

KITCHIN READY TO LEAD MINORITY IN BATTLES IN HOUSE

Congressman Says He Will Stand Staunchly By Democratic Policies

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS TO CAUCUS SATURDAY

Minority Leader Declares He Will Remain On Ways and Means Committee As Ranking Member; Outlines Plans of Democrats For Coming Session

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Washington, April 2.—The Democratic party, as represented in the lower House of Congress, is not going to lay down and take no part in the framing of National legislation. It will, of course, be outvoted by the huge Republican majority, but it will stand to the guns of Democratic principles and policies and will have its say as to what it holds to be the best for the American people.

That is the position taken by Congressman Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, who is to be the Democratic leader, and the ranking minority member of the Ways and Means committee of the House. He has called a caucus of the Democratic members for Saturday, April 3, and by noon of that day will be named as leader by the caucus.

Health Is Improved "I am feeling all right; my general health is as good as it has ever been. The only trouble that I have is a dizziness from which I have suffered since the bilious attack which culminated some three months ago while I was in the Postoffice Department. I have decided that this dizziness comes from my ear and I am assured by the most eminent ear specialist in Washington that I will be all right in three weeks. At the first of the session, I am going to take matters coolly, calmly, slowly. I am going to select half a dozen men as my lieutenants for duty on the floor of the House. We propose to keep up the fight for Democratic policies at all times, and we do not propose to let anything get by. As leader of the minority, I am going to rely upon the Democratic caucus and I will be guided by it on all party questions and policies. We are going to take no back track. We do not propose to let the Republicans put the burden of government upon the masses of the people and permit wealth and the profiteers to escape. The American people are not going to be left in the dark as to what is going on in Congress. They will find that the Democratic party is standing for equality and justice." And as Mr. Kitchin said these things there came into his eyes the fighting spirit that is a thing the Republicans will have to reckon with.

Asked about continuing membership on the ways and means committee, which as the ranking Democratic member would carry with it the position of leader of the minority, Mr. Kitchin said:

To Stay on Committee "I am going to remain on the committee at the earnest request of the Democratic members of the House. And I am going to do this in order to assist in keeping the Democratic lines straight. While I was at home during part of the recent session I was wired that Representative Jack Garner, of Texas, and Charles Crisp, of Georgia, were supporting the Fordney emergency tariff bill, a position in direct opposition to Democratic principles, their action amounting to an indictment among the Democrats, but the majority of Democrats on the committee voted against the measure. It has been put up to me that if I did not remain on the committee that there would be a fight on Garner and Crisp to get them off the committee, but that if I remained there would be no fight on the Democratic caucus. I am not taking any responsibility that will come from my holding on as a member of the committee and ex-officio, and being the leader, but I don't want any fight among the Democrats in caucus. And I am going to accept. Representatives Garner and Crisp will be re-elected to places on the committee but there will be Democratic votes enough to keep them straight.

"I want no fight in party ranks. It is my purpose to harmonize, but I want this understood: I am not for any harmony that will cast aside any Democratic principles or policies. In the caucus that will be held shortly after the caucus on Saturday we will take steps to make it known that we stand for the Democratic policies on the tariff and taxation. There is to be no

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OPPOSE APPOINTMENT OF NEGRO AS REGISTER

Women Employees of Office of Register of Treasury Sign Petition

Washington, April 2.—Members of Congress today received copies of a petition, addressed to Mrs. Virginia White Speer, chairman of the National Woman's Republican Committee of the District of Columbia, and signed by 508 white women employes in the office of the Register of the Treasury, opposing appointment of a negro as register.

"We have been definitely informed," the signers of the petition declared, "that the appointment of a colored man as register of the treasury is being considered. The register's office is now very large and is doing responsible work. Its personnel consists of more than nine hundred clerks, mostly ex-service men and white women, who are dependent upon their income here for support. For a negro to have jurisdiction over these clerks would be intolerable.

"It is true that colored men have served as registers of the treasury, but out of the twenty-two registers only four have been negroes. At no time when this office was under the supervision of a negro did the personnel consist of more than nineteen clerks and one messenger."

