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Mellon Plan May Go To Voters On A Referendum

President Being Urged to Veto Insurgent Tax Bill and Take His Case on Mellon Plan Directly to the People in the Fall Elections

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, May 8.—President Coolidge may veto the tax bill and appeal to the country in the coming elections to give him a Congress which will support the Mellon plan.

Such a course is being seriously advocated here together with a proposal that the 25 per cent reduction in taxes on incomes earned during the year 1923 shall be applied also to the year 1924, inasmuch as the Congress elected next November could not be called into session until after March 4, 1925.

BAILEY DID NOT FIRE BIG BERTHA

Was Heard With Close Attention, However, and Undoubtedly Made a Most Favorable Impression Here.

Speaking before an audience that crowded the Pasquotank County courthouse auditorium to the walls and overflowed into the vestibule at the head of the stairway leading to the court room, Josiah William Bailey fired the first gun of his gubernatorial campaign in Pasquotank County here Thursday night.

However, the speaker did not touch off the fuse of the big berthas which he was quoted as saying he might set off in the Pasquotank County courthouse if the atmosphere was just right. The speech followed the lines he has laid down in other parts of North Carolina attacking the State primary and election laws, the State system of taxation, and the high freight rates which he claims levy a discriminatory tribute on the cities of North Carolina, particularly those of the Northeastern section of the State.

Coming into what is admittedly McLean territory, Mr. Bailey was introduced by Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who was not committed to the speaker's candidacy but who stated that he would hear him with an open mind and urged those in the audience to do likewise. "It would be a bad day for North Carolina," Dr. Templeman said, "when the people failed to exercise their own judgment in deciding whom they would vote for and let the self-constituted leaders pick their candidates for them."

Apparently the crowd was inclined to follow Dr. Templeman's advice. It gave the speaker close and attentive hearing and undoubtedly the Raleigh man made on the whole a most favorable impression. It would be too much, perhaps, to say that at the close of Mr. Bailey's speech he had the majority of the crowd with him, but there is no question that he won a large number of votes, especially among the farmers present, whose faces registered unmistakable approval when the speaker disclosed his program of lightening the tax burden on the farmers and small home owners in particular, and on land in general, and making up the deficit thus created by increasing the franchise tax on railroads, by putting foreign stock back on the tax books and by removing tax exemptions on personal property. City residents who heard Mr. Bailey were almost as favorably impressed with his appeal for primary and election law reforms, including the Australian ballot, as were rural residents with his program of tax reform.

"They are saying," Mr. Bailey declared toward the conclusion of his address, "that a Governor can accomplish nothing in the matter of tax reform, discriminatory freight rates, and in the enactment of any legislative program, because he has no statutory power. I wouldn't give a snap for statutory power. It is moral power that counts. Given a mandate from the people and a purpose to perform it, a Governor with the people back of him, can do anything."

Defending himself in the early part of his speech against the thrusts of those who say that in pointing out defects in the State's taxation system and election and primary laws, he is attacking the party. Mr. Bailey declared that his criticisms would help and not hurt the party. The Democratic party, he said, will thrive in the light when it reaches a state where it would be destroyed by the light it will deserve to die. In this connection he pointed out further that, by reason of the fact that the Democratic party now has no serious opposition in North Carolina, all matters of policy in State government are decided in the primary and not in the election. "We exhume the Republican party," he said, "once every four years just to have another funeral. The outlook is that we will have one grand funeral this year, for the opposition has chosen as its standard bearer a man who will make a most magnificent corpse."

Col. I. M. Meekins, who was present in the audience, occupying a front seat, joined in the general laughter that followed this rally.

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FIRST MAY PEAS SHIPPED FRIDAY

The first May peas of the season were shipped from here Friday by R. C. Abbott, forwarding agent. There were 15 half barrel baskets in the shipment and Mr. Abbott expects to make a larger shipment Saturday.

The peas were grown by S. Waters & Company just outside the city by the old fair grounds.

