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## Prompt Action Urged On Cut On 1923 Income Tax

Republicans Had Hoped Keep Provision for This Reduction in General Bill but Need for Action Before March 15 Probably Mean Separate Consideration

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Washington, March 7.—Both houses of Congress are being urged to take instant action with reference to the 25 per cent reduction on the incomes of the calendar year 1923 payable on the fifteenth of this month.

Separation of the proposal relating to 1923 incomes from the bill containing the general tax revision effective upon 1924 incomes now appears inevitable. Both the Republicans and Democrats are agreed that the present law can more readily be amended by the passage of a joint resolution which refers only to 1923 incomes, so that consideration of the whole tax question may not be complicated with the problems before the American tax payers who are working out their tax returns this month.

The Democrats would like to see the joint resolution put into effect not with a 25 per cent reduction all along the line but with the Garner rates. This would mean in the case of smaller incomes a greater reduction than 25 per cent and so far as the higher incomes are concerned not as much as 25 per cent.

Under the circumstances, the actual work of checking up the returns for 1923 will be subject to a good deal of confusion. The Treasury insists that if any legislation proposes of 1923 incomes is passed it should be a simple 25 per cent reduction so that when auditing the returns the same administrative machinery now engaged in examining the returns can be used and the one-fourth reduction easily calculated.

The Republicans have the votes to pass a 25 per cent reduction if the joint resolution is pressed for action and there seems to be a desire to give the resolution right of way so as to relieve the uncertainty of the tax payers this month. Also the Treasury depends for its financing operations and its borrowings on the steady flow of funds from all sources. The payment of income tax returns is being delayed because of a belief that Congress may put into law before March 15 the reduction on 1923 incomes. If Congress is going to act, therefore, the Treasury would like to see action one way or the other.

It would be a simple matter for both houses to give right-of-way to the joint resolution providing a 25 per cent cut on 1923 incomes. The President and the Secretary of the Treasury have approved it and the two parties are agreed upon the principle involved. For a time it looked as if the Republicans would keep the provision for a 1923 reduction in the general tax bill in the hope of accelerating its progress through the Senate, but it looks now as if the main tax measure will not be through Congress before June 30, when the next fiscal year begins and it would be embarrassing to the Treasury to leave the question of 1923 incomes unsettled with the prospect of being required to rebate funds already received. About 75 per cent of the tax payers send their money to the Treasury in quarterly installments, so the Treasury would have to arrange for a rebate to at least one-fourth of the number of tax payers which means more than 1,500,000 persons. The bookkeeping alone involved in making out checks and arranging rebates would be an added expense to the Treasury all of which can be avoided by prompt action before March 15.

The theory back of the 25 per cent reduction of incomes is that a surplus of \$323,000,000 having been accumulated during 1923, the tax payer should be given the benefit of it. Just what effect the soldier bonus may have on the situation is not yet apparent for if the champions of the adjusted compensation act wish they can hold up the reduction on 1923 incomes with the plea that the money could better be applied to the first payment on the bonus. On the other hand, there are those who believe that the 25 per cent reduction sets a precedent for 1924 incomes and that if the main tax bill doesn't go beyond 25 per cent there will be money enough to pass a bonus bill as well as a new tax measure.

**LEAVES FOR RICHMOND**  
Mrs. T. A. Commander, 20 Ehringhaus street, has suffered a breakdown and left Saturday morning with relatives for a sanatorium at Richmond where she will recuperate.

**AT COUNTY HOME**  
Dr. N. H. D. Wilson will hold a service at the County Home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

## REED'S MANAGER IS READY TO GIVE UP

(By The Associated Press)  
St. Louis, March 8.—Ed Glenn, state manager for the United States Senator James Reed, stated here today that reports from yesterday's township and ward meetings showed that the Senator was defeated in virtually all parts of the state except Kansas City and St. Louis. "As far as I am concerned," he said, "I am willing to throw up the sponge."

## SOUTHWEST FARMERS SEE BETTER TIMES

Kansas City, March 8 (By The Consolidated Press)—Farm conditions in the Southwest are looking up, according to an exhaustive survey by the Santa Fe Railroad, in which 1,500 farmers, bankers and business men were questioned. "Reports regarding crops are more encouraging than those of a year ago," a statement from railroad officials says. "This furnishes basis for the belief the year will be a very good one. Indications are that wheat in Kansas, Oklahoma, the Texas Pan Handle, Eastern New Mexico, the Arkansas Valley of Colorado, Nebraska, and other sections which specialize in this crop, came through the winter in good condition." Preparations are being made for a wage conference here late in March between miners and operators of the Southwestern coal fields. Indications are that present contracts will be renewed.

