

TWO CAROLINIANS ON ELIGIBLE LIST

New Tariff Body Will Have Important Duties to Accomplish at Once.

By P. H. McGowan. Washington, Dec. 26.—In view of the fact that Congressman John J. Fitzgerald of New York, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, has announced that the United States is facing a financial deficit of \$300,000,000, and that in his opinion the tariff laws should not at this time be amended, there is a strong possibility that the president will immediately name the members of the new tariff commission. Two South Carolinians, Daniel C. Roper, recently first assistant postmaster general, and B. F. Taylor of Columbia, are mentioned.

It was explained at the capitol today that two things are apparent: first, that there is a deficit which must be met in some way not now known; second, that the people will raise a protest against further taxation in any form.

It has been known here for some time that both the appropriations committee of the house and the finance committee of the senate were much bothered by the fact that there is a deficit of gigantic proportions staring the people in the face. It has not come about through wastefulness of the Democrats or anything of the kind. It is due largely to the fact that excessive expenditures will for several years have to be made in order to put the country on a war basis to meet emergencies should war come—the result of preparedness. In addition to this, it should be remembered that imports from foreign countries have been curtailed as a result of the war and at the same time tariff revenues reduced because of the switch from the Republican "high protection" duties to the Democratic "tariff for revenues only" basis of taxation.

Undoubtedly the only way in which the tariff question will ever be satisfactorily adjusted is to follow the president's advice and have a strictly non-partisan tariff board or commission, which will act absolutely without regard to political influences. However, should the personnel of the commission be announced at this time, which is now likely, it will take at least a month or six weeks to get in working shape. Then, after that is done, it is not probable that they will be able to bridge over the present deficit or of preventing other similar occurrences could possibly be worked out for several months. The appointment, however, of this body, now would have the same effect as the peace overtures made last week by the German authorities—it would be a step in the right direction—which must necessarily be taken before anything tangible may be expected to come out of it.

As to what congress will do at this short session—to raise enough to meet this \$300,000,000 deficit—with the people already overtaxed and burdened to the point where they can not easily stand more—is something that even these national lawmakers do not themselves know. It is certain that the two things which now produce more than half of our total revenue—whiskey and tobacco—can not be further taxed without driving them out of business. Should prohibition come either as a result of national legislation or from too much taxation just how this gigantic revenue would then be supplied is not now seen.

"Demon rum on the run" is good campaign talk and undoubtedly prohibition is a splendid thing and something to be much sought under ordinary circumstances, but in the present crisis in the country's financial history, it is a question whether the old story of the "goose and the golden egg" may not be appropriate. Epitomized, a few things are apparent. A further tax can not be placed on the necessities of life and not enlarge the jails and workhouses more tax or rum and tobacco means that these industries will cease to produce. A raise in postage rates and bank check stamps would be most unpopular.

This is the situation as it appears here now and the two South Carolinians whose names have been mentioned might work out in their own minds some tangible form of taxation which would fill the national coffers and leave no further pinch on the people—if they can do it. In the event they are called up higher, and made members of the president's tariff commission they would then be ready to do something worth while and help alleviate a situation which is now far from hopeful.

MASTER'S SALE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, Court of Common Pleas.

R. A. Richey, and others, Plaintiff, against Claude Richey, and others, Defendants.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Salesday in January A. D., 1917, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing Three Hundred and Twenty-eight (328) Acres, more or less, and bounded by A. J. Ferguson, Estate Thomas F. Ferguson, J. H. DuPre, Jr., John F. Wilson and Estate of R. E. Cox—said land being about three miles West of Abbeville Court House and known as the Barksdale place.

TERMS OF SALE—CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers. R. E. HILL, Master A. C., S. C. 3-13-12.

GONZALES DIES AT BORDER HOSPITAL

Robert E. Gonzales, Paraphraser of Columbia State, Dies of Pneumonia—Shock to Entire State

Columbia, Dec. 26.—Robert E. Gonzales, paraphraser on the Columbia State, and second sergeant in the machine gun company of the Second South Carolina National Guard, died of pneumonia late last night in a hospital in El Paso, Texas, where the regiment is on border patrol. The body will be brought to Columbia for burial, a telegraphic request to have this attended to having gone forward to Colonel Holmes B. Springs, commanding the Second regiment, this morning.

News of the death of Sergt. Gonzales reached here this morning early in a telegram from Colonel Springs to W. W. Ball, Editor of The State. He telegraphed: "Bob died tonight at eleven o'clock. The regiment mourns the loss of a good and true soldier and South Carolina loses a valuable and distinguished citizen. He died with honor to the state and its people. Our sympathy is to you all in your sad bereavement. Remains will be sent home upon receipt of instructions from family."

The telegram was dated last night, but as El Paso is two hours in time behind Columbia, the wire did not get here until this morning.

Mr. Ball also received the following telegram this morning from Dr. Isadore Schayer, a captain in the sanitary department of the Second and himself a resident of Columbia: "Bob made a great fight, but too many odds against him."

The sad intelligence of the death of the promising young newspaper man and gallant soldier spread throughout Columbia with rapidity this morning and widespread regret was expressed on all sides.

