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START DRIVE FOR

ENDOWMENT FUND

Miss Mary Owen Graham Lends

of National Committee Call.

ed In St. Louis; Nothing Ser-

ious, Declares National Com.

The News and Observer Bureau,

603 District National Bank Bldg.,

BY JOE L. BAKER.

(By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, Feb. 8.-The drive for

\$200,000 eddowment fund for St. Mary's

school at Raleigh was opened tonight

with a dinner given at the Army and Navy Club by the District of Columbia committee.

About thirty covers were laid for the

Mrs. William G. Rivers, wife of the

engineer commissioner of the District

of Columbia, who presided and intro-

duced the speakers, Mrs. Rivers is chairman of the endowment fund com-

mittee for the division including the

District of Columbia, Virginia, Mary-

Plan of Campaign.

Under the plan adopted for the can-paign each alumna will be responsible for raising \$260 for the endowment

fund. Under this apportionment, about \$5,000 will be raised in the District of

Mrs. William G. McAdoo is chairman

of the National Committee in charge of

the campaign, but is now in Mexico, Mrs. McAdoo and Mrs. A. S. Burleson, wife

salary of \$1,000, Fred W. Kluttz has been appointed to

the postmastership at Rockwell, Rowan county, vice George H. Wheeler, re-

signed.

Alex J. Kirby has been commissioned

Press Club Celebrates.

Miss Graham Joins Signers.

The name of Miss Mary Graham, North Carolina's Democratic National

Louis or some other central city, that

the committee may be reorganized.

ever, that the call will be issued prior to the meeting of the executive com-

city. The matter will no doubt be taken up at that time, and action taken

to meet whatever signation presents it self to the executive committee.

No Serious Schlem
Of the reported schism in the committee, Angu W. McLasn, National

cemmitteeman for North Carolina and a member of the executive committee, in discussing the situation with the News and Observer correspondent, said that he did not see that there was any serious difference presenting itself, certainly none that indicated any split in the party and nothing that cannot be adjusted. The only difference in opinion at one members of the commit-

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land and Pennsylvania.

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FOR ST. MARY'S

TWELVE PAGES TODAY.

RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 9, 1921.

cal Unity More Important

Than His Fortunes

REELING UNDER BLOW

DESCRIBES WORLD AS

German War Plot That Failed Revealed By Shipping Board

Four Defective Bolts, Taken From Machinery of Transport Mount Vernon. Tell Story Of Effort Made To Send American Soldiers To Watery Grave-But The Break Down Never Came.

District of Columbia Commit-New York, Feb. 8 .- (By the Associated | It is to be presumed that in certain tee Gives Dinner at the Army and Navy Club bolts, taken from the machinery of the transport Mount Vernon, told the tale. They were discovered by the en RALEIGH WOMAN JOINS gineering forces of Commandr R. D. **DEMOCRATIC SIGNERS** Gatewood, director of the shipping board's division of construction and re

Influence To Have Meeting Here is the story. After the Mount an order for full speed shead. Vernon-formerly the Kronpringessen Cecile, the famous "gold ship" that raced into Bar Harbor in the early days of the war-had been seized as a troop ship, her German erew cut two thirds of the way through the four six inch bolts that connected the engines with the main crank-shaft. The skillfully-made cuts remained hidden by the fittings of the engines, and were only discovered recently when the engines were taken

pairs, and placed on exhibition at his

l'ress.)—A German war plot that failed American detention camps there were was revealed here today. Four defectrained German engineers who waited eagerly for reports which did not come "something happening" to the converted troop ship. For it is believed that the bolts were left barely holding with the hope that the craft would just ereep out into the U boat lanes and then fall prey to the undersea craft when a andden strain on the engines came with

But the break down never came. Luck or toughness of steel permitted the liner to make a dozen round-trips through submarine infested sens carrying on each yoyage from 3,000 to 4,000 men. Just to round things out, she encircled the globe to bring troops home from

The Mount Vernon had several nar row escapes. Once she was torpedoed and 35 of her crew killed, but made her way to a French port.

