

Maxwell Supports Gardner's Regime And Tax Reduction

Revenue Commissioner Boosts Economy Of McLean And Gardner At Tax Meet.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 14.—Approval of the policies of the McLean and Gardner administrations, and of the plan adopted by the last legislature, was voiced by A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue and candidate for governor, in his address to the meeting of the national tax association here at noon yesterday.

Mr. Maxwell went even further than approving the past actions of the state and advocated a more drastic wave of economy than the state government has yet experienced.

In addition, he argued that the same policy of retrenchment which has prevailed in North Carolina be applied to the work of the federal government.

From these recitals it will be seen that the five month session of our long parliament inaugurated a substantial reduction of the total cost of government and of the total burden of taxation to sustain it," he said in conclusion.

Provided Tax Cut

"It provided a substantial reduction in the burden of taxation on property and in part the expense of an increase in tax burden on incomes and franchises of public utilities and domestic and foreign corporations and business license taxes. In my judgment it has substantially gone the limit of increase in tax burden on business and industry and that the reduction in the total cost of public expenditures is but a substantial beginning in the solution of the problem that profoundly changed economic conditions imposed upon us.

"All the ingenuity and learning that the combined efforts of all the tax experts can bring to bear on the problem cannot construct tax systems that will take from the reduced earnings of the people as large a tax load as is represented by the present costs of government.

"After collecting taxes that constitute an unreasonable burden under present conditions, we still have deficits of alarming proportions. The total cost of government was multiplied four times in ten years in North Carolina between 1920 and 1930, and in the country as a whole it was multiplied four times between 1917 and 1930.

Debt Blamed

"This tremendous increase in the cost of government was fostered by a delusion of wealth and prosperity that we now know to have been produced by causes that were both artificial and temporary—a war stimulation prolonged by a credit stimulation that has run its disastrous course, leaving us in the gray dawn of the morning after with a problem of readjustment that, however disagreeable it may be, cannot be avoided.

"The necessity for it is substantially universal and is as imperative at Washington as in any of our state capitals or county seats. The federal government is operating on a deficit basis at the present time at the rate of two billion dollars per year. Congress cannot exact any revenue bill that will raise two billion dollars of additional revenue at this prostrate time and enforce it with an army of banners and bayonets, and the threat of additional burdens from taxation by the federal government hangs as the heaviest load over stabilization and business recovery and a return to conditions that permit normal employment of labor."

Speaking of local self-government Mr. Maxwell defended the restrictions placed on it by the last legislature, and while defending the gasoline tax, he attacked all other forms of sales tax, pointing out that the gasoline tax was the only one that could be sustained against interstate commerce.

Penny Column

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G. O. P. Leaders Will Attempt To Keep Bailey From Senate

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pointment, and has been on the job since and drawing pay, but he cannot serve after the senate convenes until confirmed.

A report from Greensboro says the Republicans have perfected an organization to support Mr. Pritchard and Mr. Duncan and others are preparing to visit Washington Thursday or Friday to go over the situation with national leaders, and demand that Senator Bailey be stopped at the door. If they do that, their proceeding will be amazing unless they prefer charges.

Senator Bailey is ready to meet any allegations they make.

The senate is very close, and a hard fight is expected when time comes to organize it. Senator Moses, president pro tempore, and Senator Watson, Republican leader of the Senate, are vitally interested in the control of the senate. They are Old Guard leaders and in conflict with insurgents of their own party. Three or four Progressive Republicans could upset their plans.

Not Much Chance

A majority of the Democratic senators do not want control through a coalition and Messrs. Moses and Watson are not going to offend conservative, regular Democrats by barring Mr. Bailey without evidence of corruption. Mr. Pritchard may be given money to carry on his contest, but he is not apt to get a majority of the members of the senate to do an unwise or absurd thing.

The purpose of the promised conference here this week may be to further interest the Republican national committee, and to make a political issue of the contest.

100 Mayors, County Heads At Meet

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welfare; Charles M. Johnson, head of the local government commission and Mr. Henninger.

Johnson indicated the local government commission, to which counties and cities are responsible for their financial affairs, might honor request of counties to use five per cent of their budget for emergency purposes. He also said savings effected in some instances could be applied to relief purposes.

Mrs. Bost said the welfare department was concentrating its efforts in setting up local relief agencies. She said 10 counties in the

state were in better condition this year than last year. These, she pointed out, were the counties hit by the 1930 drought.

