

### STATE APPROPRIATIONS NOT LIKELY TO BE CUT

#### Budget Committee Will Begin Its Sessions in the State Capital Today

### DAWSON TO BE SPEAKER

Greensboro Daily News Bureau.  
Raleigh, Dec. 17.—With a bare fortnight between the first meeting of the general assembly, the budget committee, which may be called the pilot of the ship of state, is meeting here tomorrow and is in agony over its Christmas.

Governor Ruff, thoughtful who has been the chief spokesman for the highway commission, represents his committee in the lower house, is a member of the budget committee, is here awaiting the upcoming of Will N. Everett, of the house, and Senators R. S. McColl, L. E. Vasser and R. A. Dewar. They meet without having had any previous agreements as to what time will be allotted persons with business before them. And for once there has been no propaganda going on throughout the state which even suggests anything outside the routine of the committee's work.

Two years ago the state was in a terrific slump and the budget committee went into conference with a citizenship very much moved to reduce to its heels. Nevertheless, the committee was generally liberal and only one fight was made on its recommendations. The first battle it won; the second it lost. The leadership of Senator Luns Lewis and Representative Walter Murphy upset things a trifle as to pensions and state institutions, but the committee was far more liberal at that than the "talks back home" were represented to be. If the committee begins tomorrow its session, there has been no hostile sentiment, there has been no advance agent of it.

Governor Doughton went to church today. He is due in Winston-Salem to help the highway commission in an injunction growing out of its location of some Rockingham roads. The house leader thinks the government has become powerfully paternalistic, but he doesn't see how that is going to hurt him any worse than it injures other people. He isn't disposed to worry about it. "But if you newspaper folks would help us tell the people that their taxes must be increased every time they go into one of these enterprises, it would help," he declared.

After the committee organizes it will receive delegations and then the needs of the institutions will be made manifest. There is no suggestion from any quarter that the state will be able to reduce any appropriations to anything. There are many evidences that substantially all state institutions call will be greater than they ever have been.

Declaring that his connection with Calvary Baptist church is unimpaired, the assent on him by Rev. John R. Stratton, its pastor. Rev. Dr. Oscar Hayward sends a New York paper quite a readable and amusing version on the Rev. Mr. Stratton and the cleric's last for the limelight.

Dr. Hayward has been here for many weeks and he talks much as though he might hold on a few years. Dr. Stratton to the contrary notwithstanding. There is much Ku Klux Klan in Dr. Hayward's article, but he says that he is Dr. Stratton than he does for the kingdom over which the Rev. William Joseph Simmons once presided as imperial wizard.

Full meeting of the board of trustees of the university will be held Wednesday in the senate chamber at 11 o'clock in the morning to receive the report of the committee appointed in June 1922 to consider the advisability of making the university a medical school at the University.

What is the board's sentiment nobody has undertaken to say, but if there should come a full medical school from the investigation made. It would not be surprising. A great deal bigger noise has been made by committees desiring to move the medical school.

Speaker John G. Dawson of the 1922 lower house, and Alex Lassiter, principal clerk, have been here getting their houses in order for work beginning Wednesday, January 3.

There is no opposition to Mr. Dawson and will be none to Mr. Lassiter, who calls the house to order until a speaker is named. A caucus the night before will unite each party on its nominee, the majority party's choice automatically becoming the minority leader. H. S. Williams, who has been the minority's conscience several terms, was defeated at the November election and Charles H. Clouse of Wilkes is expected to lead himself and the other few Republicans.

Mrs. William H. Ruffin, of Louisville, died this morning at six o'clock at her home.

Mrs. Ruffin had been ill for weeks, but her condition was not considered serious and her death was a great surprise here, where she had many friends. She was Miss Sally White of Louisville, before her marriage and had lived her entire life in Franklin.

Mr. Ruffin, widely prominent as a lawyer and banker, and three sons survive her. The funeral will be held from the Episcopal church Monday afternoon at 2:30.

## Ready for the Christmas Stocking



This pretty last minute shopper regrets she has but two arms to give to Christmas ready. But all the stockings and eager eyes open with hope the wondrous morning there will be nothing lacking to make Christmas a day of cheeriness.

