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NORTH STATE NEWS NOTES

Items of State Interest Gathered from Here and There and Told Briefly for Easy Readers.

Teachers Assembly Ended.

Greensboro, Special.—The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly was brought to a close Friday afternoon when the annual business session was held.

At the meeting President T. R. Foust presided and R. D. W. Connor was secretary. The usual vote of thanks was extended those who had a part in making the assembly a success. A nominating committee, consisting of E. C. Brooks, W. H. Ragsdale, H. B. Craven, H. L. Smith and Miss Mary Applewhite, nominated the following officers for the coming year: Dr. D. H. Hill, president; C. L. Owen, Wilson, vice president; R. D. W. Connor, secretary, and H. B. Smith and A. E. Wolz, members of the executive committee. A number of resolutions were read and adopted; one endorsing Superintendent Joyce for president of the National Educational Association, another asking the State to provide an educational building at Raleigh; another calling upon the State teachers to attend the Southern Educational Conference at Charlotte in December; endorsing the Stone Mountain Training School; to send delegate to National Educational Assembly at Denver in July; thanking Dr. Brooks for his part in editing North Carolina Education. The motion to send delegates to Denver created much discussion. President Foust, of the State Normal, was elected, no provision being made for paying his expenses.

An interesting paper was submitted by C. L. Con. It was not a resolution or report, but some thoughts by Mr. Con. If all the things suggested by the paper are carried out the educational system of the State will show many changes. Among things it was suggested that the State board of education consist of teachers. The report was ordered to be printed with other proceedings and a committee of five was appointed to make further investigations.

Shot His Father.

Spencer, Special.—Mr. Phillip Spencer, a well known farmer near Greensboro, was fatally shot Saturday by his son, Mr. J. C. Sowers, while the two were out hunting near their country home. The son fired at a squirrel, not knowing that his father was in range, and a part of the lead accidentally took effect in the breast of Mr. Sowers, who is eighty years old, though hale and hearty. After being shot, he fired his own gun, killing the squirrel, after which he was given medical attention, and it is thought will soon recover, as the shooting was at long range and the shot made only flesh wounds. No blame attaches to Mr. J. C. Sowers on account of the accident.

Encampment of Guards.

Reidsville, Special.—A readjustment of rates for the encampment of regiments of the North Carolina National Guard was made Monday and the general orders were issued by Adjutant-General J. F. Armfield. The rates finally agreed upon are: Second Regiment, July 8 to 14; Third Regiment, with Reidsville Hospital Corps and Battery A, Charlotte, July 19 to 25, and First Regiment, with Charlotte Hospital corps, July 23 to August 3. The advisory board had decided on July 5 for the beginning of the encampments, but it has been found since that necessary equipment cannot be gotten to certain companies in time for the earlier dates.

Power Dredging Arrested at Lynchburg, Va., For Murder.

Lynchburg, Special.—The authorities here received word here that Angelo Hamilton, a former Durham man, has been arrested in Lynchburg, Va., and is being held there charged with the murder of Sallie Hicks. There is nothing telling the story of the crime. The man was unknown there and there is the simple suggestion of scandal.

Teachers Convene at Morehead.

Morehead City, Special.—In the presence of a large audience the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly began Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock at the Atlantic Hotel assembly room. Dr. D. H. Hill, of the University of North Carolina, and M. C. College, made the opening address of the meeting and introduced Governor W. W. Kitchin. The Governor did not make a speech but made a talk that delighted his audience. He told some good jokes and gave a number of toasts. He said he had nothing new or startling to offer along educational lines.

Forty-Three Pints Captured.

Charlotte, Special.—Ed. C. Caton, a resident of Sharon township, was arrested Friday for having in his possession 43 pints of whiskey, the law allowing a man only two and a half gallons at a time. A charge of retailing was sworn out against him and a bond of \$200 fixed for his appearance at court. Mr. T. L. Caton, a brother of the accused man, went to his bond and it is said the case will be fought.

Jailer Struck Over Head.

