

# STATE INCOME TAX PROPOSAL UP IN ALABAMA

Schools Shut in 21 Counties, Big Deficit; Assembly to Seek Solution.

By HUBERT BAUGHN, Times Staff Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Jan. 19.—With a deficit of nearly \$20,000,000 and schools closed in twenty-one of the sixty-seven counties, Alabama's legislature meets in special session Jan. 31 for its third effort in two years to stabilize the state's finances.

Governor B. M. Miller wants to fund the floating debt with bonds or interest-bearing warrants, and retire them with a temporary sales tax.

He wants an income tax with rates between 4 and 6 per cent as a permanent levy, and advocates gradual reduction of property taxes, beginning immediately.

A formidable opposition group will seek to retire the accumulated indebtedness over a ten or twenty-year period out of current revenues, without additional taxes.

## Sales Tax Sought

They propose to recapture 1 cent of a 3-cent gasoline tax now going to the counties, thus making available \$1,300,000 a year for debt retirement.

They advocate providing an additional \$700,000 a year by the same purpose through drastic retrenchments.

A third group will fight submission of an income tax amendment, and seek to wipe out the deficit and relieve the schools by imposing a permanent sales tax of 3 and 4 per cent. In an effort to popularize their plan, they propose to grant home owners and farmers an exemption from property taxes on a value up to \$2,000. The average property assessment in Alabama is around this figure.

The state's deficit piled up during three administrations.

## Retrenchment Sought

At a special session which ended last November, a budget control act was passed, giving the Governor power to pro-rate all future appropriations to bring them within actual receipts.

State retrenchments amounting to \$4,500,000 a year also were adopted at this session, but advocates of liquidating the deficit through economies contend this was only a start.

At the Governor's insistence the first special session submitted an unlimited income tax amendment and a \$20,000,000 debt-retirement bond issue, but both were rejected by the voters.

The Governor's call for the coming session does not include economy measures, and a two-thirds vote will be required to pass such legislation.

## VAN NUYS IS SPEAKER

Democrats Given Burden in Time of Stress, Says Senator-Elect

Declaring that history has shown a trend of public sentiment to the Democratic party in times of stress, Senator-Elect Frederick Van Nuy was principal speaker at the fifth annual Jackson day dinner held Wednesday night by the Miami county Jefferson Club.

"America and her institutions will endure and it is a source of pride to all of us that our people have come to the Democratic party," Van Nuy said. "The Democratic party consistently and patriotically has championed the cause of government of, by and for the people."

## Bargain Pullman and Coach Excursion to Niagara Falls and Return

\$7.50 In Coaches, Fri. and Sat., Jan. 27 and 28

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Leave 9:00 p. m., arrive Niagara Falls 8:15 a. m.; returning leave Niagara Falls 10:35 p. m., Sunday.

See the Falls in Winter Splendor. Beautiful Night Illumination in Colors.

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It May Warn of Kidney or Bladder Irregularities

A persistent backache, with bladder irregularities and a tired, nervous, depressed feeling may warn of some disordered kidney or bladder condition. Users everywhere rely on Doan's Pills. Praised for more than 50 years by grateful users the country over. Sold by all druggists.

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BY DR. ALBERT EDWARD WIGGAM, D. Sc.



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# PAROLES GIVEN TO MURDERERS OF REPORTER

Convicted Killers of Muncie Man Are Set Free by Ross Sterling.

By United Press

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 19.—Two former Laredo peace officers, Thomas Hernandez and Raymond West, convicted of slaying Harry Williams, 24-year-old Muncie (Ind.) newspaper reporter, in 1929, today held general paroles from their prison sentences.

The paroles were issued, it was learned, by Governor Ross S. Sterling during the last half-day of his term in office. Clemency was urged by Webb county peace officers who appeared before Sterling with petitions from jurors and officials urging clemency.

Williams' body was found in the Rio Grande about five miles downstream from Laredo a month after he disappeared from a Laredo hotel. He had been working only a short time for a Laredo newspaper.

A nation-wide search had been made for him. A farmer discovered the body and it was identified by clothing and papers.

Police established he had been slain when they discovered there was no water in his lungs as would have been the case had he drowned. There was no trace of a bullet wound, and it was believed he was killed by a blow or strangling.

West and Hernandez were arrested, brought to trial and West sentenced to ninety-nine years' imprisonment. Hernandez was sentenced to fifteen years. Each has served approximately three years.

Ice Man Sues for \$5,000

Because ice tongs belonging to his employers slipped while he was making a delivery, Edward Sibbach asks \$5,000 damages for an injured finger in a suit filed in superior court five Wednesday against the Miller-Bailey Coal Company of 6021 Bonna avenue. Blood poisoning resulted from the injury and the tongs were "defective," the suit alleges.

# HI-HO

Trade Mark Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

THERE are two ways of making this pentagon from the seven mystic HI-HO pieces. One method is the simple reverse of the other. Cut out the puzzle pieces and see how quickly you can rearrange them to form the figure.

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