

INCOME TAX 1927 ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE REDUCED

This Is Interpretation of President Coolidge's Address Before the Government's Business Meeting

FURTHER ECONOMY

Chief Executive Would Impress Government Departments With Necessity of Keeping Up Thrift

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Washington, June 23.—Tax reduction on the incomes received during the calendar year 1927 and effective with the payments to be made in March 1928 may be considered almost as a certainty.

This interpretation of President Coolidge's address before the regular meeting of the business organization of the Government is based upon the significant change which the President's attitude has undergone within the last three weeks. When first the question of tax reduction was brought to the attention of the White House as a result of forecasts that the surplus would be unusually large this year, the Presidential spokesman stated that there would be no tax reduction in the immediate future and not for several years. It now is known that the President's advisers were disturbed by the definiteness of the impression given by the press to the idea that tax reduction was out of the question for a long time. Mr. Coolidge it is understood was not at the time acquainted with the detailed figures regarding the surplus which are being changing from day to day. Now, however, that he knows the surplus can be safely estimated at \$390,000,000 and that it may go over that by the time the books are closed on June 30, the wisdom of dealing with the future tax reduction problem without shutting the door against tax revision is given renewed attention.

So the President does not say that there will be no tax reduction for several years but that the tax receipts for the fiscal year ending in June 1927 are known to be in excess of the amount which is to be paid for the year ending in June 1928. This policy was advocated incidentally for another reason, namely, impressing government departments with the necessity of further economies and keeping Congress from returning to its spending habits. Mr. Coolidge cannot take responsibility for what Congress might or might not do with reference to appropriations. Mr. Coolidge can forecast the conditions and the consequent effect thereon on income tax receipts. That is why his speech merely makes the point that the Governmental budget for the fiscal year beginning this July and ending next July must first be kept to the minimum and receipts balanced against it before anything definite can be known.

Yet the President's speech is in other respects more susceptible of optimistic construction than any of the others he has delivered in recent years in discussing the budget and future deficits. Mr. Coolidge says that his plans call for a budget which on the basis of present receipts would bring a surplus of \$185,000,000 for the fiscal year ending in June 1927. He has as a rule pointed either to a deficit or to a relatively small surplus like \$70,000,000. This time he speaks of \$185,000,000 as a rather narrow margin for an expected surplus and says that unlooked for contingencies may wipe this out or at least reduce it substantially. This is always a possibility no matter what the predicted surplus might be. Yet past experience has shown that the Government estimates on surpluses are conservative. So if the present condition of business is maintained and Congress again keeps within the budget it would not be surprising if there were another \$350,000,000 surplus in June 1927. This would mean certain tax revision at the session of Congress beginning in December 1927 and the pressure to make the reduction effective with the payments in March 1928 would be much the same as it was last February. Besides 1928 is a Presidential year and if there is a possible chance for the Republican majority to go to the country with a record of another substantial tax reduction no politician minded leader would miss the opportunity. So all things being equal—business conditions and Congressional economy particularly—the American people can be expecting another tax reduction on the money they take in beginning January 1, next.

McNARY BILL APPROACHES VOTE IN THE SENATE TODAY

Washington, June 23.—Whittled down to a \$150,000,000 measure and altered along various other lines, the McNary equalization fee proposal today approached a vote in the Senate.

PRICES CLIMBING UP ON IRISH POTATOES

Prices continued to climb up on potatoes in northern markets this morning, according to commission men here. New York quotations ranged from \$6.50 to \$7.50. Commission men are paying from \$5.25 to \$5.75 on the local docks. Ideal digging conditions have been of great advantage to potato farmers this year, the weather being neither too hot nor too wet at any time since the season opened.

MUCH INTEREST IN BIBLE STUDY

Service at First Christian to Begin Earlier Than Rest of Meeting

The revival at the First Christian Church is moving forward with great interest, says the pastor, Rev. H. T. Bowen.

"One man so interested in the Bible study conducted by Prof. Saunders in his own characteristic manner of directing it by memory and in accord with his theme for the evening, that he moved up to the front seat and said to me 'Let's get here earlier tomorrow evening that we may get more of this study.'"

