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New Tax Bill Will Be Written In The Senate

Constitution Provides Measures of Revenue Must Originate in House but Finance Committee of Senate Will Really be Arbiter of Fate of Tax Reduction This Time

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Washington, Feb. 19.—Republican leaders have about come to the conclusion that while the Constitution says revenue legislation shall originate in the House of Representatives, the bill revising taxes will have to be finally written in the Senate.

When the House gets through with the tax bill it will not be the kind of a measure which either the administration wants or the Democrats would themselves write if they were in power.

Under the circumstances the Senate, according to the present outlook, will be chiefly engaged in ironing out the wrinkles put in the tax bill by the conflicting factions in the House.

The administration is not a party to the efforts of House leaders to get a compromise on the surtax rates at 35 per cent or 37 per cent. The President and Secretary of the Treasury still hope for favorable action at 25 per cent, or near that figure, and will not yield until after it is apparent that they must. And they have faith that the Senate will not approve an unscientific tax bill but that, responsive to public opinion, changes will be made in the House bill which will make the measure workable.

The place where the tax bill really will be written will be in the finance committee of the Senate and while there will be a battle on the Senate floor on amendments the chances of a break in the ranks of the Democrats are greater than in the House where Representative Garner and Representative Garrett have been able to hold their forces virtually intact.

The biggest fight against the tax measure in the Senate will not be made by those who want high rates retained, but by those who will insist upon making provision in the bill for a payment of the soldier bonus.

Renewed interest has been given bonus legislation by the extraordinary debate between Colonel Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian and the Secretary of the Treasury. Colonel Miller is prominent in the affairs of the American Legion and shares the view of the Legion leaders that Mr. Mellon's estimates about the cost of the bonus are misleading. Mr. Mellon, on the other hand, thinks the Legion's estimates are misleading. The difference between the two viewpoints is really difficult to settle because both are estimating the cost on what they think the ex-service men will select out of the various forms of aid proposed in the soldiers' bonus bill. The beneficiaries may take cash or land or vocational training. Mr. Mellon thinks 90 per cent will take cash or will borrow money on the proposed insurance certificates. The Legion officials think otherwise. Nobody has exact information, as there is no way of telling at the choice of the ex-service men will be till they are confronted with the opportunity itself. Another thing is that the Legion estimates are based upon a low cost in the next few years but a higher cost later on. Mr. Mellon bases his figures on a higher cost in the first few years. Each plan means a difference in the total amount of interest that would have to be paid in the immediate future.

So the controversy on estimated cost probably never will be settled but it will have a bearing on the fate of the tax bill for in the Senate the bonus advocates will play the bonus against the tax bill and endeavor to keep the rates high until they can command support for their measure. The real fighting on both a tax bill and the bonus will come in the Senate.

TENDERS JUDGESHIP TO GARLAND MIDYETTE

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Governor Morrison yesterday tendered the judgeship of the third district to Garland E. Midyette, present solicitor of the district. Mr. Midyette has accepted the appointment.

CHRISTIAN REQUESTS HIS NAME WITHDRAWN

Washington, Feb. 20.—The nomination of George Christian, former secretary of President Harding, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission was today withdrawn. Christian himself had requested it because of opposition that had developed.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Washington, Feb. 20.—Stock dividends profits would be made subject to regular income rates rather than the capital asset tax of 12 1/2 per cent under an amendment to the revenue bill adopted 162 to 112 by the House today.

QUESTION'S LEGALITY HINTON BLDG. COURT

Is the former assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce on the fourth floor of the Hinton Building, now used for the sittings of the County recorder's court, the city hall? Is it the County courthouse?

These are questions brought forward in the case of Austin Mullen when the court, having issued a commitment for the defendant under a suspended judgment, his counsel said that he would institute habeas corpus proceedings to secure Mullen's release on the ground that no legal session of the recorder's court can be held in the Hinton Building, since the act creating the court provided that it should be held in the city hall or County courthouse.

Mullen was up on a charge of assault upon Joe Ferebee, in a case continued from Tuesday, and was fined \$10 and costs. But to this judgment of the court counsel for the defendant interposed objection. It was when Austin's wife appeared to complain that her husband, who was under a suspended road sentence for non support, had never done anything toward keeping his promise made to the court at the time sentence was suspended, that Austin's trouble grew serious. And it was when the court intimated that a commitment would be issued for Austin's road sentence to go in to effect that his counsel questioned the legality of Hinton building sittings of the court.

Defendant and his witnesses in the case of Ethel Morris vs. Roscoe Smith, heard in Superior Court last week, were defendants before Trial Justice Spence Wednesday on a charge of prostitution and were fined \$10 each. The defendants did not appear in person but entered a plea of guilty and paid their fines prior to the regular session of court. The defendants were: Eddie Albertson, Matthew White, and Roscoe Smith. Warrants in these cases were sworn out by the County Welfare Officer.

SON ARRESTED FOR DEATH OF PARENTS

St. Petersburg, Florida, Feb. 20.—Frank McDowell, aged 18, was arrested today following the finding of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell shot through the heads as they lay in bed at their home here. McDowell said he had been struck on the head and rendered unconscious and when he regained himself he found his parents dead and called the police.

