

THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION—TAXATION

Revaluation Act Non-Partisan and Non-Political—Guarantee Against Excessive Increase in Taxes—The Organization for Revaluation. (By A. J. Maxwell)

None of the features of the revaluation act is more remarkable than the manner of its passage by the General Assembly. An ordinary revision of the Machinery Act for the quadrennial assessment of real property usually occupies several days of discussion in each House, with some sharp division over some of its provisions.

Non-Partisan and Non-Political The manner of its passage, with support of members of both parties, as well as the provisions of the act, declare its non-partisan and non-political purpose. It is a helpful indication that a fundamental economic reform of this great importance can be undertaken without partisan disagreement upon the main question upon the details of the measure for carrying it out.

Guarantee Against Excessive Increase in Taxes. The act carries its own specific guarantee that its purpose is to provide more equitable means of raising taxes, and not to actually increase the tax burden.

Special Session to Fix Tax Rates. As a further safeguard and assurance, it is provided that the reassessment, when made, shall not be used until approved by the General Assembly.

District Supervisors. The State Tax Commission is to divide the State into ten districts and appoint a supervisor for each district. The district supervisor will be given employment for at least a year at an annual salary of \$250 per month and actual traveling expenses, to be paid by the State.

County Supervisors. The State Tax Commission is to appoint a county supervisor in each county, who is to be the executive officer in charge of the revaluation work. No township lines are recognized.

the State Tax Commission. Appointments To be Made First Monday in April. Appointment of district and county supervisors is to be made by the State Tax Commission during the months of March and April.

CITIZENS OF TOWN AND COUNTY CALLED TO MEET

The citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln county are requested to meet in the court house in Lincolnton next Saturday, April 12, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of formulating plans for a Welcome Celebration for Lincoln county soldiers, who served in any way in the world war.

It is understood to be the idea of many that the citizens of town and county desire a big celebration in honor of all the soldiers, and the meeting Saturday, April 12, is for the purpose of giving all an opportunity to take part in, and give their support, to a future celebration.

NEW ROZZELLE'S FERRY BRIDGE OPENED. The new steel bridge over the Catawba river at Rozzelle's ferry was formally opened to the public last week. It is one of the several fine bridges across the Catawba.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS ABLE TO SEE CALLERS. Paris, April 7.—President Wilson has reached a point so far on the road to recovery that Rear Admiral Grayson, his personal physician, permitted him to receive late today the other American peace commissioners.