Governor Gardner, in his address, noted the state's 600,000 population increase during the last decade. "Where we once boasted of our population gain, we now find ourselves burdened to care for them," he said. He visioned the condition of the state if reports of county agents are true that tenant farmers will be turned off farms this winter in unprecedented numbers.

He urged that a policy "which does not develop the wishbone and destroy the backbone" be adopted, as the problem of the professional beggar is always present."

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted on New York exchange at noon today:

Oct. 115, Dec. 6.25. Yesterday's close: Oct. 6.15, Dec. 6.26.

New York, Oct. 14.—Good business in spots mids. 478 vs. 467 yesterday. Sterling in London about unchanged. Heavy rains at Abilene, forecast for showers in parts Mississippi, Ala., Ark., and East Texas. Balance belt part cloudy. Journal Commerce review sales at ten spot markets past week 555,000 vs. 466,000 previous week and 253,000 last year. Merchants large buyers, domestic spinners bought on larger scale but mostly for nearby wants. Basis stiffening. Charlotte report mills buying freely. Houston says coops are receiving less cotton this season and are falling far short of their last year's volume while factors do increased business. Export demand poor. Fair business Worth St., prices firmer. Would buy cotton on easy spots.

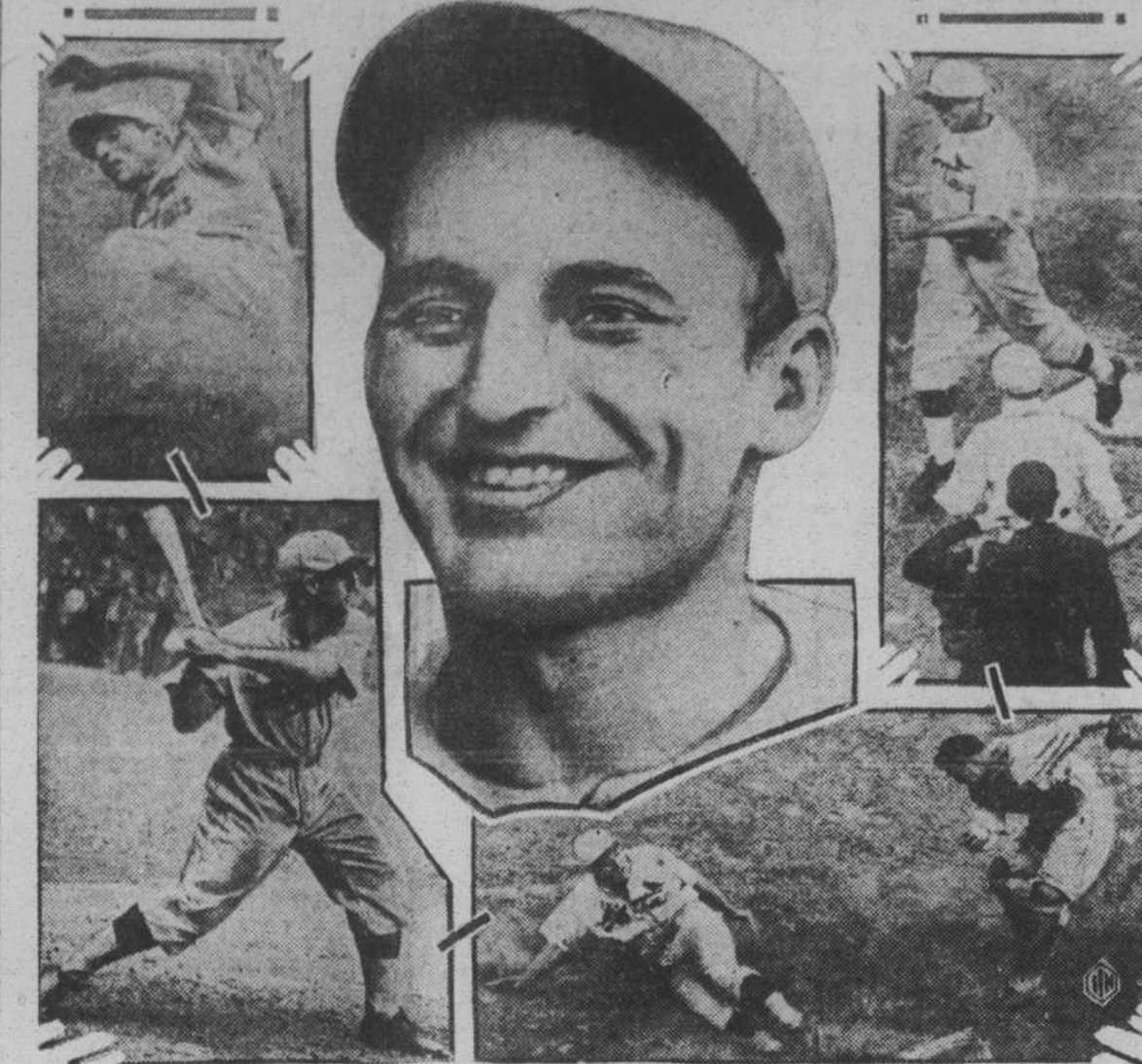
CLEVELAND.