PURCHASED STOCK IN SINCLAIR COMPANY

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Elkins of West Virginia said today he had purchased stock of the Sinclair Oil Company and was willing to go before the Senate and tell all about it. His statement revealed that he is the Senator whose name appears on the records of Bankard Brokerage Firm presented to the Senate yesterday.

He visited the committee room today during the examination of Harry Payne Whitney but was not heard. Members said if he were called it would be in open session.

Postmaster Hooper Is Chamber Commerce Fan

Writes to Say That He Has Always Found Secretary Job Anxious to Co-operate in Every Way to Bring Better Service to People of This Community

Another booster of the Chamber of Commerce is Postmaster J. A. Hooper of Elizabeth City who, writing to Dr. Samuel H. Templeman under date of February 16, has this to say:

"My dear Doctor: In confirmation of our conversation relative to the activities of the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the affairs of the post office, I wish to say that I have always found Mr. Job ready and anxious to co-operate in everything that would bring better service to the people of Elizabeth City and the surrounding community.

"For example, recently the question of establishing a Star Route between Elizabeth City and South Mills was brought up. An investigation was made as to its feasibility by Mr. Job and myself. We visited both Camden and South Mills and the report of this investigation is now before the Post Office Department for adjustment with the prospect of favorable consideration. The advantageous Elizabeth City would derive from the proposed Star Route would be that mail leaving Elizabeth City at noon would reach South Mills about 12:45 and would be served to the rural route the same afternoon, whereas, under the present schedule, mail from Elizabeth City does not reach South Mills until the afternoon of the next day after it leaves Elizabeth City if mailed after 6 a. m. and is not delivered on rural routes until the second day after it leaves Elizabeth City. It will also mean that the people of South Mills

SPEAKS TONIGHT AT FIRST BAPTIST

Dr. C. S. Swift of National Reform Association to Deliver Address on Pillars and Perils of Democracy.

Tonight at 7:30 at the First Baptist church Dr. C. F. Swift, representing the National Reform Association, will speak to the people of this community.

The other churches are merging their Wednesday evening prayer services into this service at the First Baptist church so that all who wish to do so may hear Dr. Swift, who is declared to be an orator of unusual ability.

Dr. Swift's subject will be "Pillars and Perils of Democracy." He was for a number of years a successful pastor, working constantly to combat social and civic evils. While thus serving he won such admiration from the friends of righteousness that they elected him to the Pennsylvania state legislature where he became a floor leader. In his address tonight he will deal with law enforcement and other matters fundamental to the country's prosperity and righteousness.

The public is very cordially invited to hear him.

BUTCHER KILLS THREE AND THEN KILLS SELF

Philo, Ill., Feb. 20.—Following a family quarrel Louis Kuntz, butcher of Homer, Illinois, shot and killed his son in law, Joe Whittle, Mrs. Whittle, and Whittle's 18 year old daughter, and then shot and killed himself.

HAD HEART ATTACK

J. M. Bright, 202 South Road street, who suffered a heart attack from which he was unconscious for some time Wednesday morning, rallied from the attack shortly after the arrival of his physician, Dr. Claude Williams, and was improving Wednesday afternoon.

DEMOCRAT SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED IN HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Mellon tax plan insofar as income taxes are concerned met defeat yesterday afternoon in the House when the Democratic substitute was adopted.

STUDEBAKER JUMPS PRICE ON ROADSTER

Detroit, Feb. 20 (By the Consolidated Press)—There has been an immediate response from the public to the increases in automobile prices.

Five companies have jumped quotations in the last ten days, of which Studebaker is the latest. That company has raised the price of light six roadsters and touring cars \$50 each and the special six roadster \$75, but has not changed prices on the big six or closed car models. Sales of new and second hand cars have taken a jump in consequence of the action of these companies. Rumors continue to indicate that other companies will follow with price advances.

Theodore Roosevelt Must Wait For The Governorship

Had Coolidge Allowed Him to Step Into Denby's Place, It Would Have Been Different, but Roosevelt's Friends Believe, Anyway, It's Only Matter of a Few Years

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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New York, Feb. 20.—It was taken for granted here today that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, will at least "defer" his ambition to become governor of the state of New York.

MERCHANTS HEAR IRVING S. PAULL

Chief of Domestic Commerce Division Addresses North Carolina Merchants' Association at Raleigh.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Irving S. Paull, chief of the Domestic Commerce Division of the United States Department of Commerce spoke at the mid-year meeting of the North Carolina Association of Retail Merchants here today. He took for his subject "Domestic Commerce With Particular Reference to Distribution."

Explaining the functions of the Domestic Commerce Division, Mr. Paull said, that the Government is not attempting to impose anything on business, but merely to provide a service station through which facts may be gathered, correlated and disseminated to the public. As a people, he said, that we were sadly lacking in fundamental knowledge of commerce. The thing that the government hopes to accomplish he explained, is to develop a more complete fabric of fundamental commercial facts available to the business man as a basis on which he may perhaps predicate a more sound judgment in the management of his business.

