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CLOSE VOTE OPENS WAY TO INCOME TAX

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
ADOPTS AMENDMENT OF-
FERED BY JUDGE REID.

LEGISLATURE WILL DECIDE

Amendment Guards Rights of
Municipalities and Parishes—Fix
Maximum Taxation of Corpora-
tions Owning Railroads.

Baton Rouge.—The Legislature will
have the right after May 1, 1924, to
levy a state income tax not to ex-
ceed 3 per cent.

This authority was granted when
the Constitutional Convention adopted
an amendment to this effect intro-
duced by Judge Robert R. Reid, of Amite.
The levying of the income tax is
left to the next Legislature to be
decided by the people as that new
body will be inaugurated in May,
1924.

Nothing is final in this convention
until the constitution is finally
adopted, signed and promulgated. Un-
der the rules any ordinance can be
reconsidered, changed and amended
at any time. There are many ordi-
nances now on the calendar, with im-
portant amendments. There is no
certainty, therefore, that the vote on
the income tax is final. The ordinance
is still on second reading at this writ-
ing. Even after it goes to the co-
ordination committee it can be brought
back with changes, alterations or
amendments.

The vote for adoption of the Reid
amendment was 67 year and 62 nays,
and proceeded down the alphabetical
list "neck and neck" until the names
of delegates beginning with "S" were
reached. These names produced sev-
en yeas and two nays furnishing the
majority of five.

The state income tax shall be in
lieu of the state occupational license
tax, and to make certain that it does
not apply to municipalities and par-
ishes, Colonel John P. Sullivan intro-
duced another amendment which also
was adopted. It provides "but when
an income tax is levied by the state,
in lieu of state license taxes, this
shall not prohibit the levy by the po-
litical sub-division of the state such
license taxes as the Legislature may
authorize."

The Reid amendment reads:
"Provided after May 1, 1924, equal
and uniform taxes, not to exceed 3
per cent, and for state purposes only,
may be levied upon net incomes. Such
taxes when levied and paid shall be
credited, pro tanto, or entirely offset
by all taxes, state and local, paid by
the taxpayer for the year in which
such income tax is due or paid. Such
income tax shall be in lieu of occupa-
tional licenses and may be in lieu of
other taxes. Public officials shall not
be exempted. Reasonable exemptions
shall be granted."

The vote upon the Reid amendment
came in the afternoon. The debate
was led by Judge Reid in support and
Senator H. B. Warren, income tax op-
ponent, in opposition. The latter was
opposed to making the income tax a
new tax, but advocated the income
tax.

Colonel Sullivan expressed the fear
that the Reid amendment might serve
to prevent municipalities and cities
from levying an occupational license
tax and that New Orleans thereby
would lose revenue totaling more than
\$1,000,000 a year. He then offered his
amendment which expressly stipulated
that it did not apply to political sub-

TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Donaldsonville.—L. J. Echeverria,
the well-known rice planter and hide
dealer of this city, recently purchased
200,000 pounds of hides in Ascension
and adjoining parishes for a Shreve-
port firm.

Hammond.—The first official busi-
ness meeting of the newly-elected city
officers has been held in the mayor's
office. Several important matters
came up for discussion, among them
being the selection of a chief of police.

Crowley.—A preliminary survey is
being made in Crowley preparatory to
the installation of a modern fire alarm
system. The City Council is pledged
to do what is possible to materially
strengthen the volunteer fire fighting
equipment, as soon as money is avail-
able. It is planned to install the
Chamwell system of fire alarm tele-
graph.

Donaldsonville.—Ascension Chap-
lain No. 122, Order of the Eastern
Star, was duly incorporated and estab-
lished recently.

Crowley.—More than fifty boys have
been enrolled by Professor A. H.
Gibson, who is directing the boys'
work under the auspices of the Ro-
bertson Club. A tent has been pitched at
Robertson avenue and Third street,
which will serve as a permanent club-
house is erected for the youngsters
of the Rice City.

