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### CATAWBA'S PROTEST IS DELIVERED IN RALEIGH

Attorney for Board of Commissioners Tells Tax Commission that Its Act in Raising Assessments was Arbitrary and Unjust

Mr. A. A. Whitener, attorney for the Catawba county board of commissioners, left here last night for Raleigh, where today he presented to the state tax commission the protest of the county authorities against the fifteen per cent increase in the valuation of real estate. The board based its objections along constitutional lines, even denying the right of the tax commission arbitrarily to fix the assessment. Mr. Whitener said he was in favor of applying for an injunction against the commission and would take this step if enough other counties would join in. The protest follows:

Now comes the board of commissioners of Catawba county, and doth respectfully enter its protest, and as it verily believes, its just complaint against the order heretofore made, by this honorable commission, in which said order it was adjudged that the taxation value on real estate in Catawba county should be increased fifteen per cent.

The said board of county commissioners respectfully represents that in the opinion of said board said order is inequitable, unfair and unjust to the tax payers of Catawba county, and in this connection, the said board incorporates a resolution passed at its last meeting, the said resolution being in words and figures, as follows: namely:

**The Resolution.**  
"This board having just received an order from the state corporation commission, wherein it is adjudged that the rate of taxes in Catawba county shall be increased fifteen per cent on the \$100,000,000 real estate value, whereas this board, from records in this office, has ascertained the fact that within the last year, the taxable property of Catawba county, has been increased nearly \$200,000,000, and the board being of the opinion that the county assessor has failed to make a proper valuation of all real and personal property of Catawba county, this board, for the reasons stated, condemns said order of said corporation commission as being unfair and unjust to the tax payers of Catawba county, and it seriously objects to the enforcement of said order, and earnestly begs said corporation commission to revoke same."

Says It Is Not Informed.  
The said board further respectfully sheweth to this honorable commission that in its attempts to equalize the taxable property of the various counties of North Carolina, that the said honorable commission has failed to look into and fully ascertain the conditions of the real estate of Catawba county, and has further failed to take into consideration the number of acres of land embraced within said county, and the value placed on said acreage, by C. C. Bost, the assessor appointed for Catawba county, by the last legislature, and that the connection of the said board of county commissioners respectfully calls the attention of this honorable commission to the following facts, as shown by the exhibit herewith attached.

**As to Law and Facts.**  
The board of county commissioners of Catawba county further respectfully sheweth to this commission that as it is advised and believes, this honorable commission was without authority either in law or fact, to make and enter the order heretofore referred to, for that the last act of the Legislature of North Carolina, under which this honorable commission is attempting to proceed, is inimical to, and inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the constitution of the state of North Carolina, and this board respectfully represents that as it is advised and believes, the farmers of the said constitution, and those voting for its ratification, did not consider for a moment, that the administration of the affairs of the State of North Carolina should be centered in any body, with authority to act for and bind the people of the said State, to the payment of taxes or the performance of any duties of a citizen, but that the intent and purpose of said constitution of the State of North Carolina, was to the effect that the people of the several counties should have full power and authority to control its affairs in such manner as those in authority said board of commissioners doth further represent that the said order heretofore made and referred to, is, in its opinion, destructive of the right of the County of Catawba, and other counties in North Carolina, and that said order in effect deprives this board and other constituted authority in said county of Catawba, and other counties in North Carolina.

**"An Unlawful Act."**  
This board further represents that it, at all times, stands willing and ready to properly enforce the laws of the land, but in this instance, it feels that should the order heretofore made, be enforced, that as it is advised and believes, it will be required, in the enforcement of said order, to do an unlawful act, and one that will necessarily work a hardship, and will result in placing an unnecessary burden upon the various free holders of the county of Catawba.

Wherefore, this board respectfully prayeth that the order heretofore made, and mentioned herein, shall be revoked to the end that the citizenship of the county of Catawba need not unjustly suffer.

Board of Commissioners of Catawba County.  
A. A. WHITENER, Attorney.