A letter accompanying the petition says: "This petition does not come from any political faction, nor was it instigated by Southern prejudice. Northerners, Southerners, Easterners, Westerners, Democrats and Republicans alike have set their signature thereto.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST WINDER

Elizabeth City Man Accused of Crimes Against Young Girls

Elizabeth City, April 2.—Sensational developments are predicted in the recorder's court on Monday, April 5, when L. L. Winder, 50 years old, prominent real estate dealer, man of family and former school trustee, will be arraigned for a preliminary hearing before Trial Justice Spence on three charges—assault with intent to commit rape on a girl under fifteen years of age, carnal knowledge of a girl under fifteen and over twelve and ordinary prostitution. The alleged acts out of which the charges grow are said to have been committed in Winder's offices on the third floor of the Hinton building, the largest and newest office building in the city occupying a solid block in the heart of the business section.

The warrants for Winder's arrest were issued last Monday morning about half past nine, were served shortly afterward and the case came up for preliminary hearing Tuesday morning, but was continued at the request of counsel for the defendant. Winder himself did not appear in court but has been frequently seen on the streets since his arrest in company with one of his lawyers, Col. I. M. Meekins, and alone. He protests his innocence of the charges against him.

Board, fixed at one thousand dollars when the warrants were served, was increased Tuesday morning to three thousand dollars. Winder is a man of some means with a splendid family.

CHAPEL HILL DEBATERS WIN IN BOTH CONTESTS

Chapel Hill, April 2.—Chapel Hill high school debating teams won both contests last night in the triangular contests of the High School Debating Union and the right to enter the eliminating rounds at the University of North Carolina which will decide the State championship.

The affirmative Chapel Hill team won from Burlington in Chapel Hill and the negative team won from Graham in Graham. Miss May Pendergraft and Eric Merritt were the affirmative debaters and James Bullitt and Floyd Gooch were the negative debaters.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN FAVOR OF M'NICH

Charlotte, April 2.—The jury which heard C. S. McNinch's \$100,000 damage suit against the American Trust Co., today returned a verdict by which Mr. McNinch will recover \$29,244.

GAME HEN PUTS HAWK TO DEATH IN MOORE COUNTY

Carthage, April 2.—After a fight lasting but a few minutes and witnessed by members of the family of E. L. Tyson, a farmer residing about a mile from Carthage, a Rhode Island Red hen killed a blue darter chicken hawk Friday morning. The hawk had previously carried away five little chickens and when he returned for the sixth the hen was ready and gave battle. The hawk, which measured 31 inches from tip to tip, and was fully grown and developed, put up a game fight, but was killed by the hen after a few moments.

SENATORS FIRM IN PLANS TO PRESENT PEACE RESOLUTION

Proponents of Immediate Peace To Act Promptly When Congress Meets

CONFERENCES HELD AT WHITE HOUSE NOTABLE

President Harding Confers With Number of Prominent Men On Advisability of Congressional Declaration of Peace; Talk Linked Up With Visit of M. Viviani

Washington, April 2.—Senate proponents of an immediate peace with Germany by Congressional resolution are understood to be standing firmly by their intention to present such a resolution promptly on the convening of the extra session of Congress a week from Monday.

Information that members of the Senate favoring a speedy peace by resolution had not abandoned their previously announced intention was obtained tonight after a notable day of White House conferences, at which the advisability of a Congressional declaration of peace together with other questions involved in a peace settlement, were understood to have been discussed.

Whether the intention of the peace-by-resolution Senators has been approved in any degree by President Harding and whether it has the support of Senate Republicans generally were matters on which no information was obtainable. In this connection it was recalled that some of the more prominent members of the Senate favoring a peace resolution have stated definitely that action on matters involving peace would not be taken in conflict with administration views.

Harding Conference The conferences at the White House today were generally considered in the bearing on international affairs as probably the most important that President Harding has held since his inauguration.

Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, former Secretary of State and author of the Republican peace resolution of the last session of Congress; Col. George Harvey, of New York, selected as ambassador to Great Britain; Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, understood to be under consideration for ambassador to France, and Stephens Lousiana, noted French journalist, who came to this country with former Premier Viviani, were among those with whom the President was closeted during the day. All of those who participated in the conferences declined to say what specific proposals were discussed or to indicate when decisions might be expected.

Viviani's Visit. By inference, the day's developments were coupled with the visit here of M. Viviani, who has brought to American officials a first-hand report as to the present attitude of the European governments toward the League of Nations and related subjects. Gossip about the mission of the former premier persistently has suggested that he hoped to persuade the administration not to push its peace declaration, but rather to consider on what basis it might accept the treaty of Versailles.