The interest was so keen in this study and the children taking such an active part that it was decided to meet at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening and on through the meeting, in order that more time can be given to this valuable study. The first bell will ring at 7:15 o'clock and we hope that all comers will strive to be in their places promptly at 7:45 o'clock every evening.

"Prof. Saunders' theme last evening was 'Christ's Degradation and Man's Exaltation.'"

"He pictured in a vivid and pleasing manner the Spirit of Christ in all His perfection living with God before the world was, and the matchless love of God in sacrificing His only Son to exalt man. He further illustrated Christ's love for the human race by apt illustrations from life bringing a pleasing picture of Christ's devotion for suffering mankind."

"All this perfect sacrifice and love was centered in man's exaltation and enlightenment. The plan which God laid for man's perfection is so plain that God's word says that a fool shall not enter therein. God presented himself to man through human agency, divinely incarnate. He stated further that God becomes our father and we become joint heirs with Christ which leads to perfection as found in Christ and to equality which Christ with all His freedom and privileges."

"This truly optimistic note weighed heavily in the minds of the audience as manifested by the intense silence of every listener while Prof. Saunders drove home this climactic utterance and sealed it with Judas' savage and traitorous kiss and with that unmerciful mob that gathered to harass, pillage, to spit upon Jesus, to crown with thorns, to mock and scorn and at last to crucify in a most shameful way, to gamble for his garments and to wag their heads saying 'He saved others, but could not save himself.' This was the tribute we paid a perfect love who years of experience as teacher and preacher and you will miss a treat if you fail to hear him in his messages. Come, and bring your Bibles."

MISSIONARY CIRCLES WILL HOLD MEETING THURSDAY

Mt. Hermon, June 23.—The two circles of Mt. Hermon Missionary Society will meet Thursday, at 10:30 a. m. in Mt. Hermon Church. There will be a morning and afternoon service. Among the subjects to be presented are: The Lucy Cunningham School, the Bell Bennett Memorial, children's work, and young peoples work. The children will also present a program. The quarter's reports are to be made out and given to the district secretary at this meeting. All active members and honorary members and the Bright Jewels are urged to attend, also the two neighbor auxiliaries. Lunch will be furnished by the members of the Carrie Matthews circle.

BACK FROM PHILADELPHIA AND SESQUICENTENNIAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burgess and Mrs. Ella Pearson have returned from a motor trip to Philadelphia where they attended the Sesqui-centennial saw the Liberty Bell, Franklin graves, the church Franklin attended, the home of Betsy Ross, and many other places of historic interest. They stopped at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, and enjoyed various social affairs in connection with the T. P. A. Convention in session at Philadelphia, of which Mr. Burgess was a delegate. The Elizabeth City party also visited business places of interest, enjoyed a steamer trip, and visited Valley Forge.

Woman's Influence on Big Event of Reconstruction Era Disclosed by Ransom

Tale of How Federal Judge Brooks, of Elizabeth City, Released Suspected Citizens From Summary Imprisonment Is Related by Walter L. Cohoon

The tale of an Elizabeth City man's courageous stand against the abridgment of citizens' rights in the reconstruction era, of his victory, and of its widespread effect in curbing the evils of that troublous time, is related by Walter L. Cohoon, of this city, former general counsel for the State Highway Commission, as it was told him by the late General Matt W. Ransom, one of the most illustrious North Carolinians of his day.

The story came up in a discussion of recent agitation here with a view to changing the name of Road street to an appellation carrying greater historic or other significance. The street is one of the city's principal thoroughfares, and is a link in the State Highway System. Mr. Cohoon argues that it should be named Brooks avenue, as a tribute to the late Federal Judge George W. Brooks, about whom that notable reconstruction episode centered. Judge Brooks' home was on Road street.

General Ransom, who told the story to Mr. Cohoon, was attorney general of North Carolina before the War Between the States, served with conspicuous honor as a Confederate general in the war, and subsequently for 24 years was a member of the United States Senate from North Carolina.

In 1870, the tale goes, a number of more or less prominent North Carolinians had been thrown summarily into jail on suspicion that they were members of the Ku Klux Klan, to which many of the disorders of that turbulent time were attributed. Their imprisonment was sanctioned by the State government, headed by Governor Holden, the governor having justified the measure on the ground that a number of counties were in a state of insurrection. Efforts by their friends to have them released on bail, or brought to speedy trial, were futile. A storm of indignation arose, but Governor Holden remained adamant.

