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TAXABLE VALUES FALL 700 MILLION IN STATE, SAYS COL. A. D. WATTS

Revenue Official Sees Personal Property Cut 300 and Realty 400 Millions

TOTAL IS 2 1/2 BILLION Under Revaluation Last Year State's Taxables Reached Over Three Billion

By JULE B. WARREN RALEIGH, June 27.—There will be 700 million dollars less property listed for taxation this year than was listed last year, according to an estimate Col. A. D. Watts, commissioner of revenue, has made after a careful study of the reports sent by a majority of the counties.

There will be a 400-million drop in the value of real estate and at least 300 million dollars less in personal property.

The commissioner estimates this will leave a total property valuation in the state of about two and a half billion dollars, as compared with over three billion under the revaluation of last year.

Colonel Watts makes his estimates from the reports that have already come in from the 100 counties, of which 83 reported horizontal reductions, 23 no reductions at all and eight are having an evaluation of the whole property. These eight are Pitt, Robeson, Craven, Duplin, Scotland, Warren, Yadin and Richmond. Of the 63 counties which reported horizontal reductions, only 45 sent in reports to the department, which makes it impossible for him to get accurate figures on the amount of the reductions in the counties of these 45 counties have cut realty values by 255 million dollars.

The remaining counties have reported an average cut of 23 1-3 per cent. Colonel Watts has estimated the amount of the reduction in these counties from the percentage cuts and from the fact that they will cut about a third as much as the 45 counties already reporting. He guesses at the amount of the cuts in the counties which are having a complete new valuation of their property. The total amount of his estimated cut in real estate is 400 million. Of the 800 million dollars listed in personal property during the last year, Colonel Watts believes there will be a drop of at least 300 million dollars.

Even with these figures, the cut in the property values is not quite so high as had been expected. Colonel Watts believes the two and a half billion dollar valuation for this year is more nearly the correct value of the property in North Carolina than the old revaluation figures.

CUR MARKET IS DEAD—LONG LIVE THE CURB!

NEW YORK, June 27.—Members of the New York Curb Market association today reported that the market for Broad street and went to work with a roof over head and a soft carpet under foot.

The dealers in unlisted securities who year in and year out seldom changed their wares in the open air under good skies and bad, bought and sold with the greatest dignity in the market knew, North Carolina in the fitting manner the opening of the curb's \$2,250,000 home on the western rim of the financial district.

SIMMONS TAKES UP RATES ON EAST CAROLINA MELONS

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, June 27.—At the instance of J. G. McCormick and shipowners in that territory, Senator Simmons today took up with the Interstate Commerce commission the matter of freight rates on watermelons and cantaloupes from Maxton to northwestern points, as Baltimore, Philadelphia and New Jersey.

The senator is trying to secure some modification of these rates at least to the point reached by the rates in 1920. It appears that the freight rate on watermelons from Maxton has increased since 1920 as follows: Baltimore, 31 1-2 cents to 42 cents; Philadelphia 26 1-2 to 48 1-2; Jersey City 23 to 32; cantaloupes, carload, 38 cents to 52 cents; Philadelphia 45 to 60, and Jersey City, 50 to 66 1-2 cents.

WAR HERO SOLDIERS GIVEN DOWN HOME ENTERTAINMENT

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, June 27.—This was North Carolina night at Walter Reed hospital. The North Carolina society purpose as described by President Edwards E. Britton, was to make the North Carolina boys out there feel that they were appreciated and not forgotten.

War hero was given a candy and flowers provided. A number of North Carolina soldiers are patients at Walter Reed.

WANT IRELAND RECOGNIZED

DEWEY, June 27.—Organized labor immediately will call on President Harding's cabinet and congress to bring about recognition of the Irish republic and to protest to Great Britain against the "brutal and uncivilized" being conducted in Ireland.

COMET CHANGES ITINERARY; NO FALLING STARS TONIGHT

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 27.—Several weeks of intimacy with this solar system have had such an effect on the Pons-Winnecke comet that it has changed its itinerary and departed from its orbit, Harvard observers announced today.

The change in the comet's plans has been caused by planetary influences, and as a result the predicted meteoric showers are not expected to occur. I. Bailey, acting director of the observatory, asserted.

