

President Coolidge Will Sign Democratic Tax Bill

For Campaign Reasons—If for No Other—Chief Executive Cannot Afford to Hold Up Bill That Immediately Reduces Income Taxes Twenty-five Per Cent

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Washington, May 30.—President Coolidge will sign the new tax bill which has been passed by both houses of Congress. There is no longer any uncertainty about it.

Effective at once—June 15 when the next payment on income taxes is due—everybody will be permitted to deduct 25 per cent of taxes due. Also all transactions since January 1 of this year will come under the provisions of the new law when taxpayers make out their returns next March.

The President will accompany the new tax bill with a statement pointing out that the measure is an improvement over the present law in that it reduces taxes for all. On the other hand, to be consistent, the President must express his dissatisfaction, that the bill does not accomplish what the plan of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon originally proposed. Some features of the new bill he will particularly disapprove but again Mr. Coolidge will say what he did when he signed the immigration bill that because there is no way to disapprove a particular section without vetoing an entire bill he must accept the good with the bad.

For campaign purposes, too Mr. Coolidge is obligated to profess great satisfaction over the reduction in taxes which the measure grants. Tax revision is the outstanding accomplishment of the legislative session this year. The Republican party must be in a position to claim credit for the revision and that's why a statement by Mr. Coolidge pouring too much cold water on the new bill would not be politically effective. The Democrats are getting ready anyhow to claim that the bill is their's since its main provisions were redrafted by Senator Simmons and Representative Garner. The Democrats will point out that were it not for them the tax reduction for the greatest number of citizens would not have been so great.

The President by his statement will pave the way for further efforts to improve the tax bill and he will be in a position to recommend a repeal of objectionable sections next December particularly and if he should be elected his recommendations would carry extra weight.

To compute the tax reduction which becomes immediately available, the individual simply subtracts what he already has paid from the sum that should have been due if the twenty-five per cent decrease had been effective last March when Mr. Coolidge asked Congress to enact a joint resolution covering 1923 incomes. In other words if a taxpayer owed the government \$1200 in tax originally, the twenty five per cent reduction would have made his tax bill only \$900. But since he has paid a quarter of his taxes in March—namely \$300—that sum is to be deducted from the revised tax total of \$900 a balance of \$600 to be paid in the three remaining periods of the year. On June 15, therefore he would pay only \$200 and on September 15 another \$200 and finally on December 15 the last \$200. Were it not for the complications produced by the belated passage of the twenty-five per cent reduction, this tax bill would have been divisible into four instalments of \$225 each.

The politicians are counting considerably on the fact that this reduction effect during campaign year. The Republican perhaps are even more optimistic. They feel that as soon as the tax bill is signed and the country knows what it's payments this year and next year are to be a cloud of uncertainty will be removed from the whole business and economic situation and that in the case of budgets for the current year many individuals will find themselves virtually saved to them. This will lead no doubt to expenditures of all kinds which should stimulate the whole mercantile world.

COLORED BASEBALL GAME HERE MONDAY AFTERNOON

The Cape Charles Giants, colored, of Cape Charles, Va., one of the fastest colored teams in the South will cross bats with the E. City Giants Monday afternoon at four o'clock on the Roanoke diamond. This team was defeated by Elizabeth City Friday afternoon by the score of 7 to 2.

SNOW IN WYOMING

Wander, Wyoming, May 31.—A heavy shower of snow fell here

BODY GIRL IS FOUND IN LAFAYETTE RIVER

Norfolk, May 31.—The body of the seventeen year old daughter, Virginia Jones, high school student, was recovered this afternoon from the Lafayette river. Father and friends said she threatened to jump into the river every time subject of her bobbed hair was mentioned. Recently they said she imagined it looked "terrible."

CLARK BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT

E. E. Clark, 45-year-old bachelor, was bound over to the Superior Court on four warrants charging serious offenses under bond of \$1,250 in each case, Saturday morning. Clark made no statement other than to request the bond be made \$3,500 instead of the total of \$5,000. Judge Spence denied the request. The court room was packed at the preliminary hearing. Two little girls testified against him, verifying statements made to Mrs. Anna Lewis which led to his arrest on Wednesday evening.

The prosecution was conducted by W. L. Cohoon and T. J. Markham in addition to P. G. Sawyer, County prosecutor.

Mrs. Lewis accompanied the little girls to court and sat near them during the trial. Both girls are slightly built and are not developed beyond their years. It is not expected that Clark will be able to make bond. He appeared at the preliminary hearing without counsel.

MAL DAUGHERTY RELEASED

Washington, May 31.—Federal Judge Cochran today granted the application of Mal Daugherty of Washington Courthouse, Ohio for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the custody of an assistant sergeant at arms of the United States Senate who had arrested him on a contempt warrant.