Finally, General Ransom, who was one of the leaders of those opposing the governor's summary course, decided to appeal to Federal authority, as exemplified by Judge Brooks, at Elizabeth City, in the hope of relieving the situation. The general traveled by rail to Norfolk, and took a stage coach from there to Elizabeth City. It was hot, sultry midsummer, and the long ride was anything but pleasant.

Arriving in Elizabeth City, the general repaired to the Brooks home after having removed, as best he could, the vestiges of travel at the little hotel which downtown boasted. The judge, however, was not at home, the visitor being informed by Mrs. Brooks that he had come out to his farm, and was not expected to return until late in the day.

General Ransom addressed himself then to Mrs. Brooks, who is described by those who remember her as a gracious, highly intelligent woman. He told her in some detail of the situation, and explained that he wished Judge Brooks to issue a Federal writ of habeas corpus for the imprisoned citizens. "Will it get him into any trouble, general?" Mrs. Brooks inquired. Upon being assured that it would not, she promised to use her influence with her husband in behalf of the general's mission.

When Judge Brooks returned, he invited General Ransom to supper, and the conversation turned to many topics, but never touched upon that which General Ransom had come so many miles to obtain, if he could. Before leaving, however, the general made an appointment with the judge for the following morning, without disclosing his purpose.

"Have you prepared that writ?" Judge Brooks inquired after greeting General Ransom. The latter answered in the affirmative, producing it, and the judge signed it without further discussion. Mrs. Brooks had kept her promise.

Upon learning of the writ, Governor Holden gave out an indignant interview in effect that he would not honor it, and that every agency of the State would be employed to prevent its enforcement.

"I'll enforce that writ at the points of Federal bayonets, if necessary," Judge Brooks warned the governor. Civil war threatened anew for a few days, but Governor Holden, realizing the futility of further resistance, gave in, and those who had been arrested on suspicion were promptly released. There was great rejoicing.

Aside from its immediate effect, Judge Brooks' writ is declared to have had an excellent effect in North Carolina from the fact that the people generally had been inclined to regard the Federal Government as hostile to them. The direct evidence of its friendly attitude, as evidenced by the writ, is said to have vastly promoted that readjustment, salutary at best, which finally terminated the reconstruction period in the State.

Every place you go in "Out Our Way," but it won't seem like that unless you have "Out Our Way" and the rest of the comics in The Daily Advance. Phone 357 and save your order.

MANY PRIZES UP FOR EXHIBITORS IN SPUD CONTEST

Crowds Attending Not to be Wearied by Long Program of Formal Speech-making During Event

BASEBALL AND RACES

Varied Attractions Promised for Visitors at Independence Day Celebration in Elizabeth City

An exceptional array of awards have been provided as a major attraction for the contestants in the Potato Day exhibition to be held on the courthouse lawn here on Monday, July 5, when this city will celebrate the Fourth. The committee in charge of arrangements for the day has decided not to undertake a formal program of speechmaking, feeling that there will be plenty of other diversions, and that at this season of the year, a long program of addresses might be out of place.

Besides the Potato Day events, the Fourth will be celebrated with horse racing at the fair grounds, and with probably morning and afternoon Carolina League baseball games. The baseball program is being worked out in cooperation with the other clubs in the league.

Prizes in the spud events will be awarded on the basis of a possible 85 points, with quality counting 30 points, condition, 35 points, and condition of pack, 20 points. The 30 points allowed for quality will be subdivided on the basis of freedom from cracks and cuts, 5 points, and general appearance, 15 points.

The 35 points on condition will be allowed on the basis of 5 points for maturity; 10 points for freedom from sun scald; 10 points for freedom from decay, and 10 points on general condition. In condition of pack, uniformity will count 5 points; neatness, 5 points, and fullness and general appearance, 10 points. The committee in charge will comprise County Agent G. W. Falls, chairman, Scott James, W. G. Lensen and J. B. Britt. The last named three are representatives of the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture.

A. E. Merckel, marketing specialist, will give a demonstration in the practical grading of potatoes, for the benefit of the growers and dealers present.