THOMAS C. CAMPBELL DEAD

(Special to The Star) SANFORD, June 27.—Thomas Cole Campbell, 78, died at his home in the Pocket community, seven miles west of this place, early Monday morning, after a long illness. The following children survive him: Mont Campbell, Bartow, Fla.; A. E. Campbell, Lake Wales, Fla.; C. H. Campbell, Sanford; Mrs. Allen Jones, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. E. M. Judd, Sanford; Misses Mollie and Gertrude Campbell, Sanford, and one sister, Mrs. Robena McRae, Gulf.

Woman President of Baptist Convention

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 27.—A precedent was established by the northern Baptist convention today when Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery of Rochester, N. Y. was elected president. She received 939 of the 1,140 votes cast.

At the same time, the convention was presided over by Mrs. M. Grant Edmonds of Pasadena, California, vice-president, after E. L. Tustin, of Philadelphia, retiring president, had been stricken with a severe illness.

Other officers elected included: Recording secretary, Rev. M. A. Levy, Pittsfield, Mass.; statistical secretary, Rev. C. A. Walker, West Chester, Pa.; and treasurer, Frank L. Miner, Des Moines. Seattle Washington was selected for the 1922 meeting.

MAYFIELD TRAGEDY IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY; DEATH OF 11 A PUZZLE

Only Theory So Far is That One Man, Suddenly Insane, Killed 10 and Himself

SHERIFF DOUBTS IT

Can't Understand How One Person Unaided Could Make Way With so Many Lives

MAYFIELD, Kentucky, June 27.—Mystery continues to envelop the tragedy in the farm home of Earnest Lawrence, near here, Saturday night, when 11 persons were slain and their bodies practically incinerated in the dwelling which apparently had been saturated with oil.

Only fragments of the bodies were found in the ruins of the house. They were placed in one coffin and interred in Maplewood cemetery this afternoon.

Prior to the funeral the fragments were examined by Sheriff Marion McCain and coroner O. M. Mettitt, and both reported that they were unable to find bullet wounds or other marks that would determine the cause of the deaths. An axe and firearms were found in the embers of the dwelling, which led the officials to believe that some of them might have been killed by the fire.

Sheriff McCain announced late today that he had not changed his theory that Lawrence had developed a fit of insanity and in a frenzy had killed his wife, three children and other guests, Otis Drew, Mrs. Drew, her three children, and Drew's brother, Elmer Drew. The indications are, the sheriff said, that Lawrence saturated the room in which the bodies were found with oil, touched a match to it and killed himself.

Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Drew were sisters and, neighbors said, had long been accustomed to exchanging visits over the week-end.

One report today had it that Lawrence had been roughly handled by a policeman in Mayfield a number of years ago and that in the course of the struggle had been struck on the head. Since then, the story ran, Lawrence had suffered from illness periodically which had affected his mind. Sheriff McCain said he had been unable to verify it.

Sheriff McCain said today that he was puzzled by some of the facts which today are difficult to believe that one man could have attacked ten persons, at least three of them adults in full possession of their faculties, without some of them escaping.

NUMBER OF CAROLINIANS IN CAPITAL CITY THIS WEEK

(Special to The Star) WASHINGTON, June 27.—The President honored Col. John S. E. Young, of Raleigh, by appointing his son, John S. E. Jr., a cadet to West Point.

Robert L. Davis, of the North Carolina branch of the Anti-Saloon League, was today to see that the "tar heels voted dry on the anti-beer bill. His trip was useless, for the die was cast before he started this way.

H. E. Barlow of the New Bern chamber of commerce was here today. Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Meadows and children are visitors. Mrs. Meadows is a daughter of Senator Simmons.

Former Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland of Lenoir, is here. James B. Query, Jr., of Charlotte, appointed to Annapolis by Representative Bulwinkle, has been ordered to the naval academy.

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BEER BILL PASSES BY 250 TO 93 AFTER HOT FOUR-HOUR DISCUSSION

Wayne B. Wheeler, Anti-Saloon League Counsel, Pointed Out and Attacked

'WETS' VOTING 'DRY' FOR FEDERAL AID

WASHINGTON, June 27.—By a vote of 250 to 93 the house tonight passed the Willis-Campbell bill to prevent the sale of beer to the sick and sent it to the senate with execution of its final enactment before the end of the week. The vote, which was 21 more than the necessary two-thirds, was taken after four hours of stormy debate, interrupted frequently with shouts to stop the talk and demand of a week. Despite the sweltering weather, however, leaders in the fight for and against the measure refused to yield to an ever-growing demand for an end of the discussion.