Greensboro, Special.—When Jailer W. H. May, in company with Deputy Sheriff John W. Weatherly, went into a cell of the jail at noon Monday to take out a prisoner who was wanted in the court house, John Spease, who was occupying the cell with the prisoner wanted, suddenly began lurching Jailer May over the head with a big linked iron chain, cutting a bad scalp wound on the head through his hat before the assailant with the aid of the deputy sheriff, the jailer and the other prisoner could get him down and tie him. Spease has been in jail eight weeks awaiting admission into the asylum, having been sent here from High Point. He has been very quiet and orderly, showing no signs of being dangerous until the sudden attack on the jailer Monday. His companion in the cell says sometime in the morning, Peace twisted an iron chain from a bunk, remarking that he was going to make the jailer who had him locked up without a cause turn him out. The man seemed perfectly cool and unexcited and his remark was not considered amounting to anything until the sudden attempt to carry out the threat recalled it. There are now two white men from High Point in jail, on account of failure to get them in the asylum.

Wilmington Man Makes a Bungling Attempt at Suicide.

Wilmington, Special.—Milton Breckenridge, a well-known young man, formerly a bank clerk in this city until he lost his position on account of dissipation, made a bungling attempt at suicide by shooting himself in the mouth on North Fourth street early Tuesday afternoon. After shooting himself he became frightened and urged those about him to hurry with the summons for a physician and cautioned the policeman who disarmed him of his pistol to mind how he handled the weapon for fear it would go off while pointed in his direction. He was hurried to the hospital where it is stated the wound is not fatal, the ball having lodged in the roof of the mouth.

Kills Father to Save Mother.

Selma, Special.—Mr. Frank Crawford, who lived about eight miles north of Selma, was struck on the head with an axe by his thirteen-year-old son, Herman Monday morning about six o'clock and instantly killed. The particulars of the homicide as can be learned are that Crawford and his wife had a quarrel over Crawford's cursing the boy Herman, the result of which was Crawford threw her to the floor and was beating her. She asked her son to get him off and not being able to do so without force he picked up an axe and struck his father, crushing in his skull. Herman was taken to jail at Smithfield.

Lightning Struck Factory.

Wilson, Special.—Monday afternoon during a heavy downpour of rain lightning struck the Contentine guano factory in the southwest section of Wilson and in a few moments the whole structure was a seething mass of flame. The factory and contents were the property of P. L. Woodard & Co., and was insured for only three thousand dollars, a policy for \$3,500 expiring on June 4th and another one for \$1,500 on May first. The loss was \$15,000. But for the heavy rain and the excellent work of the firemen the Wilson Oil Mill would have gone up in smoke.

Boy Drowned in River.

Lincolnton, Special.—George, the 11-year-old son of Mr. Christopher James, of Worth, was drowned while bathing in the river last Friday afternoon. The burial service was conducted Sunday by Rev. Risinger. George was born the day of the battle of Manila was fought and was named for Admiral Dewey.

Pomona Mills Sold.

Greensboro, Special.—The Pomona Cotton Mills of Greensboro, bankrupt, was sold by trustee Thursday afternoon for the second time, bringing two hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars. E. P. Wharton, representing the syndicate which had purchased the claims against the concern, being the highest bidder. At the former sale Mr. Wharton was the highest bidder at two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Judge Boyd did not confirm the sale ordering another.

Arrested for Murder.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Detectives who have been investigating the death of Ted Bentley, a wealthy farmer of Wilkes county, supposed to have been killed three weeks ago by drinking poisoned whiskey, arrested and jailed at Wilkesboro, Friday night Foot and Marshall Fletcher, their sister, and Lee Hubbard, charged with committing the crime.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

Most of the Senate's attention Monday was given to discussion of Philippine sugar and tobacco tariff, finance committee's substitute for the House provision being considered. It was argued on the one hand that the American sugar trust and not the Philippine producers would benefit thereby, and on the other that to admit into the islands sugar free of duty would open the way for its free admission into this country. An amendment to admit sugar into the Philippines free of duty was lost, 11 to 49. Senator Aldrich said that President Taft has endorsed the Philippine paragraph.

For several days it has been recognized by the opponents of the income tax question that the only way they could make certain the defeat of the proposition would be to offer something in its stead, which would be acceptable to the country.

