

**SAYS PEOPLE OF WESTERN N. C. LIKE REVALUATION ACT**

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RALEIGH, Dec. 9.—State Senator Sisk and Representative Frank Rely, of Macon, in Raleigh this week attending the supreme court, say that Macon county and the mountain country in general like the general basis of the revaluation law, and that the main opposition to the new tax system is that part of the state comes from people who do not understand the new system. Senator Sisk was of the opinion that Macon county will show from 260 to 300 times the property values under the new act than the present valuations give the county. The work is well under way in that section of the state, and the tax appraisers will be ready for the extra session of the legislature, which will lower the tax rate on schedule time.

Senator Sisk, who is a republican and a supporter of the act, does not believe it will furnish material for political thunder on either side, for both parties were responsible for the act, since there were practically no opponents to the measure in the legislature. People who do not fully understand the law, who do not know that the main business of the act is to equalize the tax burdens, says the senator, have objected to it, but if some one who does understand it can sit down and talk to an opponent he soon convinces him to the justice of the new law.

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**To Let Hotel Contract.**  
Definite assurance that Raleigh will get a new six-story hotel before the end of 1920, and possibly by the middle of that year, were given today by B. H. Griffin and his associates in the hotel business in the state, when they said they would ask for bids from contractors on the new building just as soon as the plans submitted by architects could be approved. The new hotel will have about 500 rooms and a private bath for each room, with modern hotel conveniences in every respect. It will be located diagonally across from the Yarbrough house.

**GRACE IS ELECTED CHARLESTON MAYOR**

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 9.—Without opposition, John P. Grace was today elected mayor of Charleston to serve four years beginning next Tuesday. Twenty-four aldermen, six school commissioners and two water commissioners were also elected without opposition. Of the 3,500 registered voters nearly 1,500 were polled according to the returns of the managers.

Until a few days ago it appeared that Grace would be opposed for mayorality, following a bitter contest in the democratic party and then in the courts. Mayor Tristram T. Hyde and his followers charging that the nominations had been illegally and unfairly ascertained for Grace. Grace's course during the war against Germany was the paramount feature of the campaign against him in the spring and summer. He was mayor for a term, being defeated for re-nomination four years ago. All the men elected today belong to the democratic party.

**STORM WARNINGS ALONG THE COAST**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Northwest storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic coast from New York to Jacksonville were announced tonight by the weather bureau in the following bulletin:

"Advisory northwest storm warnings displayed on the Atlantic coast Jacksonville to New York. Southeast storm warnings of the New England coast and northwest storm warnings on the east gulf coast, Tampa to Key West."

The western cold wave has spread eastward over the Mississippi valley and southward over the west gulf states and Tuesday night temperatures were 20 degrees to 50 degrees below normal over practically all districts from the Mississippi valley westward to the plateau and Rocky Mountain regions. The cold wave will spread eastward Wednesday and Thursday and be general east of the Mississippi river.

"The weather will be much colder with a cold wave Wednesday and Thursday throughout the region east of the Mississippi river. There will be rains Wednesday throughout the Atlantic section, possibly changing to snow in the middle Atlantic states. The temperatures were below zero over several of the middle western states."

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**SEN. DIAL OPPOSES RAILWAY MEASURE**

Characterizes Some of Provisions as "Dreams and Illusions."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The railroad bill was opposed in the senate today by Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina, who characterized some of its provisions as "dreams and illusions" and also impracticable. He found fault especially with the plan for specifying a return of 1-2 per cent upon the investment to the railroads which he said means the underwriting by the government of the railroad securities of this country. Such a plan means this country's entrance into paternalism, said Senator Dial, who said he doubted the constitutionality of the provision. Should this be done he declared the government would be honor bound hereafter to keep up the freight rates so as to make such a return possible.

Creation of a transportation board was also opposed by Senator Dial who also declared that the provisions in the bill providing for two railroad employees to be members of the board of directors of the various companies would conflict with laws of various states which prohibit persons from serving as directors of corporations in which they are not financially interested.

The South Carolina senator criticized the general tendency of labor to demand increased pay for less work declaring it is time "the people of this country who do something, who have something and who pay taxes, to be heard from."

**AMERICA'S CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—America's claims against Germany, growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania and other vessels by submarines and on account of other war damages, will more than offset the amount which will be due from the United States on account of the 100 German steamers seized in American ports when the United States entered the war, shipping board officials said today.

Under the peace treaty the value of the vessels, estimated by board officials at from \$130,000,000 to \$140,000,000, will be credited to Germany on indemnities awarded by the allied reparations commission, but as the American claims before the commission will more than offset the value of the ships, officials asserted there was little likelihood that the United States would receive any money from Germany.

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States would be called upon to make any payment to the commission. Three of the seized German ships were war vessels—German commerce raiders—which took refuge in American ports before the United States entered the war, and were interned and their value will not be included with that of the vessels which were purely peaceful merchant craft.

**NATIONAL RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS MEETS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Development of the country's great waterways system so as to relieve the present day strain on railway transportation was urged today by speakers at the opening of the 15th annual convention

of the National Rivers and Harbors congress. Some of the changes suggested in the railroad bill, pending in the senate and designed to encourage the upbuilding of water routes, were explained in detail by Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, of Louisiana, president of the organization.

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