In losing debates for the opponents, Representative Hill, Republican (Md.), threw the house into considerable disorder by charging that Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, had drafted the bill.

Pointing to the league lawyer in the gallery and calling him by name, Mr. Hill brought a wild shout from the prohibition element, some of whom stood up and hurled abuse.

There was another dry outburst a moment later when Representative Foster, Republican, Ohio, declared that there was no truth in the statement about Wheeler's part in the preparation of the measure.

A sharp attack on the rules committee for failing to give right of way to the Volstead supplemental bill was made by Representative Reavis, Republican (Neb.), a member of the judiciary committee, who charged that its work of three weeks had been stifled. Mr. Reavis declared it was a menace to orderly legislation when half dozen members of the rules committee would nullify the action of another committee by reporting a bill of national importance. Chairman Campbell, defending the committee, said it was unwilling to mix emergency legislation with controversial matters which should be fully aired.

In the midst of a plea for passage of the bill, Representative Barkley, Democrat (Ky.), was interrupted by Chairman Gilbert, also a Democrat, and of the same state, who asked:

"Since we are both from Kentucky I would like to know if you would not rather see a Kentucky colonel drinking 100 per cent liquor than a pot-bellied German who keeps on drinking?"

Mr. Barkley retorted that if he had to look upon one of the two evils he preferred to see the colonel at the bar.

Representative Cooper, Republican (Ohio), formerly a railroad engineer, took issue with the speaker's comment, declaring that he had no right to make the organization speak on moral questions. He insisted that the federation "did not express the sentiment of the leading man."

Representative Cochran, Democrat (N. Y.), declared prohibition or any other law, could not be enforced when public sentiment was against it.

Warning the house against the enactment of drastic prohibition laws, Representative Kahn, Republican, Cal., turning sharply upon advocates of the anti-beer bill, declared "there are men here who vote for prohibition and who drink more liquor in a week than I do in a year."

Mr. Kahn asserted the Volstead law was being broken every hour of the day and that congress should handle the problem in a rational way.

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Death of Miss Councilman. SANFORD, June 27.—Miss Ruby Councilman, 14, died in the Central hospital of this place Sunday night, after two weeks' illness of typhoid and appendicitis. She was brought to the hospital a week ago from her home near Bear Creek. The funeral was conducted this afternoon at Tyson Creek Baptist church, of which she was a member.

Take Preliminary Steps in New Federal Budget Plans

Director Dawes Calls a Conference at Direction of President Harding, of all Cabinet Members and Executive Administration Officials, for Purpose of Considering Expenditures—Drastic Economies are Promised

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Plans preparatory to establishment of the new federal budget system, which becomes operative Friday, began to take tangible form today. As a first step, Charles G. Dawes, director of the budget, at the request of the President, called a conference for Wednesday of all cabinet members and other executive administrative officials at which President Harding will preside.

The President also directed Mr. Dawes to draft a tentative form for the new budget within the next 30 days, with estimates of the absolute minimum of government funds needed for the fiscal year, beginning July 1.

A white house statement called attention to the necessity for economy in governmental expenditures and said the tentative form of the budget should point the way, "as would be done in any ordinary business being confronted with the budget of the government."

It is understood that at the joint conference something of the nature of the expected cut in spending will be brought out, as well as the detailed plans of the budget committee.

"The President does not assume," the white house statement said, "as has been the custom under the old system with individual departments, that the minimum of governmental expenditures in the year is the amount fixed by congress in the appropriations."

The maximum of the budget, which Mr. Harding has asked to have drafted, is expected to be below the minimum amount provided for in existing congressional appropriations, the statement added, while the economies thus anticipated will be carried on into an alternative draft if the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1922.

It was made plain by Mr. Dawes' associates at the treasury that he intends to impress upon the heads and subordinate officials of the "spending" departments of the government the full meaning of the word economy. Mr. Dawes said he was prepared to aid in the work of pruning and "paring to the limit."

It was indicated that the subject of reorganization of various government departments would find its way into the discussion of the budget plan, which white house statement referred to this phase as a potent field for financial saving incident to general operation of the budget, and it was said at the treasury that the budget committee, as well as anticipate congressional action in reorganization and reclassification of the employees, trimming the expenditures correspondingly.