Patton avenue, almost opposite the postoffice and is one of the most modern hardware stores in the state.

During the year property on Spruce street, in the vicinity of the city hall and courthouse, was purchased by W. T. Rowland and E. J. Randolph at a figure named as around \$50,000, sub-divided and sold, making a high figure for undeveloped business property.

The Gunnis Refining company was added to the new business of the city during the year and has expended over \$100,000 in new buildings, including three modern filling stations.

Three modern stores were erected in the business village during the year by L. B. Jackson and a modern home is now under construction by Slayden-Pakes and company, the latter to cost around \$50,000.

After the building at the corner of Biltmore avenue and Sycamore street, formerly owned by the T. C. Smith estate, has changed hands several times, it has been purchased by Sterch Brothers, of Knoxville, Tenn., and is being converted into a modern furniture store in the city, representing an investment of approximately \$150,000.

Byram H. Sumner and Son handled the investment of \$40,000. H. A. Deham and C. N. Malone are constructing the apartment building.

E. D. Latta, of Charlotte, who is making Asheville his home for a part of each year, purchased valuable business property on Biltmore avenue during the year and announced plans for the erection of seven modern stores, the entire investment being approximately \$250,000.

J. M. Chiles, owner of Kenilworth Inn, is now having the building remodeled in preparation to opening the hotel on February 22. Approximately \$500,000 will be expended by the hotel, including the remodeling and furnishing the hotel building, a bank building, stores and other improvements for the municipality of Kenilworth.

E. W. Grove started excavation for a new home for the Bon Marche to represent an investment of around \$500,000 and has also let a contract for the excavation of the entire Battery Park Hill, at a cost of \$250,000 and a 12-story office building for a modern hotel to cost \$500,000, to replace the present Battery Park hotel.

Improvements to stores, realty transactions not included in the sum of a million and a half dollars, according to real estate authorities and added materially to the building program of 1922 in Asheville.

L. B. Jackson has announced that a 12-story office building for the exclusive use of attorneys, will be erected at the corner of Southwest Pack square and Market street, to cost around \$175,000 and will be known as the Jackson building.

## 1922 One Of Most Brilliant In The History Of Asheville

### Several High Buildings, Three Modern Hotels, and Many New Business Houses Will Be Added Through Programs Started During the Present Year

By HUBERT HOLLOWAY.  
Asheville, Dec. 17.—The present year will pass into history as one of the most brilliant in the constructive development of the City of Asheville, with business developments, announced, in course of construction or completed, totaling approximately \$7,500,000.

Several high buildings, three modern hotels, numerous new stores and valuable business will be added to the city through programs started in 1922, a year when the entire world is undergoing a period of readjustment, following a time of unrest.

Compare 1922 with 1921, when the secretary of the chamber of commerce, then an infant organization, in his annual report said: "The real estate transactions for the past year amounted to \$919,000, and this has been done without the influence of a boom, but in the natural course of progress, healthy and stable." The Chamber of Commerce, which Asheville is destined to become a city of 75,000 population in 1930.

Starting with indications of being a banner year, one of the first building programs of the year, and one of the most comprehensive, was the allotment of \$200,000 for construction at Open Hospital, by the government. Two modern freestanding infirmary buildings have been erected and will shortly be placed in use. Each of the buildings is three-stories and modern in every detail.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. will be greatly aided by the new gymnasium building, being erected at a cost of \$150,000 and this modern department will be placed into use shortly after the new year.

Faith in the future of Asheville and Western North Carolina was evidenced by the late Mr. J. W. Hies and associates, of Marion, who purchased 12 acres of undeveloped property from the Appalachian Realty company, George N. Stephens, president, at a figure named as approximately \$60,000.

Shortly after the Marion interests acquired an additional acre of land from G. D. Allison at a figure named as around \$20,000. All of the property is located on Biltmore Avenue and plans for the development of the valuable holdings are now being made.

Over 1,000 acres of land in Beaver Dam Valley has been acquired by the Lakeview corporation and the residential development of the property, including a large lake, is contemplated at a cost of at least \$300,000 and the present year the development of the tract have already been started.

