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COUNTY TAX ERROR RECENT DISCOVERY

QUICK ACTION IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT CURTAILMENT OF SCHOOL TERMS.

INITIAL LEVY OF 32 CENTS

A Number of Counties Have Grievously Miscalculated Amount of Levy Required to Insure State Aid.

Raleigh. Information is coming to the state department of education that in the levying of the school tax in some of the counties a serious error is being committed that will either curtail the school terms to three or four months or cause immediate and radical readjustment of the school tax levy.

State Superintendent Brooks is calling on the county superintendents of schools to investigate as to their counties at once and see that there are readjustments on proper basis where the error that is causing the trouble has been committed.

The state law provides a 32-cent tax for schools and then enables the counties to levy an additional county tax up to 35 cents, whatever is necessary to meet the requirements and insure the county's share so that the total tax can be paid over in prescribed ratio. The reports to the state department indicate that numbers of the counties have made the mistake of only levying a county school tax that will make the whole school tax, state and county 35 cents, instead of the possible 67 cents.

North Carolina Casualty.

In the casualty list released, among the casualties reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces occurs the name of Private Wm. E. Baker, of Hamilton, N. C., died of disease.

Total number of casualties to date:	
Killed in action	34,571
Died from wounds	13,954
Died of disease	23,660
Died of accident and other causes	5,292
Wounded in action (over 85 per cent returned)	214,412
Missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned)	2
Total to date	291,391

Webb Sure of Judgship.

Washington (Special).—While the report of the inspector has not been made public, Senator Overman has been apprised that the Department of Justice has completed its investigation into the competency and fitness of Judge James E. Boyd, Federal Judge in the western district, and that as a result of this investigation there is no longer any doubt about the appointment and confirmation of Representative E. Yates Webb.

Enrollment May Reach 1,200.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, held in the governor's office, President Chase stated that 415 new students had already presented certificates for entrance this fall. He anticipates a total enrollment of something more than 1,200 at the opening on September 30th.

Check for Inheritance Tax.

A check for \$26,334.84 inheritance tax has been received by the State of North Carolina from a non-resident who held property in the form of corporation stock in this state. The Corporation Commission got on the trail of the big tax money when a transfer of stock was asked for and Mr. R. O. Self, now chief clerk of the commission, dug up the coin for the state.

American Legion Sunday.

Sunday, November 9, will be American Legion Sunday, on which ministers all over the country will be asked to devote a part of their sermons, to the work of this legion.

Want Phone Rates to Stand.

The Corporation Commission set September 30 for a hearing of the representatives of the Southern Bell Telephone company on petition for a formal order to continue in force rates allowed by government, under government control. The hearing will take place at 3 o'clock.

Another hearing is to precede the Southern Bell appointment for the day. At 11 o'clock Black Mountain

people will be here before the commission on the matter of telephone and electric light rates.

Raleigh Most Lawless City.

Declarations made by Dr. Weston R. Bruner, pastor, in a sermon at Tabernacle Baptist church that Raleigh is one of the most lawless for its size that he ever knew, are likely to be called for proof, if proof there be, if talk in police, city court and general municipal circles today counts for anything. Dr. Bruner's contention was that he knows of no city the size of Raleigh where the spirit of lawlessness is more in evidence and harder to control or curb.

Epidemic of Typhoid.

Thirty-one cases of typhoid fever near Denver, Lincoln county, called Dr. F. M. Register, epidemiologist, there to take charge of the first real outbreak of typhoid fever reported this summer.

The physician's facts are meager, but the reports show the stricken men to be all in a close community 18 miles from a drug store and poorly fixed for treatment. The outbreak is traced to a spring in the vicinity. No deaths have been reported, but it is very probable that some have occurred.

Lincoln put on its vaccination campaign this year and 1,000 were immunized. But this was a very small percentage of the population. Dr. Register will set on anew vaccination campaign and see if the number vaccinated cannot be quadrupled in a short while.

Similarly, he hopes that other counties, which constitute a small percentage of the whole, will renew their fight. Substantial results have been gained in the reduction of the typhoid death rate. This was to have been the banner year and the health department hopes to make it so in the face of epidemic.

School of Fertilizers.

It is claimed that the Southern Fertilizer Association is the first industry in this country to send its entire sales force to college for the purpose of special training in service to their customers. The North Carolina Agricultural and Engineering College at Raleigh has been selected as one of four agricultural institutions of the south to which fertilizer salesmen will be sent for a week's short course. All salesmen from Virginia and North Carolina are to attend this school, and hear lectures from the members of the staff of the agricultural college, also addresses from visitors from other agricultural colleges in the territory.

