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Tenn., and sparks from the fire ignit- that honor. ed the Altamont cottage. The loss is estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,- the remainder of the European conti-

Bank, depot, express offices, mercantile houses-practically every es- Italian garrisons along the Swiss frontablishment giving any promise of ties, and military engineers are enbooty-were visited by robbers, who gaged in building new forts commandforced their way through iron bars ing the passes from the mouth of the and locks at Guyton, Ga., obtaining Simpleton tunnel toward the east. close to one thousand dollars in money and valuables.

General

A rigid censorship has been installed at Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, by the Sonora state government, which has waved the banner of state's rights in the face of the Huerta government. Orficials of the new regime seized the railway station and telegraph offices of the Southern Pacific of Mexico and placed all outgoing news under the ban.

The Turkish fortress of Janina, the key to the possession of Epirus province, with its garrison of 32,000 men, has surrendered to the Greek army after a defense which stands out as one of the most brilliant episodes of the Balkan war. There is much rejoicing in Athens, Greece, as the result of the surrender.

Sixty-six men of the crew of the German torpedo boat "S 178" were drowned when the little vessel was rammed by the cruiser Yorck in the North sea at Helgoland, Germany. The commander of the torpedo boat is among the dead. Only seventeen survivors were picked up.

Disaster overtook two youthful hold-up men in Brooklyn, one having his back pierced by a knife thrown by a Chinaman they had robbed, the other being fatally wounded by his own revolver The latter fell on the pavement when a policeman struck at him, discharging the gun he carried. The bullet entered his bra'n.

The cause of woman suffrage received a setback in two New England legislatures. A committee in the Massachusetts legislature voted to report "leave to withdraw" on a bill providing for a referendum on a constitutional amendment which would eliminate the word "male" from the provision defining the qualifications of a voter. A similar bill was killed in the Maine house by a vote of 89 to 53 after it had been passed by the sen-

The diamonds belonging to Mrs. R. E. Smith that were stolen from the home of Mayor Smith of Huntsville, Ala., several nights ago have been recovered from a crack in the cell of Bob Barrett, one of the suspected thieves in the city prison. Barrett had refused to tell where he hid the jewels. He was removed from the cell and a close scarch was made All the diamonds, valued at about \$2,-000, were found.

John Guy Gilpatrick, the youngest

George Thomas burned some leaves lie, but he appears to have won a at the assembly grounds at Monteagle, historical concensus that he deserved slight amendment from the statute o

The Italian government has joined nental powers in making military preparations. It has increased the

Three hundred or more persons were hurt in the crush along Pennsylvania avenue during the suffragette parade in Washington.

Washington

The new senate convened to receive President Wilson's nominations. With new faces in every row, the senate prepared for its first real work under Democratic control. Vice President Marshall, new to the intricacies of senate procedure, picked his way regulating tags on cotton seed meal:

of William C. Redfield as secretary control of appointments of heads and of commerce was made, but was finally withdrawn. Speaker Clark was renominated; policies

Representative Underwood of Alabama again chosen chairman of the of Chairman Williams of Buncombe ways and means committee, the en- in charge of the bill, to take up and tire Democratic personnel of that tar- dispose of the bill for general reassiff-making body named and all the house officers renominated at a har. public local calendar was cleared. monious six-hour caucus of the Democrats of the house of the Sixty-third | two hours. congress. The caucus took place in the house chamber, and 270 of the 290

house Democrats were present. Aroused over the failure of the Washington police department to maintain order during the progress of senate has begun an investigation to

place the responsibility for the lack of protection for the women marchers. The investigation is a result of a joint resolution of congress directing the police department to furnish protection to the suffragists,

Will am Howard Taft, public servant since he was 21, said farewell to public life and became a citizen of the republic that he has served over the seas and throughout the world for so many years that he has almost forgotten when he enlisted. His goodbye was a smile. A hand-

shake for the members of his cabinet: a courtly bow to the women friends who braved the inauguration discomforts to bid him and Mrs. Taft God-speed in the Union station; a night. The senate also passed the. wave of the hand and another smile for the people who stood in the train shed and watched his train pull slowly out for the South.