"Commerce, the speaker said, is as complex a society; for society expresses itself in commercial activities. The Domestic Commerce Division is approaching the whole problem of commerce through the (Continued On Page Eight)

LICENSE CANCELLED FOR TOMB EXCAVATIONS

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 20.—The Egyptian government today cancelled the Countess Carnarvon's license for excavations in the tomb of Tutankhamen.

Impudent Protest Had From Russian Legation

Washington, Feb. 20.—Chairman Johnson of the immigration committee told the House today that he had received an "impudent" protest from the Russian legation against the provisions of the new immigration bill.

GOVERNMENT COUNSEL TO WASTE NO TIME

Washington, Feb. 20.—Owen J. Roberts and Atlee Pomorene, special Government oil counsel, announced late yesterday that no time would be lost in "diligently and urgently presenting the claims of the Government or in the prosecution of any individual criminally guilty."

McAdoo Declares It's Worse Than Bolshevism

(By The Associated Press)
Kansas City, Feb. 20.—Betrayal of trust by high Government officials presents a greater menace to democracy than Bolshevism or any other alleged evil influence, William Gibbs McAdoo declared in a train platform address here today.

SENATOR GREENE'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Washington, Feb. 20.—Shortly before noon attending physicians announced "Senator Greene's condition is critical. He has had a rise in temperature which is a most unfavorable symptom." Mrs. Greene was summoned to his bedside and it was believed that the end is near.

DAUGHERTY AGAIN SAYS WON'T QUIT

Washington, Feb. 20.—Attorney General Daugherty has reaffirmed to President Coolidge his determination not to resign under fire. He visited the White House today, talked over the situation with the Chief Executive and returned to the Department of Justice to debate a statement affirming his decision to stay in the cabinet. It was insisted by those close to the Attorney General that he and the President had found themselves in complete accord but White House officials were silent.

The friends of the young colonel believe he will be in much better position two or even four years from now to start once again in the footsteps of his illustrious father.

Prior to the developments in the Teapot Dome affair and the resignation of Secretary Denby it had been planned by the Roosevelt followers here to urge him for nomination this year. They believed he would have a better chance to carry this state in a Presidential year than would be the case in an "off" year, for on state issues, in the off years, the Democrats have proved stronger than when national issues dominated the campaign.

There were misgivings among the Roosevelt supporters when President Coolidge decided to attack the legality of the naval oil leases, not that there was any evidence that Colonel Roosevelt had taken an active part in the making of these leases, but because the charges seemed to imply a lack of that alertness in public office which the people always have associated with the Roosevelt name.

So long, however, as Secretary Denby stood by his guns, defied his critics and appeared to have the support of President Coolidge in retaining his cabinet portfolio, it was felt that Colonel Roosevelt might be shielded from any serious current of adverse thought.

With the resignation of Secretary Denby the situation suddenly changed. If, in the circumstances, President Coolidge should have decided to promote young Roosevelt to become Secretary of the Navy his political future might have been assured forthwith. The evident purpose of the President, however, to pass over the Assistant Secretary's head, is regarded as so weakening the availability of Colonel Roosevelt as to make his nomination inadvisable at this time.

Colonel Roosevelt was said today to be thoroughly reconciled to the unexpected situation in which he has found himself and formally has released his political friends from their pledges of support at this year's state convention.

These friends say the Roosevelt set-back is merely temporary and that once the public excitement and suspicion arising out of the Teapot Dome revelations dies down there will be a return of sentiment to the young man whose career has promised so much and thus far had run so nearly a parallel to that of his father.

Only a short time ago Colonel Roosevelt was being discussed for the Vice Presidency, but he put a stop to that talk by expressing his preference for the governorship of the empire state.

In the course of time the adherents of Colonel Roosevelt will point to the fact that as soon as he heard of Harry Sinclair's connection with loans to the former Secretary of the Interior, Albert Fall, he had his younger brother, Archie Roosevelt, resign immediately from the Sinclair company and accompany him to Washington to tell his story before the oil investigating committee.

Colonel Roosevelt also listened in on a conversation between Archie and one of Sinclair's secretaries, who is alleged to have said he had seen cancelled checks made out to the foreman of the Fall ranch.

Thus far nothing has come of the Roosevelt revelations before the committee. But it is argued that young Colonel Roosevelt took the same steps in the circumstances which would have appealed to his father.

Potential aspirants for the Republican nomination for governor, who had been blanketed by the Roosevelt boom, naturally have taken heart and believe once again that it is an ill wind which blows nobody good.

WILSON MEMORIAL AT DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—Initial plans were made here yesterday for the erection of a State memorial to Woodrow Wilson at Davidson College with the establishment of the North Carolina Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 19.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, advancing 40 points. Middling 30.80. Futures closed as follows: March 30.52; May 30.90; July 30.10; October 26.65; December 26.17. New York, Feb. 20.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 30.80; May 30.98; July 30.10; October 26.60; December 26.14.