Perquimane.—This section has been
visited by several beneficial rains
and the cane crops are in fine
condition. Prospects for a good crop
of cotton are very promising.

divisions, and it was adopted without
a dissenting vote.

Many members of the convention
spoke for and against the amendment.
Former Governor Pleasant objected
to any limitation whatever being placed
upon the Legislature and voted
against the Reid amendment placing
the limit at 3 per cent. He gave an
interesting review of the income tax,
telling of how it was proposed by the
noted English statesman, who was
mobbed in the streets of London for
his suggestion, but which finally was
put into effect in 1799. He said the
law proved a success, but through a
reactionary movement was repealed
in 18816, but reestablished some years
ago. Later it was adopted by other
European countries and also assessed
by the United States.

"There should be no limit placed in
the constitution as to the rate of in-
come tax," said Colonel Pleasant. "The
Constitution of England does not con-
tain it and the English people make
the income tax high in times of war
and low in times of peace. This same
free rein should be given the Louisi-
ana Legislature. There is no doubt
in my mind but that the Legislature
will reflect the sentiment of people
and will assess or not assess the in-
come tax as the people desire."

A dispatch from Baton Rouge show-
ed Lieutenant-Governor Hewitt
Bouanchaud, president of the Consti-
tutional Convention, recorded absent
eleven days, but this was due to a
typographical error. President Bouan-
chaud has been absent but one day
since the convention began its session
March 1, and that was because of ill-
ness.

Another typographical error made it
appear that Allen J. Ellender, delegate
from Terrebonne, was absent from
some of the sessions. This was an in-
justice to Mr. Ellender as he has at-
tended every session of the conven-
tion and has the same perfect score
for attendance of committee meetings.

A third typographical error slipped
into the interview published with Jeff
B. Snyder, first vice president of the
convention, on the splendid new con-
stitution being drafted. The lead of
the story stated that the rate of tax-
ation not only "had not been increas-
ed," but a prohibition placed in the
new constitution against increasing it.
In the body of the story, however,
Mr. Snyder was quoted as saying:

"In the matter of taxation, the Con-
stitutional Convention not only has
not introduced the rate of taxation
but has provided that the existing rate
be increased."

This was not correct, and Mr. Syn-
der should have been quoted as say-
ing:

"In the matter of taxation, the Con-
stitutional Convention not only has
not increased the rate of taxation, but
has provided that the existing rate be
not increased."

The convention, without division
and with but little opposition, adopted
an amendment to the schedule of the
tax committee provided that "farm
improvements" shall be exempted
from the taxation. The amendment
was introduced by Mr. Abel of Winn,
and was supported by Mr. Roberts of
Webster and Mr. Sledge of West Car-
roll, who explained that its purpose
is to aid in the development of the
rural sections of the state. The ef-
fect of the amendment is to exempt
from taxation barns and other out-
buildings as well as fences.

An amendment by Mr. Westbrook
of Livingston exempting from tax-
ation all new homes valued at \$5,000
or less, constructed prior to 1923, was
tabled on motion of Mr. Gilbert of
Assumption. This was the second
time a proposition of that kind was
knocked out on the floor. The first
was a report from the housing com-
mittee, which aroused so much oppo-
sition that it was withdrawn.

Mr. Cazessus of East Baton Rouge
procured the adoption of an amend-
ment fixing the maximum taxation of
the corporations owning railroad roll-
ing stock at forty mills.

Crowley.—The local camp Woodmen
of the World and Woodmen Circle
observed memorial and decoration day
by unveiling monuments in the Ebe-
nezer Cemetery, the Protestant Ceme-
tery and the burial place at Lyons
Point.

Haynesville.—Work on the gravel
road from Haynesville to the oil field
is progressing at a rapid rate and is
expected to be finished within six
weeks. This road is being built by
the Smitherman unit holders.

