amendment accepted by the committee on Monday, which limits the 25 per cent reduction on earned incomes to those with incomes of \$20,000, is not what Secretary Mellon suggested. He wanted the 25 per cent reduction to apply to all earned incomes of whatever size. The House itself, or the Senate, may change it later, but the chances are the maximum will not be increased. Another amendment which was not vital so far as fundamentals are concerned but which affects widows, orphans and others who are dependent on the work of others for their incomes provides that all incomes up to \$5,000 shall be regarded as earned income and subject to a 25 per cent reduction of taxes. This amendment was inserted because of the widespread demand that Congress should treat widows and orphans and invalids who are supported by invested funds on the same basis as the class who earn their incomes. The limit of \$5,000, it was felt, would take care of all the cases of this kind and yet would not carry the 25 per cent exemption too far. Thus if a trust of funds from an insurance policy of approximately \$81,000 are set aside and invested at 6 per cent the annual income would be approximately \$5,000. This would take a 25 per cent reduction in taxes just the same as the man or woman who earns a salary of \$5,000 a year. But if a person has a trust of \$100,000 the annual income from which at 6 per cent would be \$6,000 the first \$5,000 is subject to the 25 per cent reduction but the remaining \$1,000 takes the usual tax rates.

The ways and means committee is making rapid progress in considering the bill and the all-important question of surtax rates has finally been reached. The next few days should see significant development in the fixing of the maximum surtax rates.

RESUMES RELATIONS WITH THE GREEKS

Washington, January 30.—The United States yesterday announced resumption of diplomatic relations with Greece.

FORMER MAYOR DIES

China Grove, January 30.—Adolphus W. Winecoff, former Mayor of China Grove, who died at his home Sunday afternoon following a long illness, was buried here Monday afternoon. He was one of the best know men in Rowan County.

DAVIDSON PASSES MARK

Charlotte, January 30.—The Davidson College campaign for \$600,000 endowment and improvement funds ended yesterday with \$675,000 subscribed.

Ward Introduces Dismal Swamp Bill

Measure For Purchase By Government of Canal Presented
To Congress

Congressman Hallet S. Ward has already introduced into Congress a bill for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal by the Government. For the information of readers of this newspaper the bill in full follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of \$500,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing and acquiring by the Government of the United States all rights, titles, and interests in and to the Lake Drummond (Dismal Swamp) Canal, running from Elizabeth River, in the State of Virginia, to Pasquotank River, in the State of North Carolina, in accordance with the report and recommendation of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors made to the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army, December 6, 1921, and by him approved and submitted to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of the House of Representatives, February 25, 1922, same being House Document Numbered 5, Sixty-seventh Congress: Provided, The owners shall certify to the Secretary of War in writing their willingness to convey the same for the price above named and in accordance with said recommendations.

"Sec. 2. That the Secretary of War is authorized and directed to commence negotiations without delay to the end that title to said canal be acquired free and clear of all encumbrances and liabilities, and whenever the title shall be approved by the Attorney General it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to pay the said amount from the funds herein appropriated."

TEXAS IS THE MECCA OF CATTLE BUYERS

By JAMES R. RECORD
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Fort Worth, Jan. 30.—Texas today is the mecca of the Californian and Mexican cattle buyers. For several weeks they have been combing the ranges for steers for immediate and future delivery. Texas owners are holding on to their stock, however. Buyers are said to be offering as high as \$6.50 a hundred pounds in South Texas for choice fat bullocks weighed there, without producing results. Population and meat consumption in California are said to have jumped by leaps and bounds and reports from Pacific Coast and Intermountain states show a shortage in producing areas in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. Canadian cattle are reported here to be pouring into California through Oregon ports of entry at the rate of ten to 15 cars a day and paying \$2 a hundred pounds duty as well as freight. Canadian cattle are averaging about 1,000 at Sacramento and are commanding about six dollars a hundred with some sales as high as \$7.50 or about one dollar a hundred less than good native stock.

FINED FOR POSSESSION

W. R. Smith, Riverside Drive, was fined \$25 and costs in the recorder's court Wednesday morning for illegal possession of liquor. He took an appeal and gave the appeal bond of \$50 required by the court.

TO PLANT MORE COTTON

St. Louis, January 30.—It is estimated that the cotton districts of Southeastern Missouri have gained ten thousand in population in the last year and cold weather freezing insect pests has given new impetus to plans for 1924 production. Ten gins are under construction and eleven more are planned.

TALKS TO MERCHANTS

Durham, January 30.—John Sprunt-Hill, prominent Durham citizen, addressed the Merchants Association of Atlanta at the Georgia capital on Monday evening. "North Carolina—a story of Triumphant Democracy," was Mr. Hill's subject.

With Pomp and Ceremony



The king and queen of England, with all the pomp of ancient times, ride in their golden coach to Parliament. Never before in England's history has a monarch gone to speak before a Parliament the dominant figure in which is a Laborite. This is a splendid close-up of Queen Mary in her queenly robes, and crown.

