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## JAMES B. DUKE TALKS GOOD ROADS

Doesn't Know Much If Anything About Politics, But Looks at Matter From Practical Viewpoint

Raleigh, Jan. 27 — (Special to The Advance) — Private citizen James B. Duke of the powerful Southern Power Company and the vast Duke interests in North and South Carolina, threw his private car open to the newspaper boys here last night and for thirty minutes talked good roads and the development of North Carolina.

Being one of the biggest taxpayers in the State Mr. Duke's views on the issuance of millions of dollars in bonds for the construction of a system of hard surfaced highways is interesting. While Mr. Duke doesn't pretend to know what a State system of highways will cost he does believe that if North Carolina is going to build roads it should make them of the best material obtainable. The State, he believes, is financially in a position to float a bond issue of almost any size the General Assembly undertakes. Fifty millions is not more than Tarheel can back. Mr. Duke thinks, and if he were allowed to "boss the job he would connect every county seat with a hard surfaced highway, from the mountains to the sea, and watch the State jump forward with rapid strides."

"North Carolina, said Mr. Duke, can do nothing that will improve the State so much and in so short a period as the construction of hard surfaced highways. Good roads that are passable twelve months in the year, if properly constructed, will net the State more on investment than anything that money will buy."

And Mr. Duke would have the roads built so that they would not wear out for the next one hundred years. Since the automobiles are going to be the beneficiaries it appears to him that the owners of the motor cars would gladly pay the additional tax to maintain them.

Contrary to the general opinion Capitalist Duke is the most likable sort of fellow. Little does he know of the political situation in North Carolina—and he probably cares less than he knows—but he made it plain that the principle of revaluation is just and should be maintained. As to the matters that will come up before the present General Assembly he is willing to express his opinion but he admits his inability to fathom the political psychology of a number of things. He sees most things from a financial point of view. Politics, apparently is not in his vocabulary.

In brief his views on a system of good roads is expressed as follows: "Build good roads no matter what they cost; of hard surface material; tax the folks who use them; regulate the traffic over the roads so that the highways will not be injured and collect the money for maintenance from the counties with rigid State supervision."

Having built such a system of good roads Mr. Duke believes that Western North Carolina, with the greatest mountain scenery in the world, would soon become the playground of the South, West and North."

## ROADS CONVENTION MEETS IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 25 (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Plans were set in motion in December by Dr. C. T. Wang, head of the good roads committee of the recently organized Pan Pacific Union, to hold a good roads convention in Shanghai in the spring of 1921. The immediate purpose of the convention will be to discuss the projects of building roads from Shanghai to Hangchow and from Shanghai to Nanking. Doctor Wang, who was one of China's delegates to the Peace Conference at Paris, is enlisting the aid of heads of Chambers of Commerce and other commercial bodies arranging the convention.

## Enforcing Prohibition Worse Than Soldiering

Washington, Jan. 28.—The mortality rate among those who enforce the prohibition act is higher than among soldiers in the world war, declared Wayne Wheeler, of the Anti-Saloon League Council, before the Senate appropriations committee today, urging better pay for prohibition field agents.

Wheeler declared that the work they are doing is made more dangerous by the "pet propaganda now in circulation to encourage law-breakers."

## Native Hawaiians Are On Increase

And Japanese Population In Hawaii Has Increased 33 Per Cent

Washington, Jan. 28.—The negro population of St. Louis is 69,603, an increase of 58 per cent; in Kansas City 4,297, an increase of 5 per cent. The Japanese population of Hawaii is 109,274 out of a total population of 255,912, and represents an increase of about 33 per cent since 1910. The native Hawaiians have decreased from 26,000 to 23,000.

## WOULD AMEND REVENUE ACT

To Exempt From Taxation Income Derived From Sources Without the United States of Non-Residents

Manila, P. I., Dec. 4 — (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The board of directors of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands has adopted a resolution which is to be forwarded to the United States Congress, protesting against the application of the federal income tax law to Americans residing abroad and paying taxes in the Philippines or foreign countries. The resolution recommends to Congress that the revenue act of 1918 be so amended as to exempt from taxation the income derived from sources without the United States of non-resident citizens.

The resolution says: "Under the former acts of Congress income taxes were uniformly imposed upon all residents of the Philippine Islands, Americans, Philippines and aliens; and in accordance with American principles and traditions, such taxes accrued, not to the United States, but to the insular government."

"Under the revenue act of 1918 income taxes for the revenues of the United States are imposed upon American citizens residing in the Philippines but not on Filipinos and others there remaining, although all alike share the protection of the United States and the Filipinos owe the same allegiance and enjoy the same rights as American citizens. Other nations, as, for example, Great Britain, do not tax the local income of their citizens or subjects residing abroad."

"Americans in the Philippines pay the same taxes to the local government as their neighbors and are then required to pay to the United States additional taxes from which their neighbors are exempt. To the extent of such additional taxes Americans are at a disadvantage in competition with others for business."