Oberlin.—Several dipping vats hav-
ing been blown up in Allen parish dur-
ing the past ten days, the Police Jury
has offered a reward of \$500 for infor-
mation leading to the arrest and con-
viction of any party or parties guilty
of the offense.

Hammond.—The large pavilion being
erected on the new site of the Flor-
ida Parishes Fair is nearing comple-
tion and will no doubt, be ready for
the large celebration which will be
held July 4, the official opening of the
Fair Grounds.

Hammond.—The Ladies' Improve-
ment League held their regular month-
ly meeting in the rooms of the Ham-
mond Studio. The treasurer's report
shows a balance in the general fund
of \$24.99 and the sum of \$25.30 in the
community house fund. This is in ad-
dition to the \$1,500 in the Building and
Loan Association. The league has
decided to sell its lot at the corner of
Oak and Thomas streets for \$1,500.

Oberlin.—District Court has con-
vened here for a two weeks' criminal
term with jury.

ALICE J. O'NEILL



Miss Alice J. O'Neill is the first
woman justice of the peace in Green-
wich, Conn.

PRESIDENT TALKS ON WORLD PEACE

SAYS NATIONS CAN SETTLE
THEIR DIFFERENCES WITHOUT
WORLD "SUPER-POWER."

Washington.—President Harding,
delivering a commencement address
at American University here, found
the subject of world peace occupying
so conspicuous a place on the pro-
gram that he was prompted to depart
from his prepared manuscript and de-
clare for the preservation of peace by
sovereign states, without the inter-
ference of a world "super power."

The president's remarks followed an
address by Newton W. Rowell, K. C.,
of Toronto, Canada, who suggested
that the best contribution North
America could make to civilization
was "for men on this side of the wa-
ter" to stand together behind the
movement for peaceful settlement of
international disputes. Another speak-
er, who touched on the question of
peace was J. J. Jusserand, the French
ambassador, and the general discus-
sion developed such a trend that Bish-
op John W. Hamilton, the presiding
chancellor, referred to the gathering
as a "peace conference."

An added touch of the same char-
acter was given by the singing of a
song which appeared on the com-
mencement program under the title of
"an international anthem," and which,
which was rendered to the tune of
"America" and "God Save the King,"
made a hit. Before the singing began,
the American, British and French
flags had been raised together over
the outdoor speakers' platform.

"I do not think I could let the oc-
casion pass," said the president, in
beginning his address, "without giving
assent to many of the appropriate and
appealing things just uttered by Dr.
Rowell. I like his expression that
American and Canadian ideals are in
common, and when he spoke about
the North American contribution to
present day civilization and to the
world it occurred to me that the ex-
amples of two great peoples living
side by side in peace, in confidence
and in mutual understanding is about
the finest contribution that two na-
tions could give to the world."

"I have said on many occasions that
if all the nations of the earth were
as honest and as unselfish as our re-
public there never would be another
war. I will revise it and say that if
all the nations of the earth are as un-
selfish and devoted to their ideals as
the United States and Canada, there
never will be another war."

Receivership Asked.
Helena, Mont.—Receivership for the
Montana Grain Growers, a corpora-
tion, has been asked by its directors as
a measure to protect its affairs until
the 1921 crop begins to move.

Seek Six Hour Day.
St. Louis, Mo.—Union electricians
here have begun negotiations with em-
ployers for a six, instead of the eight-
hour day.

Passenger Is Killed.
Buenos Aires.—An express bound
from Buenos Aires to Rosario receiv-
ed a fusillade of rifle shots recently
while speeding through Campana,
30 miles northwest of Buenos Aires,
one passenger being killed and one
wounded.

Fire Loss Doubled.
New Orleans.—The fire loss in
Louisiana during 1920 was more than
double that of 1919, according to the
annual report of the state fire marshal.