Tax on net earnings of corporations, gross receipts of corporations, dividends of corporations and other forms of corporation taxes were brought forward one after another to meet rejection from advocates of the income tax. It became known that President Taft disagreed with the supporters of a tax on incomes and would bring about their defeat. But the income tax faction, numbering all of the Democratic Senators and a number of progressive Republicans, variously estimated at twelve to nineteen, have been keeping up a bold front, refusing to be diverted from their purpose by the suggestion of different forms for corporations taxes.

The Senate Saturday covered a multitude of subjects in connection with the tariff, but made final disposition of nothing of importance. Beginning at 10 o'clock, the income and corporation tax questions received attention for some time and ultimately were postponed, with the understanding that they should not be taken up again until after the tariff provisions proper should be finally settled.

Senator Aldrich, of the committee on finance, brought in the committee's amendment to the wool pulp paragraph, which proved to be a provision for doubling the duty on wool pulp coming from countries which undertake to prohibit the exportation of logs to this country.

Senator Beveridge presented an amendment for the cutting in two of the House ad valorem duty on cash registers. Mr. Aldrich also presented the finance committee's side provision.

There has been deposited in the Library of Congress and placed on exhibition in the Manuscripts Division, the original engrossed "Permanent Constitution of the Confederate States of America."

The constitution was adopted March 11, 1862, by the Confederate Congress at Montgomery, Ala., and signed by delegates from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. When the capital was moved to Richmond it was carried to that city and upon the evacuation of Richmond was sent with other papers farther south where it was rescued by Mr. F. G. DeFountain at Chester, S. C., from a land of looters.

Mr. DeFountain kept this and other documents for some years and in 1891 it passed into the hands of Mrs. C. W. J. DeRenne, whose son, Mr. W. J. DeRenne, of Savannah, Ga., now owns it and has recently deposited it as a loan with the Library of Congress.

Vigorous criticism of the tariff bill in its entirety was made in the Senate Tuesday where, technically, the Philippine amendment to the bill was under discussion all day, by Senator Owen, who declared that the bill was written to serve the purposes of the masters of monopoly in this country, which was to make the rich richer, and the poor poorer. He said the bill was contrary to the will of the American people. Senator Burkett declared that the finance committee's action in changing front over night on the subject of tobacco importations from the Philippines looked to him "like a game of petty politics."

Later in the day Chairman Aldrich presented the finance committee's amendment to the silk schedule.

President Taft discussed with his Cabinet the plan for a tax upon the undistributed net earnings of corporations and expressed satisfaction over the finance committee's plan to bring it to a vote in the Senate.

The Senate Tuesday adopted the window-glass schedule, placing a lower duty on such glass than is provided either by the Dingley law or by the House bill. Because of intense competition by German manufacturers, the duty on illustrated post cards was increased 325 per cent above the Dingley law. The schedules relating to lithographic paper, calendars, cigar bands and similar products were adopted.

TWO CARS COLLIDE HEAD-ON

Accident Caused by Disobedience to Orders.

TEN KILLED BY TROLLEY CLASH

Big Suburban Electric Cars Come Together Near South Bend, Ind., Killing Ten Persons Outright and Injuring Forty More or Less Seriously.

South Bend, Ind., Special.—Ten persons were killed and forty injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Ben Railroad in Porter county, Indiana, Sunday night, two of the big electric cars collided head-on. According to General Manager H. U. Wallace, the wreck was due to a disobedience of orders by Motorman George A. Reed, of the east-bound car, who was killed.

Reed received instructions at Gary to wait at Wilson, a short distance west of Bailey town, the point at which the disaster occurred, for the westbound car to pass. The impact of the cars was so great they were reduced to a mass of wreckage. The dead are: George A. Reed, motorman, Michigan City, Ind., formerly of Villa Grove, Ill.; Ray F. Merriman, married, South Bend; Charles Johnson, Porter, Ind.; Edward Gilbertson, Porter, Ind.; A. Barber, Mishawaka; E. T. Moore, residence unknown; William Leon, secretary of the Dwiggie Motor Works, Dowagiac, Mich.; F. A. Lake, president Dowagiac Motor Works, Dowagiac; H. H. Hutson, Niles, Mich.; Charles Swanton, Porter, Ind.

