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## KOHLOSS BACKED BY MOREHEAD GETS BACKING OF BLAIR

New Federal Prohibition Director For North Carolina Is Given His Reward

SALISBURY MAN LANDS AN IMPORTANT POSITION

"Hog Combine" Continues To Have Its Way Regardless of Anti-Saloon League; Rev. R. L. Davis Promises To Give Co-Operation But Never Let Up On Fight On Kohloss

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By EDWARD E. BRITTON (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, July 14 .- Made effective on taking the oath of office, Robert A. Kohloss, of Salisbury- was this morn ing named Federal Prohibition Direc ter for North Carolina. He is the second of the Republican "bog com-bine" of North Carolina, this name more or less affectionately bestowed upon the thirteen of the Republican State committee who slated themselves for offices by former Senator Marion Butler, to get his piece of Federal pie the first to land being Commissioner of Internal Revenue, David H. Blair And the Kohloss appointment is made by Commissioner Blair. That it would be forthcoming this week I have stated a number of times, and it arrived as per schedule. Mr. Kohloss succeeds Thomas H. Vanderford, and headquart

ers will remain at Salisbury. Commissioner Blair takes full re sponsibility for it, and is of the opin ion that Mr. Kohloss will efficiently and faithfully perform the duties of the position. Backed as Mr. Kohloss was by Republican National Committeeman Morehead and the Republican State organization it had been a foregone conclusion that he would in duc time be appointed, and the due time having arrived in goes Mr. Kehloss. There was a strenuous fight made or him by the Anti Saloon League, this fight led by Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina League, and Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the National League, this fight made on the ground that Mr. Kohloss was not of the 'dry' variety that he was "wet" brand, and, therefore, ought not to be made a prohibition enforcement officer. Numbered also in the camp of the opposition were former Senator Marion Butler and Jakes Newell, of Charlotte, with a number of other Republicans, who declared Mr. Kohloss was not fit for the job, that he was less fit for it than any other Republican of any prominence

Morehead In Saddle and Mr. Kohloss gets the office, and conversations of the younger men who endless opportunities lost. the nifty salary and large patronage that goes with it. The salary is \$6,000 a year, and A. B. Coltraine, of Trinity, as director at a salary of \$4.000 while in the field there are now 45 agents at salaries of \$2,000 and above, the expectation that the number is to be largely increased, some having the idea that there may be one for each county, making an even one hundred on the field force pay roll. It is a safe bet that the Democrats who are now field agents should be looking out for other jobs, and that the Republicans who will be appointed to the jobs will be of the true and tried brand of full eredentialed followers of Republican National Committeeman Morehead. It was Morchead who made Blair a certainty as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, it was Morehead who put the O. K. on Mr. Kohloss, and foolish indeed is he who believes that and one who does not kowtow to Committeeman Morehead is going to get any of the

pie provided by Morehead. Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon, seen after the announcement of the Kohloss appointment was made had this to say

Davis Asks For Co-operation "When I went to see Mr. Blair Wednesday morning for a conference he soon informed me that he had made up his mind to appoint Mr. Kohloss and iwith this my opposition ended but not before. I am fully pursuaded that Mr. Blair and Mr. Haynes, the Federal prohibition Commissioner are whole heartedly for the enforcement of all the anti-liquor laws and they give me the assurance that the laws shall be enforced throughout the State and that the men selected to work under Mr. Kohloss shall be men who will do the work. Therefore, I feel that it is up to every citizen of the State to fully support Mr. Kohloss and his helpers and give him every assitance possible to and the healthy, sound soul needs sleep make good at his arduous task. There is no more important appointment in the State and to meet the duties and responsibilities of the office Mr. Kohloss will need the full support of all anti-saloon league workers and as the Superintendent I want to back them to

give it to him." Monstrous Tariff Bill

"If the people knew of the enormity of the burden which the Republican tariff bill will impose upon them they would be amazed beyond measure" said Congressman Stedman talking to me this afternoon just after he had come from the House, where the Fordney tariff bill was under discussion. And he continued:

"That tariff bill will bring untold trouble to our country and is evidently drafted entirely in the interests of the few to the detriment of the great mass of the American people." Major Sted-man has clear cut idea as to the harm there is to America in the Fordney bill and heads to the opinion that it will ad additional burdens to the general run of people, while it will take care of the big interests. "There are monstrous items in it," he declared.

