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ABSENTEES CAUSE REPUBLICANS TO FLOUNDER AROUND

Senator Penrose Unable to Get Taxation Revision Bill Be- fore The Senate

SENATOR LODGE CAN'T MANAGE PEACE TREATIES

Senator Borah On Hand With Stack of Objections When Committee on Foreign Rela- tions Meets; Finance Corp'n Extends Credit of \$15,000, 000 To Grain Growers

The News and Observer Bureau.
603 District National Bank Bldg.
By EDWARD E. BRITTON.
(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, Sept. 22.—The Republi-
cans in the Senate were drifting around
today like a ship without a rudder, like
an army whose leaders have all gone
to sleep on the job. In fact, the Senate
appeared today to be both rudderless
and leaderless. As a consequence
it got nowhere after an all day talk fest.
And the same lack of leadership showed
up in the Senate committee on foreign
relations. So far as getting anywhere
today the Senate might just as well have
been in the recess business, for at
this rate it will not be able to put
affairs in shape for action by the House
in many weeks.

Senator Lodge, Republican leader,
went up into the air because of the
absence from the Senate of so many
Republicans. There are 26 of them
who have not yet shown up and the
Massachusetts Senator was frankly dis-
satisfied with the failure of his Republi-
can colleagues to appear in an appearance
today of nearly a month. The roll call
of Wednesday showed as present
in all 56 Senators, just a little more
than a quorum, and there were no addi-
tions to the list today.

Democrats Also Absent.
In addition to the 26 Republicans
absent there are 15 Democrats also ab-
sent, but this absenteeism in the minority
is not holding up business, for the
Republicans are running the show these
days. The Republican absenteeism
threatens another jam in legislative
business and so urgent is the need of
Senators that a hurry up call has been
sent out to them to come back and get
on the job. There is complaint among
some of the Republican Senators here
that their colleagues who are absent are
not taking affairs seriously enough, that
they are not realizing that there is a
great mass of work to be done, and
that a Republican majority must be
ready at all times to take care of party
matters.

The absence of leadership was shown
in the Senate in the failure of Senator
Penrose in his attempt to have con-
sideration given the revenue bill. That
measure was present all "dressed up
with nowhere the go" or at least Senator
Penrose could find nowhere to take it.
To seizing the opportunity Senator
Sterling led the conference report on
the anti-beer bill before the Senate
during the morning hour, despite the
effort of Senator Penrose to get the
revenue bill in ahead of the anti-beer
measure.

With the anti-beer having the right of
way, it was discussed for a long time
by Senator Shields, and after 2 o'clock
the Panama canal fee tolls question was
taken up. The vote on it is to be
taken on October 12, but there will be
many arguments on its honesty and
merit before the voting time arrives.
During the day it was seen that Senator
Penrose could get the revenue bill no-
where, the failure to do this with a
measure declared to be so important
showing that the Republicans are run-
ning around without capable leadership.

Senator Lodge In Hole.

In the Senate judiciary committee
Senator Lodge found himself in a hole
with the peace treaties with Germany
and Austria bothering him. Of the 16
members of the committee only eight
were present this morning and Senator
Knox viewed more Republicans of his
point of view for Senator Borah was
present with a stack of objections to
the ratification of the treaties. Boiled
down to objections are that the treaties
with Germany and Austria smell too
much of the Versailles pact. He held
that the Harding peace treaties simply
took America "through the back instead
of the front door" into affairs and en-
tanglements in Europe, that there would
be a moral if not a legal obligation to
retain American troops in Germany with
the ratification of the treaty, that Amer-
icans on the reparations commission
would mean that this country would
have a hand in European af-
fairs for at least the next 40 years.
Much attention was given Senator
Borah's views by Senator Johnson and
Senator Brandegee, Republicans, and
Senator Shields, Democrat, these mem-
bers of the "irreconcilable" group.
Other Republicans are standing out with
their administration, while neither Sen-
ator Shannon nor Senator Pomerene,
Democrats, had anything to say of their
position on the matter. It now appears
certain that there will be much Sen-
atorial oratory when the peace treaties
reach the Senate.

Census Figures Given Out.

