

MORE TAXES NECESSARY.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAY IT IS POSSIBLE TOTAL MAY REACH \$2,000,000,000.

Increase in Income Tax Must Be Made—Will Leave to House Task of Providing \$5,000,000,000 for New Army.

Washington, July 28.—The senate finance committee reached a tentative agreement late today to revise the present \$1,670,000,000 war tax bill so as to raise at least \$1,943,000,000. The larger part of the increase to come from higher income taxes.

Members of the committee said tonight it is possible the total of the bill before it gets to the senate would be \$2,000,000,000. According to the present plan, about \$230,000,000 of the increase will be obtained through higher income tax rates—\$70,000,000 from individuals and the rest from corporations. The committee figured on an increase in the normal rates on individuals from 2 to 5 per cent and on corporations to 6 per cent. The rest of the increase may be obtained by increasing the excess profits tax and by consumption taxes on sugar, tea, coffee and cocoa.

Under the program \$1,062,700,000 would be the total levy this year upon incomes. The present law yields \$300,000,000. The pending bill originally was designed to increase this by \$522,700,000, and the \$230,000,000 additional it now proposes to levy would raise it over the billion mark.

The senate committee will confine its work for the present to the present war tax bill and will leave to the house the task of raising the rest of the \$7,000,000,000 the administration believes it must have to prosecute the war this year. Majority Leader Kitchin, of the house, was in conference with the senate committee today and this decision was reached as a result of his contention that the house might resent any senatorial infringement on its constitutional prerogative of instituting revenue legislation. Whether the house will prefer to authorize \$5,000,000,000 in bonds or treasury certificates to supplement the \$2,000,000,000 the senate is providing will not be determined until next week. The income tax increases proposed, Chairman Simmons announced tonight, "represent the consensus of the committee's opinion. They probably will stand as the committee was ready to formally vote on the upward revision late today, but deferred final action until Monday."

The decision today to leave to the house the task of providing \$5,000,000,000 additional, promised greatly to expedite senate action on the pending revenue bill.

Senator Simmons said today there is no immediate necessity for the senate to consider revenue questions beyond the bill. "There is no occasion for immediate providing revenues to meet the new estimates," he explained. "There may be no necessity for further revenue measures until the December session. With the pending bill, there are ample funds to meet all calls until December."

The committee's agreement to increase income taxes by \$230,000,000 increasing the pending tax bill from \$1,670,000,000 to at least \$1,943,000,000 was said to be based upon the belief that the bulk of the increase should come from income rather than war profits, already heavily taxed in the bill.

Debate on Prohibition.

Washington, July 30.—National prohibition is before the senate on the discussion of the Sheppard constitutional amendment. The drowsy predict they will get a two-thirds vote with one or two to spare. The vote will be taken Wednesday. A wide range of opinion on the subject is expected in the debate.

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COTTON MARKETING ASSOCIATION.

Outline of Plans of Organization Formulated by United States Department of Agriculture.

It would appear a simple matter for the farmers of Sumter and other counties to form a cotton growers' selling association under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Bureau of Marketing of the Department of Agriculture, published below for the information of cotton growers.

As stated in the letter of Chief Charles J. Brand, of the Bureau of marketing to the secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, all of these provisions can not be put into effect immediately, but if the farmers in this and adjacent counties will only organize, the government can and will render such assistance to them as will be needed in having these provisions put into operation as rapidly as the conditions in the market will warrant. Ten cents a bale for handling samples of cotton and recording same, and ten cents a bale for selling seems a very reasonable cost for any farmer who will realize from \$2.50 to \$5.00, and, in some instances, more per bale by business-like, systematic and standard methods of picking, ginning, packing, and marketing cotton. The meeting in Sumter next Friday, August 3rd, to form the cotton growers' selling association should be attended by many hundreds of cotton growers, large and small farmers.

Mr. E. I. Reardon, Managing Secretary, Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Sumter, South Carolina.

Dear Sir: As per your request of July 21, we are forwarding to Dr. F. K. Holman a copy of the suggested articles of agreement for use in forming cotton growers' associations. We also are enclosing six copies for your use. Of course, all of these provisions cannot be put into effect immediately but if the farmers in your community will organize, we hope to render assistance to them in having these provisions gradually put into operation as fast as the conditions in the market will warrant.

It may be desirable to alter this form of agreement to suit local conditions. However, these matters can be given attention as the work progresses.

Very truly yours, Chas. J. Brand, Chief.

Articles of Agreement.

We, the undersigned, cotton growers of and vicinity, do hereby agree to form ourselves into an association.