## Premier Lloyd George And De Valera Have Long Talk

Initial Conference Between Two Leaders On Troublous Irish Question Ended "Amicably;" Interpreted As Good Sign For Real Progress In Negotiations

Press.)—Premier Lloyd George and momentous-gatherings of statesmen in the common De Valera, Irish Republican recent years, for at its conclusion the lender, had tea together in the Promier's official residence in Downing Street this afternoon and spent more than two hours and a half making clear they thought Great Britain and the Dail Eirann might be willing to seat and that the dis delegates at a conference table with sumed tomorrow. opresentatives of Ulsier in an effort compose the age long differences batween the three parties and settle the Irish question.

What many English neeple not long since would have considered impossible has happened-this meeting of the British Prime Minister and the man whose supporters designate him "President of the Iriah Republic."

Amicable Meeting. The extreme length of the private onversation and the fact that it is said to have ended "amicably," and that an agreement was reached to issue a joint communique is interpreted as :

good augury. This initial talk between the two leaders, the preliminary nature of

London, July 14 .- (By the Associated) had at least one ear mark common ! recent years, for at its conclusion the only word vouchsafed the public was a cryptic joint communique containing the bare announcement that there has o each other circimstances under which been a free exchange of views, in which their relative positions were defined and that the discussion would be re-

Hope For Seitlement. From both sides, however, it is gleaned that the long talk was marked by the utmost cordiality, not in th least marred by the candor with which the two viewpoints were presented, and left the participants satisfied and able to assure their colleagues that there were substantial grounds for hope of

en ultimate settlement. Because of Mr. De Valera's account ability to the Dail Eirann for commit ments made in behalf of Southern Ire and, it is learned he was unable

## THRILLED BY CAMP FOR IRISH PEACE LIFE AT MOREHEAD

Plenty of Recreation For Tar Heel Guardsmen In Training at Camp Glenn

By JONATHAN WORTH DANIELS

(Staff Correspondent) Camp Glenn, July 14.- The wind ed dies through the scrubby sand land growth. The tide at its ebb laps aimessly against the shore. Out on the sound motor boats feebly throb. Gloriously the moon gleams from the jewel d heavens Quiet and peace everywhere save when the spell is broken by a part of the spell of camp life itself when young voices rise in the refrain, "He was my man, but he done ne wrong."

Night is the wonderland of camp life. Gathered in bands of five and six the guardsmen keep up the eternal buil sessions that only reach perfec tion among Tar Heels. Laughing, joking serious, the groups discuss all manner of subjects keenly and interestedly. Thoughts and the exchange of

dean, that differ in gatherings according to the age and experience of the talkers, do much to bring about a mest complete fellowship. Among the older men the voices often drift back into quiet talk of France and war.

The One Subject of Interest But more interesting even than these know no subject but one and that not fellow, who is hardly able to bear under the strain of absence from the little, yellow haired girl in Burlington, or Wilson, to talk women vainly eynically, with the devil may care wang in his voice of the world wise

Night is precious to youth, Nights were made to love in, sing in, dance n, and not too far from the camp a Morehead, Beaufort, and the beach all these joys await the young soldier of

Twice a week the old Atlantic hotel at Morehead- like a ghastly hag who by some magic charm possesses again for a night her youth and liveliness, blossoms into her past liveliness where happy youth can get joy out of dancing and crabbed age, a kick out of

And on the beach at the Bedsworth dances just happen at all hours to the entchy coughing of a copper lunged masic machine.

Here Happiness Is Easy

At the camp, too, night holds diversion for the guardsmen in the form of the trained tustling of company resources, their wealth and their pugilists and wrestlers, and the more strength for the purpose of developing pugilists and wrestlers, and the more prossie, back home, sort of pleasure, the movies. Dempsey and Carpentier amongst themselves. I am very hope in their balmiest days never felt a ful that when that conference meets greater zest in sport than does the it will lead to something beyond mere Henderson heavyweight when he pits resolutions in favor of disarmament himself against the Durham durable and will lead to an understanding and daredevil. Mary Pickford never had real arrangement, involving the keepaudiences more appreciative nor dil ing of those armaments within inno William S. Hart ever draw gun and cuous limits." William S. Hart ever draw gun and inspire more excitement.