One of the outstanding additions to the recreational and social life of Asheville was the business life, is the Biltmore Forest Country club and the attractive building and grounds represent an investment of approximately \$1,200,000. Thomas Wadley Raouf and Junius T. Adams were two of the pioneers in this project and their accomplishments reflect much on the life of Asheville.

The Pack Theater, Asheville's newest playhouse, was opened to the public during the present year and the playhouse on Biltmore Avenue represents an investment of approximately \$75,000.

The hospitals of the city are not without additional facilities and the French Broad hospital stands as a monument to the city's progress.

## Max Gardner Buys Valuable Green Property For \$21,701

Special to Daily News.  
Shelby, Dec. 17.—Max Gardner Saturday bid in the home place of the late Major S. J. Green fronting 200 feet on South LaFayette and 132 on Graham streets at a price of \$21,701. The old brick colonial residence is dilapidated and the property is only one block from the court square and Mr. Gardner expects to develop it into business property in the course of year. Judge H. T. Falls who owned the property, had been in possession until he reached \$21,700 then left the auction for Mr. Gardner to take it for \$1 more. The property was sold for partition among the heirs.

**John H. Bass, a Millionaire, Dies At His Fort Wayne Home**  
Fort Wayne, Dec. 17.—John H. Bass, 67-year-old millionaire manufacturer and philanthropist, died at his home here late today after a lingering illness. Mr. Bass was the founder of the Bass Machine and Foundry company here.

In addition to extensive industrial and commercial interests in Fort Wayne, he was identified with manufacturing in Chicago, St. Louis, and in mining and steel industries in Alabama and Tennessee.

Save your pennies and the dollars will take care of the garage bill at the end of the month.

## GOMPERS IS AGAINST BUTLER APPOINTMENT

### Labor Chief Believes Pierce Butler Leans Too Much Toward Corporations

Washington, Dec. 17.—Asserting that railroad valuation cases are almost certain to come before the Supreme court in the next few weeks, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the January number of the American Federationist, protests against the appointment as an associate justice of Pierce Butler, who he says, "as an expert on railroad valuation would logically be a railroad expert on that question."

Mr. Gompers describes Mr. Butler's appointment as "one of the longest steps taken by President Harding back to what he calls 'normalcy,' declaring he 'belongs in the class called reactionary,' and as regent of the University of Business in the American Federationist, he is reported 'continuously antagonistic toward professors of liberal mind and 'liberal and domineering.'"

"When a man whose life has been marked by corporation leanings and sympathies and alliances," says Mr. Gompers' article, "takes to the study of railroad valuation or railroad rate-making it is fair to suspect that his conclusions will be in favor of the railroad industry, and that the view of the corporations in that field."

The senate judiciary committee is expected to report on the matter in a few days on Mr. Butler's nomination, a sub-committee having recommended confirmation.

## LEBAUDY FUND GOES TO WIFE AND CHILD

### Mrs. Sudreau, Who Killed Her Eccentric Husband, Gets \$2,455,038 and Daughter Gets \$4,055,976

Miscellaneous N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Marguerite A. L. Sudreau, formerly Mrs. Marguerite Lebaudy, who shot and killed Jacques Lebaudy on January 11, 1919, will receive \$2,455,038.19 from his estate, while her daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Lebaudy Sudreau, will get \$4,055,976.18, it was stated Saturday by County Tax Appraiser Thompson, who filed the transfer tax appraisal with the county surrogate. Mrs. Sudreau's husband was a wealthy, married Sudreau senior and junior, Parisian detectives, will divide their shares of the estate equally with the countess Jean Marie De Feis of Paris, sister of Lebaudy.

The elder Mrs. Sudreau was acquitted by a Nassau county jury of the murder of her husband after a sensational trial in which it was argued that the eccentric millionaire was mentally deranged and had threatened his daughter.

Lebaudy's eccentricities were internationally famous through his ill-fated attempt to create an empire of the gas with himself as emperor. He inherited most of his fortune from his mother, Mme. Amia Piu Lebaudy. His father was Max Lebaudy, "sugar king" of France. The estate consisted of an American mining stock and European securities.