And the name of the association shall be Cotton Growers Association, of

Article I. The object of this association shall be:

- 1. To produce cotton from pure seed and as nearly as possible of one variety.
2. To secure uniformity in ginning.
3. To sell cotton in even-running lots.
4. To deal as nearly directly as possible with the mills.

5. To act in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture toward accomplishing these objects and to take such further action as may be practicable to produce better cotton and improve the prevailing method of handling and marketing same.

Article II: Officers—How Chosen:

1. The officers of said association to consist of a board of five directors, to be elected by two-thirds vote of the association.

2. Said board to be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

3. Said board shall have power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year.

4. Said board shall serve without pay or compensation.

5. members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

Article III: Duties of the President:

1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, or of the members of the association. It shall be his duty to call a meeting of the board whenever in his judgment the interests of the association require.

2. In the absence of the president a majority of the directors present may designate one of their number to act as president.

3. The president shall authorize and supervise all expenditures authorized by the board, and shall approve all expenses or bills presented to the secretary-treasurer for payment.

4. The Board of Directors shall appoint two of the directors who, with the secretary-treasurer, shall constitute a selling committee, whose duties shall be to receive and sell at cotton and cotton seed as hereinafter provided for.

Article IV. Duties of the Board:

1. Said board of directors to elect one of its members as president.

2. To elect secretary-treasurer who shall be compensated as per agree-

ment of board of directors.

3. The said board of directors shall erect or rent and equip a suitable room for classing all cotton left with the association for sale.

4. Buy tags and furnish same to members.

5. Procure competent men to class all cotton turned over to the association for sale.

6. Said selling committee will advise with those whose cotton they are handling when placed on table for sale.

Article V. Obligation of members.

1. We, the members of this association, agree to pay into the treasury ten cents per bale as per last year's crop to defray the expenses of the association in carrying out this agreement.

2. We further agree to place all our cotton in hands of said board to be sold by it in even-running lots of fifty or more bales with other members' cotton.

3. We further agree to pay any legitimate claim made against said cotton by parties to whom it is sold.

4. We further agree to pay said association the sum of cents for each bale sold through the association.

5. We further agree that when any member delivers his sample to said board to be placed on table that he is ready to put same on the market to be sold to the highest bidder.

6. It is further agreed that nothing in this agreement will prohibit any member who may be offered more than the board has been able to get for his cotton from notifying said selling committee and having his cotton sold to said party making the offer, said sale to be made through the association.

7. We further agree that we will handle all cotton offered the association as near in accord with the rules laid down by said association as possible, viz:

8. That said cotton shall be ginned in straight bales, no plated, mixed, water-packed or gin-cut cotton shall be placed with said association without due notice of same being given.

9. All cotton shall be wrapped with new bagging, each bale tagged and numbered consecutively with tags furnished by said association, and duplicate number put in sample to be drawn from each side of bale, or as the association shall decide by vote.

10. All cotton to be protected from damage and kept clean as far as possible.

Article VI: Selling Seed.

1. We further agree that, when any member is ready to sell his cotton seed through the association, he will notify the said selling committee, the number of tons of seed he has for sale, said committee will at once pool same with other member's seed so placed for sale, get best offer from mills and notify each member when and where to deliver.

2. When remittance from mills is received by association, the secretary-treasurer will mail statement with check to each member for his seed, less per ton commission.

3. We agree to pay to the association a commission of ten cents per ton on all cotton seed sold through the association.

Article VII:

1. All money derived from members, or others who sell cotton or cotton seed through the association is to be placed in the treasury to defray the expenses of the association, and any money left in the treasury at the end of the season is to be prorated back to the members, or left in the treasury for the next year if the members so decide.

Article VIII:

1. There shall be an annual meeting of the association at which time the directors for the coming year shall be elected.

Article IX.

1. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep record of the proceedings of each meeting of the board of directors and of such meetings of the members as may be called. The secretary-treasurer shall have power to call a meeting of the board of directors whenever, in his judgment, the financial condition of the association requires such action. Any general meeting of the association shall be called upon five days written notice to each member, and it shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to give such notice of the annual meeting as hereinbefore provided.

2. It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to keep a record of all cotton and cotton seed transactions made through the association.

Article X.

1. The board of directors may promulgate any by-laws not in conflict with the provision hereof, and this constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members of the association.

Article XI.

1. It is further agreed that as soon as a member is notified of the sale of his cotton, he shall deliver same to station or shipping point and

furnish secretary-treasurer with list of bale numbers and a guaranteed list of the weights of said bales, and the secretary-treasurer will make account sale and mail check for same.

Article XII:

We, the undersigned, agree and bind ourselves to the foregoing articles of agreement.

WILSON-DRUMMOND.

Beautiful Home Wedding at St. Charles.