Happiness is easy at Camp Glenn. It is never hard for twelve hundred well fed, well bedded, well worked good fellows to be happy. And so when at eleven the bugles in the day's last plaintive notes call the regiment to bed it is not hard to go for the day has been happily and healthily spent as well as life.

To Promote Athletics Lieut. Walter Simpson; of Raleigh,

has been detailed as regimental athletic officer with the duty of furtherencampment. In each battalion officers plans were formulated for co-ordinating the athletic endeavors of the individual companies into a broader and more complete course which is to include the entire regiment. The athletic and Number Three Dam, when comactivities that will be principally indul- pleted, and at annual obligation of \$1-

an ellimination series begun under the manufacture of explosives by the govsuperivision of the Y. M. C. A. In the game played today Company H defeated Company I is a close and well played game by a two to one score.

Keen Interest in Boxing Boxing and wrestling have aroused even more interest among the guards-men than the series of baseball games.

give enqualified replies to some of the 'remier's propositions. But both were seen to seent danger when the talk bordered on issues regarded as irreconcilable and there was consequently which was emphasized by both sides, no time when a rupture was imminent

> Lloyd George Talks of Meeting With De Valera and of Disarmament

> London, July 14 - (By the Associated Commons tonight to discuss his meet ing with Mr. De Valera. Leter he pro-Conlitionists, where he received a great ovation.

Apologizing for his late appearance said he had been engaged in important tasks during the day and after introduced into the field of discussion discharging them had to meet his the conference may be so broadened as colleagues and report to his Sovereign, who, he declared, was taking a very keen and close interest in the protect ings.

With reference to Ireland Mr. Lloyd George hesought his audience not to tempt him into an indiscretton,

Refers to Meeting "The less said the better at this stage," declared the Premier, "but there is the great fact—that Mr. De Valera, chieftuin of the vast majority of the Irish race, has been in a conference for nearly three hours with the Prime minister of the country, discussing various methods and suggestions for the settlement of this long, long controversy-an old, bitter, wasteful feud in which there has been for ages long terse talks of the great war are the a number of disastrous blunders and

> did our best to secure peace floud cheers). Beyond that it would not be wise for me to go at this moment, le deal with.

> Mr. Lloyd George alluded to "the remarkable invitation issued by the President of the United States to discuss the issues involved in the Pacific problem, on which the future peace of the world depends."

> He went on to say: "I am hopeful that it will result in a pact of peace that will make the Pacific a really Pacific Ocean. I also trust that it will lead to a useful discussion of the problem of disarmament upon which so much de-pends for the future of our race, because it matters not what treaties are signed, what pacts are entered into between nations, what understandings they may establish; it makes no difference what leagues or associations they may found, if nations arm against each other for war, war will ensue in the end.

"Therefore, no treaty is of value un less it leads to an understanding among nations that they will not utilize their the mechanism of human slaughter

FORD WOULD ACQUIRE GREAT NITRATE PLANT

Manufacturer Makes Auto Proposition For Muscle Shoals Plant

Washington, July 14.—Secretary Weeks announced tonight that he would ask Congress for authority to accept a proposal by Henry Ford for acquiring the government ritrate plant at Muscle Shials, Ala., if the offer was found to ing athletic interests throughout the be "substantial." The proposal, which was transmitted by Secretary Hoover have been appointed to assist him in today, was on his deak, Mr. Weeks the work. In a meeting this afternoon said, adding that he would begin the study of its terms at once.

