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## THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REDUCE TAXES

At the regular monthly meeting yesterday the County Commissioners, in making the new tax levy, affected a reduction of thirty cents in the County tax rate, the rate now being \$1.05, instead of \$1.35, as it was last year.

The taxes are distributed as follows: Schools, 50c; maintenance and construction of roads, 25c; bond, 15c; general county expenses, 15c.

## BUDDHIST UNION WILL EXPLORE TIBET

London, Aug. 8.—Great Britain intends to make a thorough study of the little known land of Tibet, where devil-worship and belief in ghosts still exist. A mission composed of some of England's ablest explorers, scientists, missionaries and ethnologists soon will leave London for the city of Lhasa, which is buried behind the world's greatest rampart of mountains, the Himalayas, between India and China. The mission will proceed under the auspices of the International Buddhist Union, representing all schools of Buddhism, including the Buddhist Society of the United States.

The mission will make a closer investigation of the Tibetan people, their customs, religion and language, than has yet been possible, together with a study of rare books and manuscripts known to exist in the monastic libraries. These are expected to prove of the greatest value, not only to Buddhist scholarship and to the study of comparative religion, but to fill many gaps that at present exist in the world's knowledge of the early history of a country which to the present day is veiled in mystery.

The Tibetans live in mountain strongholds, 15,000 feet above the level of the sea, which is 500 feet higher than Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the United States. They have always proved inhospitable to foreigners and to the introduction of modern ideas. Little is known of the origin of the people. Local tradition has it that the progenitors of the race were "a she-devil of the Himalayas" and an ape from the plains of Hindustan.

The last foreigner in Tibet was an American medical missionary, Dr. A. L. Shelton, of San Francisco, who spent 17 years at Batang, near the Chino-Tibetan border. In its form of government, Tibet is one of the few remaining theocracies in the world. The people lead a nomadic life. Monogamy, polygamy and polyandry flourish. Under the polyandrous system, the eldest son of a family marries a woman and she becomes the common wife of himself and his brothers.

Dr. Shelton found that the Tibetan woman usually marries three or four brothers, and in one case that came under his observation a woman had six brothers for husbands. The oldest brother is considered the father and the other brothers the uncles of the family. Woman occupies a superior position. She is master of the home and farm. Grass worms fungi, and the horns of young deer, ground to powder, are considered by the Tibetans infallible medicinal remedies for all ills, and are even held in high favor as table delicacies.

Thousands of years of isolation have paralyzed the progress of the people. There is no public worship prevail. Only the most elemental form of government exists. Offenders against the law, which is derived largely from the Kanjur, the Buddhist Bible, a work of 108 volumes, are punished by having their hands and feet amputated. When a Tibetan dies his body is dis-

## Plans For Construction Of River Bridge Have Been Approved And Signed By Sec. of War

### GERMANY RETURNING LIVESTOCK THAT WAS REQUISITIONED IN WAR

(By Associated Press) Berlin, Aug. 8.—Gold payments are not Germany's only worries in meeting the demands of the Entente Official reports indicate that she has had to disgorge liberally from her livestock assets. These deliveries are in compensation for requisitions made by the Germans during the war.

More than a half million head of livestock, besides poultry numbering nearly a quarter million, were delivered to the Entente by Germany up to July 3 of this year, the government announced in reply to an interpellation by the Bavarian People's party. There then remained 251,212 head of livestock still to be handed over.

The deliveries thus far made included 143,525 horses, 175,600 cattle, 209,231, 21,441 goats, and 246,700 head of poultry. Those yet to be made comprise 81,712 horses, 92,100 cattle, and 77,400 sheep.

Deliveries of livestock to Italy from South German are expected to be made early in September, while shipments to Serbia probably will take place soon. Ten thousand cattle and 4,000 sheep are to be sent to Italy. The Serbian consignment will consist of 57,000 sheep.

### COTTON MARKET

#### TODAY'S MARKET

January	20.07
March	20.11
May	20.10
October	20.12
December	20.18

#### YESTERDAY'S MARKET

October	20.83
December	20.84
January	20.76
March	20.77
May	20.75

## VOTERS IN THE OHIO PRIMARIES APPROVE OF THE HARDING ADMINISTRATION

(By Associated Press)

Chicago, Aug. 8.—With statewide primaries in Ohio, Arkansas and Alabama, and the Republican and State Convention in Texas, the political principle today trained especially on the Buckeye State, where the Republican voters in the President's home commonwealth voted to determine two well defined issues and modified procedures, and the approval of the Harding administration.