On last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock occurred the wedding of Miss Ruth Wilson of St. Charles and Mr. W. L. Drummond of Laurens, S. C. The marriage ceremony was attended by the immediate family of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends. The pretty home was beautifully decorated with a profusion of smilax and pink roses. Preceding the ceremony Miss Colzy Wells of Memphis, Tenn., charmingly rendered "Because" and "At Dawning," being accompanied by Miss Eloise Jenkins on the piano. The happy couple were made husband and wife under a handsome arch covered with smilax and pink and white roses, the ring ceremony being used in a very impressive manner by Rev. H. C. Hammond of Old Mount Zion Church.

The dame of honor was Mrs. Edwin Wilson, mother of the bride, who was becomingly attired in grey crepe de chine and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Miss Gertrude Wilson as maid of honor was never prettier than on this occasion, she being dressed in a handsome gown of Nile green satin and carrying pink roses. Master Greg Cooper was the charming little ring bearer. The groom was attended by his brother Mr. Frank Drummond as best man. The little flower girls, nieces of the bride were Carolyn Cooper and May McCallum, both being dressed in pink organdy. They furnished the flowery path for the bride as they scattered from dainty pink baskets a lot of white roses. The bride next entered on the arm of her father, Mr. Edwin Wilson and indeed made a lovely picture, being attired in a strikingly attractive traveling suit of blue cloth with hat to match.

Mrs. Drummond, as Miss Ruth Wilson, has a host of friends in Sumter and other sections of the State and is noted both for her beauty and winsome personality. She comes of one of the oldest and best families of this section of the State while the groom's folks from near Laurens where he has a large circle of friends. Mr. Drummond was principal of the St. Charles school the past year and made many friends in that community. After a trip to Asheville, N. C., and other points, the young couple will make their home in Laurens county where Mr. Drummond has extensive farming interests.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wilson gave a reception in honor of the bridal party which was largely attended. True old time southern hospitality was everywhere in evidence and the many handsomely dressed ladies only added to the beauty of the setting which was indeed one of mingled youth and happiness. Later in the evening, the many guests were ushered into the dining room where delightful refreshments of block cream, cake, mints and almonds were served abundantly by little Misses Harris, Weldon and Shaw, these young ladies being attired in pink and green organics. The large number of handsome presents on display attested to the popularity of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and their charming daughters made the reception one to be remembered long and pleasantly by all those present.

PENNSYLVANIA NEGRO HUNT.

Armed Whites in Automobiles Invade Negro Section to Clean up Negroes.

Chester, Pa., July 29.—With the exception of a brief period this morning, when a score of whites in automobiles invaded the negro section with the announced intention of "cleaning it up," Chester was quiet throughout the day. More than 100 shots were fired by the invading party, but so far as could be learned no one was injured. Numerous window glasses in the homes of negroes were shattered, however, before the police arrived and drove the white men out of the district. No arrests were made.

Trolley traffic was resumed today and more than the usual number of persons were on the streets. Policemen and deputy sheriffs kept the crowds moving while the negro district was roped off.

It was announced tonight that saloons and places of amusement would be open tomorrow. Five persons have lost their lives in the riots and scores have been injured.

Upon instructions from District Attorney Hannum, three guards, John W. Ellis, Jr., Fred Orfield and Newman Stockdale, were arrested tonight charged with murder. They are alleged to have shot and killed the two victims of last night's rioting.

TEXAS GOVERNOR INDICTED.

Ferguson Charged by Grand Jury With Misapplication of Funds, Diversion of Moneys and Embezzlement.

Austin, Texas, July 27.—James E. Ferguson, governor of Texas, was indicted on nine charges of felony by the grand jury of Travis County late today. The indictments were not made public tonight when Sheriff George S. Matthews notified the governor. Seven of the indictments charge misapplication of public funds, one diversion of public funds and one embezzlement.

Churchill J. Bartlett, secretary of State, was indicted on six counts, charging misapplication of funds; C. O. Austin, commissioner of insurance and banking, on four counts on the same charge and C. L. Stowe, State superintendent of buildings and grounds, one count charging misapplication.

The speaker of the Texas house of representatives called a special session for August 1 to consider whether articles of impeachment should be presented against the governor. In his call the speaker said the most important matter to consider was the governor's veto of appropriations for the University of Texas and alleged misrepresentations in the awarding of the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College to Abilene.

The indictment charging embezzlement contains only one mention of the sum involved, \$5,600.

The charge of diverting a special fund refers to the fund provided by the legislature for the purchase of supplies for the executive mansion. It is charged that the governor applied this fund to the purchase of "various goods, wares and merchandise not authorized by law."