Aerial fireworks with the sweeping, wide-flung rays of many searchlights

by a practically unanimous vote with. the bill as it came through secon. reading. One further amendment ad opted was by Grier of Iredell, still fur

ther letting down the bars as to ap plication to counties after adoption by the county boards of education, as amended by Connor. Bills passed by the House includee amend the charter of the Asheville & East Tennessee Railroad Co.

To allow 75 cents a day extra wages for pages. To provide additional depot facilities for Jacksonville, Onslow county To increase the powers of the Commissioners of Columbus county.

House-Tuesday. Bills were passed to develop oyster

interests; for inspection of camp cars on railroads; relative to freight rate charges on joint hauls; to pay certain

By amendment of Senator Jones very carefully through the maze of relating to farm life schools; to adpreliminary organization with the aid mit to A. & M. College free of tuitior ville shows was raised from \$40 to \$50 of experienced parliamentary clerks. one needy farm boy from each county; in towns of 5,000 to 10,000; from \$5(A call of the roll showed 83 present to promote reformatory treatment by to \$75 in towns of 10,000 to 15,000: out of the existing membership of 93. advancing the age limit to 25 years; from \$100 to \$150 in towns over Some opposition to the appointment to give the State Board of Agriculture 15,000.

assistants in division; to prohibit mis-

representation and twisting insurance The House voted over the protest

essment of property as soon as the Clearing the calendar required nearly

The reassessment bill was taken up in the house Tuesday. Then the fight for postponement was successfully renewed. Mr. Ray moved that it be made a special order for Thursday morning. Mr. Justice, in urging the suffrage pageant of March 3 the this course, said many members were away in Wasnington, as was the Governor, who is vitally interestd in the

measure. He did not know that Governor Craig desired to send a special message on the subject, but thought it probable he did. The motion to defer until Thursday morning carried by a good majority.

Mr. Doughton introduced the general appropriation bill carrying \$2,-425,050. And a supplemental bill appropriating \$25,000 of the funds of the State Department of Agrilulture for

the A. & M. College. Senate-Wednesday.

The senate passed the child labor bill from the house with an amendment that allows women to work at car-shed bill which requires sheds for

railroad section hands at division points, notably, Wilmington, Spencer, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount. An amendment empowering the corpora-

tion commission to pass on the locarevealing the outlines of the white tions for and character of the sheds dome of the capitol and other historic to be provided was included.

eret county from public entry. ocaine and its various salts under lows: ertain conditions.

To provide a state board of examiners to license architects.

Senate-Friday.

New bills in the Senate include a bill from the Appropriations Commit fare of the state has been remembertee appropriating \$1,500 for expense ed, and the people will support it. No of Governor and party to go to San law that has been enacted will be Francisco to select the site for the North Carolina building, in connec providing for a six months' school. tion with the Panama-Pacific Exposi This act of humanity and justice cretion, and a bill by Thorne for uni ates an additional demand upon the form examination and certification of state treasury for \$400,000 a year. puplic school teachers.

Senator Hobgood secured consent for the passage on immediate read

ings of the House bill incorporating tions. the Cone Memorial Hospital, to be built in Greensboro by Mrs. Moses H. Cone, and a sanitarium at Blow debts of the State Fish Commission: ing Rock.

the tax on moving picture or vaude

House-Tuesday.

A resolution presented by Mr. Stew art of Mecklenburg, to tender the

thanks of the General Assemly to : mineral springs company which has supplied the Legislature with water from its springs during the session wa: passed and sent to the Senate.

The following bills passed fina readings:

Bond issue for Canton. Good roads law for Yancey county Bond issue for the Town of Toisnot For new court house in Columbus county.

To create a road commission in Pitt county.

To establish a charity hospital for Mecklenburg county. To amend the charter of Scotland Neck.

Senate-Saturday.

The senate concurred in the house amendments to the vital statistics bil upon the people these additional burfication.

the senate tonight and were sent to the house for action:

erected septic tanks for disposal o sewerage Relative to police powers in Rock

ingham county. To provide recorder's court for Lexington.

To establish office of commissione To provide a court stenographer for the ninth judicial district.

To protect public roads of Sampson county. Supplemental school law for Cho wan county.

House-Saturday. The following house bills

in expression, forceful in purpose, and To prohibit selling or giving away rings with conviction. It is as fol-

Has Accomplished Much.

