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## HON. JOHN G. DAWSON ELECTED SPEAKER OF THE LOWER HOUSE

While ill at hotel his party legislators decide on him As Speaker

### EXPRESS VIEWS ON NEED OF STATE

(By Associated Press)  
RALEIGH, Jan. 3.—With the Bi-annual session of the North Carolina legislature underway, revision of the states tax laws measure designed to make it a felony for any person to appear off his premises so as to destroy the identity and the Governor proposed state owned shipping lines appeared to be the most important measure to be considered.

While speaker John G. Dawson lay ill last night in the Yarborough hotel, his conferees in the lower house unanimously chose him presiding officer of the 1923 body and Grand Old Man Rufe Doughton, who fought his way to the speakership through six thrilling ballots read the speech of acceptance which Mr. Dawson was too sick to make.

#### Taxation Great Problem.

"Taxation is our supreme problem. With it every citizen comes in close and direct contact. It is met at the threshold of every public endeavor and perplexes over taxing power. No more can the state conduct its business and protect the health, happiness and property of its people without taxation than an individual or a private business enterprise without money. Wherever the necessary expense in private life increased, then by the same token and for the same reasons the public expense increased, too. It has always been so. We have no reason to expect it otherwise. What concerns us is that the burden shall not be too heavy and that it shall be justly laid—that the people shall be fully informed and told the truth. This has been the consistent policy of our party. Upon that policy it will continue its humanitarian and intelligent administration of the state affairs. But for worthy demand than there are sources from which the revenue may be drawn. And in this condition rests the problems with which we shall contend—problems which must be equitably solved, and in the proper solution of which depends the happiness of a great people and the advancement of a great state. We are meeting a troublous time. The country is yet passing, from under the anaesthesia of war. Business and finance are still disturbed, but are gradually settling to their former state of certainty. The public mind is not at rest, but will accept with faith our efforts at proper legislation. But the people have a right to expect us to be cautious, and, while there must be no back-stepping, because it is neither wanted nor expected, we must be conservative, though not ultra.

#### Need of Education.

"High up on the list of subjects upon which we must legislate is the state's educational program. I do not know what will be formulated here, but the course of our predecessors has led us from darkness into light. I make no reference to its details, for upon this occasion they concern me not. The details will be for your careful and deliberate consideration all of which they will receive. I am speaking of the question of our broad and generous policy as a people that adequate school house shall be erected and doorway to every one swept clean that all who seek the untold blessings of an education may enter and be taught by those qualified to administer and under conditions conducive of mental and physical development. Every dollar economically and judiciously spent for this purpose, in reason, will yield many dollars in return. Figure as you may you cannot get away from the eternal truth that the intelligence of the state is only the average intelligence of its people. We shall grow greater just

## WHITE WOMAN ASSAULTED THEN THROWN IN RIVER

(By Associated Press)  
MEMPHIS, A man hunt started for a negro alleged to have assaulted a white woman and then threw her into the Mississippi river. She was saved from drowning by grasping a bush on the bank of the river. The woman was said to have been held prisoner more than eight hours

## WHITE HOUSE RECEIVES MANY FLOWERS AND CARDS

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—White House door keepers kept busy receiving cards of diplomatics and officials and many boxes of flowers from friends who recollected Mrs. Harding's convalescence from her illness. The President remained at the residential part of the White House nearly all day.

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in the proportion as our citizenship grows more intelligent, and your boy and your girl will find scant use for education if forbidden by circumstances to associate with and make fellows of those about their intellectual equal. Occasionally they might raise others to their own standard of living and of thought, but the general rule would be found to prevail that overwhelmed by numbers and an adverse environment they would descend to the plane of the average. The state's educational system must be economically administered, but it must be developed, guarded and protected with conspicuous zeal. The details will be worked out by you and the ways and means you will find.