The eastbound car was going fifty miles and hour to make up lost time. When the crash occurred, the eastbound car was telescoped and almost demolished. In this train were all of the killed and most of the injured, passengers on the westbound train escaping with bruises.

The two cars were welded together in a mass of debris. The cries for help caused a scene of confusion for many minutes. Soon, however, the cool-headed passengers brought order out of chaos, and while some converted the home of E. R. Borg into a hospital and morgue, others rescued the injured.

Car Wrecks Automobiles.

Anderson, S. C., Special.—James H. Cobb, superintendent of the Belton Cotton Mills, is dead. Rev. D. D. Richardson, pastor of the Second Baptist church, of Belton, and the Glenck Mills Baptist church, of this city, is in a critical condition, in a hospital here, his wife is slightly injured and Rev. E. A. McDowell, of Ninety-Six, field agent of The Baptist Society, is seriously hurt, as the result of a collision between an interurban car of the Anderson Traction Company, and an automobile, which occurred at Breazeale's crossing, nine miles east of Anderson, shortly before noon Sunday.

The dead and injured were occupants of the automobile. The accident occurred at the foot of a smart grade as the car was coasting at the rate of about 15 miles an hour. The automobile party was sighted by the car in charge of the car, Conductor C. P. Burris and Motorman E. E. Sanders, and the usual signal given, there being plenty of time for the machine to clear the crossing well in front of the car. When the front wheels of the automobile, however, had cleared the first rail of the track the engine seemed to come to a dead standstill and in a few seconds the car struck it.

Rev. Mr. Richardson's skull was fractured and his left leg and arms broken and he is yet unconscious.

Rev. Mr. McDowell was removed from the scene of the accident to the Belton Hotel, where his injuries were dressed. He is suffering from a broken shoulder and arm and while seriously hurt his condition is not serious. He was removed to his home at Ninety-Six late in the afternoon apparently resting well.

Ohioan Shoots Neighbor and Wife and Tries Suicide.

Stubeville, Ohio, Special.—Meyer Osman shot and killed Mike Demick, shot and seriously wounded his wife and then attempted to commit suicide Sunday. Osman quarreled with a neighbor over a cat and ran into his house to obtain a shotgun with which to shoot him. In the room where Osman kept his gun he found Demick, a boarder, caressing Mrs. Osman. Seizing a revolver he shot Demick, killing him instantly. Mrs. Osman was shot in the back. Osman then turned the gun upon himself and fired, but did not wound seriously.

Husband's Aim is Bad.

Armistion, Ala., Special.—A sensation was created here Sunday afternoon when A. W. Falls, a prominent cotton factor, fired four shots from a revolver at R. Ripley, of Spartanburg, S. C., when he found the latter at his home in the company of Mrs. Falls. Although the shots were fired at close range, none took effect. Both Ripley and Falls were arrested and placed in jail, Falls later furnishing bond.

CENTRAL OF GA. RY. SOLD

Georgia Line Is Bought By the Illinois Central.

STEAMSHIP LINES INCLUDED

The Central of Georgia Was Controlled By E. H. Harriman and the Illinois Central Is a Harriman Line.

New York City.—The sale of the Central of Georgia Railway to the Illinois Central Railroad, carrying out plans forecasted more than a year ago, was announced. The transactions originated in negotiations culminating in November, when the entire capital stock of the Georgia passed into the hands of William Nelson Cromwell and John W. Castles. The purchaser, it was announced a few months later, was E. H. Harriman, whose intention, it was then stated, was to transfer it to the Illinois Central. The price paid for the Illinois Central was not given out.

Announcement of the transfer was made in this city by John F. Hanson of Atlanta, president of the Central of Georgia. The price paid by Mr. Harriman for the stock to the par value of \$5,000,000, it was stated, was \$3,000,000, or at the rate of \$60 per share.