JOSIAH COMES OUT ONLY SECOND BEST

Josiah Simmons, assistant janitor at the post office building, came out second best in an encounter with Mrs. P. F. Harris, Christian Science practitioner, Friday morning in the lobby of the post office. The cause for the hostilities centered around the little white wooly dog which is the inseparable companion of Mrs. Harris.

As a result of the engagement Josiah displays a scratch on the arm which he says was inflicted by Mrs. Harris's swagger stick. There were no other casualties.

Here is the way it is said to have come about. Josiah says dogs have no business on Government property and taking it upon himself to enforce the rule he has had words with Mrs. Harris about the matter on two or three occasions. Friday morning Josiah saw the dog in the lobby again and took steps to remove him. Just what these steps were remain clouded in some mystery. Josiah says he kicked a cuspidor which was adjacent to the pup. Some say he kicked the dog. There is no doubt that a yelp of unmitigated anguish was heard all over the first floor and Clerk of Court Thompson heard the echo in his office on the second floor. That yelp was just like a battle cry or the rebel yell to Mrs. Harris.

All spectators agree that she paused not to reason why but waded into the thick of the fight.

Josiah is not certain whether Mrs. Harris was attempting to inflict pain or merely to cover him with serious error. He grasped the stick but that only brought on a hail of kicks. As Mrs. Harris was shod in light rubber-soled shoes the damage was not great from this source. Examining himself after the fray Josiah found the only visible battle scar on his arm.

Later on the street the hostile forces met again but only words were hurled. Josiah declined to argue the matter further except with some one in pants. When he expressed his stand in these words before a number of witnesses on Main street Mrs. Harris withdrew and an armistice is thought to have been reached.

The Harris dog is a familiar sight on the streets of Elizabeth City. It is small but covered with white wool and its voice is fully developed. Some quote Mrs. Harris as saying it is worth a hundred dollars. Mrs. Harris is said to have a permit to carry the swagger stick. It is undoubtedly a weapon, according to Josiah Simmons, who is positive that it is loaded at both ends.

Blocks Senate Vote

Washington, May 9.—The Senate vote on the question of overriding President Coolidge's veto of the Bursum pension bill was today blocked by Senator Dial of South Carolina who refused to make the consent unanimous to lay aside the tax bill.

Washington, May 9.—Spot cotton advanced 120 points over yesterday's closing today, closing at 31.70, a gain of \$5 a bale in 24 hours. Futures closed as follows: May 31.30; July 29.15; October 25.33; December 24.70; January 24.25.

San Francisco, May 9.—A relentless chase, smacking of a movie thriller, has been conducted by American law officers for the past seven months and still is in full heat on the trail of three alleged train bandits who held up a Southern Pacific passenger train in a mountain tunnel near the California-Oregon line last October and killed four members of the train crew.

Just how hot has been this chase, which has led through five countries, was disclosed today in connection with the finding of a body, identified as that of one of the fugitive bandits, near Medford, Oregon. Although the body was identified with much positiveness by father and mother of the youth in question, the authorities scout the identification, declaring their belief that it was but a ruse to throw them off the scent.

If the body actually is that of one of the three D'Atremont brothers being sought for the hold-up, the authorities say, he must have been slain by his brothers to prevent his surrender with possible disclosure of their whereabouts. In any event, they declared, the seven months' chase would be continued for seven years if it proves necessary to get the bandits.

FREEZING BEGUN IN NEW ICE PLANT

Ice Will Be Ready for Delivery Monday Morning, Says M. G. Wright of the Wright Purity Ice and Fuel Co.

Freezing was started Friday in the new ice plant operated by M. G. Wright and his sons and to be known as the Wright Purity Ice and Fuel Company. The new plant is situated on the canal road to Westville just on the edge of town. Ice will be ready for delivery on Monday morning and Mr. Wright announces that he will give away free ice from his wagons on the opening day.

Before making plans for the plant, Mr. Wright sent samples of city water and water from wells at the present location of his building to be analyzed. The results showed that the well water was all right for drinking without any chemical treatment while the city water was below par and chemicals were needed.