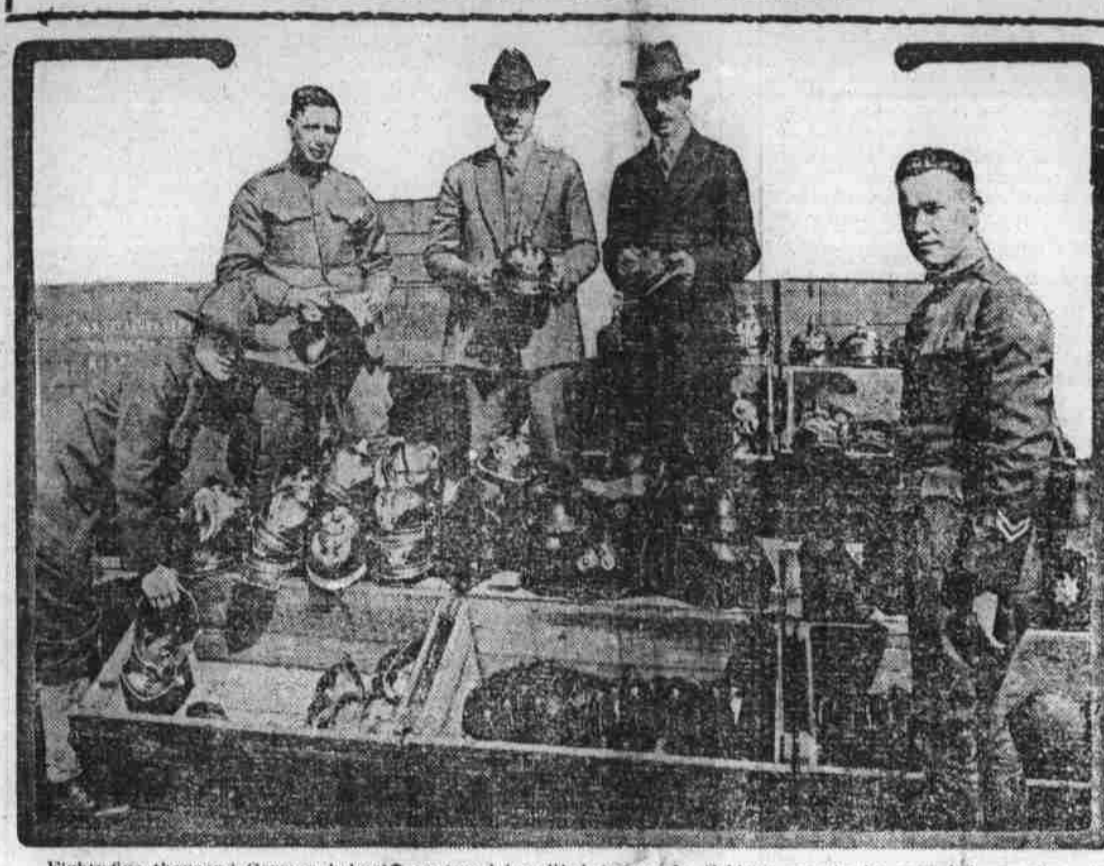
GETTING DATA ON GERMANS' ABILITY TO PAY FOR FOOD. Paris, April 7.—Germany's ability to continue paying for the food shipments made under the Brussels agreement, it is learned, cannot be determined before April 15, when the German government expects to have a report on the surrender to the government of German-owned foreign securities which will be made public.

TRANSPORT POWHATAN WILL DOCK AT CHARLESTON TODAY. Charleston, S. C., April 9.—The transport Powhatan is to dock here at 2 o'clock tomorrow after with more than 2,500 officers and men of the 90th division. The Old Hickory soldiers will embark Friday morning.

WILSON RETURNS TO THE COUNCIL. Paris, April 8.—President Wilson met with the members of the Grand Britain, France and Italy today for the first time since he became ill. The discussion of responsibility for the war and the Saar valley, which was unfinished today, will be continued tomorrow.

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THOSE TRIUMPHAL GERMAN HELMETS



Eighty-five thousand German helmets captured by allied troops in Coblenz, are to be awarded as prizes by federal district committees in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign.

THE BIG VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Chairman Lloyd Thompson, of the Lincoln County Liberty Loan Committee has appointed the committees for the big \$5 billion dollar nation-wide Victory Loan campaign, which begins in the county April 20th.

THE NEW LOAN. In a short time the government will begin the work of floating the new bonds, of which about six billion dollars will be issued.

GRAIN CROPS IN GOOD CONDITION—FARM LABOR SHORT. Raleigh, N. C., April 9.—This year North Carolina has as good a wheat crop as last year, and seven per cent better than the average crop at this season.

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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES RIDGE ACADEMY.

Saturday, April 19, 1919. 10:30 a. m.—Welcome Song. Recitation: Mary Ellen Bass. "My Country"; By Three Boys. Come Thou Almighty King; Song. Sermon: By Rev. W. J. Roof. Holy, Holy, Holy; Song.

1:30: Welcome Song. Address: Supt. L. Berge Beam. "My Own America, I Love But Thee"; Song. Recitation Contest: "The Ocarina"; Nevert Norman. "Tim West Straight Home"; Nannie Bass.

3:30: "White the Dew is on the Lillies" Song. Pantomime: By Twelve Girls. Kentucky Belle. A Drama in 3 acts; Time 2 hours. Characters: Miss Maria Douglas; Mildred Norman; Isabel Douglas; Nevert Norman; Marie Van Harlinger; Barbara Lutz. Col. Wm. McMillen; Cy Lutz. Dr. Blake; Eugene Johnson. Miss Madden; Eunice Goodnight. John Carson Gordon; Thad Lutz. Mrs. Gordon—Nannie Bass. Miss Gordon—Maggie Wood. Four Telephone Linemen: Everett Wise, Carr Young, Eugene Johnson, Virgil Leonard.