### BIG CROWD IN CITY TO SEE THE PONIES

Hickory children were awake early today, their thoughts on the dogs and ponies and monkeys accompanying the famous Gentry Brothers' Shows. The children in the county were not unmindful of the attraction either, and if the truth be told there were quite a number of adults who awaited the coming of the show with more than usual interest.

The show arrived in the city this morning shortly after 9 o'clock, having made the long run from Asheville. Many children were at the unloading place early, but were disappointed at not seeing the animals come leaping out of their cars.

The parade at noon attracted an unusually large crowd, the city having begun to fill long before the hour of the procession. The parade indicated that the animal trainers with Gentry Brothers had not lost their cunning, and caused many a youth to long expectantly for the performance in the big tent.

The show this afternoon began at 2:15 and that tonight will start at 8 o'clock.

**COMES FOR COTTON**  
Wilmington, Sept. 17.—The British steamer Sowwell is here to carry to Europe the first shipment of cotton of the season. The two local compresses expect a large business this year.

### TRAINING CONFERENCE TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Many Hickory people are awaiting with interest the Missionary Training Conference to be held at Lenoir College Saturday, Sunday and Monday under the auspices of the Laymen's Movement. Some of the best known leaders in the Lutheran church will make addresses, and every minute of the conference is expected to be crowded with interest. Dr. Cronk will preside at the conference of church officers of Catawba College this connection the said board of county commissioners respectfully calls the attention of this honorable commission to the following facts, as shown by the exhibit herewith attached.

Sunday addresses will be made in Holy Trinity, St. Andrews and Bethany churches by Dr. Cronk, Dr. Holland and Dr. Patterson.

### ADVERTISING FAIR BEGUN IN EARNEST

Already the Catawba County Fair, to be held here November 3, 4, and 5, is being extensively advertised and visitors to the city today were presented with diamond shaped cards which later were seen dangling from many a button-hole. On one side were the words, "I'll be There. Where?" and on the other side, "The Fair, Hickory, Nov. 3-4-5." This is a small part of the advertising that is being done and will be done, but it is effective.

### BRITISH TRANSPORT IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

(By the Associated Press)  
Vienna, via Berlin.—(By wireless to) Tuckertown, N. J.—Sept. 17.—An Austrian submarine commanded by Lieut. Von Trapp torpedoed and sank a large British transport in the Adriatic a few days ago.

### FIGHT ON BORDER

(By Associated Press.)  
Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 17.—Another fight between United States soldiers and Mexicans in Texas was reported today.

### FORMER CASHIER INDICTED

A Salisbury special to the Charlotte Observer says:  
A Rowan grand jury has indicted J. T. Williamson, Jr., formerly cashier of a bank at Cleveland which suspended following alleged bad management on his part. Williamson is charged with forgery, false pretense, embezzlement and misappropriation. No arrest has been made.

### LANSING GOES ON A SHORT VACATION

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, Sept. 17.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had a general conference on international affairs just before the secretary left on a ten days' vacation today. No pressing developments concerning the United States are expected to be received before his return. Mr. Lansing announced that the new note to Great Britain has been prepared for dispatch. The delay was caused because the United States was unwilling to be placed in the position of protesting to Great Britain in order to obtain an acquiescence by Germany in the viewpoint on the submarine. It is not believed the note will go forward until some definite word is received from Berlin on the submarine question.

One of the most interesting features of the note is said to be the American government's vigorous objection to the British attitude that the burden of proof rests on the owners of goods.

### INTERESTING RETAIL CASE IS REPORTED

(By George F. Cochrane.)  
Newton, Sept. 17.—"Bud" Lippard was brought here last night by Sheriff Isenhour and Jailer Gilbert and placed in jail on a charge of retailing. The case is of interest. Lippard formerly was a notorious blockader and retailer of moonshine, but several months ago, before a conviction in Lincoln court he was converted, professed religion and became an earnest church worker. At the recent Ball's Creek camp meeting he was a prominent part and is said to have declared: "Last year I was here selling whiskey; now I am here serving God." People generally seemed to be disposed to lend him a helping hand but his friends assert that a few folks down in Mountain Creek have "got it in for him."

