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Also Urged Business Survey Of The Government Of The State.

(Special To The Star.) Chapel Hill, March 11.—Strong endorsement of the revaluation act and the income tax amendment was made here tonight before students of the University of North Carolina by Robert N. Page, third and last of the democratic gubernatorial candidates to appear at Chapel Hill.

The carrying out of the purpose intended by the revaluation act is to bring a wrong of long standing by righting the constitutional mandate for uniformity in taxation, said Mr. Page, who went further and advocated the classification of property so that productive farms should be taxed at a lower rate than unproductive farms.

The Revaluation Act. "Some time ago in a public speech I endorsed the revaluation act," said Mr. Page. "I do not endorse it for the sake of it, but as an honest effort to carry into effect the most important mandate contained in the taxation clause of the constitution."

The trouble with that section of the constitution is that there is not uniformity of assessment, and the change needed in the section is in the present manner of assessing property. It should be made possible to classify property for purposes of taxation so that productive forms of property might be taxed at a lower rate than unproductive forms of property.

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LEADERS TO MAKE DECISIVE ATTEMPT REACH AGREEMENT

Truce Declared In Battle While Both Sides Marshal Their Forces.

WILL RESUME DEBATE ON ARTICLE 10 TODAY

Both Democrats And Republicans Uncertain Of Status Of Situation.

Washington, March 11.—During a truce in the peace treaty debate, senate leaders marshaled their scattered forces for another and decisive attempt to reach a compromise on Article 10.

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GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MINERS' DEMANDS. Hard Coal Workers Will Reach Some Decision If Possible.

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WAS A BOSTON WOMAN. Miami, Fla., March 11.—Police late tonight identified the woman who was drowned with Joshua Decker at Miami Beach Wednesday afternoon as Miss Rena Crocker, of Boston, Mass.

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SOLDIER RELIEF LEGISLATION IS FULL OF DANGER

Treasury Officials Say Any Increase Of Government Indebtedness Harmful.

WASHINGTON, MARCH 11.—OPPOSING

former Secretary McAdoo's plan of reducing taxes by additional bond issues, Secretary Houston and Assistant Secretary Lefingwell today told the House ways and means committee, which is considering soldier relief legislation, that any increase in the present government indebtedness would create a grave financial situation.

Both suggested increased taxes as "the least harmful way" to extend relief, the assistant secretary asserting that even a tax on normal incomes would add to the cost of living and be directly felt by those least able to bear it.

Make Situation Serious. Even under increased taxes, Secretary Houston said, the proposed expenditure of two billion dollars "would be a serious one for the people to confront at this time."

POLES FORESTALL BOLSHEVIK PLANS

Attack On Three Fronts And Take Railway

London, March 11.—The plans of the bolsheviks for a big attack on the Poles have been forestalled by the regent fighting on the Polish front, in which the Poles were the aggressors, according to information received by the war office.

BRITISH EMPIRE WILL GROW ITS OWN COTTON

London, March 11.—Empire cotton growing on a commercial basis almost immediately is foreshadowed from a meeting held yesterday in the house of commons, which was attended by some of the Lancashire members of the house.

MAY COMMANDEER OIL

Washington, March 11.—The navy is prepared to commandeer the fuel oil necessary for its fighting ships if its requirements are not covered at reasonable prices in the bids to be opened Tuesday for the next fiscal year.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Bickett Named As Member Of Governor's Committee—Many North Carolina Men And Women Compose Delegation

(Special To The Star.) Washington, March 11.—More than three hundred national organizations representing business, labor, civic associations, organized women, religious groups and professional bodies were today included in the call which Franklin K. Lane issued to the governors of the states to name delegations to attend a national conference on community organization meeting in Washington on March 20th for the purpose of drawing up a community program upon which all sections of the country, all wings of public opinion, and all economic classes can unite.

AMERICAN NAVAL TACTICS DILATORY, SIMS PROCLAIMS

Atlantic Fleet Not In Readiness, He Says, Months After War Declared.

STATEMENT OF POLICY DELAYED MANY MONTHS

Admiral Sims Read His Official Telegrams In Support Of His Position.

Washington, March 11.—Charges that the Atlantic fleet was not kept in readiness during the war were added by Rear Admiral Sims to his arraignment of navy department policy in testimony today before the senate investigating committee.