MRS. JERNIGAN BAILED OUT BY CLINTON FOLK

Citizens Volunteer in Signing \$10,000 Bond at Habeas Corpus Proceedings

(Special to The Star) CLINTON, June 27.—Leading citizens of Clinton today rushed to volunteer the \$10,000 bail required by Judge Lyon for the release of Mrs. Cora Jernigan, held in jail for three weeks on the charge of killing Quimby Seawell, at Graham's bridge on the Sampson-Cumberland line, June 7.

It developed that there had been no proper commitment to jail and the habeas corpus hearing was turned into a preliminary trial. Three witnesses were examined by the state; Mrs. Jernigan, who heard a shot fired, saw smoke, saw Seawell fall, but could not recognize the assailant; 11-year-old Ruby Seawell who saw Mrs. Jernigan strike her father and saw her leaving after the gun fired, and H. M. Seawell, who swore that he had asked Mrs. Jernigan in jail why she had shot her father and received the answer that she was forced to do so.

The defendant is represented by Fowler and Crumpler, Butler and Herring, of Clinton, and Glynn of Dunn. Solicitor Powers is assisted by Bullock and Stringfield of Fayetteville.

It was stated that Mrs. Jernigan had said on the day before the killing that her daughter was with her uncle in Virginia, who would be coming to Columbia, it is said, and not at Richmond.

REUSES TO STOP COMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT. JERSEY CITY, June 27.—Prosecutor Pierre P. Garven, of Hudson county, in which jurisdiction the Carpentier-Kramer fight will be staged Saturday, today declined to interfere with the bout. The Rev. James Parker, of this city, asked him to prevent it on the ground that it would violate the Jersey law, being a prize fight for a decision and not a boxing match.

"There won't be any decision," said Mr. Garven. "I assume that Referee Ertle, who is city marshal of Jersey City, knows the law. If the law is violated, those responsible will be called to account."

DOESN'T ASK INJUNCTION TO STOP DEMPSEY-CARPENTIER. CAMDEN, N. J., June 27.—Clinton N. Howard, secretary of the international reform bureau, did not make application today for an injunction against the Dempsey-Carpentier fight. Vice Chancellor E. B. Leaming, one of the two persons Howard said he would ask to issue the restraining writ, declared tonight that he had not been asked to grant the injunction.

"Mr. Howard called me on the telephone today, but no papers were presented for an injunction," said the vice chancellor. "That is all I can say on the subject."

HOWARD could not be found in this vicinity.

WANT MANDATES SETTLED UP. LONDON, June 27.—Cecil Harmsworth, under secretary of foreign affairs, today informed the house of commons that the British government had received a letter from the council of the league of nations suggesting that, in deference to the views of the United States, the powers should make every effort to arrive at a solution of the mandates question with the United States so as to enable the council of the league to settle the entire question of mandates before the next meeting of the assembly of the league of nations.

Mr. Harmsworth asked that the government would consider the best way to give effect to the suggestion.

GIVE STATE BANKS EQUALITY. WASHINGTON, June 27.—Acting upon a federal reserve board recommendation, the senate today passed and sent to the house a measure to give state banks members of the reserve system, equal latitude with national banks in making loans which thereafter might be eligible for discount.

WENT FASTER THAN PROGRAM. NORFOLK, June 27.—While army authorities were discharging obsolete rifle and pistol ammunition at the old government ordnance depot at Big Forge, Virginia today, several cases of cartridges caught fire and exploded. No one was injured and the net result of the fire was to expedite the destruction of cartridges. The fire was caused by the explosion of a cartridge in the machine used for destroying discarded ammunition.

WANT THE HOUSE ENLARGED. WASHINGTON, June 27.—Protestors against re-apportionment of congressional representation on a basis that would reduce the size or any state delegation, Representative White, of Maine, and Rhodes of Missouri, Republicans, at a hearing today before a house census sub-committee, declared they favored increasing the size of the house to 483 members. Both Maine and Missouri would lose representation if re-apportionment was made at a lower figure.

GRIFFIN, OF BOSTON, NAMED MOOSE SUPREME DICTATOR. TOLEDO, O., June 27.—The Loyal Order of Moose, in national convention here today, by acclamation, elected officers for the year, naming James F. Griffin, of Boston, supreme dictator to succeed Darius Brown, former mayor of Kansas City.