Mr. Ford offers to buy the nitrate plant, equipment and lands for \$5,000, 000 and lease for 100 years the Wilson ged in are baseball, boxing, wrestling, 500,000. He proposes to convert the and swimming. works into a fertilizer plant, the profits Already a number of base ball games of which would be limited to 8 per cent have been played by the companies in and to keep it in readiness for the

ernment in time of war. If acceptance of the offer is found advisable, Mr. Weeks said he would ask Congress for authority to sell the plant and lease the dams and for an appropriation to complete the electric installation on them. This work is estimated to cost \$28,000,000 and on this The boxing and wrestling matches are sum Mr. Ford proposes to pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent and to amortize the entire cost of both dams over a period of 100 years.

JAPANESE OPPOSED REPUBLICAN PARTY TO DISCUSSION OF IN VIRGINIA SHUTS PACIFIC PROBLEMS OUT NEGRO ENVOYS

Ready To Enter Conference On Disarmament

REPLY FROM JAPAN IN HANDS OF DEPARTMENT

American Viewpoint, However, Is That Far Eastern Ques tions Should Be Included In Discussion of Disarmament Program; Assembling of Meeting Appears Assured

Washington, July 14 .- Japan is ready o enter the disarmament conference discussion of Far Eastern questions as

The viewpoint of the American gov ernment is that a solution of the Fari Eastern questions is a necessary accompaniment to any disarmament program.

Thus develops the first hitch-if a itch it turns out to be in President Harding's plan to remove the causes. for heavy armaments and then reduce the armaments themselves:

American officials, however, are on mistic that a way will be found for a immediately held a meeting and an satisfactory conference to which Japan will be a party and for a program of armament reduction acceptable to all

Japanese Reply. The Japanese reply to such a conference came to the State Department today through the American Embase at Tokio. Its text was not made public and department officials declined to re-Press.)-Premier Lloyd George held a veal its content except to say that it ouncil of ministers at the House of expressed approval of the Pacific prote-

During the day, however, it became reeded to a dinner of the Liberal known that the attitude of the Japanese government was known to the government here. This attitude is thatt the disarmament question is a vast one in to endanger its success. Japanese officials are said to feel this to be particularly true if the questions so in troduced are to affect the delicate bot ance of diplomatic relations in the Orient. There is manifest in Tokio a belief that such a debate might open up a Pandora's Box of troublesome diplomatis intricacies which would set for Mr. Harding's conference a task of readjustment even greater than that atempted by the peace conference of Versnilles.

Definite Questions. The alternative, in the belief of Japa cae statesmen, would be to agree beforehand on exactly what questions will form the subject matter of the discus

sions. To this is opposed the opinion of "Let us trust that this one will not American officials that if all the nations at all, woman. Somehow it helps a be lost. I can only say, after the long first agree to come into the conference of the partial whatever limitations appeared advisable to bear unwhatever limitations appeared advisabl. could be fixed by general assent after-

> Just what will be the next step of the cause we both have our difficulties to President and his advisers did not appear tonight. China having accepted he invitation unconditionally during the day, however, all of the invited powers were on record as agreeing at east to discuss disarmament, and it he apparent purpose of the State De partment to regard the assemblage of the meeting as assured, and to proceed in due course to issue notes of invitation in more formal character.

> > CLOUDBURST IN NEBRASKA CAUSES SEVERAL DEATHS Thousands of Head of Cattle

Perish; Fourteen Foot Wall of Water Alliance, Neb., July 14 .- Several

persons are reported to have perished, one is known to have been killed, thousands of head of livestock have been lost, scores of ranch homes around Andrews, seventeen miles west of Crawford, have been destroyed and fields have been devastated by the cloudburst which deluged the White River Canyon country today.

Crawford late tonight was frantically taking measures to prevent inundation of a portion of the city when a fourteen foot wal if water, which is rushing down the White River Canyon from the Inundated district, arrives.

GENERAL OPENS WAR ON LIQUOR AND BAD WOMEN

Fayetteville, July 14 .- An intensive campaign against bootleggers and immoral women was planned at confer ence in the city hall, participated in by General A. J. Bowley, commander of Camp Bragg; Major J. E. Hatch chie provost officer of the camp; Mayor I. R. MacKethan, Sheriff N. H. Me Geachy, Chief of Police J. A. McLend City and County Health Officer E. W. Larkin and representatives of the

press. General Bowley is much in earnes in the effort to improve conditions and made a strong plea for co-operation on the part of local officials, which was soldiers in Fayetteville, while the sit nation as to the presence of undesirable women was equally bad. Some of the hotels and other places in the city are would place a guard at the door of accommodate a mess of 125 to 150, from entering them, if it became neces- tance to the first camp opening Satursary to take such steps to break up the traffie.