Senator Knox went to the White House at the President's invitation and they spent more than two hours together. The visit started a new outcropping of speculation about the fate of the peace resolution, but was followed by an authoritative announcement as to whether the measure would be pressed at the outset of the special session of Congress that convenes a week from Monday. The impression given was that the administration was feeling its way in the light of the information and advice brought by M. Viviani and that a definite policy was yet to be framed.

NEWSPAPER MEN BUY THE ASHEVILLE TIMES

Asheville, April 2.—Announcement made here tonight that the Asheville Times, the local Republican afternoon newspaper, has been sold to three members of the staff of the Asheville citizen, the local Democratic morning newspaper, E. M. Burdette, D. Hiden Ramsey and Gray Gorham. The new owners will assume control of the Times Monday, April 4. They announce the politics of the Times will be independent.

Mr. Burdette has been business manager of the Citizen for the past two years, Mr. Ramsey associate editor since he returned here from Winston-Salem where he resigned as commissioner of public safety, and Mr. Gorham, managing editor of the citizen. The new owners will hold the following offices on the Times: Mr. Burdette, business manager; Mr. Ramsey, editor, and Mr. Gorham, managing editor. The sale to the local men was made by W. A. Hildebrand, who recently purchased the Times from C. J. Harris. Mr. Hildebrand will retire from the newspaper game and devote his time to his farm in the Mills River section.

J. C. LASSITER DIES AS RESULT OF WOUNDS

Wilson, April 2.—J. G. Lassiter, aged 30, vice president of the R. G. Lassiter Contracting Company, of Norfolk, Va., died at 2:30 o'clock this morning from a bullet wound said by relatives to have been accidentally self-inflicted. Mr. Lassiter was found in an unconscious condition about 11 o'clock last night in his room at the home of C. E. Bount with a bullet wound in his forehead. His pistol was found nearby. From the position of the body and the wound physicians and police, who were called in to investigate, expressed the belief that Mr. Lassiter accidentally shot himself while cleaning his revolver. The body will be shipped today to Oxford, his home, for burial.

TAR HEEL WOMAN HEADS REBEKAHS

Mrs. Hattie Reed Whitaker, of Hendersonville, past president of the Rebekah Assembly of North Carolina, was recently named president of the International Association of Assemblies.

She is the first woman to serve on the board of trustees of the Odd Fellows' children's home at Goldsboro. She has long been prominent in club work in her native town. She is at present with her daughter in Washington, D. C.

BELIEVE MEEKINS WILL ACCEPT JOB

Harding Makes Brother-in-Law Superintendent of Prisons; Conference

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Washington, April 2.—That Colonel Ike Meekins, of the county of Pasquotank, will accept the position of first assistant to the Alien Property Custodian is the belief of Republicans and Democrats alike here. They say that the salary is about \$7,500 and that in accepting Colonel Meekins will step from under any bickering with the Morehead-Linney "Hog Combine," leaving the others to fight it out among themselves. And those who know Republican National Committeeman Morehead say that he will not stand in the way of Meekins getting the job, that indeed he will give his appointment a hearty "Amen," for it will remove from North Carolina one of the Butler forces who is able to make things lively. And by the same token one of these said to me today:

"I feel sure that if President Harding will tender a position to Marion Butler that will take him out of the country that Morehead will rejoice in that, for as things now stand the farther Butler is away from the scene of action the better Morehead likes it. As for former Senator Butler, he is on the warpath after the scalps of the 'Hog Combine' and is only awaiting its sponsors' arrival in Washington to start the heavy guns against it, if, on the morning, it is not made with him. And the understanding is that one of the peace overtures must be that E. W. Ward, of Raleigh, be dropped from the slate for the position of marshal for the Eastern district of North Carolina and that William Duncan, son of the late Carl Duncan, be given the 'okeh' for that position.