The first information that Bob Gonzales was sick reached Columbia on Sunday and yesterday word came that he was worse. His father, Capt. William E. Gonzales, American minister to Cuba, had departed from Havana for El Paso, Texas, to be with his son. Efforts were made today to reach Capt. Gonzales on the steamer by wireless and tell him the sad news Mrs. William E. Gonzales, Bob's mother, and his little sister, Alida, were in New York with his uncle, Ambrose E. Gonzales, and they were on their way to Columbia intending to go to the border. They were informed of the death of Bob when they reached here early this afternoon over the Seaboard.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Building and Loan Association of Abbeville, will be held at 5 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1917 in the office of Dr. G. A. Neuffer.

Joel S. Morse, Sec. and Treas. 2-20-12.

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The State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, Court of Common Pleas.

Mrs. Jemima Adeline Hampton, Plaintiff, against Clayton J. Hampton, in his own right and as Administrator of J. H. Hampton, deceased and, others, Defendants.

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TERMS OF SALE—One half Cash balance on a credit of twelve months secured by mortgage of the premises with interest from day of Sale at 8 per cent per annum. Purchaser to have option of paying all cash.

Purchaser to pay for papers and recording. Sold at the risk of former purchasers.

R. E. HILL, Master A. C., S. C. 3-20-12.

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R. M. Haddon, Plaintiff, against R. A. Monroe et al, Defendants.

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REDUCE ILLITERACY WITH NIGHT SCHOOL

During Year 5,013 Pupils Were Enrolled in the Nocturnal Institutions.

Columbia, Dec. 26.—During the school year of 1915-1916, there were 5,013 pupils enrolled in the night schools in mill villages of South Carolina. Two hundred and fifteen teachers were employed and 71 new night schools were established. These of George D. Brown, state supervisor of mill schools.

"The solution of the illiteracy problem seems to be night schools for the adults," says the report. Continuing the report says: "The mill villages should be one starting point for the removal of illiteracy in South Carolina. Therefore, we ask teachers, advanced pupils, preachers, anybody to teach at least one illiterate, ministers to preach on the subject, legislators to continue appropriations for the maintenance of night schools and newspapers to give publicity to the teaching of adults and thus interest the public."

Further facts which appear from the report of Mr. Brown follow:

"In the state of South Carolina there are over 50,000 white illiterates. Many, if not a majority of the illiterates of the state are found in mill villages. Of our 166 corporations, 71 provided night schools, pupils from 98 mill districts attended, total enrollment of over 5,000 pupils.

"Poverty and misfortune make it impossible for many of the grown people to earn a living for the family, such people move to the place where the children can be used most advantageously. Mill work is inviting to men who are physically incapacitated for making a success on the farm and to women with large families, who depend for their living upon the daily income of their own labor. Employment is steady and expert labor is not necessary in the cotton mill, and as a result the illiterate man sees a great field at the mill. The fact that the mill operative is sociable makes it the more

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easy to visit him and get him to come to a class of night school. The fact, too, that all live in a village makes the night school accessible."

Recommendations which Mr Brown suggests to the legislature are as follows:

"The conditions in the mill schools vary so widely that individual recommendations are necessary in each of the schools. They, with all the other schools of the state, will profit by the continuation of the library act, the rural graded school, high school, and term extension acts. The teaching force would be improved by a state board of examiners for teachers, class room supervision and a teach-

training course for mill teachers.

The progress made in the mill schools of the state in the past scholastic year has been due in a large measure to the mill operative himself who is always interested in his child having better advantages than he himself had. The hearty endorsement by the mill authorities of every project instituted by the supervisor of mill schools has been a source of untold help. The corporation of trustees has been invaluable. The sympathetic readiness with which teachers respond to suggestions and the spirit in which they entered into their work has been a great inspiration. The careful and diligent work on the

part of the commissioner of agriculture and his co-workers in eliminating child labor from the mills has been of indescribable assistance. A continuation of the support and progress heretofore manifested will insure greater growth during the next few years than the year has witnessed and will hasten the time when people everywhere will give a recognition to the rapid strides that both mill operatives and management are making in the cause of education."

Ambition is a balloon which carries no parachute.

The average man would rather compromise than fight.



GREETINGS, 1917

We look forward with pleasure to the incoming of the New Year, and to the passing of the Old Year, with gratitude for the countless blessings we have to be thankful for.

In looking backward we see our errors, recall our trials and pleasures, and our ups and downs. In looking forward we hope for greater joys and less sorrows.

We hope to make fewer errors—profiting by our past experiences so that as each year passes we are better fitted to cope with the next.

We wish to thank our friends and customers for their cooperation and loyalty and wish everyone a Very Happy New Year.

Rosenberg Mercantile Co.

Advertisement for the Overland Model 85-4 car. Price \$795. Features include cantilever springs, 4-inch tires, 35-40 horsepower six cylinder motor, 116-inch wheelbase. Dealer: BROWNLEE & TRIBBLE, Donalds, S. C. The Willys-Overland Company, Toledo, Ohio. "Made in U. S. A."