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## HOUSE MEMBERS OPPOSE SALES TAX

### OPEN BREAK IS REACHED BY REPUBLICANS—FIGHT WILL BE HEATED—NORTH DAKOTA AND WISCONSIN REPRESENTATIVES BOLT AND JOIN INSURGENTS.

Washington, Apr. 29.—Opposition among house Republicans as to sales tax for raising part of the \$1,800,000,000 needed for soldier relief legislation led today to an open break at the final meeting of the Republican members of the ways and means committee called to complete the draft of the measure.

Representatives Young, North Dakota, and Frear, Wisconsin, bolted and joined in conference with Republican insurgents to lay plans for the opposition fight at their party caucus tomorrow night. Their withdrawal from the ways and means committee conference left the Republicans with a majority of only one in the full committee. If the bolting members vote with the Democrats.

Republican committeemen, finally completed the committee draft of the relief bill today, making few changes in the general scheme. In adopting the sales tax of 1 per cent on gross monthly business, the Republican decided this levy would not apply unless the aggregate sales exceed \$1000 instead of the previously adopted limit of \$500. Other forms of taxation approved by the Republicans include a tax on all stock exchange transactions and increased taxes on incomes, tobacco and real estate sales.

Taxes, it was decided today, would be effective next January 1, with the cash bonus payments to be made in installments, beginning April 1, 1921. For the other forms of relief, including land settlement, some purchases, vocational training and paid up insurance, the Republican committee decided to appropriate \$25,000,000 to be available for carrying out these plans when the bill is approved by the president.

The sales tax, the Republican committeemen also decided, should apply to hotels and restaurants, but by increasing the exemption limit to \$1,000 a month, they pointed out that only the big caterers would be subject to this levy.

## LONE GERMAN WARSHIP U. S. SPOILS OF WAR

London, April 29.—A lone German warship will sail for an American port some time next week and stay there, for it is one of the few spoils of the great war that go to the United States under the Versailles treaty.

The ship, the Ostfriesland, steamed into the Firth of Forth Wednesday, together with the warship Hesen, which will go to Japan.

## ABBEVILLE-GREENWOOD MUTUAL AGENTS MEET

The annual convention of the agents of the Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Insurance Association was held Thursday in Greenwood. The visitors were the guests of John R. Blake, general manager, at dinner at Hotel Greenwood following the regular business session. J. M. Gambrell, of Abbeville, was one of the guests.

## Abbeville Loses to Due West

The Abbeville high school baseball team lost to Due West Thursday afternoon on the local grounds by the score of 12 to 7. Billy Long and Donald Harris formed the battery for Abbeville. Many errors on the part of the local team contributed to the defeat. Both teams hit the ball freely. The playing of Galloway at short for Abbeville featured the game.

## UPRISING NOTED IN FROZEN NORTH

Washington, Apr. 28.—A serious upheaval in the district of Nikolaevsk on the eastern coast of Siberia far north of Vladivostok, is reported in an official statement issued by the Japanese foreign office received here today by the state department.

With all communication cut off, the uprising is shrouded in more or less mystery, but the foreign office said that all reports received point to the conclusion that the Japanese guards in the district have been annihilated and several hundred Japanese residents, including the consul, massacred. The number of men in the guard was not given.

While the foreign office statement said conditions in this district have been assuming a serious aspect since the beginning of March, this was the first information to be received here that the situation in that particular part of Siberia was critical.

Because of the ice the dispatching of a Japanese expedition in Nikolaevsk, the principal city of the district, located on the Non river, is impossible. An expedition was started, however, on April 10, under escort of the warships Mikasa and Mishima, and it reached Alaenbrovski, a port on the Siberian coast about 300 miles south of Nikolaevsk, on April 22, where it will remain until the ice breaks up. The foreign office said the troops landed without meeting resistance, and that the Japanese residents in that district were found to be safe. Most of them were taken aboard the Mikasa.

## ONLY HOPE OF WORLD LIES IN CHRISTIANITY

Raleigh, N. C., April 29.—The only hope for the world's escape from a seething, tumultuous hell lies in the saturation of the social order with the spirit of the Man of Galilee, Gov. T. W. Bickett tonight told the Southern Christian convention in 24th biennial session here.