The Census Bureau today made
public preliminary occupation statistics
for North Carolina. The exact figures
will not be obtainable till about July
1, when there will also be given out
the number of persons engaged in
each particular occupation, the statistics
being obtained in the fourteenth
census. The statement is that there
were 895,321 persons 10 years of age
and over in North Carolina engaged
in gainful occupations in 1920, com-
prising 85.9 per cent of the total
population of the State and 46.6 per
cent of the population, 10 years of
age and over. In 1910 the 947,839
gainful workers were 43.06 per cent
of the total population of the State and
60 per cent of the population 10 years
of age and over. Of the gainful work-

PICTURE OF OLD MAN IN MIRROR OF DUPLIN FARMER AROUSING MUCH INTEREST

Mount Olive, Sept. 22.—A picture
of an elderly man, with gray hair
and long, gray beard, has recently
appeared on a mirror in the home
of Roscoe Garner, a Duplin farmer
living near here, and cannot be
erased. News of the strange ap-
pearance has spread rapidly and has
caused no end of speculation as to
the cause of its appearance there.
Hundreds from far and near have
journeyed to the Garner home to
satisfy their own curiosity about it.
But the likeness remains.

EMPHATIC DENIAL OF CHILD'S STORY

Prominent Elizabeth City Busi- ness Man On Trial For At- tacking Young Girl

Elizabeth City, Sept. 22.—Taking the
stand late this afternoon in his own be-
half, L. L. Winder, prominent real estate
man and broker of this city, made
a complete and categorical denial
of the story told by 13 year old Hattie
Puckett before the recorder last Spring
and repeated without material change
at this afternoon's session of Superior
court.

The girl's story is that one after-
noon after school last March she went
to Mr. Winder's office in the Hinton
building to try to sell him a ticket to
the Elks' minstrel show, then shortly
to be given in the city. She declared
that in the course of this visit, without
provocation on her part, Winder as-
saulted her against her will though
she was too frightened, surprised and
confused at the time to cry out for
help.

Winder went so far as not only to
deny the girl's story but also to state
that she made improper advances to
him to which he paid no attention.
"The girl has never had any attrac-
tion for me. I want that distinctly
understood," he declared in the course
of his cross-examination by Solicitor
Ehringhaus.

Again when he was being chided for
not rebuking when according to Winder's
testimony she sat in his lap, the
witness said "That girl has no more
regard for a man than she has for a
goat."
The case against Mr. Winder, on the
charge of carnal knowledge of a vir-
tuous female child over twelve and un-
der fourteen years of age was taken up
this morning at the opening of court, but
all the morning session was taken up
with the selection of a jury.
Hattie Puckett, prosecuting witness,
was put on the stand at 4 o'clock open-
ing of court this afternoon. Her story
was corroborated by her mother, Mrs. Lela
Puckett, and the State rested.

WILSON LOOKING FOR BIG FAIR THIS WEEK

Wilson, Sept. 22.—With cotton, tobac-
co and other farm products selling for
fair prices and the general outlook for
brighter days, the indications point to
a large attendance at the second annual
fair of the Wilson County Fair Asso-
ciation.

MANY DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS ON WILSON LIST

Wilson, Sept. 22.—Sheriff B. E.
Howard says the amount due by delin-
quent tax payers of Wilson County is
around \$50,000 and that the penalty is
10 per cent, and that he will be
forced to collect even if he has to ad-
vertise and sell real and personal prop-
erty. These delinquent taxes are for
the year 1920. The total amount for
the year, less the delinquency, was
\$382,000. The books for the 1921 taxes
will be opened the first week in
October.

ALFRED R. WILSON BUYS DRUG STORE IN SELMA.

Dunn, Sept. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Al-
fred R. Wilson left yesterday for Selma
where Saturday Mr. Wilson assumed
charge of the drug store established
several years ago by the Richardson
Drug Company. He will devote his entire
attention to the business in future.

FERTILIZER CONCERN PASSES ITS REGULAR DIVIDEND

New York, Sept. 22.—The American
Agricultural Chemical Company today
omitted the quarterly dividend of 1-3
per cent on preferred stock due at this
time. The company has paid no divi-
dends on its preferred stock since last
April.

34 ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF PLOTTING PRISON BREAK

Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 22.—Thirty-
four men are under arrest here as a
result of the discovery of a plot to
make possible a wholesale escape of
prisoners from the Missouri peniten-
tiary, prison officials announced today.