The entire capital stock of the Central of Georgia Railway was originally held by the reorganization company of Richmond and West Point Terminal Railroad and Warehouse Company. In June, 1907, the stock was sold to Oakleigh Thorne of New York and Marden A. Perry of Providence, R. I., who agreed to retain voting control for at least two years. It was from these gentlemen that Messrs. Cromwell and Castles secured the stock and they sold it to Mr. Harriman.

The transfer of the Central of Georgia carries with it the control of two steamship lines, one from Savannah to New York, and the other from Savannah to Boston, operated by the Ocean Steamship Company. The Central of Georgia operates a little over 1,800 miles of road. Its system touches that of the Illinois Central at Birmingham, Ala.

It is recalled that the Southern, recently, sold its stock in this road to Oakleigh Thorne, who sold it subsequently to Mr. Harriman, who also owned and controlled the Central Railroad, with which the Central connects in Birmingham, and which gives Mr. Harriman an ocean-to-ocean system.

RESTORE LIQUOR BY REVOLUTION.

This is Prediction of Speaker at the Liquor Convention. Atlantic City, N. J.—Members of the trade may differ in their opinions of "what is whisky?" yet there is one common ground on which all can stand shoulder to shoulder, namely: fighting the aggression of anational prohibition. "I don't intend to divulge my business," said G. P. Deckerle of Cincinnati, president of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, in his report, which was read here at the annual convention of the association. He devoted much of the report to the work of the association in countering the prohibition wave. A. J. Sunstein of Pittsburgh in a address, declared his belief that the people of the country who favor open trading of liquor would not realize the power of the prohibition movement until the liquor interests have been entirely slaughtered.

He stated his belief that there would be a revolt, which would destroy all the results obtained by the reformers. He insisted, however, that the growing broadness of the public generally along with the power of the combined liquor interests, might save the liquor trade from a complete annihilation, and advised general organization for the fight. The speaker also accused the anti-prohibition and prohibition forces of "using the methods of ring politicians to secure the state and district victories which they have gained."

BIG SMUGGLING PLOT.

Inspectors Discovered Nine Nude Chinamen on Steamship. Seattle, Wash.—Immigration officials, after picking up on the wharf a stray Chinese, who admitted that he came over a stowaway on the Great Northern liner Minnesota, searched the vessel and discovered nine more smuggled coolies and a quantity of silk and cigars.

Inspector C. E. Keagoy, who is a heavy man, stepped into the side lock of the stowaway and fell twenty feet through a hole in the floor, alighting squarely on top of nine nude Chinese. Further investigation brought to light several leather sacks resembling government mail bags, filled with raw silk and a number of boxes of expensive Manila cigars. The bags of silk are supposed to have been taken aboard with the mail sacks.

CHAPLAIN-GENERAL OF U. C. V.

Appointment of Dr. R. L. Cave Announced by General Evans. Atlanta, Ga.—General Clement A. Evans announces the appointment of Dr. R. L. Cave, as chaplain-general of the United Confederate Veterans succeeding the late Dr. William Jones, who was a well known Baptist divine of Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Cave was for several years pastor of the Christian Church, in West End, and is now pastor of the Christian Church in Nashville, Tenn. He is a preacher of distinguished ability and an ex-confederate soldier and a brave one, which eminently qualifies him for this honorable position.

BANKER MORSE RELEASED.

Bond for \$125,000 Signed by Twenty Friends. New York City.—Charles W. Morse, convicted banker, was released on \$125,000 bond pending the taking up of his appeal in the United States court of appeals next October. For nearly four months Morse will be free to go and come as he pleases. At the end of that time the court of appeals will either order a new trial or affirm the sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment.

DECLINE IN EXPORTS

U. S. Exported \$200,000,000 Less Merchandise in 1909 than in 1908.

Washington, D. C.—The United States exported \$200,000,000 less merchandise in the fiscal year which ends with this month than in 1908, according to a report issued from the bureau of statistics. The cause of the falling off is not known, although there is a general decrease in the sale of merchandise in the greater part of the world. The total value of domestic merchandise exported in 1908 was \$1,885,000,000, while in 1907 the figures show exports of \$1,854,000,000. The figures made public show that the decrease is approximately \$50,000,000 under the exports of 1906. There is a marked falling off all the way round, for instance: the total imports of our largest customer, the United Kingdom, for the ten months ending with April, 1909, \$123,000,000 below those of the corresponding months in the previous year. Canada shows a decrease of \$68,000,000 in her imports; Germany, \$101,000,000, and the other nations corresponding decreases.