Anti-German Law Valid.
Columbus, O.—Constitutionality of
the Ake law prohibiting the teaching
of German to students who have not
completed the seventh grade has
been upheld by the Ohio Supreme
Court.

German Sub Sunk.
Chicago.—The German submarine
U-97 was sunk recently in Lake Michi-
gan some 30 miles off Chicago by the
four-inch guns of the U. S. S. Wil-
mette.

PEACE RESOLUTION PASSED BY HOUSE

PORTER MEASURE ADOPTED BY
OVERWELMING MAJORITY—
OPPOSITION WEAKENED.

GOES TO JOINT CONFERENCE

How Long It Remains Before Peace Is
Formally Declared Remains To
Be Seen—May Be a
Deadlock.

Washington.—By the overwhelm-
ing vote of 305 to 61 the House passed
the Porter resolution declaring the
war with Germany and Austria termi-
nated.

Democratic opposition, which began
by rallying round the Wilson peace
program and the Wilson veto of a de-
claration of peace, went to pieces in
spectacular manner, 49 Democrats
joining the Republican majority on the
final roll call. The negative votes
were cast by 60 Democrats and Rep-
resentative Kelley of Michigan, Rep-
ublican.

How long it will be before peace
is formally declared remains to be
seen.

A conference committee will en-
deavor to harmonize the differing res-
olutions of the two houses, the Sen-
ate having provided for the repeal of
the declaration of war, while the
House proposes merely to declare the
war terminated. The House objected
that the Senate resolution would re-
peal the declaration of war.

If a deadlock should develop in the
conference committee the declaration
of peace would be delayed and it
might become necessary for President
Harding to effect a compromise. The
president has been in no hurry up to
date, however, to obtain a declaration
of peace and the House leaders have
furthered his purposes. Senate lead-
ers have been chafing at the delay,
but will now find that they can ob-
tain speedy action only by yielding
and accepting the House resolution.

Methodist Drive Successful.

Nashville, Tenn.—The campaign to
raise \$33,000,000 by the Christian Edu-
cation workers of the Methodist Ep-
iscopal church, South, has been official-
ly brought to a close in all states
throughout the country, according to
announcement made at general head-
quarters in this city. While the ex-
act amount secured will not be known
for several days, directors of the cam-
paign feel confident that the \$33,000,
000 was raised during the campaign.

British in Control of Troubled Area.

Berlin.—General Henniker, com-
manding the British troops in Upper
Silesia, has assumed the responsibility
for clearing the region of insur-
gents, and is operating without official
sanction of the French head of the In-
ternational Commission, General Le-
ronard, but has the co-operation of the
Italian forces, according to advices
printed in Berlin newspapers.

Auto Accident Fatal To Three.

Columbia, Tenn.—Thrown from their
automobile when it plunged down a
25-foot embankment on the Nashville
pike near Duck river bridge, Perry
Bennett, Earl Hale and James Simp-
son are dead, and Carl Johnson, a
fourth passenger in the car, is in a
local hospital in a serious condition,
with slight hope of his recovery.

Believe Kidnapped Girl Drowned.

New York.—An autopsy performed
on the boy of seven-year-old Giuseppe
Varotta, who was kidnaped May 24,
failed to disclose marks of violence,
and led authorities to believe that
the boy was drowned by the kid-
napers.

Aviator Lands in Grand Canyon.

Williams, Ariz.—Lieut. Alexander
Pearson, army flier, flew into the
Grand Canyon, landed and took off
again during an exploration of the
canyon to study its air currents for
the Department of the Interior and to
locate possible landing fields.

Memorial Services For Soldier Dead.

Hoboken, N. J.—Impressive mem-
orial services were held recently for 1,
525 American soldiers whose bodies
were returned recently on the trans-
port Cambria. The 22nd Infantry fur-
nished music and the guard of honor.

Atlantan Heads Grocers.

Kansas City.—Francis E. Hamper
of Atlanta, Ga., is the new president
of the National Association of Retail
Grocers, and the 1922 meeting will be
held at Cleveland, O.