BRIGHT PROSPECT AHEAD FOR SOUTH, HARDING STATES

Head of Federal Reserve Sys- tem Guest at Made-In-Car- olinas Exposition

DEFENDS POLICIES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Causes of Agricultural Prosper- ity Ascribed to Economic Reasons; Says Lowering of Discount Rates Had Nothing To Do With It; Takes Shot at John Skelton Williams

Charlotte, Sept. 22.—Governor W. P.
G. Harding of the Federal Reserve
Board, was an honor guest at the ex-
position today. Three hundred bankers
from out of town were here. He was
also honor guest at a banquet tendered
him by the American Trust Company
in the city auditorium at 1 o'clock, this
being one of the most notable events
Charlotte has known. The guests num-
bered 500. Bankers, business men and
industrial leaders of the Carolinas' re-
notest sections being represented.

The future prosperity of the country,
and especially the South, hinges upon
the method of crop marketing and what
prices prevail for the raw products of
these districts, "in which normally so
large a part of the country's purchasing
power lies" declared Governor Harding.

Bright Prospect For Future.

He said that "with proper co-opera-
tion, as the part of merchants and bank-
ers, those engaged in agriculture now
have opportunities and prospects which
nobody anticipated a few months ago."
He emphasized the necessity for push-
ing the foreign trade as it relates to
cotton and the main products of South-
ern farms. Some means must be devised,
he said "for extending long time credits
abroad or interesting American invest-
ors in foreign properties and securities
in order that the exchange which now
runs so heavily against other nations
may be corrected." There have always
been years of prosperity and years of
adversity, but the Federal Reserve sys-
tem can do a great deal to modify them
and to hold them in check.

"Here in the South, we are all re-
joicing over the recent advance in the
price of cotton. This advance is not
due to any increase in the loans of
the Federal Reserve banks or to any
expansion of the currency. As a matter
of fact, the amount of Federal Reserve
notes in circulation today is about
\$500,000,000 less than when cotton
reached its lowest point last spring.
The advance in the price of cotton is
due to economic causes, to the opera-
tion of the inevitable law of supply
and demand."

No Change in Policy.

He said that a change in the discount
rate is not necessarily a change in
policy.
"The discount rates of the Federal
Reserve banks during the year 1919 were
below the market rate, as was the
case during the greater part of the
period when the country was at war.
The war did not end in a financial sense
with the signing of the armistice and
the exigencies of the treasury seemed
to require a continuance for some
months of the Federal Reserve discount
rates which prevailed during the war.
The reaction, when it came was over-
due and was brought about by world-
wide economic causes, which were en-
tirely beyond the control of any gov-
ernment."

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO PROBE KU KLUX KLAN

Agents Instructed To Investi- gate Organization Throug- out The Country

Washington, Sept. 22.—High officials
of the Ku Klux Klan may be sum-
moned to Washington for interrogation
by the Department of Justice, At-
torney General Daugherty indicated today.
Director Burns, of the department's
bureau of investigation, Mr. Daugherty
announced, has been instructed to set
his agents at work on an investigation
of the Klan's organization in various
parts of the country.

In connection with the possible sum-
moning of Klan leaders to Washing-
ton, the attorney general said the De-
partment of Justice had the authority
to summon any one and it was its
policy in the course of an investigation
to talk the matter over with the per-
sons involved.

CALIFORNIA WOMAN NAMED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, Sept. 22.—Nominations
of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, of Cal-
ifornia, and of John W. H. Crim, of
New Jersey to be assistant attorneys
general, were included in a long list
of nominations sent to the Senate to-
day by President Harding.

DEMOCRATS URGE REDUCTIONS MADE IN INCOME TAXES

Minority Members of Senate Finance Committee Offer Amendments To Tax Bill

WOULD SUBSTITUTE A TAX ON GASOLINE

Would Also Retain Capital Stock Tax, Amounting To \$60,000,000 Yearly, Which Republicans Plan To Repeal; Suggested Reductions Would Benefit Millions of People

Washington, Sept. 22.—Reductions in
the normal tax rates on individual in-
comes of \$15,000 or less and a gradu-
ated tax of from 10 per cent to 20
per cent on the incomes of corpora-
tions in place of the suggested flat
rate of 15 per cent were proposed in
amendments to the Republican tax re-
vision bill offered today in the Senate
by Senators Walsh, of Massachusetts,
and Gerry, of Rhode Island, Democ-
rats on the finance committee.