Poor Pay and Slow Promotion.

Washington (Special).—After fifteen unbroken years—quite a span where fidelity to duty and loyalty to an individual are interwoven—John W. Brown has resigned as clerk to Senator Lee S. Overman.

Effective October 1, Mr. Brown returns to his home in Salisbury as secretary to the Brown Realty and Insurance Company. Inadequate pay for government clerks and a future where promotion is uncertain are reasons assigned for his resignation.

Better Pay for Postoffice Clerks.

Washington (Special).—A measure of financial relief for postoffice clerks and postal employes throughout North Carolina is promised following the visit to Washington of a committee representing the North Carolina Postmasters' Association. Senator Townsend, chairman of the senate postoffice committee, informed the Tar Heel delegation that his committee would move to give salary increases to the lower paid employes.

May Retain Employment Service.

Commissioner of Labor Shipman, just back from Baltimore where he attended the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, in its 100th convention, and Washington, where he conferred with the department of labor and census bureau, says he is assured that his department of labor will have the advantages again this year of cooperation with the federal census bureau in the gathering of industrial statistics and that, in his capacity as federal director in this state for the employment service, he will be able to maintain the branch offices.

Paying War Risk Claims.

Washington (Special).—North Carolina families are being paid \$24,322,160 in war risk insurance claims by Uncle Sam. He is making restitution to those whose sons and husbands died in the service of their country during the greatest war of all times.

There are 2,784 insurance claims being paid in North Carolina through

the bureau of war risk insurance to beneficiaries named at the time application for insurance was made by soldiers, sailors and marines, now dead. The average policy carried by these 2,784 men was \$8,740.

District Offices Organized.

With the establishment of the district headquarters offices of the Internal Revenue Department at Washington, Wilmington and New Bern, the organization of the ten districts in the state has been completed and the task of collecting the government's revenue systematized. Supervisor A. D. Watts was in Raleigh from these three offices where he had been to assist District Supervisors Rodman, of Washington; Emerson, of Wilmington; and Woodley, of New Bern, to complete their organization.

Working Staff Complete.

The state board of vocational education, after months of painstaking effort and investigation, has completed its staff of workers for putting over the program of vocational education in North Carolina, provided for in the state plans.

The Federal Smith-Hughes Act requires each state to make provision for the training of teachers in each type of vocational work before the close of 1920 or the funds for the promotion of vocational education in that specific subject will be withheld.

PRESIDENT WILSON CANCELS BALANCE OF SPEAKING TOURS

Wichita, Kan. — President Wilson cancelled the remainder of his tour under orders from Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the president's physician, and will return to Washington direct from Wichita.

Although it was said, there was nothing critical about the president's condition, Dr. Grayson, his physician, declared a nervous reaction affecting the digestive organs made suspension of his trip imperative.

INTERNED ENEMY ALIENS ARE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRY

New York. — More than 1,500 enemy aliens, the majority Germans, who were interned in this country during the war, sailed for Rotterdam on the transport Peachontas. In the party were 115 women who are voluntarily returning to Germany.

The men were brought to Hoboken on special trains after being confined to prisons at Forts McPherson, Ogdontown, Douglas and other internment points.

POINDEXTER SAYS WILSON IS GREATEST MENACE TO WORLD

New York. — President Wilson was characterized as "the world's greatest menace" in an address by United States Senator Miles Poindexter at a mass meeting of Queens county Republicans in Long Island City. The meeting was held to celebrate the four anniversary of the founding of the Republican party.

The senator from Washington said the president was "the greatest pro-German in the country."

EIGHT GERMAN LINERS ARE TO BE RETAINED BY THE U. S.

Washington. — Eight German liners including the former Hamburg-American steamer Imperator, second largest ship in the world, allocated to the United States by the inter-allied shipping commission after the signing of the armistice and used to bring home American troops are to be retained by the United States. Plans to place them in passenger and freight service are being prepared.

FRENCH CONSIDER LEAGUE GUARANTEE INSUFFICIENT

Paris. — In an explanation to the chamber of deputies Premier Clemenceau, after declaring that the league of nations could exist even though rejected by the United States senate, asserted that it was precisely because the French felt that the league of nations was insufficient guarantee for some years to come that the protective treaties of alliance between France, Great Britain and the United States were drawn up.