Mr. Wright says his ice will be untreated and only pure well water will be used. The water supply for the Wright ice plant is derived from five wells on the knoll just above the plant.

Modern machinery for making ice has been installed. The main source of power is a large Fairbanks-Morse crude oil engine of 100 horse power. This drives the generator that supplies current for lights and to the system of electric motors throughout the plant. When the big engine is shut down there is a smaller one which can be connected with the generator. The current is 200 volts.

Other machinery includes a Frick compressor, an International filter, a Pendleton air system the second one of its kind to be installed, two electric agitators for circulating the brine in the tank, a Euclid electric hoist for manipulating the cans of water and ice, a Connersville blower, a Fairbanks-Morse pump for the condenser and a Typhoon pump for the well water. There will be five wagons, all painted orange, for delivery to consumers.

The capacity of the tank is 462 cans at one time and there is a cork-lined storage room for reserve ice.

BURNS RESIGNS

Washington, May 9.—William J. Burns, whose activities have been a storm center in several Senate investigations, has resigned as chief of the Justice Department's bureau of investigation.

WOMEN APPROVED AS METHODIST PASTORS

Springfield, Mass., May 9.—The ordination of women as local pastors in the Methodist ministry was today approved by the Methodist Episcopal general conference. Their admission to the itinerancy and membership in annual conferences was almost unanimously defeated.

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Hot Bandit Trail Has Led Police Across A Continent

By L. C. OWEN

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German Vote Significant But By No Means Decisive

Optimism of First Hours Following Announcement of Returns Not Justified But at Same Time Outlook for Peace Best Since Armistice

By FRANK H. SIMONDS
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Washington, May 9.—Two facts emerge from the comparatively complete returns of the German election.

In the first place, the feared reaction has not been anything like as complete as was anticipated; secondly, the undue optimism of the first hours following the election is beginning to subside and it is perceived that, although the Dawes report has not been rejected, there are going to be grave difficulties ahead before it finds German acceptance.

German has not gone "hell-bent" for monarchy and revenge, to use the old Yankee phrase, nor has it taken the example of the Soviets as its guide. But Potsdam and Moscow have made gains and any new ministry, or the old ministry continued, will find material difficulty in forcing through the Dawes Report without obtaining in advance some modifications.

Weeks will now pass before the decisive conversations between Germany and her conquerors will take place. Meantime every sort of effort will doubtless be made among the Allies to restore a united front and at the same time to avoid any affront to German susceptibilities. It is a mistake to speak of the Dawes Report as having been adopted by Germany, through the quasi-plebiscite of the recent election. At best the verdict did not go beyond the qualified acceptance as a basis for negotiation and the real negotiations have still to take place.

All things considered, the world has escaped a very real danger and it is unlikely that the French election will be much affected by the German results; which is another way of saying that the swing toward the left, that is toward more liberal and moderate views, will probably characterize the French results. Meantime French criticism of the German results must be read with a clear appreciation of the fact that the various interested political leaders are seeking to advance their own cause by their own interpretations of German returns.

The truth is that the German election gives Ramsey MacDonald a very real chance to bring about some sort of a settlement, because, while it leaves Germany able and perhaps willing to negotiate on the basis of the Dawes Report, it discloses the fact that no German Government can long hold office if it undertakes to make too far-reaching concessions.

Germany, all things considered, seems in a more responsible mood than at any time in the past three years, at least. We have now a program which offers a decent basis for settlement, we have a British Prime Minister who, all things considered, is at once the strongest and sincerest statesman of the post-war period. In addition there is the unmistakable desire on the part of all Europe, of France and now it would seem of Germany as well for peace and tranquility.

Until the French election of next Sunday nothing will be settled. But all observers agree that the prospects are that Poincare will find himself with a more liberal Chamber of Deputies on his hands, that he will in fact have to deal with a Chamber pretty fairly represented by his new cabinet—and this was frankly a Cabinet at once more moderate in tone and framed with the prospect of friendly negotiations with Great Britain in mind. Moreover, if Poincare should be beaten it would be by moderates, not by nationalists; and the Dawes Report would not be menaced from the French side.