ANOTHER ARREST IN BIG MAIL ROBBERY

Boston, January 30.—Henry Manly of Revere today surrendered at the Federal building here and was arrested on charges of conspiracy to rob in connection with the million dollar mail truck robbery in Los Angeles in March, 1921.

Bert Chapman was arrested on a similar charge yesterday.

GOVERNOR McCRAY ADJUDGED BANKRUPT

Frankfort, Ind., January 30.—Governor Warren McCray was today adjudged bankrupt in the report of Harry Sheridan, Federal master in chancery, who recently conducted a hearing on the petition of three Fort Wayne banks.

Sheridan held that McCray is not a farmer or laborer and is therefore exempt from Federal laws governing involuntary bankruptcy proceedings.

BETHUEL BALLANCE DEAD

Bethuel Ballance, 97 year old resident of Maple, Currituck County, died at his home on Monday night, and was buried in the family burying ground at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Letitia Barco of Waterlily; and one brother, Sam Ballance of Durham, also by a niece, Mrs. W. O. Saunders, and a nephew, Captain H. M. Ballance, both of this city; and by a number of great nieces and nephews throughout North Carolina. Some time ago, Mr. Ballance, who was reputed to be the oldest man in Currituck County, suffered a stroke of paralysis and has been in delicate health ever since, so his death, while coming suddenly, was not a shock to his family.

WILL SHOW RELICS OF LONG LOST RACE

Most of Dr. C. D. Williamson's lecture Friday at the court house will bear on National Parks which have been set aside to preserve natural wonders, but in describing and illustrating Mesa Verde National Park the public will learn something of that marvelous museum of 77 square miles area, containing the most notable and best preserved prehistoric cliff dwellings in the United States, if not in the world.

Most people are accustomed to regard the Indians of the United States as a race of wanderers, living in temporary habitations of skin or bark.

Here are seen the dwellings of a superior race who built homes and lived in communities, houses crowded together wall to wall and frequently three stories high. Some of these dwellings have as many as 200 rooms. While no definite age is given for these ruins, it is estimated they are at least 1,000 years old.

Dr. Williamson will show views of these ruins during his lecture on "Our National Parks."

CUT BY THUGS

Durham, January 30.—Henry Johnson aged negro, is in a Durham hospital suffering from a severe cut in his neck inflicted by thugs as he passed through the railway yards here the other night. Johnson is said to have come from Wilmington, Delaware. No trace of his assailants has been found. Robbery is believed to have been the motive of the attack on Johnson.

FINDS DESERTED STILL

Durham, January 30.—Deputy Will Hill, West Durham, found a 26 gallon liquor still in a thicket near the old Oxford road several days ago. The still had apparently been abandoned for some time.

ROBBER SURRENDERS AND BONDS RECOVERED

Boston January 30.—Bert H. Chapman, wanted in connection with the million dollar mail truck robbery in Los Angeles in March, 1921, yesterday surrendered to the police and \$200,000 worth of bonds stolen at the time were recovered.

COTTON MARKET

New York, January 30.—Spit cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 15 points. Middling 33.40. Futures closed at the following levels: March 33.07; May 32.28; July 32.10; October 27.90; December 27.43.

New York, January 30.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 33.05; May 33.32; July 32.00; October 27.88; December 27.38.

Rear Admiral Latimer Told Denby 'Twas Legal

Judge Advocate General of Navy Tells House Naval Committee Today That in December, 1921, He Gave Secretary of Navy This Advice in Regard Oil Lease

ANDERSON WILL APPEAL HIS CASE

Was Found Guilty of Forgery but Sentence Not to be Passed Until Friday of Next Week.

New York, Jan. 30.—Dry leaders intimated today that William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, convicted by a jury before Supreme Court Justice Tompkins last night of third degree forgery, probably would appeal the verdict before February 8, the date set for pronouncement of his sentence.

The bail of \$5,000, in which he has been at liberty since the indictment was returned, was continued yesterday.

New York, January 30.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was yesterday found guilty of forgery and will be sentenced on Friday.

INDICTMENTS TODAY IN COOPER CASES

Wilmington, January 30.—The Cooper cases were presented to the grand jury here yesterday and the indictments are expected today after which the trial will immediately proceed.

MOVIES REDUCE PRICES

Cleveland, January 30.—Price reductions of about thirty per cent have been made at two local moving picture theatres to attract additional week day patrons.

PARENT-TEACHERS TALK PLAYGROUNDS

"Shall the school children stand in the mud back of the new high school, when they line up, while waiting for money enough to provide a cinder path?" was one of the questions taken up at the Parent-Teacher's meeting, Tuesday afternoon. "Through all the bad weather the pupils attending high school have been obliged to sit up all day with feet wet, because of the condition of the path where they line up" it was said at the meeting. Supt. S. L. Sheep replied that plans were being made to provide a cinder path.