LIFE DAVID LIVINGSTONE IN PICTURES HERE SUNDAY

On Sunday night at Christ Church there will be given by lecture and stereopticon views, the life of David Livingstone, together with special slides ordered of beautiful land and water scenes all colored like the original. Livingstone is one of the world's great men, not only because of science but as a man among men and his example as such is well worth following. Among the many pictures to be shown will be the following—Glasgow Cathedral, A Native Village in Darkest Africa, The Native Market, Mamasal Warriors, Ugumba Idols, Shipping Ivory, Branding Slaves, The Evening Mystery, The Moon at Midnight, Every Cloud a Shop of Glory, The Curfew Tolls The Knell of Parting Day, The Junior Choir will have charge of the music.

IS CRITICALLY ILL

The family of J. P. Kramer of this city have gone to Norfolk to be at his bedside at St. Vincent's Hospital in that city. News was received here this morning that Mr. Kramer's condition was critical.

SCOUT CAMPAIGN STARTS MONDAY

Citizens Interested Asked to Attend Meeting at Chamber of Commerce Rooms Monday Night at 8 O'clock.

Elizabeth City people who are interested in Scout work for the home town are asked to be present at a meeting called by Scoutmaster Scattergood at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8 o'clock Monday night.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan for putting on an active campaign in Elizabeth City in the interest of Scout work.

The activities of Scout in Elizabeth City last summer and spring has created considerable local interest and pride in the organization and Scout work this summer is expected to be more extensive than ever.

With Scoutmaster Scattergood a group of 20 Scouts took a cruise down the river Saturday afternoon on the "Scattergood."

CHINA RECOGNIZES RUSSIA

Peking, May 31.—China late Friday decided to recognize Soviet Russia

Tornadoes Can't Stop Sunday School



Tornadoes may sweep away churches and houses, but Sunday school goes right on just the same—as witness this picture taken in Lawrenceville, Ga., on the site of the late Baptist church. The organ was spared, and the youngsters with their goat and dog go merrily ahead.

LEOPOLD AND LOEB CONFESS TO MURDER

Chief Justice Caverly Declares "This Murder Is Not Different from Any Other" and Case Must be Tried

Chicago, May 31.—State Attorney Crowe today announced that Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb had confessed that they kidnaped and murdered 14-year-old Robert Franks, son of Jacob Franks, retired millionaire manufacturer. They said they planned a kidnapping last November, both through a spirit of adventure and because they wanted \$10,000 ransom they demanded. Crowe declared. The youths said they determined upon no definite victim and that the kidnapping and murder of Franks was merely incidental. The kidnapping was carried out in every detail as planned, including the victim's death, according to the attorney general. Leopold and Loeb confessed "the little fellow was killed by a blow on the head and then strangled." Loeb is the son of Albert Loeb, millionaire president of Sears, Roebuck & Company. Leopold's father is a wealthy box manufacturer.

Crowe declared the youths said that they once had considered kidnapping a son of Julius Rosenthal, internationally known philanthropist, and head of Sears-Roebuck. Chief Justice Caverly of Criminal court speaking from judicial standpoint said "This murder is no different from any other. I shall urge that the case go to trial as speedily as possible. Within thirty days justice should be served."

It was Leopold's spectacles found near the railroad culvert in which Frank's body was thrust that led to the arrest of Leopold and Loeb.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE MAY BE SHORT A RAILROAD

Bellefont, Penn., May 31.—(Special)—The Pennsylvania State College may be cut off from railroad communication with the outside world as a result of a petition by the Bellefont Central Railroad for permission to abandon its tracks from here to State College, which cover a distance of 20 miles. On an airplane the college is but 12 miles away.

Free Million Dollar Home Is Without Single Occupant

Andrew Freedman, Former Owner New York Giants, Said "Genteel-Folk Formerly Wealthy" Should Occupy Home and Directors Find Applicants Not Qualified

By ROWLAND WOOD
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New York, May 31.—"Wanted: Impetuous gentle-folk, formerly wealthy; must be willing to accept free maintenance in the style to which they have been accustomed."

Directors of the Andrew Freedman Home have not yet got to the point of inserting this ad in the newspapers, but it begins to look as if they will have to before they succeed in filling the sumptuous chambers of New York's newest and most amazing benefaction.

The Andrew Freedman Home, erected at a cost of approximately a million and a quarter dollars and backed by an endowment fund of something like a million and a half more, formally opened its doors Monday. Its larders are stocked with the rarest of delicacies. A high grade corps of servants waits, ready to move in silent celerity at the beck and call of the impetuous gentle-folk. But so far, there is not a qualified gentleman or lady in the house.

Now that there have not been applications in plenty. The directors could have filled the 48 spacious bedroom-and-bath suites a dozen times over with applications received from New York rooming house land ladies—notorious as a class for their stories of "better days." Thousands upon thousands of applications from every part of the country have piled up since the unique provision of Andrew Freedman's will, creating a home for impoverished gentle-folk, were broadcast to the world, back in 1916.