War was also declared on speeding on the Camp Bragg road, which has grown to a highly dangerous point. Aid from the city and county authorities was heartily pledged to the command-ing officer in this case also.

Tokio Government, However, Police Guard Convention Hall and Turn Away Negroes of Pollard Faction

> NEGROES PLAN TO HOLD MEETING OF THEIR OWN

Chairman of Republican Na tional Committee, In Letter To Convention, Invites Vir. ginia To Pilot New South Into Harbor of Republi-

Norfolk, Va., July 14. Three negroes at an accredited delegater in the Rebut withholds assent to an unrestricted publican state even-vention here today. though several contestal delegations of negries were barred from the con

> Police guarded the doors to the conention half and turned away the egroes under the leadership of Joseph L. Pollard, of Richmond, who was andplace for United States S nator or the Republican ticket last year. egrous, who had been chosen by there own people after the white Republicans in their own communities had refused them places in the white delegations, nounced that a "Laty Black" convention would be held in Richmond September i, to nominate a state taket of their

> Of the three negroes on the floor two were members of the accepted delegation from Newport News and was from Hampton

Negroes "Bolt" Convention

Pollard, in a statement made at the onvention door when he was refused idmittance, declared that the negrochad "bolted" the convention, "become it was illegally constituted, the color hance to register their views on the election of delegates in many cities Henry W. Anderson, who delivered to keynute speech of the convention this ofternoon in reterring to office holding, said:

"It is an essential of free and effi joint government that persons choses for, or appointed to public office should he these who are best qualified by character, education and experience to discharge the duties of such office and are truly representative of the communities which they serve. "The white people of Virginia, con

stituting two-thirds of its population, holding nearly 95 per cent of its property- with centuries of discipline antraining in the difficult tasks of self government, are charged with the sol mn duty to all the people of this State to see that the State and loca govenrments of the commonwealth are onducted and administered in accord ance with these self evident principles.

G. O. P. In New South. An invitation to Virginia to accep-South into the harbor of Republicanism" was extended by Chairman John T. Adams, of the Republican Notional committee, in a letter read today befor he convention. Mr. Adams had planned minute found it necessary, he said, to rison. remain in Washington,

'Americans are proud of Virginia.' the letter said. "Before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, here were laid the foundations of Republican government Here Washington-the greatest Amer can was born. Here lived Jefferson, and Marshall, Madison and Monroe neasured by the standards of today, alood Republicans.

"On fundamental issues, Virginia in entiment, is as strongly Republican as Iowa. This State should assume it rightful place in the councils of the nat on.

Want Virginia to Lead

"A country forever united calls to Old Virginia to help in restoring its institutions. A torn world has turned to America; and America has called the party whose leadership has always been ought in crisis. So, Republicans of the nation, come to you of Virginia with your patriotic traditions and genius for leadership.

"We want your help; we want your skilled hand on the rudder as we near the end of the voyage to bring the New South into the harbor of Republicanism. We are ready to take a pilot aboard and we ask Virginia to take a pilat's commission.

Dominion stands on the verge of an plunder. era in which its great resources of natural wealth are going to be developed. Your pride in your past, and your faith in your future, call you to alliance with, the party of construction and progress."

ALL IN READINESS TO OPEN TRAINING CAMP

Asheville, July 14.-Miss Susanna ocroft, national commandants of the Inited States Women's Training Camp Corps; Mrs. T. W. Bickett, commandante of the Southeast Division, and Mrs. B. H. Griffin, president of the organization in North Carolina, reached the defense is expected to be completed Asheville last night and following a conference this morning with members promised him. The General declared to the camp site for an inspection of that whiskey is being sold openly to construction work. Fifty-three tents had been erected today fully equipped with cots and bed clothing. kitchen will be completed by noon Friday. The mess hall is nearing cominfested with them, he said, and he pletion and by Friday will be ready every such place to prevent soldiers total of 140 applications for admit-

> day had been received up to noon to day. Arrangements are going forward for a ceremony next Tuesday marking the official opening of the camp.