Of the seven charges of misapplication of funds, one refers to the sum of \$101,356 collected by Gov. O. B. Colquitt, Ferguson's predecessor, as insurance on the building of the West Texas Normal School at Canyon City. The governor is alleged to have received this sum from Colquitt and to have placed it in the Temple State Bank.

Immediately after Governor Ferguson had been served by the sheriff in his office he gave bond in the sum of \$5,000 in one case and \$1,000 in each of the others.

Governor Ferguson late tonight answered the nine charges of felony placed against him late today by indictments returned by the Travis County grand jury by announcing himself as candidate for governor of Texas for a third term.

In his statement Governor Ferguson attributed the indictments against him to "contemptible politics inspired by contemptible men." The basis of the indictments, he declared, grew out of a deposit of \$100,000 insurance money collected in 1913 when the Canyon City (Texas) State Normal School was burned; that the money was deposited by his predecessors and that when he became governor he withdrew the money from certain banks and placed it in other banks and that the money was paid out promptly subject to build-up estimates for the rebuilding of the Canyon City Normal. Because he did not deposit the money in the treasury, he said, he is charged with a felony, while no charge is made against his predecessor.

NOTED EDITOR DEAD.

Gen. Harrison Gray Otis Dies at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, July 30.—Gen. Harrison Gray Otis, president and general manager of the Los Angeles Times died today at the home of his son-in-law, Harry Chandler.

A SUMTER MAN GIVES EVIDENCE.

His Testimony Will Interest Every Sumter Reader.

The value of local evidence is indisputable. It is the kind of evidence we accept as true because we know we can prove it for ourselves. There has been plenty of such evidence in the Sumter papers lately, and this straightforward testimony has established a confidence in the minds of Sumter people that will not be easily shaken.

W. Moses Butler, retired farmer, 115 North Harvin Street, says: "I had a great deal of trouble from my kidneys, and my back pained me so intensely I could hardly stoop to put on my shoes. I suffered from headaches and specks seemed to be floating before my eyes. The kidney secretions passed too freely and obliged me to get up at night. I doctored but nothing did me any good until I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Zemp's Pharmacy. Five boxes removed all the ailments and my back is now well and strong."

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THE OLDEST WOMAN.

Mauma Tisbie Thomas Dead Near Manning After Life of 127 Years.

Manning, July 27.—A notable instance of longevity was brought to a close last Saturday afternoon when old Mauma Tisbie Thomas died about a mile and a half from Manning. According to the best obtainable records and tradition, she was born in what is now Clarendon County in the Jack's Creek settlement, near where the town of Summerton is located, in the year 1790, which would make her at the time of her death about 127 years old. She was born in slavery, first belonging to John Thomas and later to B. A. Walker, father of the late Ben Walker of this town. At the close of the War Between the Sections, when emancipation became established, her last owner was Levy Rhames, near where Silver is now located. She lived there until about five years ago when she was brought to Manning to live with her grandson-in-law. She was married at an early age and notwithstanding the troubles brought about by having different owners, her only husband was Jeff Thomas or Jeff Bethune. To them ten children were born, all living to be old men and women. Her oldest daughter, Caroline Gamble, is now living near Manning, being over 95 years old. The latter is the mother of 12 children, the youngest one now living, being about 40 years old. Like her mother, Caroline Gamble has been married only once. Tisbie Thomas lived to see her great-great-grandchildren. Her mind was bright up to the day of her death, though she had been paralyzed for about nine months. It is remarkable that she was able to visit her grandchildren and great-grandchildren during last year, walking more than two miles alone to be with them. She was well liked by all, both white and black. She served all over this entire country, Sumter as well as Clarendon, as a midwife, hence she had a home wherever she wanted to stop, for all knew her and from what can be learned she was a woman of excellent Christian character. Those who knew her intimately say it was a pleasure to converse with her about the many changes she had witnessed in Clarendon County, from a wilderness almost belonging to the wild animals to a field of beauty dotted with beautiful homes. She remembered when there were few public roads, only bypaths leading from one section to another. Thus has passed away perhaps the last link in this section connecting the 18th with the 20th century.

DRAFT WON'T BE NEEDED.

South Carolina May Yet Have Brigadier.

Washington, July 26.—It is believed here that with the organization of the Ninth Division, composed of Tennessee and the two Carolinas, each State will be entitled to a brigadier general of State troops. Tennessee has taken the lead and named a brigadier general and the war department expects Gov. Richard I. Manning to do so at once or by the time the South Carolina guard goes into camp.

This is according to the best information which can be obtained here tonight, and it is understood to represent the plans of the war department. This is according to the best information which can be obtained here tonight, and it is understood to represent the plans of the war department which are expected to be announced, although no positive statement could be secured from these officials here tonight.

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