## FLOOR COVERINGS DEMAND IS GOOD

Chicago, March 8.—Demand for floor coverings, of all kinds has been so good, dealers report, that expected price trends downward have not materialized. Stocks are said to be lower than in 10 years.

## Greek Cabinet Resigns

(By The Associated Press)  
Athens, March 8.—The cabinet of Kafandaris resigned today.

## JENNINGS CASE CONTINUED AGAIN BY ABSENCE SPENCE

Trial Justice Spence failed to return from Virginia Beach Saturday and the case against Mack Jennings, brought here from Richmond a week ago to answer a charge of abandonment and non support, was continued to Monday.

David Overton, on a charge of housebreaking, was held for Superior Court, and in default of \$400 bond, was remanded to jail. This is but one of many charges against Overton, who will probably be central figure in the recorder's court for more than one day next week.

Assistant Trial Justice Markham presided at Saturday's session of the Recorder's court.

## JUDGE DEVIN TO SPEAK

Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford, who is making Elizabeth City his headquarters while riding the courts of the First Judicial District, will address the Sunday school of the First Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Judge Devin is making a most favorable impression both as a public speaker and as a judge in the First District and it is expected that many not regular attendants at Sunday school may wish to hear him Sunday morning. They are given a cordial invitation to the First Methodist Sunday School.

## TWO SMALL FIRES

The fire department was called at 1:15 Saturday afternoon to the house occupied by Catherine Morris, colored, on Harney street. The fire was caused by a defective flue and was extinguished by chemicals. The damage amounted to \$15.

At 9:15 Friday night the fire department was called to the house occupied by Annie Lee, colored, on Edge street. This was a chimney fire and there was no damage.

## HAS SERIOUS FALL

Miss Anna DeLon of North Road street is confined to her bed on account of a fall sustained while out walking Tuesday afternoon. Miss DeLon who had been ill and was in a weakened condition, became faint and fell on the sidewalk striking her hip, and it is thought, breaking the bone. She is resting as comfortably as possible at her home.

## SUIT STARTS



The Candler family of Atlanta, Georgia, once more is in the limelight with the commencement of the suit of \$100,000 filed by Mrs. Clyde K. Byfield (above) against Walter Candler. She alleged Candler attacked her in her stateroom aboard a vessel bound for Paris.

## HOME FROM COLLEGE

Miss Elizabeth Hathaway came home from Greensboro College for Women Saturday to recuperate from a nervous breakdown. Besides being a good student, Miss Hathaway was a leader in college activities, the work and strain of which were so severe that she was unable to finish out the year's work.

## SENATOR GREENE ABLE LEAVE BED

Washington, March 8.—Senator Green of Vermont, who was shot in the head several weeks ago during an encounter between prohibition agents and suspected bootleggers, was able today to leave his bed for the first time. Paralysis which developed in his left side, it is said, has steadily subsided.

## A. W. McLEAN MAKES HIS FORMAL ENTRY

Raleigh, March 8.—A. W. McLean of Lumberton, formerly director of the War Finance Corporation, today formally announced his candidacy for the nomination for Governor of North Carolina.

## Bitter Feud To Death In Frisco Demi-Monde

"Bad Joe" Clancy and "Black Tony" Parmagini Stalking Each the Other in Dark and Devious Catacombs of Underworld of Queen City of Pacific Coast

By L. C. OWEN  
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San Francisco, March 8.—San Francisco's mysterious underworld, in which there is none more deadly, dark or devious in its ways, is expected shortly to reverberate to the cannonade of automatics as a grim duel to death is fought beneath its surface. And when the acrid smoke of battle has cleared away, its denizens probably will whisper to each other that ancient salutation which has been handed down through generations, "the king is dead—long live the king."

Somewhere hidden away in the darkest and furthest recesses of the local underworld today—armed to the teeth and in constant fear for his life—is "Black Tony" Parmagini, for the last year hailed as "king" of California's illicit drug dealers, and at present under eleven Federal indictments for alleged wholesale narcotic vending. Stalking mysteriously, but always effectually hidden through these same catacombs of vice and sordidness, intent upon finding and wreaking vengeance upon the man in hiding, is "Bad Joe" Clancy, former king of drug dealers, convicted dope seller, fugitive from justice, "two gun" man and former friend of Black Tony.