To make up the \$105,000,000 loss from
the tax on individual income, it was
proposed that a tax of one cent a gal-
lon on gasoline be imposed at the
source and that the capital stock tax,
yielding around \$60,000,000 annually,
be retained. The majority bill provides
for repeal of this tax, effective in
1922.

Would Reduce Income Taxes.

Under the Gerry amendment, indi-
vidual tax payers whose net income
is less than \$5,000, would pay a normal
rate of two per cent instead of four
per cent on \$4,000, as provided in the
revised bill; tax payers whose net in-
come is between \$5,000 and \$10,000
would pay a normal tax of four per
cent on the excess over \$5,000, instead
of eight per cent, on all over \$4,000
and taxpayers whose net income is be-
tween \$10,000 and \$15,000 would pay
a normal tax of six per cent on the
excess over \$10,000 instead of eight
per cent on the excess over \$4,000.

Incomes in excess of \$15,000 would
pay at the rate of eight per cent on all
over that amount but, it was explained,
they would receive the benefit of the
lowered normal tax up to \$15,000. The
surplus rates as fixed by the finance
committee would remain unchanged.

Under the corporation income tax amendment offered by Senator Walsh, the rate on the first \$100,000 of corpora- tion net income would be 10 per cent; that on the income between \$100,000 and \$200,000 would be 15 per cent; and that on the income in excess of \$200,000 would be 20 per cent.

Would Benefit The Masses.

"This schedule," said a joint state-
ment issued by Senators Walsh and
Gerry, "will reduce the tax on the net
income of 195,000 corporations upon
which the Republican majority bill in-
creases the tax from 10 per cent to 15
per cent, while it increases the tax on
only about 4,000 corporations which
have a net income of more than \$300,
000 each year."

Discussing the proposed reductions
in the normal income tax on individ-
ual incomes below \$15,000, the state-
ment said:
"This change will reduce materially
the tax bills of 3,000,000 tax pay-
ers, in striking contrast with the Re-
publican plan of cutting in addition
to lowering the surtax bracket, the
high surtaxes from taxpayers whose in-
come is over \$66,000, which affects not
more than 5,000 of the wealthiest class."

"The loss to the government by our
plan will amount to about \$105,000,000,
yet the Republican majority have
with one fell swoop eliminated the ex-
cess profits taxes and thereby reduced
the revenue of the government \$450,
000,000."

NAMES WOOD AS GOVERNOR OF PHILIPPINES

Washington, Sept. 22.—Major Gen-
eral Leonard Wood was formally nomi-
nated by President Harding today to
be Governor General of the Philippine
Islands.

EXPLOSION LEAVES FLOURISHING TOWN A MASS OF DEBRIS

Eleven Hundred Dead and 4, 000 Injured Latest Esti- mate of Disaster

VAST CRATER SLOWLY FILLING WITH WATER

Soldiers In French Uniforms Clearing Away The Wreck- age, and Picking Up The Dead and Injured As After a Big Battle; Moaning and Cries Still Being Heard

Mannheim, Sept. 22.—(By the Asso-
ciated Press).—Desolation and ruins
alone remain of what was once the
flourishing town of Oppau. The town
had 6,500 residents, of which a ma-
jority of the men engaged in the
chemical works were killed or wounded.
Soldiers in French uniforms are clear-
ing away the wreckage, picking up the
dead and injured as after a big battle,
and cries still being heard.

Eleven hundred dead and four thou-
sand injured is the latest estimate of
the disaster yesterday which caused a
greater number of casualties in the
Mannheim-Ludwigshafen district than
the four years of the war. The desola-
tion around Oppau equals anything
seen at Verdun or in Flanders over a
similar area. Hundreds of persons are
digging in the ruins for the bodies of
relatives or friends, nearly a thousand
of which have been recovered thus far.

Many Injured Uncared For.

Thirty-six hours after the explosion,
from the gaping, funnel like hole
where the Badische works formerly
stood there are still to be heard moan-
ing and cries of the wounded, while
the soldiers search for possible sur-
vivors. Twenty-five hundred of the in-
jured are reported to have passed
through the hospitals of the surround-
ing cities.