Give Hens More Light and Get More Eggs, Says Dr. B.F. Kaupp

dinner. Among the supple were Secre-tive me dies learning leading to tree. Alfred I. Harding, of Washington, Rev. Warren W. Way, rector of St. Mary's school, who made the principal address a pen of 30 Rhode Island heng at the State College poultry plant, according and Miss Emilie Myatts McVea, president of Sweet Briar College, an alumna to Dr. B. F. Kaupp who has just comof St. Mary's school, and its former lady pleted an experiment with artificial principal. Secretary Daniels also made an address. light extending over a period of one

Two flocks of thirty hens each were commandant at Fort Myer, opened the dinner program by introducing Mrs. Cary H. Brown, wife of Major Brown, given the same amount of feedstuff and identical care and attention. One pen was lighted with a 120 watt electric light from sundown until about 9:30 p. m., or long enough to give the nens fifteen hours of light in which to work. The other pen was not lighted, the hens being kept under natural con-

The flock given fifteen hours of light, day and artificial laid 147 eggs per hen. The other flock averaged

is the slogan apparently adopted by during November, December, January, and February, the season when eggs are scarce and high. During this per ied sixty per cent of the flock under light laid regularly, while only ten per cent of the flock under natural conditions produced.

While the results of Dr. Kaupp's experiments will be hailed with joy by poultry raisers and millions of consumers may rise up to call him blessed, the jokesmiths will no doubt iearn about the explosion of their most socient joke with considerable dis-

Since the day Adam ate the apple a favorite yarn on the minstrel stage has been about the farmer, who fooled his hens into laying twice a day by

HOUSE-VOTES TO ALLOW PART PAYMENT TO ROADS

Action of Previous Day Rescind. ed, By Congress After Extended Debate

of the Postmaster General, both atvented from attending the dinner to-night, Mrs. McAdoo by absence and Mrs. Burleson by a previous engage-Washington, Feb. 8.—Brought up un der a rule giving it privileged status, An examination to obtain eligibles from which list to fill the vacancy in the postmastership at Belmo has been ordered to be held March 16. The examination will take place at Gastonia. The Belmont postmastership carries a salary of \$1,000 payment to railroads under the guaranty section of the transportation act was passed today by the House.

The bill was defeated yesterday when oted on under suspension of rules which required a two-thirds vote on passage. Some Democrats who led the fight against it then on the ground that effort was being made to rush it through turned about and supported it after opportunity had been giv en for debate and amendment.

There was plenty of debate, but only the government against over-payment,

Distinguished guests were entertained tonight by the members of the National Press Club post of the American Legion, on the occasion of the installation of officers. The guests included General Lohn I Postsking Secretary was adopted.
Chairman Esch of the interstate com merce committee, which reported the measure said legislation was needed be-John J. Pershing, Secretary of the Navy John J. Pershing, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Major General Le-jeunc, of the Marine Corps, and Ad-miral Coontz. Secretary Daniels made an address on "The Press in the War." For the event, the Press club had lavishly decorated its quarters in pacause the treasury had refused to accept the ruling of the interstate commerce commission that about \$350,000,000 due the carriers should be paid now, as the law which he helped frame,

By giving the roads the money due crat, Texas, a member of the committee, declared they would be able to committeewoman, was today added to the list of those joining in the tele-graphic demand upon Chairman George White that he call a meeting of the na-tional committee for March 1, at St. operate on a sane basis, free from enanglements with the government.

HARDING BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS VACATION SHIP

Daytona, Pla., Feb. 8.—After a day's Following the original telegram with Daytons, Fis., Feb. 8.—After a day's outing in Seabreeze and Daytons, President-Elect Harding returned to his stranded house boat Victoria in Mosquito Lagoon tenight to pack his baggage and to finally bid farewell to the vacation ship. All efforts to pull the Victoria out of the mud failed today, and Mr. Harding decided not to wait the names of forty-nine of the 106 members of the committee appended, which went to Chairman White Sunday, six additional names were telegraphed yesterday. Mirs Graham's name was total of 56 that have been appended to the call for a reorganization meet-Nothing was given out here about longer for her to resume her northward cruise. He expects to come ashore to-morrow morning and complete his trip Miss Graham joining is the request except the mere fact that she had added up the coast to St. Augustine by train. name to the list of those asking that the meeting be held.