The vengeance which "Bad Joe" seeks to visit upon Black Tony is for an alleged "double cross." A year ago Clancy, richest and most powerful of drug dealers and

## DUST EXPLOSIONS ENTOMBS MINERS

Castlegate, Utah, March 8.—One hundred and seventy five miners employed in the Utah Fuel Company's mine No. 2 were entombed by an explosion at 9 o'clock this morning. The explosion, it is believed, was caused by dust, smoke and dust are pouring from the mine but it has not been determined whether the interior is afire.

## WILL NOT REVEAL OFFICIALS' NAMES

Washington, March 8.—Notified today by the Department of Justice that the names of the two Representatives referred to in the Chicago grand jury's report would not be disclosed for the present at least, the House instructed its judiciary committee to immediately recommend a course of action.

Attorney General Daugherty, who had been called on by a House resolution to furnish the names, replied that he would not make them public until the evidence was in his possession pointing to the guilt of the members accused.

## CASH PAYMENT BONUS PLAN IS VOTED DOWN

Washington, March 8.—The proposal to make full cash payments an option in the bonus bill was voted down today by the House ways and means committee which decided to limit payments to paid up life insurance.

## LEONARD WOOD, JR. HAS BEEN SUPOENAED

Washington, March 8.—The special Senate committee investigating Attorney General Daugherty today issued a subpoena for Leonard Wood, Jr., to question him regarding his story that a deal involving a cabinet appointment was approved by the oil interests at the Republican convention in Chicago in 1920.

Other prospective witnesses before the Daugherty committee include several Ohioans, politicians and others, associates of Daugherty of Columbus and other cities. Their names were withheld.

## TOBACCO ALL SOLD

Danville, Va., March 8.—The last of the 1923 tobacco crop is finding its way to market now. Unless plans are changed, the auction market here will close March 14. The Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will close all receiving stations in the bright belt of Virginia March 28.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, March 8.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 27.40, May 27.85, July 27.25, Oct. 24.85, Dec. 24.50. New York, March 8.—Spot cotton closed quiet at noon today, advancing 15 points. Middling 25.30. Futures closed at the following levels: March 27.98; May 28.31; July 27.78; October 25.44; December 25.10.

George Benson Ferebee of Norfolk is in the city for a few days.

## Few Candidates Except For Office Of Sheriff

For One Office Will be a Hot Contest but for the Rest of County Honors So Far Only One Candidate to Each Office Has Formally Announced Candidacy

With the primary now just 13 weeks from Saturday, candidates announced and prospective, are beginning to wonder whether the event will be lucky or unlucky for them.

The only office for which a hot contest is assured is that of sheriff. With five candidates in the field, one from Salem, one from Nixonton and three from town, now seeking the office, a second primary is indicated.

One of the earliest candidates to announce himself and one who stands a mighty good chance of getting into the second primary, is M. W. Ferebee. Mr. Ferebee is popular and a good business man, and would make a good sheriff, his friends say. He has in his favor a long record of party service for which, since he has been a resident of Pasquotank County, he has received little in way of emolument save honor. Mr. Ferebee is a native of Camden, which has given Elizabeth City some of its most successful and astute politicians.

Another candidate who is expected to make a good run is Charles Carmine. Mr. Carmine has held the office of County auditor, with credit to himself and his County. He won out in the race for auditor prior to his first term against a very strong candidate and thereafter held the office without opposition, resigning in the fall of 1922, one of the most popular officials in the County. Whether Mr. Carmine can re-enter politics with the following that he had when he retired heretofore remains to be seen.

A native of Providence, Mr. Carmine is expected to poll a good vote in that township, and he is also strong in Salem and would probably be able to carry it by a big majority but for the fact that Salem has a candidate of its own.

The third candidate, and the one who claims to have got in the race the earliest, is L. W. Anderson, member of the City Council times without number and one of the most successful in ward politics of any man ever to hold place on the Council. Mr. Anderson is expected to get a big vote in the Second Ward, one of the two largest wards in the city, but how his candidacy will take outside his own ward and in the country precincts is problematical. Mr. Anderson is a Parsonage street merchant.

The Salem candidate is J. W. Hobbs, successful fisherman and farmer. The experience of other candidates from country precincts who have sought a County office for which there was sharp contest is hardly encouraging, but the very fact that town men have held these offices for so long will doubtless one day militate in favor of the candidate from the country and nobody can say, of course, just when sentiment will turn in that direction. J. W. Hobbs appears to be a type of man who would naturally command a large following. Big, ruddy-faced from exposure, and self-made, he looks the part of a sheriff, and, it would appear, ought to make a good run if he can get acquainted with the city as well as the country voter.