CALL LEGISLATURE IN SPECIAL SESSION HERE DECEMBER 6TH

ROBERTS SURPRISED AT LATENESS OF SESSION

Atheville July 14.-Mayor Gal-latin Roberts, of Asheville, presi-dent of the North Carolina Muniripal Association, was surprised at the lateness of the date designated by Governor Morrison and the Council of State for the special section of the legislature.

"I was certain that the Governor could not do otherwise than call the special session," said the mayer, "Matters had come to such a pass that the financial situation contronted by the cities through invalidation of the Municipal Finance Act demanded It."

The mayor said that while December 6 was a much later date than he anticipated, yet he believed it would not be too late to give the cities relief through logislation that will take the place of the Municipal Fig. nance Act held unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Mayor Roberts was expecting an immediate session not later than August.

Governor Closes Lease For Home Which He Will Occupy After Monday

The summer capital of North Carca will be at Grove Park, near Ashe ille, it became known yesterday when severnor Merrison attrounced that he hold choosing to see for a house in Group. Park, where he will take no his real. lence Membry, remaining there untr September I

Gavernor Morrison, who puts every unce of his energy into the administration of his duties as governor of the State, has never fully recovered his strength from the strain of the two proswept him into the governor's chair. "I want to see if I can't get well again. he said yesterday, commenting on the residence he has lessed for the

ammer. tiovernor Morrison will leave Roleigh Monday by train, sending his car through the country to Asheville. He will be accompanied to Asheville by his daughter, Miss Angelia Morrison, his sisters, Mrs. Ada Nuttal and Miss Ida Morrison, and by Miss Margaret Willis of the Governor's office staff.

It is likely that while in Ashevilla Governor Morrison will hear the appeal for commutation in a number ases of death sentence now pending Half dozen prisoners are now in death row, and in a number of cases date for electrocution are waiting on the Gov ernor's action. In several most notable of which is that of J. T. Harris, algebrest, who recently lost his appeal for thew trial in the Fupreme cour-Harris, who faces the death chair for the murder of a wealthy Alabama busness man, will make a desperate fight to attend the meeting, but at the last for commutation before Governor Mor

> GENERAL DEBATE ON TARIFF BILL CLOSES

> Seven Days of Consideration of Amendments and Limited Debate Ahead

Washington, July 14.-The House concluded general debate on the Ford-ney tariff bill tonight after the longest enacted the Resolution Legislation ssion of the si days since unlimited discussion began. It is ready to start omorrow on a seven lay stretch of consideration of amendments and of de bate under five minute limitation.

Schedules open to amendment from the floor will be taken up, according to announcement of Chairman Fordner of the ways and means committee, it the following order: Hides, dvestuffs and dve control, oil, cotton, and asplant. The committee, which by special rule is permitted to offer amendments to any paragraph, has many changes it will recommend, mostly, however, it is understood, in the nature of correction of errors.

Oil was to the fore in the day's discussion, although Representative Cockran, Democrat, New York, made a two "Virginia cannot hold aloof from the and one half hour attack on the bill sweep of national progress. The Old generally, describing it as "a policy of

TRIAL OF MRS. KABER NOW NEARING CLOSE

Cleveland, July 14.-Eva Catherine Kaber, on trial for the murder of her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, may know her fate tomorrow night. The defense rested its case this of

ernoon after Mrs. Kaler had refused to come into court voluntarily, submit to examination by physicians to deter mine her mental condition and to talk even to her counsel. Rebuttal testimony of the state's

alienists and probably sur rebuttal by

by abon tomorrow. Arguments by counsel then will follow. Each side has been of the training camp committee went allotted two hours and less time may be consumed, counsel indicated. Mrs. Kaber did not testify. Her coun sel said they did not believe she could