"This handicap operates not only upon the interests of American citizens in the Philippines, but also to the detriment of American shipping and commerce, whose maintenance and development depend in great part upon the outlet and representation afforded by Americans established overseas. In the keen competition for the world's trade merchants and carriers cannot afford to rely upon alien representatives or to enjoy representation by our own citizens only at a cost higher than that borne by competitors. But the natural tendency of the present policy of taxation is to eliminate Americans established in business abroad or to induce their expatriation."

## WOULD PROVIDE EMERGENCY JUDGE

Bill Introduced by Senator Winborne Has Passed Senate and Awaits Decision of the House

Raleigh, Jan. 27 — (Special to The Advance)—Should the House pass the emergency judge bill which has already been passed by the Senate it will put two former members of the Judiciary of North Carolina on the list and would make it possible for other men nearing the age of seventy years who have served on the bench of either the supreme court or the superior court to retire on three-fourths pay. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Stanley Winborne of Hertford, and provides that when a member of either the supreme court or the superior court bench has reached the age of seventy years and has served fifteen years he may retire on the emergency judge list on three quarters pay. The bill also provides that a man, younger than seventy who has served fifteen years and is incapacitated for further active and continuous duties on the bench, may also retire on three-fourths pay.

The opposition to the bill in the Senate was not so much on account of the money involved though that was some consideration, but because no provision was made when a judge had plenty of income aside from the three quarters pay. The objectors also thought it poor policy to make emergency judges out of men who were already incapacitated for duty on the bench. The supporters of the bill declare that it will save the State a great deal of money, for there is a constitutional amendment which requires the legislature to provide emergency judges, and if they are provided in any other way they will cost much more money than will be involved in the present bill.

An Ashe County Scrap  
The turbulent politics of Ashe county during the past election has reached the floors of the General Assembly through a bill introduced by Tam Boule, representative from that county, which proposes to abolish the office of county treasurer, which is now held by a Republican, the only republican who won out in the recent election.

Senator Robinson, minority representative from the Ashe county district, has offered an amendment to the bill which would allow the treasurer to fill out the term of office for which he was elected and then abolish the office. He does not think it right to abolish the office when there was no such issue in the campaign. While democrats and republicans alike have signed the petition he does not believe that the majority of the people of the county want the office abolished.

The Senate has turned down the amendment temporarily until the report that the republicans have slipped through a bill abolishing a tax collectors officers in Yadkin county can be investigated. If this report is true, and the bill was slipped through with an improper title, the Senate will probably vote with the House in abolishing the office now. If the report is not true the Senate will, out of senatorial courtesy, stand by the senator from that district.

## IN CANTON, CHINA, THEY SHOOT EDITORS

London, Jan. 16.—Journalists in a dangerous occupation in Canton, China, according to the correspondent there of the Central News. Quoting the Canton Times, he says "every military governor has had at least one editor shot during his term of office. Since the establishment of the republic, numerous Canton Journalists have been executed by official order and several others assassinated with officials as accomplices."

## PLAY AT EDENTON

The Boys' Basketball team of the Elizabeth City High School left Friday for Edenton, where they play the Edenton boys tonight.

## Alleged Hold-Up Was Pure Fake

Marion, Jan. 28.—Treasurer Harry Forry, of Marion County, who reported Wednesday that he had been robbed of fourteen thousand dollars of county funds by two bandits who knocked him unconscious in his office in the court house here, was arrested today, and confessed himself guilty of theft, the police have announced.

Visitors to the office Wednesday found Forry on the floor apparently unconscious. Apparently recovering consciousness under first aid ministrations he said that bandits had entered his office and hit him over the head with a revolver.

In a signed confession Forry admits that he framed the robbery story, scratched his face and hit himself over the head with a hammer.

Forry is thirty-five years old and was arrested a few hours after the arrival of a new baby in his home.

## SULTAN TO SEND TURKS TO LONDON

Constantinople, Jan. 28.—Acceptance of the invitation from the Supreme Allied Council to send Turkish representatives to London to the conference next month, at which revision of the Sevres treaty will be considered, was announced by the Sultan's government today.

## Airship Damaged Making Landing

London, Jan. 28.—The airship R-34, which flew across the Atlantic, was damaged in making its landing on the coast after midnight last night.

It was blown out to sea, destroyed in pursuit, but the crew managed to gain control and return to land.

## MAKE PROGRESS ON REPARATIONS

Committee of Experts Appointed by Supreme Council Hope to Make Complete Report This Afternoon

## CONFERENCE MAY BREAK UP

Paris, Jan. 28.—Divergent views of members of the Allied Supreme Council regarding German reparations caused interruptions in the conference today and in some quarters it is regarded as in danger of breaking up. The crisis came over the question of fixing the total amount of reparations and over the methods of payment. The session of the council which was to have begun this afternoon, was abandoned.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Progress toward reaching the solution of the German reparations problem was reported by the expert committee on the subject which was appointed yesterday by the Supreme Council.