GASTON B. MEANS SUES FOR A COOL MILLION

Chicago, April 6.—Alleging conspiracy to send him to the gallows, Gaston B. Means has filed suit against the Northern Trust company for \$1,000,000.

A committee for the development and financing of foreign trade has opened its headquarters at New York. This committee, composed of bankers from various parts of the country, will study and bring to the attention of the American Bankers' Association problems of export commerce.

BAKER RESENTS SPEECH MADE BY CHAMBERLAIN

Washington, April 4.—Commenting on what he termed "the very intemperate speech" of Senator Chamberlain, retiring chairman of the senate military committee, delivered last night at Natchez, Miss., in connection with the Ansell-Crowder court-martial controversy, Secretary Baker said today that in three years as secretary of war he could not recall a single instance in which he had received a helpful suggestion from Senator Chamberlain or one which seemed intended to be helpful.

OBITUARY Mrs. Perolee Cashion.

Mrs. Perolee Cashion, daughter of Jacob C. and Armetta Cloninger, was born June 11, 1874, and passed her reward April 5, 1919, being 44 years, 9 months and 24 days old.

She was an affectionate and cheerful wife, making the life of her husband fuller of joy and happiness. As a mother she was of the true type teaching her daughter by both word and deed in every-day-life to live the life exemplified by our Savior.

WILL MAINTAIN THANKS FOR SERVICE.

The United States will maintain in commission and ready for service a minimum of 1,050 tanks, 330 being of the heavy and 720 of the light type. A third type known as the "signal tank" is provided for each company and battalion commander, 45 in all being comprised in the complete tank organization.

Newton, April 7.—On March 27, at the Reformed parsonage in this city, Miss Mary Shuford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shuford, was married to Sergeant Paul Shaeffer, of Philadelphia, Rev. L. A. Feeler performing the ceremony.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPENDS ON YOU AND ME

Personal Hygiene the Keynote of Community Health. Disease prevention in any town or any rural community of North Carolina ultimately depends upon the average man and woman.

The classes of diseases which cause more sickness and deaths in the State are the diseases spread through the discharges from the bowels and from the mouth and throat. To prevent these diseases, in the simplest expression of fact, it is merely necessary to keep the bowel discharges of A out of the mouth of B, and to keep the oral discharges of A out of the throat of B.

Personal hygiene is the keynote of prevention of the respiratory diseases. We have not yet learned how to prevent outbreaks of colds, bronchitis, pneumonia, and influenza, but we do know that their spread could be checked if the principles of personal hygiene were universally practiced.

The responsibility for the spread of an infectious disease lies with the individual. It is the infested person's duty toward the neighbor, to prevent the spreading of his germs to his fellow men; it is his duty to himself on the part of everybody, to guard against contracting these diseases.

Measles reported during the month of March in the County of Lincoln.— Annie Lee Col. Iron Station R-1; Cherryville R-1; Jack Cooper Col. Iron Station R-1; Henry Lee Chatman, white, male, High Shoals R-1; May Robinson white female, Iron Station R-1; Olive Hunter Col. female Iron Station R-1; Maggie Hunter; Iron Station R-1; Buel H. Col. male Iron Station R-1; Roney Smith Col. male Iron Station R-1; Jessie, Billie and Rosie Smith col Iron Station R-1; Marvis Craig and Eve Beam, white, Oak Veiv Cherryville R-1; Alene and Nellie Beam white Oak Veiv Cherryville R-1; Dewey and Kersey Beam, white Oak Veiv Cherryville R-1; John Wilson Col. Iron Station R-1; Geo. Foster Col. Iron Station R-1; Ed Rendon male Col. Iron Station R-1; Everett and J. B. Wingate, Col. Iron Station R-1; Crawford Deck Col. Iron Station R-1; Carrie and Lola Deck, Col. Iron Station R-1; Jerome and Elvise Smith Col. Iron Station R-1; Annie Lee Col. Iron Station R-1; Jim Connor 3 children Col. Iron Station R-1; Rovy and Addie Cooper Col. Iron Station R-1; Bada Roberts Iron Station R-1. Total Cases 32.