## Lord's Day Alliance Against Opening Theaters On Sunday

New York, Dec. 17.—The Lord's day alliance, in a statement issued today over the signature of H. L. Bowby, general secretary, voiced a strong protest against plans for opening theaters along Broadway on New Year's eve, as a violation of Sabbath statutes. The statement characterized the word "opening" as an understatement that the performances would be given for the benefit of the actors' fund of America.

The statement says: "The Lord's day alliance in the United States is opposed to the opening of the theaters on Sunday and especially so under what appears clear enough to be a camouflage of the real purpose of the Sunday opening. It would be a violation of the Sunday laws. It is not in the real sense of the word an opening, but a move to enrich the pockets of the theater owners. It appears very clear that whatever the professions to the contrary, may be, that this general assembly is an opening wedge to regular Sunday performances in the legitimate theater."

## Nowak Begged the President Not to Attend Art Exhibit

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The president of Poland, Narutowicz, was embalmed today. It will be taken Tuesday to the ancient royal palace, where it will lie in state during a great public ceremony. The funeral will be held after the close of the president's state.

Narutowicz visited the art exhibition where he was assassinated, against the advice of Premier Nowak, who told him it would be dangerous to see the exhibition. Nowak, however, accepted an invitation presented by a delegation of artists, with whom he arranged that his visit should be a private one.

The president was shot while he was conversing with the British minister, William G. Max-Muller. Mr. Max-Muller had just offered congratulations on the election of Narutowicz to the presidency.

"Condolences, you would say," replied the president. He had scarcely spoken when three shots came in quick succession. Narutowicz slowly sank to his knees and then collapsed on the floor, dead.

## World-Famous Hebrew Author Dies Suddenly In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Dec. 17.—(Jewish Telegraph Agency.)—Eliezer Ben-Yahuda, a world famous Hebrew author, died here yesterday. His sudden death came before he had completed what was to have been the largest Hebrew lexicon, five of the contemplated 10 volumes remaining unfinished.

It was chiefly due to the efforts of Ben-Yahuda that he became the living language in Palestine. He modernized the language by introducing new words calculated to adopt the old language to present day life. At the outbreak of the war Ben-Yahuda left Palestine for the United States, where he continued his scientific work. He returned to Palestine at the conclusion of the war.

His funeral, which took place today at noon, was the largest ever seen in Palestine.

## Germans Would Sell Thirsty Formula For Making Whisky

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 17.—Ten thousand letters German mail order liquor concerns were seized at the Minneapolis postoffice last week by postal inspectors.

The undelivered letters, R. M. Huggard, postal inspector, says, are advertising circulars and offered formulas for making beer and wine for one dollar, specifying that the remittance be American money. Circulars from Germany offer German beer and wine among the 10,000 held at the postoffice.

## Gems of Bavarian Royalty to Be Sold to Help the Indigent

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(Copyright, 1922, by Philadelphia Public Ledger.)  
Munich, Dec. 17.—Jewelry from the Bavarian royal family's treasury and gems contributed by the Bavarian nobility will be auctioned next week to provide Christmas cheer for Munich's needy aristocrats and middle classes. The collection has been arranged by Prince Conrad, of Bavaria.

Bavarian democrats are inquiring from whence, in the midst of a country in great need, Herr Hitler draws the abundant sums to finance the fascist organization. They claim to have identified manufacturers as his paymasters; although the industrial league as such denies all responsibility.

## Two Bandits Killed

Manila, Dec. 17.—Two bandits were killed and five constabulary soldiers were wounded when a band of 15 Moros attacked the constabulary detachment on Secumban island in the Sulu group, it was announced in a telegram received today at constabulary headquarters here.

The Moros were repulsed and the entire company of constabulary pursued them into the mountains.

## Houghton Returns to Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The American ambassador, Alan S. Houghton, who has been in London conferring with Ambassadors Harvey and Fletcher, returned to Berlin today.

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## Strong Labor Vote a Feature

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 17.—A feature of the general elections has been the strong labor vote throughout the commonwealth but the actual results cannot be known at present owing to the incompleteness of the count and the need to await allotment of the various preference votes.

Although Premier Hughes, who is leader of the nationalist party, is safe, some of his ministers and prominent lieutenants are in danger of defeat.