While he characterized the war as the sublimest instance of altruism ever enacted in human history, Governor Bickett declared that "all its beautiful spirit of brotherhood has been dissipated, selfishness sits in the saddle and savagery hisses from the ambush."

The convention will adjourn tomorrow with the election of officers and selection of permanent headquarters. Raleigh and Burlington, N. C., are still contending for the honors, and Suffolk, Va., has put in a claim.

## NEGRO SUSPECT IS IDENTIFIED TODAY

Lynchburg, Va., Apr. 29.—John Williams, negro alias Lee Jordan, alias Joe Turner, charged with the murder of Police Detective Mann here March 25, was returned to Lynchburg early today by local policemen who went to Toledo, Ohio, for him. Sheriff Willis, of Greenville, S. C., identified the negro here as the slayer of two policemen there.

Local authorities say they will not deliver the prisoner to the South Carolina authorities now, but Williams will be indicted and tried here next week.

## ATTEND CEREMONIAL

The following Abbeville Shriners attended the ceremonial of Hejz Temple in Greenville Thursday: Henry Gilliam, V. H. Deadwyler, J. R. Clinkscales, J. R. McCombs, W. W. Payne, Walton Stephens, Broadus Shaw, R. N. Tiddy, W. J. Bryson, H. H. Greene, Albert Rosenberg, Hughes Murray, C. L. Sauls, C. E. Yoder, Sanford Howie, J. A. Hill, H. B. Wilson, S. G. Thomson, J. A. Wilson and Dr. J. E. Pressly.

## JIM COX BREAKS ARM

Jim Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox, sustained a fracture of both bones in the forearm Thursday at the high school. He fell while running down the basement steps and caught the injured member under him.

## USES OF "GAS" MIGHT BE RESTRICTED

### Stringent Measures Considered By Officials to Conserve Supply Gasoline for Necessary Uses.

Washington, April 29.—With reserve supplies of gasoline greatly depleted and with the reserve supply of crude oil sufficient for but six weeks, government officials are considering means of controlling the supply of gasoline or limiting the use of motor vehicles, it was learned today.

The bureau of mines is engaged in collecting data on the production and consumption of gasoline as a basis for recommendations or the conservation of gasoline.

One remedy suggested is the allocation of available gasoline under government supervision, and another plan has been advanced for restrictions upon the use of motor vehicles, in order that a sufficient supply of gasoline may be assured for necessary uses.

Information collected by the bureau of mines indicates that the gasoline shortage, which is acute throughout the country, is due in a considerable degree to the attempts of foreign interests to corner the world's supply of crude oil. Money borrowed by foreign interests in the United States at 5 and 6 per cent interest has been used to acquire available oil lands throughout the world. This movement has reduced the oil and gasoline supplies in the United States.

Demand for gasoline is now at the highest point it has ever been. The bureau of mines ascribes this to the greatly increased use of motor cars, and particularly the increased use of motor trucks.

The bureau of mines has found that the quality of gasoline has rapidly deteriorated since 1915, which fact has increased the stringency of the situation.

## NEGRO SHOT WHILE BURGLARIZING STORE

Grady Cunningham, a young colored man, was shot in the thigh by Mr. Lester Moragne at Bordeaux Friday night while attempting to rob Moragne's store. Mr. Moragne hailed the negro three times, but the negro did not take heed, so Mr. Moragne opened fire on him, the whole load from a shotgun taking effect in the thigh.

The load was removed by Dr. Fuller next day, and under his care, the negro, who is in McCormick guard house, is doing very well, and every hope is held for his recovery.—McCormick Messenger.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mr and Mrs. W. C. Boren and Mrs. J. Van Lindley of Greensboro, N. C. and Mrs. J. J. Cox, of High Point, N. C., arrived in the city this afternoon and will visit Mrs. W. L. Peebles for several days. Mr. Boren has been in Hot Springs, Ark., in attendance on the meeting of the National Good Roads association while the ladies have been on pleasure bent.

Mrs. Boren and Mrs. Cox will remain in Abbeville for a ten days visit while the others will return to North Carolina in a few days.

## TEACHERS MEET TOMORROW

The teachers of Abbeville County meet tomorrow, Saturday, at one o'clock in the high school building. State superintendent of education John E. Swearingen will address the meeting and lunch will be served all who are present. The trustees of the county schools have also been expressly invited to attend this meeting which is the last of the present school session.