Diphtheria—Thos. D. Leatherman Reepsville, N. C. R-1; Lola Cooper Long Shoals, N. C. Total Cases 2. Scarlet Fever—Virginia Goodman Davidson N. C. Total Cases 1. Chicken Pox—Torsion Logan Lincoln, N. C.; Frank Hull Crowell Lincoln, N. C.; Silas Bolick, Lincoln, N. C.; Nancy Parker Lee. Total cases 4.

Bronchia Pneumonia—Lander Rudisill, Lincoln, N. C.; Carol Allen, Iron Station, N. C.; D. L. Estroy Cline, Southside, N. C. Total cases 3. Labor Pneumonia—Ruth Linzerfelt, Lincoln, N. C.; Walter Linzerfelt, Lincoln, N. C.; Lawrence Withers, Lincoln, N. C.; Hermine Pegram, Lincoln, N. C.; Ronnie Smith Lincoln, N. C. Total cases 5.

Small Pox—Wm. C. Lomax, Iron Station, N. C. Total cases 1. Jno. W. Saine, M. D.

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SHORT NEWS ITEMS

Cotton advanced three-fourths of a cent a pound at the New York and New Orleans markets Saturday on the receipt of encouraging news from Paris about an early peace.

Judge J. Fraizer Glenn, of Asheville, who has a little more than a month to serve, announced Saturday in police court that no more fines would be imposed on liquor sellers, but if convicted only road sentences would be imposed.

Sunday, Gilbert Budwig, aerial mail service pilot between New York and Chicago, fell 2,000 feet when the engine went dead. He landed upside down, but was unhurt and when rescuers arrived he was found beneath his machine, smoking a cigarette.

Dan Floyd Pendleton, six-months-old son of Mr. Ed Pendleton and Mrs. Jessie McSwain Pendleton, of Shelby died at the home of his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnet, Jr. of pneumonia. Mrs. Pendleton died October of influenza. The death of the child makes the eighth in the Pendleton family in the past five months.

The explosion of a gasoline tank aboard the United States submarine chaser No. 205, at Key West, Fla., caused the death of two of the crew and the injury of three others, including John T. Register, of Wilmington. Ensign E. A. Daniel, of Beaufort, who was in command, stated that he could not assign a definite cause for the explosion.

Loan certificates of indebtedness of \$500,000,000 minimum, dated April 10, and maturing September 9, bearing 4-1/2 per cent interest have been issued, and subscription books will close April 17. This issue is concluded in the amount of certificates, to be redeemed from proceeds of the Victory Liberty loan which is approximately \$5,355,000,000.

It has been announced that John D. Rockefeller has contributed \$250,000 to a fund being raised by the national committee of Northern Baptist laymen to care for aged ministers and missionaries and has offered to contribute \$500,000 more if the committee raises the rest of the sought for fund.

The Masons of North Carolina will hold their annual session at Greensboro May 13, 14 and 15. The meeting to be held there are the 71st annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the 43rd annual assembly of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters; the 30th annual convocation of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, and the annual grand convention Order of High Priests.

Recently, dogs entered the pasture of Mr. Arthur H. Cowels, of Yadin Valley, Caldwell county, while he was away from home and killed practically his flock of 35 sheep. On returning Mr. Cowels caught the dogs at their work and managed to kill one of them but the others succeeded in getting away. It was said the Mr. Cowels recognized the dogs as belonging to one of his neighbors. The sheep were valued at \$600.

William Deese, ten year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Deese, of Union county, was burned to death, while attempting to build a fire with kerosene. His father was plowing and Mrs Deese had gone to carry some water to Mr. Deese, instructing the boy to build a fire. The kerosene can exploded throwing oil over the boy and the house. The boy fell dead as he rushed from the house and the house came near being destroyed by fire.

According to the report of the South Carolina Cotton Association, submitted to a cotton reduction convention at Columbia, S. C., at which it was said 800, members were present, the South's cotton acreage in 1919 will be 31.08 per cent less than in the previous year. The acreage reduction in North Carolina is reported to be 24 per cent. Several of the big cotton producing States have pledged to raise 1-3 less cotton this year than last.