In a church down there members are said to be required to sign a pledge to report any violations of the law to the congregation or officers, and the other day a man signed up and confessed that Bud had let him have a little whiskey at Ball's Creek camp-meeting whereupon Bud was arrested. The deputy sheriff was disposed to let him go on bail of \$200 but certain persons wanted \$2,000 bond, and Bud considered he wasn't being treated right and disappeared. They then wired the Gaston county sheriff to bring bloodhounds without saying what was up and he was one disgusted official when he found out the trouble. Sheriff Isenhour and Jailer Gilbert went down and found Bud in a barn, and brought him back. He can give bond easily in the usual normal amount and is arranging to do so this morning.

### BRYAN MAY GO TO EUROPE FOR PEACE

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, Sept. 17.—Plans to send former Secretary Bryan to Europe on a mission of peace was the subject of a conference here today between the former cabinet officer and Dr. Fargio, representative of editors of foreign language newspapers in the United States. As far as development, this contemplates a personal visit to each nation to argue for peace. In his statement Dr. Fargio said that Mr. Bryan had already given him the impression that if the trip is undertaken, "Mr. Bryan will for the love of the cause not only sacrifice his time, but will pay his own expenses." The statement said that in all "Europe there is no American held in greater esteem than Mr. Bryan."

### DUMBA IN NEW YORK

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, Sept. 17.—Dr. Bernstorff German ambassador, expressed surprise today when he learned that Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, was in the city. Dr. Dumba declined to make any statements, he keeping close at his apartments.

### ON INSPECTION TOUR

(By the Associated Press)  
Cape Haitien, Sept. 17.—Col. Eli K. Cole and Col. L. W. T. Waller of the American expeditionary forces left Haiti today on an armored train for an inspection to the southeast of Haiti. They were accompanied by Carlos Zamor, former minister of the interior.

### TO GIVE WORK IN POLAND

(By the Associated Press)  
Berlin, via Sayville, Sept. 17.—A new military governor in that part of Russian Poland occupied by the Germans is quoted by the Overseas News Agency as saying that the unemployed will be given work in building roads. This will conform to the Hague convention.

### TWO BIG COTTON MILLS IN MERGER

(By Geo. F. Cochrane.)  
Newton, Sept. 17.—The plans which have been on foot for some time to merge the Maiden and the Providence cotton mills at Maiden have been consummated and the properties merged. The stockholders in the Providence will meet the 22nd to dissolve their corporation, and from now on the two plants will be under one management and ownership. The capital stock of the retiring corporation is \$87,500 and the new combined capital will be \$131,000. An item of interest in the merger is that there will be about 600 acres of land in the merger, until now owned by the Maiden mill.

Indicative of the grip which the idea of raising dairy cattle has taken hold on Catawba farmers is a story by the man's brother that a farmer who is noted for stinginess and always goes in for the cheapest of everything, has paid \$85 for a registered Jersey heifer. A Reinhold Jersey has bought a Leazer of Iredell and will start a Holstein herd in addition to his herd of Jerseys.

**The Pension Roll.**  
Of the twenty-six applicants for pensions before the county board in July, twenty-two have been approved by the state, according to a letter received by the clerk from the state auditor. The county gets in the neighborhood of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in pensions, and this sum together with what the county gets for schools, amounts to much more than the county pays to the state, hence it is one of the "pauper" counties, albeit it is considered one of the finest sections in the state. Hence, the state tax increase in the valuation of Catawba real estate, and while the county is protesting it is unlikely that the commission will recede from its position. The 15 per cent increase runs the total increase of property in the county \$1,500,000 over 1914, and means that the sheriff will collect around \$200,000 more.

**Moves to Newton.**  
J. L. Thompson, lately of Eufula, Ala., where he was in the cotton mill business, has moved to Newton and become associated with Julius Abernethy, Jr., his brother-in-law, in a mercantile business Mr. Abernethy, whose home is Hickory, established here some months ago. After an inventory Mr. Thompson will take charge of the store.