He told the committee that frequent pleas for American warships were disregarded and months were lost in dispatching a squadron of battleships to join the British grand fleet.

Tribute to Fighting Men. Tribute to the officers and men of the battleships was paid by the admiral, who said the work of the fighting men was not appreciated.

Admiral Sims requested that the committee call Herbert Hoover, to whom he began three operations at strategic points which resulted in the taking of the lateral railway from the bolsheviks and breaking up their plans.

ERONEOUS REPORT ON INCOME TAX DECISION RUINED MANY

New York, March 11.—A suit to recover \$2,218 alleged to have been lost because of an error by the Dow Jones and Company news ticker service in reporting the decision of the United States supreme court in the Macomber case, which the court held that stock dividends are not taxable as income, was filed here today against Joseph Cashman, as treasurer of the company, by Gaston J. J. Martin.

BAKER GETS A REFUND ON TAX OVERCHARGE

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ABANDONED CREW SAVED.

St. John, N. B., March 11.—The crew of the schooner J. Frank Seavey, which was abandoned at sea while on her way from Pensacola to Cuba, has been land, according to information received by her agent here today.

GOAL OPERATORS AND MINERS ARE UNDER CHARGES

Alleged To Have Conspired Together To Keep Up Prices.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., MARCH 11.—AN INDICTMENT

charging conspiracy in violation of the Lever fuel control act and the federal criminal code, naming 125 coal operators and miners as defendants was returned in federal court here today by a special grand jury which has been investigating the coal industry since December, 1919.

Ten overt acts are charged against the coal men in the indictment, which contains eighteen counts. It is understood that many of the violations charged have no connection with the crime of blameworthy miners, but occurred prior to the signing of the armistice.

The indictment was brought under sections four and nine of the Lever act and section thirty-seven of the criminal code and charges in general that miners and operators conspired to enhance the price of necessities by restricting distribution, limiting manufacture, and by other means conspired to commit offenses against the United States, as defined in the criminal code.

CENSUS BUREAU GIVES FIGURES

Louisville, St. Joseph And Chambersburg

Washington, March 11.—The census bureau tonight announced the following 1920 population figures and increases: Louisville, Ky., 234,891; an increase of 10,983; or 4.9 per cent.

St. Joseph, Mo., 77,735; an increase of 332, or 0.4 per cent.

Chambersburg, Pa., 13,171; an increase of 121, or 11.6 per cent.

Louisville was twenty-fourth city of the country in population in 1910. It showed a growth of 9.4 per cent. at that time over the census of 1900, while in 1907 to 1909 its increase was 27.1 per cent.

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WAGE COMMISSION SPLITS ON MATTER WAGES AND HOURS

Attitude Of The President On The Two Reports Is Problematical.

ONE IS SUBMITTED; OTHERS STILL TO COME

Minority Opinion Will Be Presented To Executive Probably Today

Washington, March 11.—The commission appointed by President Wilson to settle the coal strike has split definitely on the question of wage increases and hours of work.

John P. White, representing the miners, refused to concur in this settlement. He is preparing a minority report in which it is reported that he will recommend a seven-hour day and a wage increase of approximately 45 per cent.

Submit Two Reports. In advance of the publication of the two reports of the United Mine Workers of America would not discuss the probable course of the miners.

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ATLANTIC PORTS' TRADE CONFERENCE GREENSBORO TODAY

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SOUTH WANTS HER PLACE IN FOREIGN COMMERCE

Meeting Will Be Followed By Banquet At O. Henry Hotel.

Greensboro, March 11.—Matthew Hale, of Washington, president of the South Atlantic Export company, and Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, arrived here this morning and have been busily engaged all day perfecting final plans for the export trade conference which meets here at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Get Down to Business. During the day Mr. Hale was conferring with various local men who are interested in the conference, and all arrangements have been made so the conference can get down to business with as much dispatch as possible.

Mr. Hale stated that the discussions of the conference would be open to every one interested in gaining for the south the place she should hold in foreign commerce.

Mr. Hale will preside. Following the address of welcome on the part of the city by R. D. Douglas, Mr. MacRae will welcome the assembled delegations in behalf of the state of North Carolina.

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