The basis of the discussion was the Belgian proposal that Germany be compelled to make an annual reparation payment of six billion gold marks as the maximum and three billion as the minimum.

The plan would not fix the number of annual payments, but would leave this to be determined later.

A Supreme Council session was called for late today, when it is hoped that the expert committee will be able to present a complete report.

## PILBUSTER IN SENATE

Washington, Jan. 28.—Direct charge that a filibuster was in progress in the Senate to defeat the Fordney emergency tariff bill was made by Senator Ashurst, Democrat, of Arizona, today when the Senate resumed consideration of the measure.

## Morrison Delivers His First Message

Exhorts General Assembly To Progressive Action And Liberal Spending — Wants Responsible Office Holders

"First, the man who whispers, 'Go slow, we haven't got the money,' is asleep and does not realize that we should use the credit of our State to take care of our institutions," declared Governor Cameron Morrison in a message to the General Assembly today which voices the optimism he feels for the future of the State, which he believes is amply able to handsomely take care of its educational and humane institutions and to build a system of hard-surfaced roads through every county in North Carolina.

## DRIVE NOW ON FOR NEW MEMBERS

Chamber of Commerce Will Take Over Moose Club Rooms If Can Get Bigger Membership

The success of a new membership drive started by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning will give the Chamber of Commerce one of the handsomest suites of club room in the state; and upon this drive the very life of the Chamber of Commerce itself may depend.

Two things of immense community interest are about to happen. The Moose Club, which was organized in this city at an expense of more than \$30,000 is about to disband and close its club rooms for lack of a passing membership. At the same time, about 250 memberships in the Chamber of Commerce are about to expire, and something has got to be done to arouse enthusiasm to retain these memberships. The Chamber of Commerce must not only hold its present membership, but must add 50 to 100 new members in order to take care of its work.

With 100 new members, the Chamber of Commerce will have a sufficient income to enable it to carry the additional obligation of buying the Moose property and maintaining the same elegant quarters now occupied by the Moose. But instead of maintaining these luxurious rooms for the benefit of a restricted organization, they will be kept open for the community at large and for the entertainment of visitors and guests.

Rather than dispose of their club rooms to a limited organization or to private individuals, the Moose, it is understood, will sell their property to the Chamber of Commerce at a great loss and many members of the Moose will take memberships in the Chamber of Commerce for the privilege of enjoying the use of the club rooms. A membership in the Chamber of Commerce costs \$25 a year or about 75 cents a week. No where else can a man get greater club privileges for so little money. If the Chamber takes over the Moose rooms and the equipment in the Hinton building.

The question of taking over the Moose property was submitted to the members of the Chamber of Commerce this week. The response to the referendum was overwhelmingly in favor of the project. The Central Committee in charge of the new membership drive is composed of Taylor Grandy, chairman; W. P. Duff, J. M. Ormond, Camden Blades and A. R. Nicholson.

## DEWEY'S GUNS EXPLODE INJURE SMALL BOYS

Manila, P. I., Nov. 26. (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Dewey's guns after lying in a vacant lot in Manila for more than 22 years, exploded today, injuring three Filipino boys. One of the lads picked up the shell and after examining it, hurled it against a rock. The shell proved to be effective and knocked the three boys to the ground, all sustaining painful injuries.

Governor Morrison had intimated that he did not intend to discuss anything but taxation in his first message but he made use of the opportunity to give the Legislature the benefit of his impressions and conclusions on several other important matters.

The Governor's ideas on taxation for state purposes may be summed up in this way:

No ad valorem taxes for revenues for the State.

State revenue to be raised from income taxes, license taxes and other such sources.

Property taxes to be left to cities counties and towns.

Rely upon the credit of the State for bonding purposes to take care of the demand for progressive legislation.

The Governor, while praising the work of the budget commission, does not believe that the Legislature should be bound by its recommendations. What the representatives of this new day in North Carolina would do could not be calculated by a budget commission, the Governor said. He suggested that the finance and appropriation committees of the Legislature get together and figure on a program and an income that will meet the demands of the progressive people of the State. He urged that in doing this the credit of the State be used liberally.

The message also suggests the creation of two new State departments, one to have charge of the banking and currency and the other to supervise taxation and revenue.

Concluding, Governor Morrison said, "I think it would be most wise to enact a general State law allowing the Governor to call for the resignation and if not forthcoming to remove any executive officer appointed by the Governor and in the future no terms should be fixed for appointive executive officers. The man who holds responsible government positions should be responsible either to the people or to the official head of the executive branch of the government."

HARDING FOR MIAMI  
Palm Beach, Jan. 28.—President-elect Harding left here today on the last lap of a trip to Miami, where a short stop will be made before proceeding to the keys south of that city, where there is good fishing.

After several days fishing he will return to Miami and thence will go to St. Augustine.