### AUSTRIA CALLS FOR HER DR. DUMBA

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, Sept. 17.—The Austrian government intends to recall Ambassador Dumba, for a consultation, according to information given to Ambassador Penfield when he delivered the American note for his recall. This is satisfactory to Washington. There is every indication that the Austrian government, according to advices from the American ambassador, received the American note in a friendly spirit. Dr. Dumba will not return.

### MARKETS

#### NEW YORK COTTON

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, Sept. 17.—Reports that spot cotton in the south was higher yesterday tended to raise prices on the exchange. Prices were firm, advancing to 12 to 14 points. October was quoted at 10.82 and January at 11.35. Heavy offerings at this level and other elements caused reactions of from 6 to 7 points.

#### NEW YORK STOCKS

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, Sept. 17.—Special causes reflected in the early stock dealings to raise prices. General Motors, whose directors declared a fifty per cent dividend yesterday, opened at a gain, twenty points above all former records. Studebaker made a new record, rising 3 points to 120 1/4. United States Steel was unchanged at the outset, then fell off, to recover half a point at 75. Union Pacific, Reading and Atchison were nominally lower, but these and other railroads were seriously depressed in London.

#### COTTON FUTURES

New York, Sept. 17.—Cotton futures opened firm and closed steady.  
Open Close  
October ----- 10.81 10.67  
December ----- 11.13 11.03  
January ----- 11.34 11.16  
March ----- 11.61 11.40  
May ----- 11.88 11.70

#### PRESIDENT SHAKES HANDS

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 17.—President Wilson today changed his routine and shook hands with nearly fifty visitors.

### NINETY KILLED IN MEXICAN WRECK

(By the Associated Press)  
Laredo, Tex., Sept. 17.—Ninety persons were killed in a wreck of a Mexican train at Saltillo Wednesday night, according to information reaching here today. The train was en route to Monterey, carried a large body of Carranza troops and left the track at a point near a canyon, precipitating two coaches with their occupants to the rocks below.

Soldiers, women camp followers and children were ground to pieces. Large number of bodies were visible in the trenches, where they were buried. The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails.

### PLEADED GUILTY

(By the Associated Press)  
Ansonia, Conn., Sept. 17.—Former Mayor Franklin Burton pleaded guilty in the city court today to the charge of embezzling \$36,000 from the Savings Bank of Ansonia. His bond was furnished by a director of the bank.

### STATE NOW READY IN SEABOARD TAX CASE

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—E. L. Travis, chairman of the corporation commission, and T. W. Bickett, attorney general, have prepared an answer to the complaint of the Seaboard Air Line against the state authorities in the matter of taxes. The hearing in the federal court, if a compromise is not effected, will take place the latter part of the month. The Seaboard contends that the assessment of \$20,125,000 was too high, and that it should have stood at \$17,000,000.

There is still a strong impression that the case may be settled out of court before it actually reaches a hearing, but there is nothing official as to this matter. Chairman Travis and Attorney General Bickett are very confident as to the effectiveness of the answer they have prepared to the complaint by the Seaboard counsel.

### Robeson Protest.

A delegation of Robeson county officials was before the corporation commission pleading for a reduction of the 10 per cent increase on the tax valuation of real property in Robeson county.

Concerning the final increased assessments, it announced of 15 per cent against Mecklenburg, 10 per cent against Pender and 5 per cent against Wake county, it is a notable fact that in the Wake increase there was a 10 per cent increase made by the Wake commissioners before the assessments were finally turned into the corporation commission and also, there was a raise of 11 cents of the \$100 valuation in the tax rate at the same time by the county commission. In this way the tax increase on Wake is declared to be especially heavy. However, there is no move to make any protest to the commission against the 5 per cent increase.

### HOG PENS MAY BE ELIMINATED IN CITY

City council, in special session last night, made progress in revising the ordinances, about one-third of the whole being gone over before adjournment. There will not be another session of council until their regular meeting next Tuesday.