I is assumed that Mr. White will call the committee together on or about house boat involved many difficulties, the party threading a narrow jungle trail and picking a precarious way along a rickety pier to board the launch that took them out to the Vic-toria. The trip furnished a familiar date requested, it being held by some of the party leaders in Washington-that he has no alternative, the request having been made by more than a majority of the cor.mittee members. It is not believed by these leaders, howcompanion piece to Mr. Harding's experience hat November when he at-tempted to leave Point Isabel, Texas, after similar bad luck had broken up his vacation there. mittee which Chairman White has called to be held February 17th in this

FOUR KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING IN VIRGINIA

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 8. Four people were instantly killed early this morning at a grade crossing near Wellville, Va., 25 miles west of here, when a Norfolk and Western passenger train struck an automobile in which train struck an automobile in which they were riding. They were the only occupants of the machine.

The dead are: Ira Cole, 23; Ellis Cole, 17; and Mr. and Mrs. Hodges Jenkina, all of whim live near Crewe. Their bodies were badly mutilated by the impact, and the machine was totally wrecked. A fasight train west bound, cut off the view of the passenters, and while attempting to cross-

shen the committee shall get down to work, preliminary to the 1922 con-pressional carepaign. Those who are reging that the committee be called to bet on or about March let hold that againstion for the next carepaign should begin coincident with the in-sensing of the Harding administration,

keeping a light burning in his hen bouse at night. SENATE COMMITTEE NOT AGAINST CAPITAL SHIPS

Concludes From Testimony of Experts It Would Be Unwise To Have Recess

.Washington, Feb. 8.—The Senate na ral committee has concluded from testimony of naval experts that it would be unwise and inadvisable to stop work for six months on empital ships build-ing for the navy while experts study the question of best types based on the lessons of the world war.

In response to Senator Borah's resolu tion of inquiry as to the advisability of such a move, the committee will report its conclusions to the Senate, probably tomorrow. Its report will be prepared by Senator Poindexter, Re-publican, Washington, who was instructed to draft it after final committee action on the proposal today.

The committee acted in executive

ession, but so far as could be learned there was no division of opinion at tion was taken soon after members of the navy general board appeared to oppose the proposal. Previous to that the committee had heard Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral W. S. Sims, president of the Naval War College, at Newport, R. I., and Bradley A. Fiske, re tired ,former aide for operations. The House naval committee continued

today its study of the disarmament question, hearing Sir Philip Gibbs, British war correspondent, who said with the United States for sea su-premacy. England, he said, did not have the money and, he added, most Englishmen do not regard an American navy as a menace,

DYNAMITE NEGRO HOUSE IN SOUTH JACKSONVILLE

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 9.-Two negro houses were partially wrecked in South Jacksonville at an early hour this morning by an explosion of dynamite placed under one of the structures. There was no loss of life. Will Bell, negro, however, had a miraculous escape from death, as the whole rearend of his house was demolished. Apparently two sticks of dynamite were placed under the house, as there were two separate explosions.

Recently all negro houses located in that section of South Jucksonville were placarded with anonymous notices warning coupants to vacate the warning coupants to vacate the premises at once. Practically all negroes heeded the warning and it was stated this morning that Bell recently moved into the house as a caretaker. Scores of police officers and deputies are still at the r ne of the explosion endeavoring to you down those cuilty of the ing to run down those guilty of the crime.

GEDDES TO TAKE LEAD IN DISARMAMENT MEET

Feb. 8.-Sir Auckland London. Geddes, the British ambassador to the United States, is returning to Washington armed with full powers to press forward proposals for a world conference on disarmament, according to reports published in the afternoon pa-It is declared that this was one of

nest important questions the am-

the tracks after the freight train had passed, they were struck by the passenger train.

Bouth Caroline Beats Citadel.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. S.—The University of South Caroline backethall team defeated the Citadel, the military college of South Carolina, by a second of St. to 12 hare tonight.

FRANCE RECRIVES ACCEPTANCE

OF INVITATION BY GERMANS.