Manufacturers of iron, steel and copper and wood show a falling off in demand abroad. The greatest falling off, however, was in foodstuffs and manufactures, each being about \$90,000,000. The decrease in cotton is about \$10,000,000. The principal articles in which the falling off in our own exports occurs in cotton, corn, wheat, meats, manufactures of copper and manufactures of good. The figures of the bureau of statistics show the total value of cotton exported in the eleven months ending with May, 1909, at \$4,302,325,707, against \$3,679,397,416 in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

WRIGHT BROTHERS GIVEN MEDALS.

Nation, State and City Honor the Aviators of Dayton, Ohio.

Dayton, Ohio.—The nation, the state and the city which they live paid tribute to Wilbur and Orville Wright the aviators. Standing on a platform not far from their unpretentious little aeroplane factory and almost within sight of a field where they first struggled with the problem of aerial navigation, General James Allen, chief signal officer of the army, presented to the Wright brothers the gold medals authorized by congress. At the same time he gave them a diamond-studded medal bearing the official seal of the state of Ohio, and another from Dayton, their home city.

Man With Gun After Taft.

Washington, D. C.—A tall westerner walked up to the front door of the executive mansion and demanded admission. His actions attracted the attention of the police and he was arrested.

When taken to the station and searched a revolver and a belt filled with 44-calibre steel bullets were found in his possession. The man said he was Colonel James Strickling of Roseberry, Ark.

"I don't intend to divulge my business," said the man, "but I am the president that I might talk over matters with him. I shall go back to the white house when I get out of this station house and wait for Mr. Taft to return. I am here for a purpose, and that's all I mean to say."

Difficult Surgical Operation.

Chicago, Ill.—The grafting of a section of the bone from the leg of a lamb into the right leg of Doccoral Townsend, who was taken to the Frances Willard Hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the leg, is interesting Chicago physicians, who declare it is the first time such an operation has been attempted in America.

Newsy Paragraphs.

Truck shipments to the north from South Carolina have practically come to an end, after an average of 100,000 tomatoes are now being shipped. This business will close soon also.

A reunion of brother and sister after forty-two years of separation, has made a red letter day for one Chicago family. Charles Fisher left Alaska with a fortune after five years of arduous toil, determined to find long lost relatives. He went first to New York, where his investigation directed him to the home of Mrs. J. P. Clyens in Chicago, his sister.

A coronation was created in the English house of commons when a member practically made an appeal for the assassination of the czar of Russia when he visits England.

In the first supplemental report of the Chicago subway bureau, there is included the census of the army of straphangers. The roll showed that on average day, 135,000 persons cling to the loosely hung bits of leather or in street railway cars and elevated lines. The total for a year would show that between 45,000,000 and 50,000,000 passengers had failed to find seats in the trolley or elevated lines.

Her hair catching in the shaft of a washing machine at her home in Portersville, Pa., Mrs. John L. Marshall was literally scalped. Much of her clothing was torn off and she received severe bruises and cuts.

For the first time in the history of the organization, a woman was elected head of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, that honor being conferred on Miss Jane Addams of Chicago. A. McKelvey of Atlanta was elected a member of the executive committee.

Two men named Woody and English, entombed in a cave in the mica mine in Mitchell county, North Carolina, were found forty-eight hours later. Woody was dead and English died in a few hours.

The supreme court of Illinois has decided that the primary election law was unconstitutional.

Katherine Gould, in her suit for divorce, says that since her husband has introduced her to a life of luxury she can not make ends meet with less alimony than \$12,000 a year.

The world's record for cotton picking is held by Miss Margaret Montgomery of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Recently in a four-hour contest she picked three hundred and fifty pounds or eighty-seven and one-half pounds an hour.

TAX ON CORPORATIONS

President Taft Asks Congress to Amend Constitutions.

INCOME TAX AMENDMENT

Democrats Will Stand for Income Tax in Present Tariff Bill—Hard Fight Coming.