A committee consisting of Mrs. A. B. Houtz, Mrs. E. E. Etheridge and the president, Mrs. C. W. Melick, as ex-officio chairman, was appointed to confer with the Rotary, Kiwanis, Red Men, Junior Order, and other organizations for the establishment of a supervised playground in the city to be worked out this coming summer and taken over by the schools next session.

Weeksville, Forks and Newland have organized Parent-Teacher Associations and it was voted to write to them and welcome them. It was also planned to form a County Council consisting of all the county schools.

As February 17, the anniversary of the founding of the Parent-Teachers Association, comes on Sunday, it was decided to ask the different ministers of the city to speak on Child Welfare on that day. No other celebration will be planned.

Through Mrs. Anna Lewis, the Mother's Club expressed the desire to affiliate with the Parent-Teachers Association. Steps will be taken to that end.

It was found that though primary grades were being visited by the milk fund committee, the other schools were neglected, so visiting committees of Mrs. M. G. Morrisette and Mrs. J. H. Wilkins were appointed to visit the grammar school, and of Mrs. A. B. Houtz, and Mrs. C. W. Melick to visit the high school.

On account of examinations, no program was presented, but at the next meeting on the last Tuesday in February, a program will be presented by the program committee.

ROADS IMPROVED

Dr. W. W. Sawyer, who was in Maple on Tuesday, reports that the roads are being improved wonderfully and that from Currituck courthouse to Powells Point the road is in splendid condition. The road construction camp is now stationed at Maple and work is rapidly being carried on.

BURNED TOBACCO BARN

Wilson, January 30.—Herbert Hobson has just been bound over to Wilson County Superior Court under \$1,000 bond charged with burning a tobacco barn owned by Annis Mercer, an Old Field's township citizen.

Washington, January 30.—Rear Admiral Latimer, Judge Advocate General of the Navy, today told the House naval committee that in December, 1921, he informed Secretary Denby that it would be legal to enter into a contract with the Doheny interests for the construction of tankage at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a part of their lease of the California oil reserves.

The admiral said he based his opinion on the authority granted the department by Congress in June, 1920, to exchange oil and provide storage facilities.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders in the Senate today pressed for a vote on the Walsh oil lease annulment resolution. Debate was resumed immediately after the Senate convened.

Been Watching Fall

Washington, January 30.—A statement in Congress yesterday by Senator Willis revealed the fact that former Secretary of the Interior Fall has been under the watch of the Department of Justice since revelations were made in the Senate by Archie Roosevelt and that agents watching Fall while he was in New Orleans had instructions not to permit him to leave the country.

Attorneys Selected

Washington, January 30.—President Coolidge yesterday announced his selection of former Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory and Silas B. Straghan of Chicago as attorneys to prosecute the oil fraud cases for the Government.

Begin Prosecution

Washington, Jan. 30.—Steps toward the prosecution of oil cases were begun today by Silas Strawn of Chicago, one of the special counsel selected by President Coolidge.

Strawn conferred with the President today and announced that he would proceed immediately with his work of organization.

Matters await the arrival Friday of Thomas Gregory, attorney general in the Wilson cabinet, who will conduct the prosecution jointly with Strawn.

The only instructions received from the President, Strawn said, were to proceed in accordance with the Executive's statement of last Saturday night.

Physicians attending Fall today told the Senate oil committee that the former Secretary of the Interior is in no condition to appear before it and testify. The hearing was behind closed doors and the details were not divulged.

CORLISS GRIFFIS IS RELEASED BY GERMANY

Washington, Jan. 30.—Corliss Griffis, American, who attempted to kidnap Grover Bergdoll in Germany, has been released from prison by Germany, the State Department was advised today.

DISCOVER SHORTAGE IN MCKEESPORT BANK

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 30.—Discovery of the shortage of \$74,910 in the funds of the People's Bank of McKeesport was announced today by the state banking department.

Peter Cameron, state secretary of banking, said a warrant had been issued for the arrest of James Baker, an employe.

DEMURRERS SUSTAINED BY SUPREME COURT

Washington, Jan. 30.—The District of Columbia Supreme Court today sustained the demurrers of Benedict Crowell, former assistant Secretary of War, and six others indicted with him in cases growing out of the building of wartime cantonments.

STATE CHAIRMAN AND ONE OTHERS INDICTED

Washington, Jan. 30.—John L. Phillips, Republican state chairman of Georgia, and nine others indicted in connection with the sale of surplus lumber from Army cantonments must stand trial, the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia held today in overruling the demurrers to their indictment.

UNMASKED BANDITS CAPTURED BY POSSE

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 30.—Two unmasked bandits today held up the Farmers Bank at Jasper and stole \$10,000 in currency. A posse overtook and captured the men at Whitwell.