Paris, Feb. S.—The foreign office to day received Germany's reply accepting the invitation was accepted on the understanding that any proposals the Germany desire to make will be heard. Preme officials interpret this to mean that C. rmany intends to make counter-appropriate.

PREMIER DEFENDS SALARY INCREASE COALITION RULE IN GREAT BRITAIN AFTER LONG DEBATE

Lloyd George Declares Politi-Cowles and Others

GRANT TACKS ON RIDER. TO GIVE MEMBERS \$250

Coalitionists Have Given Ireland Greater Measure of Home Rule Than Either Gladstone or Asquith, He Says; Cordemns Irish For Wolfare Substitute Refusal To Accept Offer

London, Feb. 8 .- (By the Associated Press .- "We are engaged in a terrible task," said Premier Lloyd George in a speech today to the Welsh National Liberal council, in which in impassioned dug political pit carefully concessed words he defended the conlition government and pleaded ardently for a conment and pleaded ardently for a con- of statutory State officers, Supreme tenuntion of political unity. If is and Superior court states, parallel (18) and Superior to the content of the state of the s something store important than defending myself and my administration." The measure had already passed the

that the need for unity had passed, and exclaimed: "I wish to God everybody could, because it worries me; it fills me sometimes with dread. "If someone could tell me that the danger is past, someone with authority someone with vision, someone whose word we could take, I should be so glad that I would sign my resignation to morrow.

A world reeling under the most ter rible blow ever dealt, was the way he described the situation of today; gigantic events were in the making, and old factional fights among the various parties should not be resurrected until the peril was over.

The premier's speech was in answe to recent vigorous attacks against the coalition and the breaking away of some of the important coalitionists who have decided that the time has come to stand for their own parties.
Alluding to Ireland he said the coali

tionists had given Ireland a greater measure of home rule than either Gladstone or Asquith had proposed.
"But," he added, "they say they won't take it. They must have an Irish

won't take it. They must have an Irish republic; an Irish army, an Irish navy. They won't get it and if they don't get it, we are told, they will kill our policemen, our soldiers—not in open fighting, but hiding in homes, walking as respectable tenant farmers or swaggering along the read until they come to a iding place, where they find rifles, passing perhaps the very policemen. passing perhaps the very policement they are about to murder, as though

they were innocent men.

"Are we to allow that sort of thing to be done without protecting the pec ple we are sending there? (Cries of No!') There is no issue between us and our political opponents on home rule. We have gone one better than the Gladstonian home rule.

"There is an issue about setting up an independent country by our very gates—by the places where submarines used to lurk and sink our ships and of the nation. There is an issue as to ority party in the Houre, and on these whether the policemen and soldiers who grounds attacked him with some bitwhether the policemen and soldiers who are there upholding the honor of our flag are to be shot down by men who into a discussion that was not escenhouses. I know of no other issue.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY **VOTES FOR A TARIFF**

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 8 .- At a called meeting here today of the executive committee of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina reputed to be the oldest agricultural organization in the United States, a resolution was adopted asking the Senators from this State to vote in favor of the emergency tariff bill or any other legislation which would afford protection to American farm products at the present. The rice and peanut industries in this State were emphasized at the meeting as being especially hard-hit by Japanese competition. Unofficial reports made to the meeting also stated that many carloads of turnips and cabbage of in the fields owing to a stagnated con dition of the markets.

ONE KILLED IN WRECK ON SEABOARD RAILROAD

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 8 .- One man killed and eleven persons injured when Central of Georgia box cars ran into the rear coach of a Beaboard Air Line passenger train at the crossing of the two roads two miles west of Savannah tonight. The dead is R. L. Wilson, flagman on the Seaboard train. His nome was at Darlington, S. C.
The injured, who have been taken to Savannah hospitals, are listed by rail-road officials as follows:

B. Pellow, H. I. Padgett, C. M. Cooler, E. L. Bennett, J. J. Mims, C. F. Butler, A. H. Shafer, Sam Ulman, J. M. Fow-ler, J. R. Russell and S. M. Gibson. The extent of their injuries is not

SAYS MCADOO WILL TAKE **OVER MEXICAN RAILROADS**

El Paso, Tex. Feb. 8.—Former Secre-tary of the Treasury William G. Mc-Adoo is in Mexico for the purpose of taking charge of the reorganization and reconstruction of the National railways of Mexico, according to an announce-ment today by Lio Antonio Campan-suno, who represented the Mexican min-later of communications at the conven-tion of the Confederated Mexican Chamhers of Commerce, which yesterday

Barrett Wendell Dies.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Barrett Wendell, professor emeritus of Harrard University, where he had taught English literature for 37 years, died at his home tedar. He was 65 years of aga.