Lincoln County Fair Has Large Opening

Lincolnton, Oct. 13.—The 11th annual Lincoln county fair opened today with a fine opening day crowd. Secretary C. D. Stroup and President Graham Morrison of the fair association are planning for the largest crowd in Lincoln county fair history to pass through the turnstile during this week.

Lincoln's fair is predominantly agricultural. Several community and private farm booths are on display and the quality of these exhibits is far above the average. Good crops in this vicinity this year are evidenced by the display of farm products which have been brought to the fair.

Red Hot Hero of World Series



Never was there a great struggle that did not produce a great hero, and the 1931 World Series is no exception. Up from the ruck of players has come Mr. John L. Martin (Pepper to you and Poison to the Athletics) to snatch the hearts of the fans, friend and foe alike. This irrepressible young man was a practically unknown member of the Cardinal team until he started to do things in the World Series.

Among the things are stealing bases under the watchful eye of Mickey Cochrane, one of the finest catchers in the game, hitting Connie Mack's star pitchers all over the United States, and driving the fans into hysterical delight with the brilliance and daring of his play. In the fifth game of the series, Pepper got 3 hits in four times at bat, one of which was a home run, and drove in 4 out of the Cardinals' total of five runs, equalling the series mark with 12 hits.

Hail Mahatma As A Second "Moses"

London.—Harlem hails Mahatma Gandhi as "a second Moses" to lead all colored races from the wilderness of bondage to the light of freedom.

He has revealed that a number of negro organizations in that section of New York have invited him

to the United States to address them on racial problems.

If he decides to make the trip he also will speak on his doctrine of non-violence at Philadelphia, Washington, Boston and other large cities.

He depends on his American friends to convince Dr. John Haynes Holmes that he (the Mahatma) would not be treated as a curiosity.

Tax Books Ready In Lincoln County Now

Lincolnton, Oct. 13.—The 1931 tax books of Lincoln county have been turned over to Sheriff A. F. Reinhardt for collection. The register of deed's force established a new record this year in getting the books ready for the sheriff by putting all names in the county on the books in less than two weeks.

Free Father In Case Over Son's Death

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talk was made by both attorneys. Mr. Hoey contended that the elder Ledbetter, already suffering more than anyone over the tragic accident, was guilty of nothing. He had a right, it was argued, to get his gun and come to the defense of his own boy when three other men were after him. Judge Falls contended that Ledbetter should be termed guilty of assault with deadly weapon because it was evident, as he saw it, that the shot fired by Ledbetter, which struck and killed his own son, was intended for the Russes and that he had no right to shoot. He reminded that Irvin Russ, who was struck by several of the shot, was not in the Ledbetter yard but was in the road nearby. He argued also that the coming of the Russes to the Ledbetter home to right an alleged wrong done a Russ girl did not justify Ledbetter in using his gun. Judge Falls in addressing the court in the Ledbetter county expressed surprise that a jury made up of men from his own county would convict a man and his sons of simple assault when they were working in behalf of a wrong-

ed daughter and sister. The court, however, held that Ledbetter believed that his premises were being trespassed and his son mistreated and was making an effort to aid his son.

Reconciliation

"More than anything else," Recorder Maurice Weathers stated, "would like to see these two neighboring families reconciled. Both families have already suffered over this incident. A member of one family is dead and he was a neighboring boy to the other family. The best thing that could happen would be for these families to be friends again as they attempt to forget the sorrow of the past."

Questioning of the opposing counsel by the recorder failed to reveal how the members of the two families now feel about each other. Mr. Hoey stated that his client, Ledbetter, would make no request of the court about the Russ punishment, while Judge Falls stated that the recorder could tell as well as he by the evidence of the Russes on the stand how they now feel over the matter.

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