GERMANY READY AT ANY TIME TO BEGIN ON EXPORTATIONS

Buenos Aires. — Members of the German delegation called on Foreign Minister Pueyrredon and discussed the proposed loan of \$100,000,000 by Argentina presented a memorandum to the foreign minister, which dwells on the strength of the present German government and emphasizes the strong industrial position of the county. "The industries of Germany are intact," it says.

FAIRER DIVISION OF CARS IS PROMISED

RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION IS TO AID SOUTHERN STATES IN TASK OF MOVING COAL.

WILL INCREASE PRODUCTION

Assurances Were Given at Conference Between Southern Senators and Committee on Railroads.

Washington. — Assurances of a fairer equalization of the coal car supply in the southern states in order that coal production can be increased to meet the demand this winter were given by A. G. Guthrie of the car service section of the railroad administration to a committee from southern states. The committee came to Washington to seek relief for that section of the country, and assurances were given at a conference between Mr. Guthrie, southern senators and members of that committee.

The committee announced it would accept the railroad administration's assurances but said if the promises were not carried out pressure for action would be brought against the railroad administration through southern senators. At conference the committee said it was not seeking any preferential rights but merely desired an adequate supply to enable mines in the southern states to increase their production.

RIVAL FACTIONS MARSHAL FORCES FOR REAL FIGHT

Washington. — While the German peace treaty received only brief consideration in the senate, outside developments indicated that the factions were lining up for the real fight over the league of nations covenant.

The outstanding feature of the day was the announcement by Senator Johnson, republican, of California, that he would leave here for the Pacific coast to keep up his attack on the treaty, which was accepted to mean finally that his proposed amendment to equalize the voting power of the United States and Great Britain would not be called up for weeks hence.

FITZPATRICK MAKES BOLD ASSERTION TO COMMITTEE.

Washington. — Appearing as labor's first witness in the senate investigation of the steel strike, John Fitzpatrick, of Chicago, chairman of the strikers' committee, declared that an agreement by the United States Steel corporation to arbitrate differences with its employees would result in an immediate end of the walkout, which, he said, now affects 340,000 men.

LIBERTY BONDS BAIL FOR ALLEGED ANARCHISTS.

New York. — Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, whose arrests for deportation have been ordered following their release from federal prisons will escape being locked up again immediately after their liberation by depositing bail in the form of Liberty bonds. It was announced here by Harry Weinberger, their attorney.

Liberty bonds valued at \$15,000 were sent to the commissioner general of immigration at Washington as bail for Miss Goldman.

Bail for Berkman in the same amount as that provided for Miss Goldman will not be produced until he arrives in New York from Atlanta under arrest when bonds will be deposited as security for his appearance when he is wanted, Weinberger said.

RUMOR CURRENT THAT LENINE HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED

Paris. — A rumor was in circulation on the Bourse here that Nikolai Lenine, the Russian bolshevik premier, had been assassinated.

BIG PICNIC AT CENTREVILLE.

We are requested to state that there will be a big picnic at Centreville on Saturday, October 4th, 1919, when several speeches on live topics will be made. A big barbecue dinner will be served for the benefit of the Centreville Baptist Church. Among the speakers will be Mr. G. M. Beam, a prominent lawyer of Louisburg. The public is invited.

STRIKE AND TREATY PARAMOUNT ISSUES

EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT INTERVENTION BY PRESIDENT WILSON MAY BE MADE.

BRINGING MATTERS TO HEAD

The Side of Capital in the Controversy Will be Heard by Committee Through Chairman Gary.

Washington. — The German peace treaty and the steel strike remain the engrossing affairs of Congress.

Prospects of a vote on the amendments to the treaty, proposed by Senator Fall, republican, of New Mexico, and providing for elimination of virtually all American representation on international commissions together with President Wilson's return to the capital, is expected to bring to a head the vital issues in the treaty contest.

Industrial unrest emphasized by the steel strike will share attention in the senate with the peace treaty. Hearings in the labor committee's investigation of the steel strike will be resumed, when Chairman Gary, of the United States Steel corporation, is to give capital's side of the controversy. Later the committee plans to hear Secretary William Z. Foster, of the strike committee and other witnesses and it would not surprise many observers if efforts to bring about intervention by President Wilson would be made.

Whether President Wilson will continue the fight against all reservations, "mild" or "strong" interpretations or definite, or will make known a disposition to accept ratification of the treaty with some sort of reservations, may be decided this week, it is believed in both democratic and republican quarters.

PESSIMISM IN WASHINGTON OVER UNREST CONTINUES.