PASSES IN HOUSE

Survives Bitter Attack At Hands of Representative

House Promptly Overwhelms It By a Vote of 90 to 23, and Entire Measure Passes With. out Amendment By 65 to 46; Action Is Again Deferred On

Deaf to the forebodings of members who eried hard times, dodging very effectively the bludgeonings of partisan politics, and jumping over a deepunder a seemingly harmless amendment, the bill to increase the salaries

The measure, as passed, raises the salary of members of the Corporation Commission, the Commissioners of of Labor and Printing and of Insurance from \$3,500 to \$4,500 per year; Supreme court justices from \$5,000 to \$6,000, and Superior court judges from \$4,000 to \$5,000 with a flat expense ac count of \$1,250 per year. The measure was started in the Senate by Senator Long, of Alamance, was killed, then resuscitated and sent to the House where it passed unamended. Monopolized Sennion,

Otherwise, the House had no material accomplishments written in its journal yesterday. The Welfare bill went over again, even after Representative Williamson had declined to make his speech on local self government and wanted the bill to go back to commit-tee for hearing. He is the chief op-ponent, and insisted on the floor that he had not been igven opportunity to attend the committee hearing. He was reminded that he was there and made a speech, and thus jogged, his memworked and he recalled having had something to say to the commit-The bill went over.

As chairmen of the salaries and fees committee, which had given the Sen-ate's salary measure approval, Reprecentative Wright appeared as proponspeech for it, and afterwards distributed verbal bouquets to sundry speaker whose utterances on the subject were pleasing to the cause, doing no little by the commander. toward smoothing out party feathers that were considerably ruffled by the serimony of the opening passage between Representatives Murphy and Cow!es.

our commerce and the life from Wilkes was speaking for the minterness, for injecting partisan politics tially political. Mr. Murphy assured Mr. Cowles that the House was in the hands of the majority and if the Republicans wanted to draw the party line, it would be drawn. Cowles denied vehemently that he was speaking

from a partisan standpoint. "Don't you want any Republican votes for it?" broke in Representative McBee, minority member from

"The Gentleman from Mitchell is from a higher altitude than the Member from Wilkes and has a clearer vision," Mr. Murphy replied. "We wel-

come his vote." The debate rocked along, with a dozen members rising to offer their views until Bennett of Anson scrose to say that he was against it, and that Cowles had offered the only argument advanced in the whole discussion. He referred to Cowles' reading from the News and Observer of recent date where announcement was made in one column that the solaries of constitutional officers had been raised and in another column the fact that the priso coard had reduced the wage of prizon

Bennett In Form. Mr. Bennett found occasion to enlarge mewhat upon politics, and declare that he was a Democrat, first because he was white. His second and third reasons went unstated. McBee was on the floor to take the issue, and to call upon the whole General Assembly to quit yelling "Nigger and do a white man's work and take a white man's pay for it. He declared that every De ocrat and every Republican in his county was white. The hour and a half set for debate

was gone, and Mr. Wright called for the question. Grant of Dovie was taken question. Grant of Dovie was taken unaware, being busy writing an amend-ment, and but for the courtesy of Mr. Wright, the Grant amendment would not have been submitted. He wanted to amend by allowing every member of the General Assembly and its principal clerks an appropriation of \$250 to defray their expenses while in attendance upon the regular session.

A similar resolution had been offered arminer resolution and ocea oncean or carlier in the day by Mr. McSwain, and had gone to the House Expenditures committee. Mr. Grant took the floor to atoms for his amendment, declaring committee. Mr. Grant took the floor to argue for his amendment, declaring that if expense money could be voted to a judge, the General Assembly had the same right to give other State officers expense accounts, and he was of the opinion that the Legislature was getting to be a "rich man's club."