> making an examination. FOUR PERSONS KILLED IN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT

stand, though two phylcisans declared

Oakland, Cal., July 14 .- An airplane from the Jacussi Brothers airplane far-Governor Cameron Morrison has agreed to be present and make an ading the pilot and 5 passengers today dress. The Asheville Municipal Band according to word received by the Oakwill render music during the program. land Tribuse. ing the pilot and 5 passengers today; of the State to put an additional taxa-

Deficit of \$700,000 In School Fund Together With Emergency Confronting North Carolina Municipalities Reasons

GOVERNOR MORRISON ISSUES STATEMENT ON SITUATION NOW

Governor Believes Cities Can Manage With Present Finances Until Legislature In December Can Provide Re. lief; Counties Will Be Asked To Carry State's Unpaid School Fund Until December When Restitution Will Be Made

The General Assembly of North Caroing will meet in special session, Decemor 6, to provide relief for the North Carolina municipalities suffering from the invalidation of the 1921 Manieipal innace Act and to cure a \$700,000 effect in the school funds of the State. Agreement for the call of a special sain was reached by Governor Morrun and the Council' of State yesterhas but the formal call has not yet con made. Reasons for the special session were set forth by the Goverear in a statement issued late yesterlay afternoon

I: was the sense of the Governor and Council of State that the cities, although thrown back on the revenue encompassed within the limits of a on per cent increase over that availtible from taxes levied in 1918 can get slong very well until December when the special session will authorize them bond the deficit created or to borrow the money to meet it starting the state clean again with the re-marted 1921 Municipal Act. The same is true of the \$704,000 school fund deficit, strength from the strain of the two pro-maries and the general electron which carry by advancing the State's share of the fund until December when the legislature can provide for its pay-

> The re classification of the teachers ly which North Carolina advanced from the bottom of the list of States to the fourteenth is assigned by the Governor as the reason for the deficit and a reason which the Governor feels no shame for. The growth of the schools and the advancement of the teachers were just beyond the imagination of the State Superintendent when he made his estimate of expenses.

With Great Reluctance Governor Merrison's statement fol-

"The Council of State unanimously gave their consent this morning for ma to call on Extraordinary Session the tieneral Assembly on Tuesday, the sixth day of Decem-

"It was with very great reluctance, and after the most careful considerathat an Extraordinary Session of the General Assembly could not be avoided without great injury to the State, and to the towns and cities of the I had very enruestly hoped to he contrary, but the statements from any towns and cities of the State isclosed the fact that most of them are already seriously hampered and mant hope to go for two more years under the present authority to borrow

"The General Assembly of 1919, which

provided that the towns and cities of

he State could not levy in the aggre-

mney and levy taxes.

pate more than ten per cent more taxes than was levied in 1918. The towns and cities of the State had looked forward to an increase in their revenues from the usual revaluation made every four years for many years. The limitations placed by the General Assembly upon them which forbade their collecting more than ten per cent more, than in 1918, denied the towns and cities of the State the usual increase in their revenues, which had taken place at each four year period for many years." "If the Revaluation Bill had never been passed, and the property had been called in the old way, the towns and cities of the State would have had their revenues increased much more. than was done under the Revaluation with the ten per cent limit. It was on unusual limitation upon the right of local self-government in the towns and cities. The Municipal Finance Act passed at this same Session of the General Assembly restricted and changed the old law with reference to the right of towns and cities to borrow money for necessary purposes. The towns and cities, in consequence of this, were very much hampered for two years. It was generally expected when the General Assembly met in 1921, that this limitation of ten per cent in excess of the revenues of 1918 would be removed, and the Municipal Finance Act did remove it, and gave the towns and cities a somewhat more liberal right to govern themselves.

Error of a Clerk "Through the error or oversight of a clerk, the Municipal Finance Act was not passed in the manner required by the constitution and was held invalid by the Supreme Court. The towns and cities, therefore, have no power to levy stand the ordeal of taking the witness any tax except an amount which in the aggregate will not exceed ten per her physical condition normal after cent of the amount levied in the year 1918. The towns and cities of State have all been growing, and we do not believe the town and city gov ernments in the State can be operated from new until the next general meeting of the General Assembly without serious embarrassment.

"The General Assembly will not assemble to order the towns and cities

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