## Mrs. J. W. Nichols No Better

Mrs. J. W. Nichols, who has been critically ill for some days, is reported to be no better. Her two sons, the Rev. George A. Nichols, Macon, and Sam P. Nichols, Jackson, are at her bedside.

## SUGAR REFINERIES FILE AGREEMENT

### To Prevent Resale to Trade—Attorney General Palmer Announces One Result of Recent Conference.

Washington, April 29.—Sugar refiners have entered into an agreement with the department of justice to cooperate with the government in preventing the resale of sugar to the trade, and to that extent to decrease speculation it was announced tonight by Attorney General Palmer the agreement, Mr. Palmer said, was one result of the conference between department officials and refiners representatives held here early this week.

While this move was unexpected to cut all of the evils of the shortage and high prices, Mr. Palmer believes it would aid in the obtaining of better distribution of sugar stocks. The refiners he said, agreed to refuse to resell to any firm except where the commodity would take the direct course to the consumer. Objection was raised by the refiners, however, to the elimination of the "legitimate sugar broker" who, they said, served a useful purpose in the distribution system.

## IN THE INTEREST OF DUE WEST BIG APPROPRIATION BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE

Mrs. Fannie Bonner Brownlee and Mr. Ollie Brownlee were down from Due West Thursday afternoon. Mr. Brownlee was looking after the interest of the big Chautauqua to be held in Due West in May and which bids fair to be a big success. Mrs. Brownlee was visiting the graduates and getting data for the historical pageant which will be held this spring to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the college. Mrs. Sallie Bradley is of the first class, Mrs. Lucy Thomson of the second class and Mrs. Eugenia C. Hemphill of the third class. Mr. Brownlee was accompanied by four of the pretty and charming teachers of the Woman's College. One was from Pennsylvania, one from Boston, one from Indiana and one from Atlanta, enough states to make up a small League of Nations.

## FURMAN DEFEATS ERSKINE 5 TO 2.

Greenville, April 29.—Manley Field was the scene yesterday afternoon of one of the hardest fought baseball contests to be played in the city this year. The Furman Hornets took the measures of the Erskine team to the tune of 5 to 2.

One week ago today the Erskine team took Furman into camp. This is the only game that the Baptist lads have lost in the inter-collegiate fight for the State championship.

## TRAINS CRASH HEAD-ON; FIVE REPORTED KILLED

Rochester, Minn., April 29.—Passenger trains Nos. 516 and 517 on the Northwestern Railway met in a head on collision between Sanborn and Lambertton, 100 miles west of here, early Thursday. Two passengers and three members of the trains crew were killed. Conductor Clark of Winona is among the dead.

Failure of an operator to deliver a train order is reported to have been the cause.

## HOME AGAIN.

Judge and Mrs. Frank B. Gary are expected to arrive in Abbeville Saturday. Mrs. Gary has been away for several months and friends will be glad to know that she has quite recovered her health.

## AT SOUTHERN DEPOT

C. D. Brown has been placed temporarily in charge of the Southern depot until a successor is named for Mr. Swetenberg, whose recent death made the place vacant.

## AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

## DOUGHBOYS ATTEND VANDERBILT WEDDING

New York, Apr. 29.—Doughboy pals of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who served as a private with the Twenty-seventh division in France, mingled with members of New York's most exclusive social circles in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church late today to witness his wedding to Miss Rachael Littleton, half sister of Martin Littleton, widely known lawyer. The bridegroom is the son of Brig. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt and one of the heirs to the Vanderbilt millions, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Littleton of Chattanooga, Tenn. The Rev. Ernest M. Stires, rector of the church, performed the ceremony.

Police reserves were scattered around the church, but the throng seeking to catch a glimpse of the bridal couple and their guests was so large that it broke through the lines and it was with difficulty that a pathway for the 2,000 invited guests was kept open. After the ceremony a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Littleton, to which 700 guests were invited. Wedding gifts, said to exceed \$1,000,000 in value, were received by the couple.

## BIG APPROPRIATION BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE

Washington, April 29.—The sundry civil appropriation bill carrying \$428,216,944 for government miscellaneous needs for the fiscal year 1921, was reported to the House Thursday. Two-thirds of the amount appropriated by the bill is for expenditures growing out of the war as follows:

Compensation for death or disabilities, \$125,000,000; medical treatment under war risk insurance bureau, \$46,000,000; vocational rehabilitation, \$90,000,000; transportation of soldier dead from foreign countries, \$21,500,000.