Equally as strong as Mr. Hobbs, at least, it would appear, is C. L. Ball, generally spoken of as of Weeksville, but whose home, seven and a half miles from town on the Weeksville brick road, is in Nixonton township. Mr. Ball is one of the most prominent, as well as one of the most modern and successful of Pasquotank farmers. Not only so, but he has a record for making good at whatever he has gone after. He started out in life as a professional man and then became a telegraph operator. He had worked up to where he was handling The Associated Press wire out of Washington for the Western Union and, it is said, had gained an enviable reputation for speed and accuracy, when his health broke down in 1911. Then Mr. Ball began life all over again as a farmer, and as a farmer has thoroughly identified himself with progressive and successful agriculturists in Pasquotank.

Aside from candidates for the office of sheriff, little activity is being shown among other aspirants for political favor in Pasquotank County. In fact not more than one candidate up to Friday of this week had declared himself for trial justice, prosecuting attorney, or register of deeds, while for the office of County auditor no aspirant has made formal announcement of his candidacy. The last named two offices, however, are expected to go to the incumbents, George W. Brothers for Register of Deeds and C. C. Pritchard for Auditor. That is perhaps the reason why Mr. Pritchard has not bestirred himself as early as some of the other candidates. Mr. Brothers, however, was among the first to publish the announcement that he would seek nomination for re-election.

Clerk of the Court Ernest L. Sawyer is taking things easy, politically speaking, as he serves for a four year term and does not come up for re-election this year. So far J. H. LeRoy has everything all to himself in his candidacy for

## SENATOR CURTIS TAKES THE STAND

Voluntarily Appears Before Committee and Denies Under Oath Some Statements Made About Him Friday.

Washington, March 8.—Senator Curtis of Kansas took the witness stand voluntarily today before the oil committee and denied under oath some of the statements made about him yesterday in the testimony of Ira Bennett, editorial writer for the Washington Post.

Curtis declared that some of the conversations described by Bennett never took place, that he performed no services for Edward McLean like those attributed to him by Bennett and that there was absolutely no ground for linking him with the mysterious "principal" mentioned in one of Bennett's telegrams to McLean.

Later Bennett was recalled and repeated some of his previous statements and brought in some new ones which in turn were immediately denied by Curtis.

Bennett did not contend, however, that there had been anything improper in the Senator's attitude toward the oil disclosures.

## AYDLETT SENTIMENT GROWS AND GROWS

Further reports of Aydlott strength in Pitt and Martin counties were brought to the city this week by L. E. Bray, travelling salesman, 606 North Road street, who has just returned from a trip covering numerous points in both counties.

"I found sentiment to my Aydlott in Pitt very strong and very, very favorable," says Mr. Bray. "Mr. Aydlott has recently been in Pitt County and everywhere I found voters talking of the favorable impression he had made and expressing their intention to vote for him. From all reports I could hear, Mr. Aydlott stands a mighty good chance of carrying Pitt County."

"Martin County will go for its own man, Dr. Biggs, of course; but Aydlott is second choice in that county and in the event of a second primary between Aydlott and Warren I believe Mr. Aydlott would carry Martin easily."

Mr. Aydlott was in his office Saturday after a week the greater part of which was spent in various parts of the district, and expressed growing confidence in his ability to win the nomination. "I do not want to overestimate my own strength or to underestimate that of my opponents," he said guardedly, "but if sentiment continues to come my way as I find it doing now, from reports reaching me from all parts of the district, I am bound to win. I feel that there is every reason for encouragement and optimism as to the outcome of the primary."

## ARCHBISHOPS TO BE MADE CARDINALS

New York, March 8.—Archbishops Patrick Hayes of New York and George Mundelein of Chicago called today for Rome, where they will be elevated to the cardinalate by Pope Pius XI at the consistory on March 24. Five thousand persons bade them godspeed at the pier.

## FIFTEEN BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Wytheville, Va., March 8.—Fifteen buildings in the business district were destroyed by fire today at an estimated loss of \$200,000.

## MONEY ORDER DEPARTMENT TO CLOSE AT 5 P. M.

"In compliance with postal laws and regulations applicable to offices of the first class," says a statement given out for publication by Postmaster J. A. Hooper Saturday, "on and after April 1, the money order department of the Elizabeth City postoffice will close at 5 o'clock p. m. instead of 6 o'clock."

the office of prosecuting attorney, though it is not improbable that the present trial justice, George J. Spence, will enter this contest. However, this statement is hazarded as a mere guess and is not authorized by Mr. Spence.

Likewise, in the matter of a successor to Trial Justice Spence, P. G. Sawyer, now prosecuting attorney, has had everything to himself so far, though Assistant Trial Justice Markham has told some of his friends that he would become a candidate for this office, and is expected to enter the race.