Edward J. Henning, of San Jose, Cal., now assistant to Secretary of Labor James J. Davis, was elected governor of Mooseheart for a term of six years.

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July 18-23 This will be Wilmington's big Get-Acquainted Week. Wilmington is issuing invitations to 155,000 people to be her guests. Know your neighbors. OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

PRACTICALLY ALL RAIL EMPLOYEES TO FEEL 12 PERCENT CUT IN WAGE

Supplemental Decision of Labor Board Extends Reduction to 100 More Roads

EFFECTIVE JULY 1

On Basis of Normal Employment Reduction Will Mean 400 Million Dollars

CHICAGO, June 27.—Employees on virtually every railroad will feel the 12 per cent wage cut ordered by the railroad labor board to take effect July 1, as a result of a supplemental decision of the board extending the order to nearly 100 additional roads.

The wage slash authorized June 1 to take effect Friday originally contemplated 104 railroads, although not all employees were affected on all roads. Today's addendum to that decision included 210 roads, many of which were parties to the original decision, but which returned to ask reductions for employees not covered in the first order.

The reductions authorized today were identical with those of the original order, the only change being the addition of rates for marine workers in certain harbors and of a section covering restaurant and dining car employees, whose wages were ordered reduced by 60 per cent of all increases received since February 23, 1920.

Except a few subsidiary lines, whose parent owners filed petitions for reduction, every railroad affected by the decision number two of the labor board's 600 million dollar wage award of July, 1920, has been authorized to reduce wages an average of 12 per cent. Most of them have received such permission for all classes of employees. In addition, nearly two-score other roads which voluntarily applied the increased scale fixed by the board in 1920, also have received authorization to make a similar cut.

Basing its figures on the normal number of employees on all roads affected by decision number two, the labor board recently estimated that its 12 per cent reduction would cut approximately 400 million dollars from the nation's railroad wage bill, if applied to all employees. Comparatively few roads now have a full quota of employees, but restoration of normal conditions and application of the board's cut to all employees of the larger railroads will make the 400 million dollars reduction a reality.

Rates established for the marine workers at Hampton Roads follow: Perry pilots \$115, first mates \$100, second mates \$150, tug boat pilots \$192, mates \$145, captains \$160-\$170, engineers \$160-\$170, deck hands \$4 a day, firemen \$4 a day.

While a date returns have been announced from the referendum being taken by all the railway unions on acceptance or rejection of the 12 per cent cut, it was stated that if acceptance here on July 1 would agree to accept the board's decision without any interruption of traffic.

WANT PRISONERS RELEASED TO CONSIDER IRISH PEACE

DUBLIN, June 27.—(By Associated Press).—The announcement made by Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, that he must consult with his cabinet before replying to the invitation of Prime Minister Lloyd George to a conference between the leaders of the Irish republic and the British government, has directed attention to the fact that four members of Eamon de Valera's cabinet are in jail—the Countess Georgina Markievicz, Robert Barton, who are under sentences of penal servitude; and Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, and Prof. John McNeill, president of the Sinn Fein circles, who have been held since last autumn without charges preferred against them.

The opinion was expressed in high Sinn Fein circles today that Mr. de Valera would request an opportunity to consult with them, and that should Sir James Craig's cabinet consider a general meeting of the northern parliament impossible, the British government would make the same imprisoned members.

In both official and Sinn Fein circles, de Valera's acceptance of Lloyd George's invitation is regarded as probable.

DEFENSE AGAINST LADIES AS JURORS; STATE WANTS THEM

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 27.—A long drawn out battle over the selection of a jury which is to try Mrs. Eva Kathryn Kaber, charged with the killing of her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, was forecasted tonight on the eve of her trial. Thirty witnesses have been called by the state.

Kaber, an invalid, was stabbed 24 times in his home in Lakewood, two years ago.

While Francis W. Poulsen, counsel for the defense, has declared he will fight every attempt to place women in the jury box, County Prosecutor Edward C. Stanton is in favor of seating as many women as possible.

A special venire of 45 prospective jurors has been ordered to report to Judge Maurice Bernon tomorrow morning for the opening of the case.

"I go into my case tomorrow confident that I will get a square deal," Mrs. Kaber stated tonight.

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