The German results must have come as something of a surprise to London, Paris and the Continent generally for when I was in Europe six weeks ago, the darkest apprehension was held in all quarters. Evidently the reaction spent its force before election and the tide turned soon after the publication of the Dawes report and because of its character.

Looking back at the war period it is interesting to recall how suddenly, after nearly four years of static conditions, the struggle suddenly entered a decisive stage and the German collapse arrived with swiftness which left the victors utterly unprepared to use their victory. It would be odd if deadlock over peace, which has endured quite as long, should end as abruptly.

It is essential to keep in mind, however, that there are serious obstacles to be overcome, the first of which is the French occupation of the Ruhr. The Dawes Committee did not deal with this issue, as it was outside of its province. It did insist that French and Belgian exploitation of the mines and railroads should end. Beyond much doubt the Germans will insist upon complete evacuation as the sine qua non of acceptance of the Dawes Report. Then it will be for the British to persuade the French, by means of concessions both in the direction of security and of commitments, to act with the French in case of any new German default.

Meantime the rise of Admiral von Tirpitz is worth more than passing notice. Despite his reputation, the old admiral is by no means a mere fire-eater and he was almost the first conspicuous German to perceive the fatal consequences of the loss of the battle of the Marne. Unless age has impaired his faculties he may yet become the outstanding figure in Germany and act as a restraint rather than as a stimulus to existing Nationalistic ardor.

In sum, the German election, despite certain reserves that it is prudent to maintain, represents one more step toward European settlement. Moreover the chances of the survival of the German Republic are plainly increased. Not many Germans are enamored of it, but the growth of both the Nationalists and the Communists as a consequence of the recent election shows the degree of difference in opinion which separates the two groups which openly are in opposition to the present republic. The Third French Republic came into being and survived because the Bonapartists and the Royalists, were together a majority but could not agree on a policy. Perhaps the German experience may be the same.

TORNADO IN WILSON COUNTY

Wilson, May 9.—A tornado passed through Stantonburg section of Wilson county yesterday demolishing homes and tobacco barns, and doing considerable property damage. No one was seriously injured.

STEAMER ONTARIO IS ON WAY TO PORT

New York, May 9.—The steamship Ontario from Norfolk to Boston which was reported early today afloat off Block Island is proceeding under her own power and expects to reach her port some time today, according to a wireless message received here.

COUNTY COMMENCEMENT HERE

Pasquotank County held its first County-wide commencement Friday, the event being staged by the negro schools of the County, which had a big day at the State Normal with an address by N. C. Newbold of Raleigh, director of Negro Education in North Carolina, as the principal speaker. On the program also were Dr. E. L. Hoffler and Dr. G. W. Cardwell, while prizes were awarded to winners by Dr. F. C. Cooke.

COLLIDE IN FOG

Fatherpoint, Quebec, May 9.—The Royal Mail steam packet liner Orea bound with passengers from Europe to New York last night collided in a dense fog 50 miles east of here. The Orea was hit amidships and a hole was torn in her side about 15 feet above the water line. The Orea was crumpled and her stem was twisted. No one was injured and it was said that the liner was able to proceed.

KENTUCKY HAS FIRST TRIPLE EXECUTION

Eddyville, Kentucky, May 9.—Three murderers were executed here shortly after midnight in the first triple execution ever staged in this state.

PRODUCES EVIDENCE AGAINST WHEELER

Washington, May 9.—Special Assistant Attorney General Pratt, who assisted in securing an indictment against Senator Wheeler in Montana today laid before the Senate committee investigating the subject the documentary evidence on which the indictment was partially based.

In the face of the documentary evidence Senator Wheeler today denied on the witness stand that he had been guilty of any wrong doing in his relations with the Montana oil land permits.

NEGRO TEACHER SPEAKS

Albemarle Presbytery, colored, is in session at Antioch Presbyterian Church on Shepard street this week, with Dr. McCrory, head of the Johnson C. Smith School at Charlotte, on the program to speak Friday night.

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