Pie Is Pie. But pie is pie, and pie in the family is the thing that counts, even if the family and near family of President Harding. It was with astonishment that Washingtonians learned today that President Harding had named his brother-in-law as superintendent of prisons, the biggest penological post in the country and that brother-in-law Rev. Heber Votaw got it following the asked for and sent in resignation of Denver S. Peterson, until two years ago superintendent of the state prison of Nevada. Dickerson had made a reputation for humanitarian and reform work and the Department of Justice asked and obtained a waiver of Civil Service and applied him. Mr. Votaw is a Seventh-Day Adventist minister and lecturer. His wife, who is a sister of President Harding, was until very recently a member of the woman's section of the Washington police force. Mr. Votaw is a native of Ohio and served for twelve years as a Seventh Day Adventist missionary in India. So add to the list of personal physician Dr. Sawyer, of Marion, Ohio, made Brigadier General, and Banker J. B. Crisinger, of Marion, Ohio, close friend of President Harding, made Comptroller of the Currency, the name of superintendent of prisons, brother-in-law Votaw, also of Ohio—and there are other Ohioans waiting.

Interest in Conference. There is much interest felt in the conference to be held on Monday between the members of the War Finance Corporation and a large number of Southern bankers, at which there will be discussed the matter of aiding the cotton farmers to meet the serious situation that is now upon them. Secretary Harvey Jordan, of Atlanta, of the American Cotton Association, former Senator-Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Marion Butler, of North Carolina, had a conference with President Harding this morning on the situation, and are to meet with the War Finance Corporation Monday also. President Wannamaker, of the association, will join them and it is understood that he and the others of the association propose to take the matter up with Federal Reserve Board to see if it cannot do something in the matter.

Visitors here today from North Carolina are Mr. E. S. Torino, of Raleigh, and Miss Fronza Kennedy, of Durham.

Fourth Annual Horse Show Tuesday and Wednesday. Third Annual Dog Show Thursday and Friday. At Finckhurst.—Adv.

LOVERS OF NATURE HONOR MEMORY OF GREAT NATURALIST

Prominent People of All Walks of Life Attend Burroughs Funeral

LAST RITES MARKED BY IMPRESSIVE SIMPLICITY

Ceremonies Short and Reminiscent of Career of Naturalist Held in Rustic House That Was His Retreat For Half of Century; Body To Be Interred Today

West Park, N. Y., April 2.—In the rustic house that was the retreat of John Burroughs for nearly half a century, 150 representatives of the thousands of nature lovers who admired his outdoor life and writings gathered at his funeral. The ceremonies were short, of great simplicity, and reminiscent of the career which the great naturalist pursued among the hills and streams and flowers and beside his rugged stone hearth with volumes of Emerson, Whittier and Wordsworth.

By train and by automobile the little groups of mourners arrived throughout the forenoon at Riverby, the naturalist's home, situated among the pines and maples, where the Shawangunk mountains meet the waters of the Hudson.

Scientists and manufacturers of wide prominence mingled in sorrow with Boy Scouts and the children of the neighborhood. Publishers and horticulturists bowed reverent heads with a group of religious men from the Holy Cross Monastery.

Prominent Men Attend. Among them were Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey S. Firestone, who for several years have spent their vacations outdoors with Mr. Burroughs. Next to Mr. Edison stood an aged and gray haired man who had pedaled his bicycle from Binghamton, more than 300 miles away, to witness the epilogue of the great naturalist's stay upon the earth that he loved so fervently. This man was Charles C. Branch, an acquaintance of the naturalist since childhood days.

The sun was shining brilliantly and the pines at Riverby murmured sadly in the breezes from the Catskills when the funeral service began. From a muffled photograph came the soft viola of Pissuti's "Remembrance." The Lord's Prayer was said and then slowly a reader spoke some lines written by Earl W. Williams, which Mr. Burroughs felt characteristic of his own self.

"The forest nods in fellowship," they read, "the winds my playmates are; the waters lap the sign of brotherhood, and in thunder voices I hear a tongue which is not wholly strange. The stars are kindly counsellors to me; I claim a kinship with the worm that crawls, and with the clay wherein the simple tale of its dim life is written."

Quotations from Emerson and Wordsworth and Walt Whitman, companion of his middle age, also were read. Then William Ormiston Roy, of Montreal, a friend of Mr. Burroughs through many years, read excerpts from "Waiting," one of the first poems penned by the naturalist, and from "Accepting the Universe," his latest book.