Doughton Takes Floor.

Representative Doughton had taken no part in the debate, but when the

RULES AGAINST SHIPPING LIQUOR THROUGH AMERICA

Washington, Feb. 8.-Transshipment of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes from one foreign country to another through the United States is prohibited by the National prohibition act, according to an opinion of Acting Attorney General Nebeker, made pub-

The opinion was in reply to an inquiry of the Treasury department as to whether the prohibition laws affect the provisions of the customs laws, which permit all merchandise arriving at any port and destined for a foreign country to be conveyed through this country

"The National prohibition act," Mr. Nebeker declared, "applies to all the territory of the United States that is not otherwise excepted from its operation and extends to all waters within the territorial limits, including a marine league from the shore; within these waters the manufacture, sale, transportation, possession, etc., is pro-

American Legion Executive Bergdoll Incident union and its spokesmen campaigned Bergdoll Incident Washington, Feb. 8. Regret that the

American government saw fit to apologize to the Berlin government for he attempt of Americans to capture Grover C. Bergdoll, wealthy American draft evader, was expressed in a reso-lution adopted today by the executive committee of the American legion in The resolution offered by Thomas

W. Miller of Delaware, and ordered sent to members of Congress, approved the proposed Congressional investigation of the circumstances surrounding Bergdoll's escape from custody.

Efforts to put the legion on record as opposing the non-Partisan League were made by members from Oklahoma and other states where the league is active, but after considerable debate various resolutions were voted down and tabled. The committee then voted unanimously to uphold F. W. Galbraith, National commander, in his stand advising State commanders of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma that the Legion itself should take no active part against the league as an organi-

Correspondence with respect to correspondence with respect to the non-Partisan League question which began with an appeal from the Salina, Kansas, Post, for support from the National committee in a fight against the league, was read. Other similar appeals had followed from Western and Southwestern west and all was a second of the continuous and southwestern west and all was a second of the continuous and second of the co outhwestern posts and all were shown to have been given the same answer

Speakers urging the Legion to record opposing the League declared that its leaders were disloyal and were using the league to cloak seditious activities. Opponents contended that with speaking than Mr. Cowles was up to inveigh against the measure. Mr. Murphy assumed that the measure. All speakers agreed

have the Knights of Columbus remove certain conditions from their offer to the Legion of \$5,000,000 for construction of a war memorial in Washington. The committee last night voted to refuse the offer unless made uncondi-

TOO BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS TO HANG NEGRO

of Ouchita parish failed to hang Lonnie hastening away to take an afternoon Eaton, negro of Ouchita convicted of train. It was then the turn of Mr. Pou, murder and sentenced to be hanged and he took the floor to continue the

February 4.

The information that the sheriff had failed to hang Lonnie Eaton came to Governor Parker this morning in a letter from the sheriff, who said that he had been so busy on February 4, the date which the governor had set for the execution, that the fact that the negro was to be hanged "completely escaped

The sheriff now appeals to the governor to know just what to do with the negro, and the governor has put the problem up to Attorney General

GERMAN DELEGATES WILL ATTEND LONDON MEETING

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Dr. Walter Si-mons, the fereign minister, today handed to the French Charge d'Affaires the following note an-nouncing the German government's acceptance of the invitation to take part in the approaching confer-ence in London on reparations:

"With reference to the conver-sations between the French am-bassador and the German foreign minister, the German government minister, the German government necepts the invitation conveyed to it by the ambassador and will on March I send qualified delegates to London, provided negotistions are based on proposals which the German government reserves to itself the right to lay before the con-

Brothers Play In Tournament. Cleveland, O., Feb. 8.—Francis and Edgar Appleby, of New York, brothers, met in the first of today's games in the National Amateur 18.2 balk line bil-National Amateur 18-3 bate line bil-liards, tournament being held here, Francis winning by a score of 300 to 230. Francis had an average of 7-13-41 and high runs of 52, 43 and 40. Edgar's average was 5 34-61, with high runs of 50, 38, and 57.