But in all those seven years, not a corporal's guard of truly gentle-folk—at least, not in the eyes of the directors—have put in their applications. It seems that your true gentleman and your true lady take their pride with them, even when they descend to the most squalid of slums, and cherish it as a never-to-be-surrendered treasure long after they have parted with the last of the family plate.

An active campaign now is under way, however, to locate deserving gentle-folk, and the board of directors hopes to have the house at least half filled in a few weeks.

who have heard, or read, of the Andrew Freedman Home, dismissed it as a fake. It sounds almost too good to be true. Others, perhaps, pictured it as a genteel "poorhouse," where the inmates would be subjected to all kinds of restrictions. They were wrong in either case.

The house itself is a mansion of gray limestones, done in pure French design. The interiors were planned by one of New York's famous interior decorators. The 48 bedrooms are done in 48 separate tonal effects and probably are as airy and comfortable as any their intended occupants could boast in their most opulent days. There is a push-button at every bedside for the summoning of a servant. There are cardrooms, a library, a billiard room—everything that the most perfectly appointed residences of New York afford. There will be automobiles to take the guests for airings, to church—and to the opera. If they can find the means of obtaining tickets. There will be musicales and various entertainments from time to time in the home. There will be as few "rules" as possible.

Andrew Freedman's one idea in leaving practically all his \$5,000,000 estate as he left it, was to provide comfort and happiness for "aged and indigent persons who have been in good circumstances, but by reason of adverse fortune, have become poor and dependent." And the directors, headed by Samuel Nantmyer, who was a close friend of Mr. Freedman, are determined that his wishes shall be carried out to the utmost.

Why did bluff Andrew Freedman—traction man, one-time owner of the New York Giants and bachelor about-town—make such a unique disposition of his fortune? That is a question that even his closest friends cannot answer satisfactorily. But Freedman used to number many Wall Street speculators among his friends, in the days when fortunes were made—and lost—overnight. Doubtless some tragedy of the "Wall Street" provided the incen-

LODGE DENIES CHARGES MADE BY GASTON MEANS

Washington, May 31.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts today took the witness stand and made an explicit denial that he had ever aided in the issue of expert liquor permits as indicated in the recent testimony of Gaston Means. The committee then heard A. L. Fink, associated in the committee testimony with Roxie Stinson and he launched into a series which created a disturbance that had to be quieted by the police.

KIWANIANS HOST TO SENIOR CLASS

Forty-eight Seniors of High School Friday Join Kiwanians in Evening of Much Merry Making.

The 48 members of the 1924 class of Elizabeth City High School were guests of the local Kiwanis Club last night at a banquet given in the Red Men's Hall.

The program opened with the entire group singing "America," following which Kiwanian Daniel Lane pronounced the invocation. Phil Sawyer, president of the Kiwanis Club, then made a brief address of welcome to which Miss Rachel Williams, president of the senior class, made an appropriate response. According to the Kiwanis custom, the ladies of the Red Men's auxiliary order began serving a delicious course dinner immediately following this formal opening. The seniors joined heartily in the group singing which consisted principally of humorous parodies on some of the old favorite songs.

Then began the funniest part of the program. The Kiwanis president announced that some of the Kiwanians felt that the art of putting on successful commencements had been lost and that therefore some of the members of the local club had decided to stage a commencement modeled along ancient and classic lines. First there was a declamation contest. Luther Cartwright made a brave effort, but the judges decided that little Sammy Gregory was by far the best of the contestants. Kiwanian Al Haley was then called upon to make a presentation speech in which he called to the attention of those present that because of his speech-making proclivities, Sammy Gregory surely had "a great future behind him" and awarded him a beautiful floral tribute, which was a lovely head of cabbage. Then came a debate, the chosen subject being " 'Tis Better to Have Loved and Lost Than Never to Have Loved at All."

The affirmative side was composed of Patrick Henry Williams and Ernest Sawyer and the negative contenders were Henry LeRoy, Sr., and Ed Burgess. The contestants were in dead earnest and in relating some personal reminiscences, Henry LeRoy made some mighty strong appeals. He spoke with tears in his voice and his eloquence would have melted a heart of stone or penetrated a head of wood. The judges unanimously declared King Henry I LeRoy to be the debater par excellence and he was awarded the medal by Al Haley, who, in his speech of presentation, remarked that Henry's long association with the fertilizer business had well qualified him to put out a "rich line."

Next came a speech by Claude Williams in which he eulogized the art of music and called to the attention of those present that "music hath charms to soothe the savage beast," then called upon Daniel Lane, A. B. Combs, and Robert Cotter to join him in rendering "School Days" as a quartet selection in a manner that would make a tame beast savage.