The vast crater is slowly filling with
water, and it may never be known how
many victims found a grave there. All
mutilated but still living animals "crawl-
ing amidst the twisted girders and
blocks of concrete are being put out
of their misery. The stromen and re-
lief workers have not yet been able to
discard their gas masks.

French Take Over Relief.

The French high commissioner on the
Rhine, M. Tirard, and his entire staff
took charge of the relief work. The
members of his staff were sent to all
the surrounding towns to enlist the
mayors and people in the relief plan,
in which the labor unions are uniting.
Several of the funds have already as-
sumed large proportions.

Train Blown Off Tracks.

Several French soldiers were killed
and many wounded when the force of
the Oppau explosion wrecked the
French barracks at Eisenheim. A train
which had just left that station was
blown off the tracks, plowing through
the wooden sheds where French soldiers
of occupation were quartered. General
Dugoutie personally decorated a Moroccan
soldier who rescued eleven wounded
men from the wreckage, the African
being severely burned about the hands
and neck.

TOBACCO SELLING FOR GOOD PRICES IN WAYNE

Goldsboro Chamber of Com- merce To Give Barbecue For Fremont Business Men

Goldsboro, Sept. 22.—With 22,000
pounds on the three sales floors, it
looked for the first few minutes today
that 1919 prices had returned, bids
ranging from 31 cents to 33 cents. At
the close of the day's sales the general
average was \$21.14 a 100 pounds. All
Wayne and adjoining county farmers
are delighted with the prices on the
Goldsboro market.

At a meeting of the business and pro-
fessional men held at the Chamber of
Commerce rooms here this afternoon
invitations were issued to 150 business
men and farmers in the Fremont sec-
tion of Wayne county to be their guests
at a barbecue dinner to be given Friday
September 30, at a half past five
between Goldsboro and Fremont. The
object of the gathering is to bring
the business men and farmers of Wayne
county to become closer acquainted.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SEEKS INJUNCTION TO ESCAPE TAXES

WARREN SAYS HE HAS NO COMPLAINT

New Bern Lawyer Expresses Appreciation For Strong Support Given Him

Federal Court Asked To Set Aside Valuations Placed On Property By State Tax Commission

New Bern, Sept. 22.—"I am no kicker
and have no complaint to make," was
the sentiment expressed today by
Thomas D. Warren relative to the ap-
pointment of Judge Adams to succeed
the late Justice W. R. Allen. Mr. War-
ren has just returned from Jones coun-
ty where he attended Superior court.
In an interview this afternoon he had
the following to say:

"While I appreciate more than I can
express the support of friends through-
out the State in their effort to have me
appointed associate justice of the Su-
preme court I accept the result with
no feeling of resentment or bitter-
ness and as soon as I heard of Judge
Adams' appointment I wired him my
sincerest congratulations. I have known
Judge Adams for a number of years;
there is no better man in North Caro-
lina."

"He is every way qualified and
eminently fit for the position to which
he has been appointed." He has my best
wishes for a long and useful service
and the people of the State may rest
assured that he will do credit to him-
self and the State.

KU KLUX HEADS HOLD MEETING IN ATLANTA

Simmons Says He Will Investi- gate Charge Against Clark and Mrs. Tyler

Atlanta, Sept. 22.—The Imperial
"Klonecium" or council of the knights
of the Ku Klux Klan is holding a ses-
sion in Atlanta to consider the alleged
"exposure" of the organization being
published in certain newspapers
throughout the country. Col. W. J. Sim-
mons, Imperial Wizard, stated today.
He declared a thorough investigation
would be made of charges against E. Y.
Clark, Imperial Klonegic, or organizer,
and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler, also connect-
ed with the Klansmen.

Disastrous Fire At Poltkon Burns Bank

Scarcity of Water Makes It Im- possible To Combat Blaze Successfully

Wadesboro, Sept. 22.—There was a
very disastrous fire at Poltkon, a small
town between here and Charlotte, last
night. The bank building and several
stores were destroyed, the loss running
into several thousands of dollars.
The origin of the fire is unknown. On-
ly the scarcity of water, it was im-
possible to combat the fire.

To Pass On Debs' Pardon

Washington, Sept. 22.—Recommendations
on the question of a pardon for
Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, im-
prisoned at Atlanta for violation of the
war laws, may be sent to President
Harding next week, Attorney General
Daugherty said today.