The committee eliminated an appropriation of \$446,270,652 asked by the emergency fleet corporation to be borne from receipts.

No additional appropriation is allowed for enforcement of the prohibition law, although \$2,000,000 was asked.

## COL. McCASLAN RETURNS.

Col. P. H. McCaslan has returned to Abbeville after a long stay in Florida where he thoroughly enjoyed his stay. He will make headquarters with his sister, Mrs. B. S. Barnwell for the present, and will be on hands whenever any setback is to be played. He says that they haven't learned setback in Florida yet, and that they pass away the time playing simple games like five hundred. Mr. McCaslan is looking well. His vacation has agreed with him.

## ADMITS WHOLE BLAME IN CRIME AS DEATH NEARS

Ossining, N. Y., Apr. 29.—An eleventh hour confession that he alone was responsible for the death of Otto Fialo, a station agent on the Intervale avenue station of the New York subway, was made in the death house in Sing Sing prison Thursday by John Milano, one of the four men sentenced to the electric chair for the crime.

## NEW TEACHERS ACCEPT WORK HERE

Supt. J. D. Fulp has received notice of acceptance of work in the city schools for next session from the following teachers who were elected Tuesday afternoon by the Board of Trustees: Miss Kate M. Martin, Miss Harriet Coan, Miss Mary D. Sullivan, Miss Mattie R. Martin.

## WHOLESALE GROCERY STORE

Dr. G. E. Calvert has opened up a new wholesale grocery store at the old Abbeville Lumber yards. Dr. Calvert is a man of manly interest and opening up a wholesale grocery store is one of the smallest tasks to which he puts his hand.

## PLOTS OF RADICALS ARE DISCOVERED

### COVER MUCH GROUND.—DEM- ONSTRATIONS TIMED FOR MAY DAY WHEN TROUBLED EUROPE EXPECTS TO HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH THE LA- BOR FACTIONS.

Washington, April 29.—Plots against the lives of more than a score of federal and state officials have been discovered by the department of justice as part of radical May day demonstrations, Attorney General Palmer announced tonight.

The assassinations and assault, Mr. Palmer said were included in the May day program organized by the Communist Labor party and other radical elements and were in addition to strikes and other disturbances intended by the radicals as an effort in behalf of peace with soviet Russia.

State officials marked as "victims" have been notified by the department, the attorney general added, of the information in the hands of the federal government and their cooperation requested in representing radical demonstrations.

The department has information according to the attorney general, that the instigators of the May day demonstration here have been working "in direct connection and unison" with leaders of disturbances set for Europe. As in Europe attempts are being made to incite strikers in all basic American industries, Mr. Palmer said, although he did not believe they would be successful.

"I'm not going to prophesy what will happen," Mr. Palmer said. "I am just making public some of the things our agents have discovered. But if a will to upset our nation's whole scheme of living counts for anything the radicals may cause some trouble."

Mr. Palmer said that while he could not disclose the nature of the Communist Labor party's plans in connection with further strikes, leaders of that organization had concentrated on several important industries and that demonstrations planned threatened to cause trouble in the way of walkouts.

## ABBEVILLE HIGH DEFEATS GREENWOOD

By a score of 6 to 1 the local high school team defeated Greenwood high school Wednesday afternoon. The game was played in Greenwood and was a splendid exhibition of high school baseball. To add to the interest of the game each side put on a few bone head plays, but Greenwood exhibited the most ivory and this fact added to the heavy hitting of the locals secured half a dozen tallies. Greenwood's lone score came in the eighth and was not earned. Galloway B. pitched a very good game and had splendid support during most of the game. Harris caught for Abbeville and Moore played excellent ball at first base.

## VISITORS FROM COLUMBIA

Hon. and Mrs. J. Fraser Lyon and their handsome little son, John, came to Abbeville Thursday and are spending several days with Mrs. J. H. McDill. Mr. Lyon attended the meeting of the Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Insurance Co. in Greenwood Thursday, then came on to Abbeville to see the friends of his youth.

## COTTON MARKET.

Spot	43.00
May	40.25
July	38.21
Oct.	45.50
Dec.	34.78
Jan.	34.25