Washington, D. C.—Recommending legislation looking to the placing of a 2 per cent tax on the net income of corporations, and also the adoption of an amendment to the constitution providing for the imposition of an income tax, without apportionment among the several states, President Taft sent to congress a message embodying his views on the subject. This action followed a protracted special meeting of the cabinet.

In his message the president speaks of the apparent inability of congress to agree to an inheritance tax, and, as regards an income tax, he refers to the decision of the supreme court in the case of Pollock against the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, in which the court held the tax to be unconstitutional unless apportioned according to population.

"It is," says the president, "undoubtedly a power which the government ought to have. It might be indispensable to the nation's life in great crises." The amendment, therefore, he declares, was a necessary and proper one. Such an amendment to the constitution, he contended, was preferable to the one proposed of reviving a law judicially declared to be unconstitutional.

The amendment which he proposes to be made to the tariff bill provides for the imposition upon all corporations and joint stock companies for profit, except national banks (otherwise taxed), savings banks and building and loan associations, of an excise tax of 2 per cent upon the net income of such corporations.

This tax, it is said by him, will bring an annual revenue of \$25,000,000. "This is a tax on property which will be a substitute for, or in addition to, the inheritance tax, of an excise tax upon all corporations, measured by 2 per cent of their net incomes."

The president points out that another merit to the tax on corporations is that it is a tax on property which will be a substitute for, or in addition to, the inheritance tax, of an excise tax upon all corporations, measured by 2 per cent of their net incomes. The adoption of the amendment, he says, will make a long step "toward that supervisory control of corporations which may prevent a further abuse of power."

The message concludes: "I recommend that, first, the adoption of a joint resolution by two-thirds of both houses, proposes to the states granting the federal government the right to levy a direct tax upon the net income of corporations; and second, the enactment, as part of the pending revenue measure, either as a substitute for, or in addition to, the inheritance tax, of an excise tax upon all corporations, measured by 2 per cent of their net incomes."

The message was referred to the finance committee. Five progressive republican senators, Messrs. Borah, Bristow, Cummins, LaFollette and Clay, conferred to determine what their attitude is to be in a tax on corporations. They sent a special message to congress favoring the submission of the question to the states for a constitutional amendment and the enactment of a law taking the net earnings of corporations.

They declare that the president's plan is not inconsistent with their demands for the adoption of an amendment taxing incomes, and that both may be adopted in harmony. They assume that the president's plan, introduced by leading republicans on the finance committee, is designated to "chloroform" the income tax amendment, but, nevertheless, announce that they will continue the fight for its adoption.

What the position of the democrats in the senate will be when President Taft's program is submitted for a vote has not been determined.

5,000 RUSSIANS KILLED.

Troops Slay Tribesmen in Northern Russia. St. Petersburg, Russia.—Dispatches from Tabriz, northern Russia, received here, state that Russian forces have taken a hand in the Shaksavien uprising in the Ardabil district in Azerbaidjan. About 5,000 persons have been reported killed. Fifteen troops of Russian mountain cavalry with two Maxim rapid-fire guns, have been dispatched from the Russian frontier against the Shaksavien tribesmen. They were sent to the region to appeals made upon the consul by leading citizens of the province.

"AMERICAN SUFFRAGETTE"

First Number of New Organ of Militant Woman Suffrage Party.

New York City.—With "Vote for Women" printed across the cover, the first number of the "American Suffragette," the new organ of the militant woman suffrage party in this country, was placed on sale. Five cents is the price and issues will be monthly. The cover is yellow, the suffragette color, and carries the announcement:

"For the long work day;
"For the taxes we pay;
"For the laws we obey;
"We want something to say."
Mrs. Sophia Leininger is managing editor of the paper.

TO CHANGE NAME OF CHURCH.

Ministers Urged to Drop Word, South, in Methodist Church.

Memphis, Tenn.—Dropping the word "south" from the name of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church at the next general conference of the church at Asheville, N. C., will be urged by many ministers. The failure of missionaries to be able to explain the meaning of the word "south" in the church's name while working in foreign fields is directly responsible for the movement.