To the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina: This general assembly has already accomplished a great work. The wel-

more earnestly endorsed than the law

Must Have Money. We must provide the money to meet these large but necessary appropria-

Two Ways.

Two methods for providing for in- ment. creased demands have been suggested:

One method is by a higher tax rate on the present assessment of taxable property.

The other method is by a low tax rate on a reassessment of property. Unjust and Inequitable.

Everybody knows that the present assessment is an unjust and an in-

sonal wealth of the state has not been placed upon the tax books at all, and that it pays no tax whatever. The

tax book; his farm and his farmstock cannot be concealed. The raising of the revenue for the six months' school

ment pax taxes in proportion to their ability, and the proposition to place

sides the validity of an act of the legislature authorizing a county to levy To protect municipalities that have a tax for general expenses in excess higher education of young men and of the constitutional limit of 66 2-3

> ty might be seriously questioned. The constitution, Article 5, section 7. provides: "Every act of the general special object to which it is to be other purpose."

Would be a Calamity.

Why Property is Kept Off. reduce this rate '0 per cent in every ported. county, town, city and special tax for concealment and undervaluation

will be removed. We can accomplish but little towards placing the vast personal books until there is an assurance that the rate will be low. We cannot have a low rate without a reassessment.

A just reassessment would not hurt the average man who now pays his taxes, but it would doubtless reduce his taxes. It would increase

the value of his property, but would lower the rate of taxation. The low rate would not frighten property out of the state and into conceal

Must Have Revenue. We must raise a certain amount off revenue. The question is shall we raise this revenue by a high tax on a low assessment of part of the property, or shall we raise it by a low from the rich and the poor alike.

Get Money Justly.

I would that the difficulty were equitable assessment. We know that not here, but to have the schools and the property that has been placed up- roads and health and great instituon the tax books has been assessed tions and make and administer at values ridiculously low, and we law and be a great state, we must know that the great bulk of the per- have money; let us get it justly. Custom Should Not Count.

The fact that ever since the way our'assessments have been in periods present assessment operates unjustly of four years should not deter us. against the average citizen who pays The property of North Carolina has his taxes; his property is upon the increased in value more in the last two years than it did in twenty years after the war, and no one denies that the present assessment is from five to twenty-five cents on the wrong for two years longer? We \$100.00 wor of property in all the could appeal to the people with all counties, towns and special tax dis- confidence to sustain an act of jus tricts of the state. We know that tice. We could say to them we did many do not on the present assess- this in discharge of the trust that you reposed in us, as wisely as we could. In obedience to your, demands, your multitudinous petitions and it was ordered enrolled for rati dens according to the existing inequi- from farmers' farmers, from Junion table appropriation ought not to be Orders, from the people in all the The following senate bills passed done if we can possibly avoid it. Be- walks of life, we provided for the education of your children, for the preservation of your health, for the your young women. We remem cents on the \$100.00 worth of proper- bered in mercy, which is the highest

and the feeble-minded; we have built assembly levying a tax shall state the roads into your community; we have taken North Carolina out of the list of agricutlure in Rockingham county applied, and it shall be applied to no of the most ignorant states and given her the rank in the procession of the states that she occupied in the days

It might with plausibility be argued that we boast about. She is no longer that if the general assembly can ap- a pauper state. We have taken her propriate 48 cents or 50 cents of the from the affected rags of pauperism general levy for general state pur and shown her to the world as she is poses, and authorize the counties to -a great progressive state of wealth ed a new trial and District Attorney cents or 25 cents in excess of and commerce and schools and public John D. Fredericks said he would

near Torreon and Gobez Palacido, according to latest consular despatches Perhaps the most potent reason for from the Laguna district of Durango. keeping property off our tax books A wavering of the forces of General is our high rate of taxation. If we Campa near Torreon was also re-

Carranza's troops captured the town of San Pedro, east of Torreon, after an all-night battle, according to the reports. Federals are reported still in the possession of Parral, in Chihauhau. Hundreds of rebel volunteers are in arms and only lack leaders. The deposed governor of Chihuahua has been sent to Mexico City for imprisonment.

Killed in Railroad Collision.