President Favors Training Camps.

Washington.—President Harding
urges every young man who possibly
can arrange to do so to attend one of
the citizens' military training camps
to be conducted by the War Depart-
ment this summer.

French Beat Americans.

Coblentz.—French athletes won the
games organized by the occupation
forces in Germany, scoring a total of
84 points to 75 for the Americans, 28
for the British and 21 for the Belgians.

MISS MARY YEAGER



Miss Mary Yeager of Indiana, as-
sistant secretary to Attorney General
Harry Daugherty.

ADMIRAL'S REMARKS ARE TO BE PROBED

BUT IT IS NOT PLAIN WHAT
SOLONS HOPE TO DO WITH
ADMIRAL.

Washington.—Without a dissenting
voice, the Senate adopted a resolution
offered by Senator Harrison of Mis-
sissippi, Democrat, ordering the Na-
val Affairs Committee to make a thor-
ough investigation of the recent
speech of Admiral Sims in London.

The resolution quotes that portion
of Admiral Sims' speech referring to
Sinn Feiners as "jackasses" and di-
rects that the Naval Committee
"make a thorough investigation of the
purported remarks of Admiral Sims
and report to the Senate with recom-
mendations."

Senator Harrison, it was said, in-
troduced the resolution with the ex-
pectation that some Republican sen-
ators would object to its immediate
consideration. He was primed for a
hot fight. The Republicans, however,
showed no disposition to delay action
on the measure.

Senator Wadsworth of New York
wanted to know if the secretary of
the navy had not already called Ad-
miral Sims to account for the speech
Senator Harrison replied that this
was true, thanks to the prompt pro-
test of Senator McCormick of Illi-
nois.

"But the statements in Admira-
l Sims' speech affecting the Senate are
so grave and important that we cannot
afford to ignore them," Senator Har-
rison continued. "They are so out-
rageous that the Naval Affairs Com-
mittee should take them up immedi-
ately."

Just what the Naval Affairs Com-
mittee can do about the matter is a
question. It may inquire whether the
speech was correctly reported and if
it was, the committee may recommend
the adoption of a resolution of cen-
sure; but the question of punishment
rests with the secretary of the navy.

Admiral Sims' reply to Secretary Den-
by's request for confirmation of his re-
ported remarks in London has not
reached the Navy Department. In ab-
sence of such reply Secretary Denby
would not discuss the matter nor in-
timate what course might be pursued if
Admiral Sims' official reply confirms
press dispatches, quoting him as say-
ing he did make the remarks attrib-
uted to him and that he would stand
by what he said.

Much Sugar Arrives.

New Orleans, La.—One of the
largest cargoes of sugar ever brought
here from the Hawaiian Islands docked
last week. The ship carried 144,
000 bags of sugar.

Marine Officer Killed.

Washington.—Lieut. W. B. Brown,
Boise, Ia., of the Marine Corps, was
either killed or drowned when the
plane he was flying crashed at Co-
lonial Beach, Md.

Gold Reported in Iowa.

Emmetsburg, Ia.—Discovery of gold
and silver in paying quantities on the
farm of Bernard Smith, seven miles
north of here, according to reports
from ma Chicago assay office, has start-
ed wild excitement in Palo Alto
county.

Caruso Reaches Home.

Naples.—Enrico Caruso, noted ten-
or, has arrived here on the steamship
President Wilson and was met by
throng of friends and admirers.

General Ely President.

San Antonio, Tex.—Brig. Gen. Han-
son E. Ely, commanding general of
the Third Infantry Brigade of the Sec-
ond Division, was elected president of
the Second Division Association at
the annual reunion at Camp Travis.

Favor Income Tax.

Baton Rouge, La.—The constitution-
al convention has given the Legisla-
ture the right, after May 1, 1924, to
levy an income tax not to exceed three
per cent.

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