#### Road Building Program

"What North Carolina has done in road building in the past two years is the greatest achievement of any American state administration in the same length of time. It has accomplished more toward the development of all its resources. It has challenged the attention and commanded the admiration of all forward looking states. The program has been essentially a state program. In no other way could the full measure of its benefits to develop. I speak not of the sources from which the revenue has or may hereafter come to do this work, nor of the authorities who have and may in the future direct its location, construction and maintenance. I speak of it as an integer, and in that is must be a dependable means of transportation throughout the state. That this great fundamental necessity shall not be destroyed the signal purpose must be an unswerving determination that the program, to whatever extent it may be continued, which you will help determine, shall not degenerate into a thing of local, selfish and petty strife.

"To permit that to happen would ring the curfew not only for a healthy development of this great asset; it would as well send to a hasty destruction the millions of dollars already invested. We have developed into something more than a wonderful agricultural state—though agriculture is yet our greatest pride; we are now a state great in commerce and industry, too. Roads of the dependable type, conducive of quick and safe transportation will not only hasten our commercial development, but will do more towards developing our agriculture than any benefit in our power to bestow. And to legislate for the benefit of agriculture without hurt or disparagement to other interests should be our chiefest purpose. Recognizing, then, that easy, quick and safe means of transportation is essential to the full development of the state and its resources, I favor an economical continuation of our road building program. To do less would spell a financial sacrifice to the state in many ways, and release the greatest road building organization that has ever worked under one management on the American continent. We could ill afford to permit it.

## RIOT IN FASHIONABLE ST. LOUIS HOTEL

Presence of Prohibition Agents Start Attack By Guests

(By Associated Press)  
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Two men were shot and wounded, one woman injured and a barrage of chairs, glassware, plates, knives and forks hurled promiscuously in a riot at a fashionable hotel chase, when guests objected to the intrusion of prohibition enforcement agents and police men searching for liquor. No arrests were made.

## WOMAN SHOT AND KILLED IN WINDOW OF HOME

(By Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Peter Trafieri was shot and killed by bullets from a gun in the hands of some New Year celebrant, when she put her head out the window of her home to witness the celebration by a crowd in street. She was the wife of a merchant.

## LEE DAVID LODGE DEAD

(By Associated Press)  
GAFFNEY S. C., Jan. 2.—Lee David Lodge, president of the Lincolnton College died from an attack acute indigestion.

## MADAM BARNHARDT HAS FAINTING SPELLS

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Jan. 2.—Madam Bernhardt who was thought to be making excellent progress toward recovery from a recent breakdown, had a series of fainting spells giving great concern to her physicians.

## MAN FOUND AT HOME WITH HIS SKULL CRACKED

(By Associated Press)  
NORFOLK, Jan. 3.—Police are investigating the death of Harry Gale Williams Jr., president and General Manager of the local branch of an Automobile Concern who died while being taken to a hospital from his home where he was found by his wife with his skull crushed and a pool of blood outside the house, but no evidences of a struggle.

Percy A. Page member of a prominent family was later arrested on a charge of murder. Page admitted to the police that he fought with Williams last night. Released on ten thousand dollars bail. Williams is the son of the proprietor of Hotel York, New York city.

## WOULD LOOK INTO HIGH OFFICIALDOM

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Investigation of charges of representative Upshaw of Georgia, that some Governors and many other high officials do not practice prohibition enforcement which they preach was called for in a resolution introduced by Representative Hill of Maryland.

## HARDING VETOES BURSUM BILL

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The Bursum Bill providing an increased for pensions of civil and Mexican war veterans was vetoed by President Harding today.

## CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL INTERFERING WITH WITNESSES

(By Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, Jan. 3.—A warrant charging A. J. Quarles Jr., with un-impede witness for the commonwealth in the case of Thomas Pol-lawfully influencing and attempting lard charged with the murder of Mrs. Thelma Richardson, former stenographer was sworn out by commonwealth attorney Satterfield. Quarles was associated with Pollard in the real estate and insurance business.