Leading the list of prizes already offered are four half-tons of fertilizer, two to be awarded by Swift & Company, and two by the Albemarle Fertilizer Company. Others are as follows:

M. G. Morrisette & Co., ice cream freezer.

Mitchell's Department Store, valuable straw hat.

D. Walter Harris, pair of Palm Beach trousers.

T. Turner & Co., pair of Palm Beach trousers.

E. J. Cohoon & Co., gallon of ready mixed paint.

McCabe & Gleece, half dozen pairs of socks.

P. W. Melick, Co., carpet sweeper.

Rueker & Sheely Co., man's shirt.

Weeks & Sawyer, silver belt buckle.

Bray's Cleaning Works, dress cleaned or dyed.

The Daily Advance will give a year's subscription for the largest potato exhibited.

Texas Oil Company, five gallons of motor oil.

Selig's, jeweler, an alarm clock.

The committee in charge of this phase of the celebration announces that a number of additional awards probably will be made later and that these will be duly announced.

KEEPER OF BEES IS PICTURE HIGH STANDARD

"All of us visualize the characters of which we read," says Manager Selby Higgins. "In our minds we register a picture of what sort of person a fiction individual may be, and what he or she looks like. But only those of us who have read 'The Keeper of the Bees' and who see this great picture at the Alkrama, where it will be shown for the last time in Elizabeth City today, can compare our own idea of a character with the actual person from whom the author drew the inspiration to put her indelibly down in print.

"For Little Gene Stratton Porter, granddaughter of Gene Stratton Porter, author of the novel which appeared recently in McCall's, plays the part of the 'Little Scout' in the P. B. O. picture version of this delightful book, and it was Little Gene of whom Mrs. Porter wrote when she created the character. This novel and unusual privilege adds considerably to a picture which needs no introduction, an no apologies. It is my opinion that such pictures as this will raise the standards of the moving picture industry."

William K. Hale and Wife



Insisting that he is the victim of a "frameup," William K. Hale, Okmulgee cattle baron, is ready to go on trial at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, as instigator of the Clegg murders. He is shown here with Mrs. Hale, who is outspoken in her loyalty to her husband at this crisis in his life.

Californian Thinks He Had Visit From Resident Mars

Tells of Landing of Meteorite Skull Near His Cabin; Is Keeping This Memento Until the Man's Body Shall Have Been Found, He Declares

(Copyright, 1925, by The Associated Press. San Francisco, June 23.—Astronomers or aviators far visioned enough to predict inter-communication among the planets won't be discouraged by the story of C. E. Grant of Cherokee, Butte County, California to start an immediate air (or airtless) taxi line between the earth and Mars.

Grant claims that a letter written by Grant to a Sacramento newspaper the Butte County visitor arrived in pieces and only his skull has been found so far. "The farmers and miners of the county are now being asked to hunt for what our scientists may know about our neighbors on the other planets are like."

Grant states that a meteor fell in the foothills visible from a hotel plaza at Chico, earlier on May 29. He can't be certain, he writes, that the falling of the meteorite skull near his cabin was witnessed by a reputable well-to-do resident of California who was camped near his cabin in his car. "The Chico man says he searched for and found the skull which had his chin broken. Having found the skull and learned about the meteor the farmer-scientist drew his conclusions as follows:

"Now, gentlemen, it is quite likely that the two meteors are one and the same, as they were traveling in the same course, namely, in a northerly course, and fell only a few miles apart. The skull, being severed from the body, and retaining the less gas, would be likely to come though the air a lot faster than the body. If the body can only be found it will convince the most skeptical person that other planets are inhabited as well as this."

Having been the recipient of the first recorded visit by a resident of another planet, Grant allows he is going to keep the head of his visitor until the body is found, "with all due respect to government and science."

The Cherokee man's place of habitation is well off the beaten track and as he can be reached by neither telephone nor telegraph is story has not yet been checked by persons wise in the lore of meteors.

YOUNG PEOPLE MEET AT MEREDITH COLLEGE

Raleigh, June 23.—Annual State convention of the Hagley Young People's Union was formally opened last night when nearly 1,000 delegates to the convention were formally welcomed to Raleigh by Governor A. W. McLean, Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, where the convention is being held, and others.