Rev. Franklin D. Elmer, pastor of the Collegiate Baptist church at Colgate University, likewise a long-time friend, led the prayers and made a few remarks:

Pays Glowing Tribute. "There are here to pay him tribute," he said, "those who have come from the woodland and the fields, the shop and school, the church and office of the state, the mart and the ocean's shore. This man, O Lord, has taught us the beauty of your creatures, of the rivers, the sky, the valley, the birds and the beasts."

When he had finished the soft flute and violin notes of a cradle song spread over the room where men, women and children were crowded in sorrow. Then the mourners filed by the bier for a last look at the face of John Burroughs. Some of them picked wild violets from the coffin to keep as a remembrance. There were many floral offerings, but they did not come from the artificial atmosphere of the city greenhouse. They were wild flowers gathered from the fields and hillsides.

Children Reverent. The children of West Park, who frequently visited Riverby to sit at the feet of the aged nature lover and learn of animal and vegetable life from him, trod slowly past the dead, each one leaving a bunch of wild flowers.

From all sections of the nation letters came today telling of the love for the naturalist and of his inspiration to those who find comfort and contentment in the great outdoors.

FURTHER REDUCTION OF U. S. GROSS DEBT

Washington, April 2.—The nation's gross debt was reduced \$71,580,230 in March, according to the Treasury statement today, which showed the total debt to be \$23,960,104,397. Of the total federal obligations outstanding, \$2,754,941,000 represents short term Treasury certificates of indebtedness, several hundred million of which, Secretary Mellon has said, will be retired during April.

TRIAL OF WILL CASE PROCEEDING SLOWLY

Day Devoted To Examination of One Witness To Signing of The Will

Monroe, April 2.—Little progress was made today in the Ross will case, the time being spent in examination of C. G. W. Sutton, one of the witnesses to the signing of the will, in November, 1907. Sutton's testimony was attacked at times by both sides.

The substance of his testimony was that he, with E. J. Essall and C. G. McIlwain, arrived at the Ross home about the same time on the day they witnessed the will. Ballie and Maggie Ross were in their room. Ballie Ross handed them some papers, saying, "These are our wills and we want you to witness them." He did not recall that Maggie spoke at all. She was crying at the time and he did say that she saw him and the others sign as witnesses, and he took that for assent. Sutton further testified that he lived in the same community with the Ross women from 1884 until their deaths.

Asked about their mental capacity, he declared he had never heard anything about Maggie Ross not being of ordinary intelligence until after her death. He stated in effect that if she had left her property to white people instead of negroes he would not have questioned her sanity, but intimating that because she did not do this he had some doubt in his own mind about it.

EXPRESS ROBBERY CASE NEARING END

Defense Rests Its Case and Arguments Will Begin First of The Week

Macon, Ga., April 2.—The defense rested this afternoon in the trial of forty-six persons out of a total of 64 indicted on charges of conspiracy in connection with the alleged theft of property valued at more than \$1,000,000 from the American Railway Express Company during government control.

It was the first Saturday session of Federal court since the beginning of the trial three weeks ago. Only 13 of the defendants took the stand, although character witnesses were introduced for the other 33 accused men.

Assistant District Attorney E. Clem Powers, conducting the government's case, announced that he would take only a few minutes on Monday for the rebuttal, after which arguments are to begin. The arguments may take up an entire week, but both sides hope to have the case in the hands of the jury by the end of next week.

There were numerous witnesses today for the general defense and also as to the character of the defendants.

Ed Knox, negro, denied that he had ever purchased anything from W. A. Hughes or that he had ever stolen anything. Hughes had stated that he had been caught Knox stealing a hat from an express shipment and cautioned him not to repeat the act without getting permission.

The negro told of a six hours "sweat box" examination in the office of Superintendent R. H. Mays, in which he said after he had refused to give information, Detective E. F. Copeland said: "The best thing we can do is to take him down to the woods or river. He'll tell us then."

Mr. Hughes said I stole an overcoat and sold it to another negro," said Knox. "I said I don't care who it was I stole an overcoat, it's a falsehood."

BOLD HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN SHOPPING DISTRICT

New York, April 2.—New York's "bad men" put a novel twist into a daylight holdup in Brooklyn today. Three of them drove an automobile up to the sidewalk blocking the path of Philip G. Bly, a manufacturer, while he was returning to his office on Java street, with a payroll of \$1,200 he had just drawn from the bank.

When he did not hand over the money as promptly as desired, he was beaten over the head with butts while a crowd looked on. Then the robbers took the payroll, backed their car off the sidewalk and sped away.