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## BUFFALO WOMAN IS ROBBED OF ALL HER JEWELRY AT PARTY

Says two men grabbed her and stripped her of Jewelry

### ATTACKED IN HALL LEAVING A PARTY

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Despite the statement of Mrs. Irene Schoelkopf wife of a Buffalo manufacturer who was robbed of jewelry valued at half a million dollars as she left a New Years party, that she did not want Frank Barrett Carman, artist and host at the party arrested, The man is still held by police on charge acting in concert with two men in robbing the woman. Police say Mrs. Schoelkopf reported a man grabbed her in the hallway floor beneath Carman's apartment and aided by another man, bound and threw her on a bed and stripped her of jewelry.

## TWO HUNDRED PROHIBITION AGENTS DRY UP NEW YORK

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Federal prohibition officers and police joined hands in what is declared to be the first successful attempt to dry up New York during New Years celebration. Concentrating work on Broadway and nearby streets they raided practically every cafe, restaurant and cabaret and arrested at least one hundred persons for alleged violations of prohibition laws. More than two hundred federal agents participated.

## FOUR REBELS EXECUTED

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A dispatch from Dublin, says four rebels recent arrest in the Tralee district have been executed.

## STATE UPHELD IN RAILWAY TAX CASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—North Carolina triumphs in the railroad tax cases. The decision of the Supreme court, affirming the validity of the re-valuation or revenue acts of the legislature, was rendered today, Mr. Justice Brandeis rendering the decision and all members of the court concurring therein. The decision in this notable case came along according to schedule. There was a feeling among attorneys and attaches of the court that this case would be disposed of promptly. Nor will the decision, so favorable to the state occasion much surprise. It was fully anticipated by members of the legal staff employed by the state while there were no signs of amazement in railroad circles.

## "MANY RETURNS" IS GRISSOM'S GREETINGS

"A prosperous New Year to you and yours. Among the many happy returns which we wish you and them do not forget the prompt returns of your and their income tax." Thus read messages sent by Gilliam Grissom, United States Collector of Internal Revenue as one of many devices for reminding taxpayers that the time for another settlement with the federal government is fast approaching.

The collector is preparing voluminous lists of taxpayers to whom blanks will be sent as soon after the first of the year as possible and is giving wide publicity to the necessity of filing returns.

Returns must be filed on or before March 15th by the following, whether or not any tax is due: every single person with a net income of \$1,000, every married person with a net income of \$2,000, every person with a gross income of \$5,000, every incorporated company without exception, and every partnership without exception. In addition, every employer must report all salaries of \$1,000 or more and to whom paid.—News and Observer.

## GENERAL DENIAL TO GOVERNMENTS CHARGES

(By Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, Jan. 3.—A general denial of the charges of the federal government in a suit to recover seven million dollars damage alleged to have been fraudulently obtained in construction of camp Lee was filed by Rhineheart and Dennis incorporated, Charlottesville contractors in the federal court here yesterday.

## WALTER S. WARD DISCHARGED BY COURT

(By Associated Press)  
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. Jan. 3.—In Supreme court Justice Zeger dismissed the indictment charging first degree murder against Walter S. Ward wealthy bakers son holding the prosecution invalid because of the defendants right to a speedy trial. He was indicted for the slaying of Clarence Peters.

## AMERICAN SURGEONS TO TOUR SOUTH AMERICA

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—Promotion of professional social relations between the surgeons of Central and South America and members of the American College of Surgeons which it is hoped will lead to an exchange of professors and students between colleges of surgery in the various countries, is the purpose of an extended tour to South America of members of the college.

Approximately 350 members and their families will make the trip. The steamer Vandyck has been especially chartered, and will leave New York February 10.

## WILL FIGHT BOLL WEEVIL IN COTTON FIELDS OF SOUTH

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Dr. Miller Reese Hutchinson for many years chief engineer of Thomas A. Edison laboratories was selected to lead the new crusade against the boll weevil in the cotton fields of the South. The pest was tendered him by American Cotton Association which has undertaken to raise two and a half million dollars to fight the pest.