One matter that brought on a good deal of debate was the hog-pen ordinance. The proposition is to extend the distance from a residence from 100 feet to 150 or 200 feet, thereby eliminating the pens altogether from the more congested residential sections of the city. Final action has not been taken on the question.

### TO WITHDRAW DEPOSITS

Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 17.—Alex Covert, national president of the Verhaby Aid Society, a Magyar organization with 28,000 members, announced that the association had agreed to withdraw its deposits, amounting to some \$500,000 from American banks and to issue an appeal to every member to withdraw personal deposits, if banks in this country subscribe to this Anglo-French loan.

The Hungarian Herald, a foreign newspaper here, publishes a notice from the Austro-Hungarian vice-consul at Pittsburgh, warning all Austro-Hungarians from engaging in the manufacture of war munitions. The notice said this was done by authority of the Austro-Hungarian embassy at Washington.

### DELAYS PRACTICE

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—The extremely hot weather has delayed football practice at the university, A. and M. and Wake Forest and, instead of the usual scrimmages at this season of the year, only light practice is being engaged in. The wearers of the mole-skin are hoping for a touch of chill in the air.

### RUSSIAN REVERSES ARE ADMITTED IN PETROGRAD

German Capture of Pinsk Enables von Mackensen to Push Forward--Prorogation of Duma is Big Sensation in Russia.

### \$750,000,000 TO BE SIZE OF THE LOAN

(By the Associated Press)  
New York, Sept. 17.—Another secret meeting was held today between members of the Anglo-French banking commission and members of the American bankers who are endeavoring to reach an agreement on a loan. So much progress was accomplished last night that it was hoped a definite statement could soon be issued telling of the progress made. The report that American bankers would raise half the loan originally desired is widely published. Five hundred million, it is said, has been promised. This proposal has not been accepted, and it is believed the loan will be increased to \$750,000,000. Whatever is done the interest rate will be five per cent to the investor and 5 1/2 to the underwriters.

Whether the loan will be used for paying for shipments of munitions is not stated. It is generally believed that if the loan would be applied only to commodity shipments, more money could be raised. Greece, Britain and France, it is said, oppose this, and want the loan to cover everything.

**Sentiment against participation in the loan is not as strong as it was.**  
The idea of holding secret meetings is largely due, it was reported, to a large number of insulting and threatening letters.

### NORWEGIAN EXPLORER AND PARTY ARE SAFE

(By the Associated Press)  
Nome, Alaska, Sept. 17.—V. Stevansson, the Arctic explorer, is safe on Banksland, according to British reports here. The schooner Ruby arrived yesterday with this information.

### OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED

(By the Associated Press)  
Ottawa, Canada, Sept. 17.—An announcement was made in government quarters that Stevansson, the Norwegian Arctic explorer, was safe. He had not been heard from since April, 1914, and it was believed that he and several of his party were lost. The message announcing their safety came from Banks Island via Nome, Alaska, September 16. It stated that he would continue his explorations.

### WILL PLAY COLLEGE TEAM NEXT TUESDAY

The Hickory baseball team will play the Lenoir college team at the college Tuesday afternoon. No admission will be charged. The Hickory boys will line up after this fashion: J. Pacella, pitcher; Ivey Starnes, catcher; Hubert Setzer, third base; Paul Allred, 1st base; Joe Peterson, center field; Jake Peterson, 2nd base; Lawrence Cline, shortstop; Hyrl Yoerl, left field; Harry Whitener, right field. Substitutes—Claude Burns, Edgar Hoyle, Fred Campbell.

### ITALIAN STEAMER HAS ARRIVED AT AZORES

(By the Associated Press)  
London, Sept. 17.—The Sant' Anna steamer has arrived at St. Michaels, Azores, according to a dispatch to Lloyds. The fire in No. 2 hold has been extinguished. The liner transferred 650 passengers to the Italian steamer Anconia to Naples. A wireless message stated that the Sant' Anna had on board 1,600 war refugees. She sailed from New York September 7. No cause for the fire is known.

