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"I warn the people that a desperate effort is being made by a small but powerful invisible empire to defeat the tax amendment to the constitution—look out for the hirings of this empire at the polls," declares Governor Bickett in a statement issued last night after he had read the story in yesterday's News and Observer of the organization of the cotton mill men of the State to defeat the amendments.

The governor's statement was issued after a conference with State officials and others actively supporting the tax amendment. Evidence of the combination and of the fact that certain interests in the State are collecting a large sum of money were laid before the governor, bearing out the belief that has been held for some time that organized effort is standing in the way of the adoption of the amendments.

The formal statement is as follows: "The Governor's Statement. 'It is well known that I am not a candidate for any office under the sun. There is not about me the ghost of an ambition for any further political preferment. Out of a sense of gratitude I do profoundly desire to serve the ninety and nine in North Carolina down to the last hour of my time.

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Members of the local committee on taxation amendments, of which Dr. Clarence Poe is chairman, were in conference last night over the disclosures in the News and Observer yesterday morning and afterwards issued the following statement:

### Local Committee Needs

"The committee reports gratification over the new interest aroused in the amendments as a result of the open opposition of wealthy and powerful interests. Not only are the Democratic candidates for Governor Mr. Morrison, Senator Simmons and Chairman Warren actively supporting the amendment, but it has been endorsed by Republican Chairman Lacey and Senatorial Candidate A. E. Holtor, while Mr. John J. Parker makes advocacy of the income tax an outstanding feature of all his campaign speeches. Mr. A. L. French, Republican nominee for commissioner of agriculture, has also just issued a vigorous appeal to Republican farmers of the State, calling upon them to support the taxation amendment."

### THINK UNITED STATES OF RUSSIA IS POSSIBLE

Officials Look To This Form of Government as Likely To Supplant Soviet Rule

Washington, Oct. 24.—A United States of Russia is now looked for by officials here as the most likely possibility among forms of government to follow dissolution of the Soviet regime. Official advisers today said the Bolshevik breakdown is rapidly continuing in Russia.

## SCOTCH "HERRING GIRLS" AT WORK



Photograph shows girls at work at Scarborough, England, rolling the herring barrels from the dock to a steamer. The girls secure employment in fishing centers during the herring season. They are amazingly dextrous in the way they manipulate these heavy barrels.

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## GOVERNOR COX OFF FOR LAST WEEK OF CAMPAIGN ORATORY

### Issues Statement Before Leaving N. Y. Attacking Saturday Evening Post

### SAYS GREAT JOURNAL HAS BETRAYED MISSION

Declares It Has Thrown Off Cloak of Non-Partisanship, and Criticizes Cartoons and Partisan Editorial in Issue Thursday; Speaking Ground for This Week

New York, Oct. 24.—After a 40-hour visit, which his campaign managers declared had "won New York," Governor Cox left here this afternoon for the last week of his campaign speech-making before the Presidential election.

Before entraining for West Virginia and thence to Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio, the Democratic candidate for President expressed "entire confidence" in the outcome of the campaign.

"Frankly, I expect to be elected," he said in one of his five speeches yesterday to him and to Mrs. Cox at the hotel in which they stopped here.

Throughout the day, except for an hour during which he drove around the city as guest of George White, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Governor Cox kept to his apartment, receiving the latest reports on the election outlook from his lieutenants in the field.

### E. H. Moore Confers.

Among those who were closest with him were E. H. Moore, who acted as the governor's pre-convention manager, Norman E. Mack, Democratic national committeeman for New York; George Foster Peabody and Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi.

In the course of the afternoon Mrs. Cox announced she had given up her plan to accompany her husband on the final leg of the Presidential race. Instead, she said, she would return to Dayton to await the outcome at her home.

Just before leaving the hotel for the Pennsylvania terminal where the special train awaited, Governor Cox issued the following statement:

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"Propaganda is not effective when it is labelled, but in the guise of facts it strangles the truth, and molds the minds into which it is introduced as facts. The American people discovered this during the war and finally they put upon disloyal propaganda the label which destroyed it.

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In this spirit the Saturday Evening Post has been admitted as a counsellor and finds its way into millions of American homes.

"But the number of this magazine which is to be distributed next Thursday, the last number before election, suddenly throws off the cloak of non-partisanship. For the first time in its history it resorts to partisan editorial and insidious cartoons to create a sentiment for the Republican ticket. In the cartoons I am represented as a newsboy, investing false and sensational happenings for the purpose of selling my wares. My opponent is depicted as kindly and wise. The impression is sought to be created that I am irresponsible; Senator Harding grave and reliable.

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