Governor Condemns Ku Klux

St. Louis, Sept. 22.—Governor Arthur
M. Hyde, condemned the Ku Klux Klan
as an organization before 500 members
of the grand lodge of Missouri A. F.
and A. M., last night, declaring it "a
secret, furtive organization whose
methods are subversive to American
ideals, and the rule of the law."

Railroad Attorneys Want to Smash Income Act of Constitution

Want Thirty Million Dollars Lopped Off of Assessments and Quarter Million of Taxes Wiped Off Books In 49 Counties; Injunction Sought, If Granted, Would Tie Up Tax Collecting Machinery, So Far As Southern Is Con- cerned; Claim Discrimina- tion in Disallowing Request For Reduction and Allege Franchise Tax to Be Unconsti- tutional

Greensboro, Sept. 22.—An order to
restrain the entire tax levying ma-
chinery of the State, the sheriffs of 49
counties, tax collectors in 37 municipali-
ties and collectors in 13 special
school tax districts from collecting any
tax levied against the Southern Rail-
way is sought in injunction proceedings
started here today in Federal court
seeking to set aside the value assessed
upon it by Revenue Commissioner A.
D. Watts.

Allegation is made in the complaint
that Revenue Commissioner Watts has
discriminated against the defendant
in disallowing their claim for reduction
in values in counties where other prop-
erty has been reduced; that the basis
of values used is in restraint of inter-
state commerce; that the franchise tax
is unconstitutional; and that the in-
come tax provided by the constitutional
amendments adopted last year is in
violation of the constitution of the United
States.

Would Enjoin Whole Works.

Prayer is made that Commissioner
Watts be enjoined from making certifi-
cation of assessment to State Auditor
Baxter Durham, and that the latter be
enjoined from charging taxes for col-
lection; that State Treasurer B. R.
Lacy be restrained from collecting
franchise taxes, and that Attorney
General James S. Manning be restrain-
ed from entering suit for the collec-
tion of taxes based on the assessment,
and that the sheriffs and tax collectors
mentioned in the brief be restrained
from collecting any taxes levied against
the railroad.

No temporary injunction was asked
for in the proceedings. Papers were
filed here late this afternoon by S. R.
Priole, solicitor general for the plain-
tiff. Three judges must hear the case,
one of them a member of the United
States Circuit court of appeals. No
arrangements for the hearing have as
yet been made, and no date has been
named. Papers will be filed upon the
Governor, Revenue Commissioner,
Auditor, Treasurer, and the Sheriffs
and Tax Collectors named in the com-
plaint.

Nearly Half Million Involved.

Approximately \$50,000 in ad valorem
taxes assessed by county, municipal
and special school districts, and \$96,
000 in franchise taxes assessed and col-
lected by the State for State uses, mak-
ing a total of \$146,000 is involved in
the litigation. These moneys, usually
the first to be paid into the county
and State treasuries, will be tied up
until the courts finally pass upon the
questions raised in the complaint.

Threat of an appeal to the courts was
made by three great railroad systems
of the State when their appeal for re-
duced assessments was heard by Com-
missioner Watts in July. Both the At-
lantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air
Line are contemplating similar action
in the Federal courts, seeking to com-
pel Commissioner Watts to cancel the
assessment made against them. No
complaints have thus far been filed by
either road, but it is understood that
the A. C. L. will start suit within the
next few days.

Claims Unfair Valuations.

In its complaint the plaintiff railroad
sets forth that its holdings in this
State in 1919 were valued at \$16,800,
942, and that in 1920, under the revalua-
tion act, its values were increased to
\$96,005,694. The values for the current
year were reduced \$259,000 as against
a reduction of approximately thirty
million asked for.

The basic upon which the valuation
was estimated was the net operating
income over a period of five years,
amounting to \$4,117,625 and this was
capitalized at six per cent interest,
giving a total value to the road and its
equipment of \$101,960,413, deduction
being made for subordinate lines. The
plaintiff deems that this is fair, on the
grounds that the net income is sepa-
rated over many States, and pro-rated
on a mileage basis to North Carolina,
a State that yields little initial revenue,
it is asserted. Herein lies the charge
that the assessment is a violation of
interstate commerce act. Complaint is
also made against the use of six per
cent as a base when money was bring-
ing eight per cent.

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