### DR. HALL AT LENOIR

Dr. Edwin Hall, Lecturer of New York, will give a lecture at Lenoir College tonight upon the subject, "Tutor Diggin'—Spectators, Imitators."

### COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	1915	1914
Maximum	87	75
Minimum	66	53
Mean	76 1/2	64
Rainfall	0	.06

(By the Associated Press)  
London, Sept. 17.—Petrograd admits Russian reverses in the direction of Pinsk, the capture of which by the Germans was announced yesterday. The occupancy of the town will facilitate the movements of von Mackensen's troops through the Pripiet marshes.

Owing to the prorogation of the Russian duma, domestic affairs occupy the attention of the Russian people today. The effect of this action on military activity is feared, and the Russian minister of munitions has addressed an appeal to workmen not to slacken their efforts to keep the armies supplied with munitions.

Although no official report has been received from French on British sources, severe fighting seems to be under way again on the Gallipoli front. The Turks, according to reports made by them, have achieved successes on the Anafarta front, but there is no confirmation of this from other sources.

Athens and Rome continue to send out reports that the defensive power of the Turks is weakening, but nothing official has been received by the entente allies. Turkey and Bulgaria are in agreement, but it is not believed that Bulgaria will participate in the war on the side of the central powers. Nor is an offensive expected against Servia.

Severe artillery engagements continue on the western front, the German gunners replying spiritedly to the French.

South of Vilna, toward Grodno, the Russians are offering stubborn resistance, and have the Germans firmly held. In the center, also, Prince Leopold has been delayed in his advance. Von Mackensen has passed his forces through the Pripiet marshes and now is in possession of Pinsk. From this point southward the Russian are advancing and have occupied several villages, but they are not expected to push their advance much further, as to do so would make their northern flank vulnerable.

Much importance is attached to Russia's decision to call to the colors the reserves of the territorial army. Should the age limit be fixed at 35 the fresh call would mean the possible addition of eight million men to the Russian armies, including the men who had passed through the first line and the reserves and those who heretofore have been exempted as students, or only sons, or men who are not quite up to the physical standard.

Naturally, all of these could not be armed and equipped, but Russia could have the pick of them. With Russia now well supplied with munitions, her allies, who have been supplying her, are able to turn their attention to their own armies, and, in consequence, there is no cessation in the artillery engagements which have been so marked in the west for several weeks past.

**The Right Man.**  
"Tommy Atkins" pleaded exemption from church parade on the ground that he was an agnostic. The sergeant major assumed an expression of innocent interest. "Don't you believe in the Ten Commandments?" he mildly asked the bold free thinker.

"Not one, sir," was the reply. "What! Not the rule about keeping the Sabbath?"  
"No, sir."  
"Ah, well you're the very man I've been looking for to scrub out the canteen!"—Cardiff Western Mail.

**Some Consolation.**  
Visitor—It's a terrible war, this, young man—a terrible war.  
Mike (badly wounded)—Tis that, sorr—tirrible warr. But tis better than no warr at all.—London Punch.

**Silver-Tongued.**  
"He is a man with a grip of steel, an iron nerve, but a heart of gold."  
"Ah! A regular man of mettle."—Baltimore Record.

### Purchase Dairy Business.

Lenoir Topic.  
Messrs. Frank Martin and J. C. Jones of Thomasville and T. C. Robbins of Lenoir have purchased the dairy business of Mr. W. B. Dewey, and will take charge about the first of next month. Mr. Dewey having decided to move to Morehead City. The equipment of the dairy and will run a trucking business in connection.

### Fire and Robbery at Hudson Wednesday Night.

The Lenoir topic of Thursday says: "The store of J. A. Mullis at Hudson was destroyed by fire this morning between three and four o'clock. Also during the night Mr. B. F. Herman's store at Hudson was broken into and some valuable jewelry and other articles taken. It is presumed that both crimes were committed by the same parties, though no clue has yet been secured."

**Profitable.**  
"What do you make the most money out of here?" asked the city girl on her vacation.  
"Summer boarders was the thoughtful reply of the farmer.—Yonkers Statesman.