After this, President Sawyer called upon J. Kenyon Wilson for a few words on the advisability of going to college next year if possible. Dr. John Saliba then was called upon to speak about the desirability of physical fitness. Dr. Samuel Templeman then made a brief talk emphasizing the need of the world for Christian young men and women.

The Savings Bank & Trust Company presented "silent boosts" to the seniors. They consisted of vanity cases for the girls and clothes brushes for the boys.

DELIVERS JAPANESE PROTEST

Washington, May 31.—Ambassador Hanbara, acting on instructions from his government, this afternoon delivered to Secretary of State Hughes, the protest made by Tokio against the exclusion provision of the new immigration act. Neither the Ambassador or Secretary Hughes had any statement to make.

TWO-DAY MEETING FRIENDS AT BELVIDERE ON SUNDAY

An important meeting of Friends is being held at Belvidere today and Sunday. Prominent speakers from Philadelphia, North Carolina, and South Carolina are on the program.

BAILEY DENIES HE ENDORSED REPORT OF COMMISSION

Raleigh, May 31.—Josiah William Bailey in statement issued Friday night declared that he has not endorsed the report of the State Ship and Water Transportation Commission. Mr. Bailey stated however, that the things which it recommends to be the right way to fight the

CALIFORNIA IS A HEAVY LOSER

Loss from Foot and Mouth Disease in Itself—Comparatively Small but Real Loss in Tourist Travel.

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, May 31.—California is rapidly repairing the damage resulting from the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease. But many millions of dollars which normally would have found their way into the pockets and banks of California this summer will not be spent in that section. The reason, according to men in the railroad, agricultural and industrial fields there, is because the facts of the epidemic were not laid before the public at large.

After 31 states had declared quarantine against California, however, three men in widely different industries were called in to make these facts public. The facts were the reverse of damaging, and undoubtedly much of the harm has been counteracted. But without doubt many people have been kept away from the state and from the West this summer who now cannot be persuaded to make the trip. Since each tourist, either by rail or by automobile, spends a very appreciable amount each day on such a trip, the total deficiency will be heavy.

Cattle Loss Negligible

The amount of loss through slaughtered cattle is really negligible. The agricultural output of the state including cattle is between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000 annually. The value of herds slaughtered so far is only slightly above \$2,000,000, or less than one half of one per cent of the whole. The loss of some of this stock can hardly be considered in the light of a loss, since it will be replaced by sheep, cattle and hogs of far better grade than those slaughtered at the order of state and Federal authorities. It is estimated that at least 850,000 head of spring lambs will be sold at the end of this month at advantageous prices.

Some of the nearby embargoes have resulted in a temporary advantage to farmers of neighboring states who have been called on to fill immediate demands for vegetables and other products, but on the other hand these states have also suffered from the check to automobile tourists.

In some cases on the California border, babies in arms accompanying automobile parties have been stopped, undressed and fumigated for an hour with formaldehyde. It has been established, incidentally, that formaldehyde fumes have no effect on foot and mouth germs, unless the latter are treated for at least ten hours. Under some embargoes canned fruit put up a year before the outbreak of the disease cannot be carried across adjoining state lines by automobile although it may be exported by rail. It has cost some of the states involved \$1,000 a day to enforce these Gilbert and Sullivan provisions.

Sugar Beet Farmers Anxious

The raisers of sugar beets in California and in other states of the West, the prairie country and Michigan and Ohio are watching with extreme anxiety the dark cloud which has formed on their horizon. That menace consists of the possibility that the tariff commission may decide to lower the tariff on Cuban raw sugar below its present point of 1.76 cents a pound. The Cuban crop is now estimated at some 175,000 tons more than was expected earlier in the year by various authorities.

England, in the meantime, thoroughly determined to protect its sugar industry, has raised her tariff rates on Cuban raw sugars on the plantations from which that sugar comes. They virtually sell themselves their own sugar and any reduction of tariff naturally is to their advantage.

But the growers of sugar beets sell their produce on a sliding scale according to the amount which the manufactured sugar brings, and such sugar must be sold in competition with refined Cuban sugar. The American Beet sugar producers competed successfully against eastern refiners of Cuban sugar last year, as far east as Albany and Philadelphia, but dealers who established themselves in this trade last year are doubtful if they can repeat this success if the tariff is changed.

SERVICES CLOSE SUNDAY AT FREE WILL BAPTIST

Sunday evening will probably mark the close of the evangelistic services now being conducted at the Free Will Baptist Church by Evangelist J. C. Griffin.

Tonight the subject of Mr. Griffin's sermon will be "Weighed and Found Wanting." Practically every seat was taken at the services Friday evening.

Taking as his text the twenty-second verse of the twenty-seventh chapter of Matthew's gospel, "What Then Shall I Do With Jesus Which is Called Christ," the speaker made a strong appeal to the audience and responded to his invitation at the