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REVALUATION ACT SUSTAINS SECOND FARMERS' ATTACK

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Four-Hour Barrage of Resolutions and Speeches Before Committee

WANT 50 P. C. REDUCTION OF VALUES IN COUNTRY

Biggest Delegation Before Leg. islative Committee in Recent Years Crowds Senate Cham. ber; Bailey Declares North Carolina Among Poorest States In the Union

"It's February-and pruning time," summarized James H. Pou when he had done with speaking on behalf of the legions of the Farmers Union come to Raleigh yesterday afternoon to demand a flat reduction of property values in the State at the hands of the General Assembly and presenting their asfinance committees of the House and

before the two committees for nearly four hours, demanding a flat reduction of property outside of towns of less than 2,500 population, and immediate relief from what they termed the "extravagant, unjust, oppressive and ruin-ous" practices of the Revaluation Act, while the valuations attached to personal property are to stand as they

Under the leadership of Dr. J. M. Templeton, President R. W. H. Stone and Dr. H. Q. Alexander, and attended by Collector Bailey and his law partner, James H. Pou, more farmers assembled in the hall of the Senate than were there, even on that hot afternoon last August when they first appealed to the General Assembly for the repeal of the Revaluation Act,

Crowd Overflows Gallery. The erowd swamped the lobbies, filled the aisles, erowded up around the pre-siding officer's desk, the spaces back of it, and then there were more than enough left over to pack the galleries to their utmost capacity. They were enthusiastic in their commendation of their speakers and applauded them lustily upon the least inducement. Dr. Templeton was their chief spokesman

Templeton was their chief spokesman and director, having a paper in his hands with the names of speakers written thereon. They spoke on his call.

There were delegations here from more than a score of counties, and all of them with a speaker along to present their demand for something in the nature of relief. And in addition to these were Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pou and Dr. Alexander. Franklin county had a big delegation and wanted to make several speeches. G. W. Foard, of several speeches. G. W. Foard, of Louisburg, an elderly citizen, advanced down the aisle with a bundle of papers under his arm and began the general indictment of the Revaluation Act. The roll of papers he had with him

were copies of his returns for property that he owns in Franklin county, a of innumerable sizes. By actual count league's status as a political pary.

Announcement was made at today's meeting that efforts would be made to ten thousand acres of land. Some of it he didn't know he had until the assessors found it for him. He hasn't seen it yet. The values ran all the way from \$183 to \$88,380, with a total of \$482,046. He was still telling his woes when Dr. Templeton rapped the end of his five minute period. Then followed a number of brief in-

dictments from a half dozen counties and Dr. Alexander read the reso passed at the morning session of the union in the courthouse where they Baton Rouge, I.a., Feb. 8.—Because and a brief homily of encouragement from Col. J. S. Cuningham, who was denunciation of the present tax system.

Pruning Time Says Pou.

Mr. Pou called the present valuations
"brass band and double auctioneer
valuations," and he wanted the tax books to tell the truth. "I believe in what Governor Bickett said about them, what Governor Bickett said about them, but two years ago they told only half the truth, and now they are telling four times the truth. The burden of taxes is crushing the life out of our farmers." He discussed the general situation at some length. Greatly encouraged, Dr. Templeton was amboldcouraged, Dr. Templeton was em

ened to put a question.
"Don't you think we ought to put eight hundred million dollars worth of corporation stock on the books?" he

wanted to know.

"No; that would be double taxation,"

Mr. Pou replied. "It would be the
same as taking the deed you have for a piece of land and taxing that along with a tax on your property."

The doctor looked like he expected

and he was evidently discomfited.

"Well, I differ with you about that, but
I just thought I'd ask you," he said.

"Well, I differ with you about it, and I just thought I'd answer you." replied Mr. Pou with some asperity. The multitude chortled.
Cut Values—Double Rate?

Cut Values—Double Rate?

Followed a rapid fire of questions directed at the speaker. Burgwyn of Northampton asked the question that he repeated to almost everybody who submitted to questions—"If you cut valuation in two, how are you going to get around doubling the tax rate? * * * "It was here that Mr. Pou put in his observation about it being pruning time. He wanted curtailment. He described a trip through the court house and finding it congested with nucleus office holders.

The general rubject of appropriations and the curtailment of expenditures got mixed up with the proceedings, with

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