MAY EXPORT COTTON TO GERMANY AND BELGIUM

Washington, April 2.—Proposals involving exportation of one million bales of American cotton to Germany and Belgium, members of Congress said today, will be discussed at the conference to be held Monday by the War Finance Corporation with Southern bankers.

MORRISON NAMES WATTS AS REVENUE OFFICER IN STATE

Takes Over Powers and Duties Heretofore Held By Tax Commission

GENERALLY ACCEPTED MAXWELL WOULD WIN

Appointment Is Received Here As Forecasting Governor's Candidacy For U. S. Senate; New Commissioner Takes Office On May 1 at Salary of \$5,500 Annually

Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday appointed A. D. Watts, of Statesville, as Commissioner of Revenue with powers and duties heretofore borne by the State Tax Commission, under provisions of an act of the 1921 legislature. The appointment was announced by Governor Morrison, through his private secretary, William H. Richardson, the Governor leaving at 10:30 for Tarboro to spend the week-end. A. J. Maxwell, corporation commissioner, and candidate for the office, received the news of the appointment without comment.

The end of a race that has been run hotly since the adjournment of the legislature was surprising in its effect on those who had watched it. When the new office was created by the General Assembly, legislators generally understood that Mr. Maxwell would receive the appointment, in fact, Mr. Maxwell understood he had the Governor's promise of appointment. In the preparation of the bill, Governor Morrison had stricken from the bill a provision for confirmation by the Senate then in session, stating that if this clause were retained, in the face of important matters then pending before the Corporation Commission, he could not appoint Mr. Maxwell and remove him from that body. The change was made in the draft of the bill, and as a result of the appointment comes up for confirmation by the Senate of 1922.

Campaign Warm Up. When rumors of the Watts candidacy first appeared in the legislature, during the consideration of the measure, Mr. Watts himself denied that he was running. Later, he made public announcement of his candidacy in an interview given out in Charlotte, highly laudatory of Governor Morrison. An organized campaign in his interest immediately turned a host of letters upon the Governor and the friends of Mr. Maxwell got busy.

Recently published statements of the Governor's views on the appointment, including his high appraisal of the man as a political organizer, in no wise prepared the way for the distinct shock of the appointment regarded here as equivalent to the Governor's announcement as candidate for U. S. Senate.

One expression from State officials is indicative of almost the general reception of the appointment in State circles.

"I feel like the old lady who prayed all night for the mountain to be moved," said one of prominence yesterday. "She got up early in the morning after the night of supplication, looked out of the window and exclaimed: 'Just as I expected. It's still there.'"

Takes Office May 1. The new commissioner, who has heretofore served as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District of North Carolina until his resignation, takes office on May 1 at a salary of \$5,500 annually. The act under which a new department of revenue was created provides:

1. From and after May 1, 1921, all powers and duties imposed by any act of law, upon the State Tax Commission are transferred to the State Revenue Department, created by this act, and administered by the Commissioner of Revenue.

2. The Commissioner of Revenue is to be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and if the appointment is made when the Senate is not in session the succeeding session of the Senate may confirm. This term of office of the commissioner shall be four years, commencing after May 1 and the succeeding Commissioner shall be elected in 1924 in manner provided for the election of State officers. His salary shall be \$5,500.

3. The powers and duties of the State Tax Commission in determining appeals from valuation assessments, from and after May 1, 1921, shall be exercised by State Board of Equalization composed of the Commissioner of Revenue, the Chairman of the Corporation Commission and the Attorney General, as official members.

4. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Revenue to prepare for legislative committees such revision of the revenue laws as he may find by experience and investigation expedient.

Paper's Reaction. Here's the reaction the Raleigh Evening Times received from the appointment appearing in its editorial columns yesterday afternoon:

"Alston D. Watts is who will sit at the seat of customs, D. V., for a period of four years in Fort Carolina. Sitting however, is only figurative, for Al will be really up and doing in behalf of the State Democracy in general and that section thereof which is reserved for his friends in particular.

"Mr. Watts' appointment is very gratifying to the overwhelming majority of that submerged two-fifths of the State's population which hopes to some day come from under. It also pleases the large number of the phlegmatic masses whose Federal fodder supply is about to be cut off. And, in simple fairness be it said that many patriots who love Colonel White for

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