Washington .- Sergeant Charles A. Norton, Corporal Theodore Roberts, and Private Ernest Johnson of the United States Marine Guards at Managua, Nicaraagua, were killed and Capt. Edward A. Green and several other marines were injured, but not seriously in a railroad collision on the line between Managua and Leon. The accident occurred as the indirect result of the operation of a band of lawless drunken raiders, who entered the town of Nagarote, routed the police and looted the town. They fled to the hills after cutting the telegraph and telephone wires to make sure that the American legation's line of communication with the American guard ship at Corinto was interrupted.

After Secret Service Jobs.

Washington. - Secretary MacAdoc is being swamped with applications for appointment to the United States secret service which guards the president and protects the currency against counterfeiting. With no vacancy 3,000 applications have been received since March 4. They continue to arrive at the rate of 400 a alone requires an additional tax of flagrantly wrong. Why tolerate this day. Such a condition is said to be due to the publication of a story that Secretary MacAdoo wanted 3,000 ap plications from which to make 50 ap pointments. Treasury officials deny the report.

Watchful Sentry on Duty.

Dundee, Scotland.-A watchful sentry will henceforth be on duty in the Atlantic Ocean, to warn vessels of the approach of ice and to assist in avert ing disasters such as overtook the Titanic. Thewhaling ship Scotia left Dundee having on board a number of scientists who, by means of a powerful wireless apparatus, will notify justice, the insane and the dead and all ships crossing in either direction the dumb and the blind and the sick of the presence and progress of floes and icebergs.

Darrow Jury Disagrees.

Los Angeles, Cal-Clarence S. Darrow's second trial on a jury-bribing charge in connection with the Mc. Namara trial ended in a disagreement of the jury. Eight jurors were for conviction; four held out for acquittal. Darrow immediately demand-

aviator in the world, holds the passed final reading as senger-carrying altitude record. In this DePerdusin monoplane, and carry this DePerdusin monoplane, and carry ing with him Miss Margaret Stapel of beauty and brilliancy in the closting inauguration festivities. Never, it was said, has so brilliant a display of fireworks or an illumination of such the said, has so brilliant a display of fireworks or an illumination of such age, an authority on real estate, who married his housekeeper, Miss of filling over fourteen hundred places made vacant by the refusal of the senate to confirm appointments outside of age, an authority on real estate, who married his housekeeper, Miss of age, an authority on real estate, who married his housekeeper, Miss by President Taft since December 2. The places that become vacant with the adjourrment of congress include practically all appointments outside of the diplomatic service, the army, the navy, marine corps and allied services. Many important positions are involved in the list. The largest list of vacancies is among the postmas of vacancies bills reserve than half a century, has just celebrated his ninety-third birthdar, Excepting that he has lost his sight. Sir John enjoys remarkable health.	 and were ordered enrolled for ratin cation: Relative to election of graded school trustees of Waynesville. ' To protect public roads of Warrer county. To promote catching fish in New River, Onslow county. To provide for balloting in all pri maries and elections in Salisbury. Legalized primaries in Pitt county. To protect sheep and other animals in Ashe county. To protect telephone wires in Ons low county. Giving Old Fort the part of its road tax collected within its limits. Dog tax for Moore, Hoke and Rowan counties. For road improvements in Nasi 	preme court on the petition of any. citizen of this state should declare that this general assembly had no con- stitutional power to authorize such a tax, the state would suffer a great calamity. The Proposition. Let us consider the proposition for the reassessment of property. There	roads. We have done this by an act of justice—by an act requiring her people to bear the burdens of govern ment in proportion to their strength Would Bring in Property. From a low rate of taxation, prop erty will come here to engage ir enterprise and development. This general assembly can say that from fear we did not, like the servant o old, hide the talent in a napkir and bring it back increased to a hard master, but that it improved its trust for the welfare of all the people and for the progress of the state. I feel sure that this general assem bly will rightly solve the question in the exercise of its patriotism and	mine the exact number of dead and injurde as a result of the explosion of dynamite in the hold of the British tramp steamer Alum Chime and to ascertain the cause of the explosion were only partially successful. Sev- enteen bodies have been identified, two remain in the morgue unidenti- fied, 12 men among the missing have been given up for lost and it is shought that at least 10 stevedores
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