Washington. — There is pessimism here over the industrial unrest. It is feared that a world-wide panic may come if the treaty is not ratified.

Senator Oscar W. Underwood, who is a very level-headed man, and a statesman, thinks that the business people of the country favor the league of nations. He believes that it is absolutely necessary at this time to stabilize the world. In a conversation he said that if we expect to sell our products to foreign countries, and maintain our export trade credits must be extended. He explained that the government had extended about all the credit it can afford to at this time, and that American business men and concerns must take it up now. But before this can be done or will be done the war must be declared off.

FAMOUS HOWITZER MILL HAS BEEN NATIONALIZED.

Vienna. — The famous Skoda arms and ammunition works, near Pilsen, have been nationalized, according to messages reaching here. A national council has been named to conduct the works composed of six Czechs and three Frenchmen.

The last previous advice regarding the Skoda works were that their purchase was being negotiated for by an American syndicate. A Geneva dispatch on August 31, however, said there was a hitch in the negotiations because of a difference on the question of the price to be paid.

The Skoda works produced the famous Austrian howitzers, one of the most effective heavy artillery weapons used by the central powers.

BRIEF REST WILL PUT THE PRESIDENT IN FINE SHAPE.

Washington. — President Wilson will be all right in a few days. He was threatened with serious illness, but Dr. Cary T. Grayson has brought him around all right. A brief rest will put him in fine shape.

FIRE.

Fire discovered in Baldy Greens, colored, meat market under the Ford Warehouse on East Street last Friday about noon created quite a little stir on the streets. The quick action of the Fire Department, in getting control of the situation, no doubt, saved a serious fire. The damage was small, owing to prompt discovery and work. The fire evidently started from a cigarette falling into a lot of waste paper.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GREAT STRIKE

DEFINITION OF STRIKE ISSUE AS TO RIGHT OF EMPLOYEES TO BE HEARD.

CONDEMN FOREIGN AGITATOR

Apparent Deadlock by Lack of Violence Apparently Prevailing in Chief Steel Centers.

Washington. — The chief developments of events in the great steel strike are as follows:

Definition of the strike issue as the right of employes "to be heard, to organize and to have some voice in determining conditions under which they labor"—made by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, before the senate labor committee in Washington.

Announcement that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., principal owner of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, will take no part in the strike of 6,000 workers at the Pueblo plant.

Claim by union officials that workers in the Youngstown district, at a meeting held to vote on the question of returning to work, had decided against such a move.

Condemnation of "foreign agitators" and commendation of Sheriff William Haddock, of Allegheny county by a coroner's jury in Pittsburgh which returned a verdict of "death from gunshot wounds inflicted by persons unknown" while an attack was being made on deputy sheriffs during a riot in the case of a woman organizer and striker.

Apparent deadlock, marked by lack of violence apparently prevailing in the chief steel centers.

DENIES WILSON MIDDLED IN FIUME CONTROVERSY.

Rome. — The Stefan agency, the semi-official Italian news agency, denies that President Wilson has demanded the expulsion of Gabriele d'Annunzio from Fiume, or threatened an economic blockade of Italy.

The news agency add that President Wilson sent two dispatches, one of them reaching the American delegation in Paris, and the other arriving in Rome. Both of them were without menace, according to the news agency and expressed the most cordial sentiments towards Italy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT PLANNING TRANS-PACIFIC AIR FLIGHT.

Washington. — Tentative plans now under consideration at the navy department call for a seaplane flight from San Diego, Cal., to the Philippine islands sometime this winter or in the early spring. Stops will be made at Hawaii, Wake Island and Guam under present plans.

The total distance to be covered in the flight will be more than 7,000 miles or twice the distance covered by the NC-4 in flying across the Atlantic.

TWENTY MILLION FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION HERE.

New York. — A gift of \$20,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller for the improvement of medical education in the United States was announced by the general education board. The official announcement of the gift says that the income of the \$20,000,000 is to be currently used and the entire principal is to be distributed within 50 years.

BRITISH RAILWAY STRIKE TAKES ON SERIOUS ASPECT.

London. — The Associated Press learns authoritatively that the government takes the view that the railroad strike must be fought with every facility at its command, even to the employment of armed forces if necessary. The war office announced that it would be necessary to suspend demobilization of the army and cancel all leaves of absence forthwith.

WILL BE GUESTS AT WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, Sept. 28. — King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium will be guests of the President and Mrs. Wilson at the White House next Saturday, Sunday and Monday. It was announced today at the state department.

It is but natural that a man should get hot when others "roast" him.