## TWO DIE FROM COAL GAS FUMES IN HOME

(By Associated Press)  
FREDERICK, Md., Jan. 3.—Baker Johnson a wealthy retired lawyer and his negro servant, were found dead, and Mrs. Eloise Young English and her two daughters ill from coal gas fumes at the Johnson home Mrs. Johnson who was in another part of the house was not affected.

## UNIVERSITY REOPENS SPRING BALM IN AIR

Chapel Hill, Jan. 2.—This is the opening day for the winter term at the University. The stream of students began to trickle in Saturday, and by yesterday had turned into a flood.

Chapel Hill, which suddenly became a sleepy, almost deserted village two days before Christmas, has got its student population back and has again taken on the aspect of animation that comes with the presence of about 2,000 youths.

Registration goes on today and tomorrow, and recitations begin Thursday. The New Year started off with a day of brilliant sunshine. There was a spring balm in the air. Members of the faculty and university officials, going about their business on the campus, had left their overcoats at home, and all windows were thrown open. Students stood about in groups on the campus and along the main street, basking in the sun.

Down in the arboretum, many of the flowering shrubs are bursting into bloom. It is hard to believe that the next two months will bring snow and sleet—yet Chapel Hill knows from experience that these warm days in midwinter are just tantalizing reminders of a springtime that is a long way off.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH AGREEMENT MAY BE COME AFTER ALL

Bonar Law may Blame Poincare for conference failure Should it come

### CABINET INSTRUCTS POINCARÉ ON COURSE

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Jan. 3.—British delegates to the Allied conference at an informal conference decided to accept the French reparations plan as a basis for discussion, provided Premier Poincare agreed to discuss the British plan. In this way Bonar Law would seek to place the burden of responsibilities for a break-up of the conference on the shoulders of Poincare.

A Cabinet instructed Poincare to move in conference for the adoption of French reparations plan as a minimum acceptable to France. In event the meeting does not accept, Poincare is directed to ask conference to register formally the lack of agreement among the Allies.

### GOVERNORS RECEPTION OFF

(By Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, Jan. 2.—Customary New Years reception at the executive mansion was called off on account of Governor Trinkle being called to the bed-side of his brother who is critically ill at his home at Wytheville.

### AIR SERVICE PLANNED BETWEEN SPAIN AND ARGENTINA

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Jan. 3.—The project for an airship service between Spain and Argentina has progressed so far that air stations are being erected at Seville and Buenos Aires. The stations are enormous circular sheds revolving under electric power so that an air liner may be housed safely no matter how hard the wind is blowing, or from what direction.

The ships to be used will have nine motors and carry 40 passengers in addition to the officers and crews, and will accommodate also 11 tons of baggage and mail. A trip is contemplated each way weekly, the westward trip occupying three days and the eastward four days and six hours.

### SWEDEN'S MINE COAL IN FROZEN ARTIC

(By Associated Press)  
GOTHENBURG, Jan. 3.—One hundred and eighty-five coal miners are now cut off from the world digging coal in a mine seven hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle. They are on the island of Spitzbergen, north of Sweden in the Sea of Green land, and the sun will not again appear above their horizon until next April. They have plenty of supplies and plenty of fuel, and their camps and mines will be lighted by electricity through the long Arctic night. One of their principal diversions is the phonograph, and when they get tired of reading last year's newspapers they can receive the condensed news of the world through their own radio station.

The Swedish company for which these men work shipped 72,000 tons of coal into Sweden from Spitzbergen during last summer. But now nothing can be moved until navigation opens again in the spring.

Sweden's coal supply is limited, but to offset this deficiency she has her "white coal," the countless number of waterfalls and rapids which are harnessed to produce electric power. And, in fact, upwards of half of the area of the kingdom is now electrified, the power being applied to a variety of purposes, all the way from the building of ships to the milking of cows. The fuels in common use are wood, charcoal and peat.

But king Coal still commands a corner of the fuel market, and it is a unique tribute to him that the 185 miners are toiling in their ice-bound out-post through the arctic night.