Carmi A. Thompson, of Cleveland, gubernatorial candidate, is the standard bearer of both the Harding forces and strict prohibitionists.

membered and fed to vultures. The people are extremely poor. They dress in sheepskins and the usual rule is one garment to a person.

The Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of the following telegram from Mr. C. A. England, Private Secretary to Hon. Claude Kitchin:

"Plans for the construction of the bridge over Roanoke River have been approved and signed by the Secretary of War, and mailed to the District Engineer by last mail. Please advise Mr. Kitchin."

## NEW MOTOR LIFEBOAT HAS WIDE CRUISING RADIUS

(By Associated Press) London, Aug. 4.—A new motor lifeboat said to be the largest and most powerful craft of the kind afloat, has been launched for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. It is called the Barnett Twin Screw.

Practically unsinkable, the Barnett Twin Screw has as many water-tight compartments as a modern battle cruiser. Her radius of action is anything up to 150 miles. She carries a life-saving net, a line-throwing gun, and a searchlight. Her engines are two of the new six cylinder 75 horse-power motors and it is said they will continue working even when completely submerged.

## NEW DOCTRINE ADVANCED BY ARGENTINE

(By Associated Press) Buenos Aires, Aug. 6.—According to information received from Geneva by Dr. Juan Carlos Garay, professor of history in the University of Buenos Aires, his doctrine regarding naturalization will be presented for consideration at the next meeting of the League of Nations.

Dr. Garay's doctrine provides that foreigners with more than five years' residence and possessing any trade or profession would attain citizenship automatically, although always retaining their original nationality.

The fundamentals of this doctrine have been included in the recommendations of a committee report presented to the Congress of the Italian League, at present in session in Rome under the presidency of former Premier Orlando.

The Argentine Association Pro-League of Nations has been deeply interested in bringing the question before the Geneva assembly. The president of this association has just cabled Dr. Garay of his success.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY IN ROME HAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

(By Associated Press)

Rome, Aug. 6.—Moved by the belief that Italy and the United States should know each other better, resident Americans founded here since the war the Library for American Studies and the Italo-American Association. Both organizations are prospering.

The Library, located in the Palazzo Salviati, contains between ten and fifteen thousand volumes on the United States, and a large number of American magazines and newspapers always is on hand. Both Italians and American readers frequent the library in increasing num-

## MRS. HENRY WHITE HAS ACCIDENT

CAE TURNS OVER AT SHARP CURVE. MRS. WHITE, WHO WAS TRAVELING ALONE, WAS NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mrs. R. H. White, of Hobgood, while driving toward Scotland Neck yesterday morning, had the misfortune to have her car turn over with her at the sharp curve in the road at King White's Fork, about half way between this town and Hobgood. While the car was damaged to some extent, Mrs. White sustained no serious or permanent injuries.

## FINANCIAL OUTLOOK IN PORTUGAL IS CAUSING POLITICAL UNREST

(By Associated Press) Lisbon, Aug. 7.—A rate of exchange alarmingly low and prices of foodstuffs exorbitantly high have conspired to make the cost of living in Portugal a serious problem. And profiteering as an additional factor cannot be overlooked.

Several highly placed state functionaries have been arrested and jailed, charged with conspiracy and the holding of secret meetings, which is an indication of an underlying political unrest. It is felt in some quarters that a military movement is in preparation, to act in case of a fresh outburst of the turbulent elements which brought about the political assassinations of last October.

The press is clamoring against the economic condition of the country, and Seculo vehemently exhorts the government to put an end to the speculation to which it chiefly attributes the increasing fall in exchange. The Minister of Finance is trying to raise an internal loan and has had conferences with several of the most prominent Portuguese bankers to this end. His efforts have not so far been successful.

One of the factors said to contribute to the situation is that, although exportation amounts to several million pounds, all this money is deposited in foreign banks instead of being paid out in the country. At the same time gambling in exchange is being carried on in a barefaced manner. In London banks alone there is said to be over 25,000,000 Portuguese pounds which would greatly improve the rate of exchange if left here. The constant arrest of officers and civilians and the fact of the troops having to keep within barracks to be ready at a moment's notice, adds to the general unrest.

Epoca directs attention to the statement of the British Premier, Lloyd George calling upon the nations which owe England money to pay interest charges in October. This debt amounts to over £5,000,000, and the paper asks if the interest is to be paid when due.

### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Thunder storms this afternoon or tonight. Somewhat cooler tonight. Wednesday, fair and cooler on the coast. Moderate southwest, shifting to north-west winds.

A summer course for Americans has been opened at the Rome University. The meetings are held in the Palazzo Salviati by ex-Ambassador Tittoni, now Minister of Public Instruction, and special lectures will be given during the course by Professors Boni, Venturi, Gentili, and other well-known men.

## The President's Second Proposal Rejected By The Union Forces

### TRIAL OF MEN CHARGED WITH SHOOTING UP THE HOME OF MINISTER

(By Associated Press) Louisa, Va., Aug. 8.—Herbert Buckley, a Louisa County lumberman, one of eight men charged with shooting up the home of Rev. J. R. Glenn, of Pendleton, on the night of June the ninth, went on trial today, in the Circuit Court here. Buckley, a white man and two negroes, indicted yesterday by a grand jury, charging feloniously shooting the minister's home, with intent to kill.

### INTERNATIONAL ROADS CONGRESS MEETS NEXT SPRING

(By Associated Press) New York, Aug. 6.—Roadmakers from around the world will meet in Seville, Spain, next May to exchange experiences and views for mutual benefit. The International Road Congress met first in Paris in 1908, and the last meeting was in 1914.

The meeting next spring will bring together delegates representing national and state governments and good roads associations in the United States, Belgium, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, France, Great Britain, Italy, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Germany, Jugoslavia, Poland, Austria, Cuba, Chili, Brazil and other countries.

## Brotherhood President Urges Chiefs To Avert Transportation Collapse

### AMERICAN BUSINESS IN GERMANY SHOWS ACTIVITY

Berlin, Aug. 7.—A membership mark of 2,000 is rapidly being approached by the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany, as compared with a maximum enrollment of 350 before the war. The chamber was established in 1903 for the purpose of promoting trade relations between the United States and Germany, and especially the promotion of American foreign trade.

For the past four or five months it is officially stated, more than 100 applications for membership have been laid before the board of directors at each of its monthly meetings. The constitution of the chamber provides for two classes of membership, active and associate. The former includes the right to vote and hold office and is limited to American citizens; the latter is open to all non-American nationalities.

The status of membership on June 12 showed 509 active and 1,041 associate members, the latter comprising exclusive life and honorary members.

### RAILROAD BOARD READY TO CONSIDER SENIORITY QUESTION

STRIKERS TO MAKE NO SEPARATE ADJUSTMENT

PRESIDENT DESIRES FULL ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NEXT TUESDAY, WHEN HOUSE RE-CONVENES AND BE READY TO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATURE AS IS NECESSARY.

(By Associated Press) Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—President Harding's second proposal for the immediate termination of the Railway Shop Crafts Strike, which called the strikers to return to work and for both sides to submit their differences to the Railroad Labor Board for settlement, awaited today normal action denied by the strikers in the controversy, shadows in the Union forces their leaders here.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Acting on President Harding's new suggestion for ending the rail strike, the United States Railroad Labor Board today stood ready to promptly consider the seniority question as the only barrier to peace on the railroads. A majority resolution was adopted last night asserting the Board's willingness to re-open the hearings.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—Shoppers Committee of Southern Mobile and Ohio Railroads, told officials of these lines at the conference here today that the strikers would make no separate adjustment with the roads, asserting that the strike National must be settled nationally.

Washington, Aug. 8.—President Harding is understood today to have informed Representative Mondell and other House leaders that, in view of the troubled industrial situation, it is desirable that there be a full attendance of the members next Tuesday, when the House reconvenes after six weeks' adjournment. The President feels, it is learned, that the House should be prepared to enact such legislation as the situation, especially the rail strike, might necessitate.

### PRESIDENT STONE TELEGRAPHS SIXTEEN CHIEFS OF RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS, ASKING THEM TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

(By Associated Press)

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Warren S. Stone, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, today telegraphed sixteen chiefs of railroad brotherhoods, asking them to attend the conference at Washington, Friday, to consider the railroad situation throughout the country and "Avert impending calamity of collapse in transportation."

### HIGH COST OF NAVIES GRIEVES LATVIA

Riga, Aug. 7.—Shorn of naval power by the Washington conference, France recently offered Latvia the destroyer Hassard as a present. She is over 200 feet long and makes 30 knots an hour. The Latvian government made inquiries, however, as to the cost of operating a vessel of this type, and as a result of the information obtained it may be compelled to decline the gift.