W. E. Riggs dead
After an illness of three weeks W. E. Riggs died Thursday morning at 5 o'clock at the Elizabeth City Hospital from an abscess of the lungs and pleurisy. Mr. Riggs is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Midgett Riggs; by one son, W. E. Riggs, Jr., by his mother, Mrs. John Creef; by two brothers, Charles Riggs of Marion, South Carolina, and W. H. Riggs of Washington, North Carolina; and by three sisters, Mrs. Alton Miller, New York City; Mrs. Stewart Curles, and Mrs. Edward Wright, both of Elizabeth City.

The funeral will be conducted at the home of his mother, Mrs. John Creef, 907 Southern Avenue, by Rev. F. S. Love of the First Methodist Church, Thursday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Hollywood Cemetery.

MISSING WOMAN EVANGELIST IS NOW IN HOSPITAL

Aimee Semple McPherson Tells How She Was Abducted From Ocean Park, California, Not Long Ago

TAKEN TO MEXICO

Escaped About Noon Yesterday and Ran Until Exhausted, Finally Reaching a Place of Safety

(By The Associated Press)

Douglas, Ariz., June 23.—Identification of a woman in a hospital here as Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, who was reported drowned there May 18 last, was made over the telephone today by Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, the evangelist's mother, in a conversation with William F. McCafferty, editor of the Dispatch, this morning.

Identification was based on details of a long white scar on the second floor on the woman's hand and also by her answering question and giving the name of her pet plover. The woman in the hospital here told the name of her plover which is Jennie and also that she was injured on the second floor of her right hand in Durham township near Ingersoll, Ontario.

Her mother told McCafferty the same thing. The woman said the scar was the result of being accidentally cut by a sickle years ago. She also gave the name of her cousin, Mrs. Emma Nickerson, now dead, and described the birthmarks on her babies for McCafferty. These statements led the mother to the declaration that the woman was Aimee Semple McPherson beyond doubt.

The former evangelist from her hospital cot told the story of her abduction from Ocean Park, California, a trip across the border to Mexico, and how she escaped about noon yesterday and ran until she fell with exhaustion. "Finally sighting a mountain which has been identified by officers here as the famous 'Nigger-Head' Mountain, 15 miles south of Sonora, Mexico, she headed for it. Reaching the mountain about dusk she found the road and struggled along, falling from time to time with fatigue. She finally reached the outskirts of Agua Prieta and asked for help from the Mexicans and that the police be notified.

COLUMBIA LIBRARY IS OPEN DURING SUMMER

Columbia, June 23.—The Columbia Parent Teacher Association held its regular meeting in the theater on Friday night, June 18. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mrs. W. D. Cox, president; Miss Sabra Sykes, first vice president; Mrs. Ira Alexander, second vice president; Mrs. W. E. Carawan, secretary; W. J. White, treasurer.

The library committee reported that the library recently installed in the courthouse under supervision of the P. T. A., will be open each Tuesday and Friday morning during the summer. Miss Augusta Sykes was elected librarian. The school playground will be improved during the summer. It was decided to make the July meeting a Book Donation meeting. All who will be requested to bring a book suitable for the school library.

A splendid program was enjoyed as follows: "Why Children Don't Like School," Miss Carrie Mae Knight; "What the P. T. A. can do to Help The School," Mrs. S. C. Chaplin; Reading, "Calling the Young Uns," Mrs. W. J. White; "Making the Children's Vacation a Success," Mrs. R. S. Knight, Jr.; Solo, "Just a Cottage Small," Miss Nina Brinkhouse; Reading, "Anderson," Mrs. Leslie Snell; "Am I a Parent-Teacher all the Time," Mrs. J. S. Norman.

URGES CLUB MEMBERS TO PAY ANNUAL DUES

Mrs. J. G. Fearing, president of the Woman's Club, is still badly crippled, after cutting her foot last week. While she is still confined to her bed, she is still carrying upon her heart and mind the burden of the work of the club, and urges all members to send in their dues to Mrs. E. T. Burgess, treasurer of the club. Mrs. Fearing reminds members that the district meeting is not many months away when reports must be made, and only paid up members can be counted as delegates.

WILL LEAD FEDERATION MEETING ON THURSDAY

At the Men's Federation Thursday morning at 8:30 in the Y. M. C. A. Building Rev. J. A. Saunders will lead. Everybody is urged to attend.