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COMMISSIONER WARNS AGAINST TAX REDUCTIONS

MUST FINANCE AFFAIRS

Chief Justice Clark Holds Geo. C. Tudor of Winston Responsible for the Death of a Young Woman Who Was Killed in Automobile Accident Last Year.

(By Max Abernethy)
Raleigh, April 14.—Commissioners in more than a score of counties who "unjointed" Revaluation last week by reducing property values will be called upon to tell where revenue sufficient for running their government is to come from at the close of the present fiscal year.

It is altogether possible that some of these commissioners will not be able to answer this question, so tax students hereabouts aver. The fact that property valuations in some counties have been reduced horizontally from 20 to 60 percent means that the county budgets will not be met with taxes collected on the revised basis. And this situation will have to be met in one or two ways: First, there will be a special tax levied or a bond issue, or Second, the rate of taxation must be increased.

This is the opinion of Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell of the State Tax Commission who has given the question considerable study since the counties began slashing Revaluation under an act of the 1921 General Assembly.

Reductions in property values appear mighty good, Commissioner Maxwell admits, but he warns that when tax paying time comes around the folks are going to discover that somebody has handed them a gold brick. Whether the assessment is high and the rate of tax low, or the assessment low and the rate high, the final result remains unchanged. The commissioner is certain the taxpayers will understand that this is and must of necessity be true.

The counties must raise a certain amount of money by levying taxes to finance the county government. If, under Revaluation, the rate was lowered and the valuations raised so as to provide the needs of the counties and no more than it is easily seen what is going to happen with the values reduced and the rate unchanged. It is useless to argue that the county commissioners are not going to have the time of their lives making buckle and tongue meet.

Chief Justice Walter Clark writing an opinion in the Tyree vs. George C. Tudor case of Forsyth county reverses Judge Finley and holds that the defendant, the father, is liable for the actions of his minor son, Bynum Tudor. This was the only case of importance handed down by the supreme court this week.

The case in which L. P. Tyree, administrator, is seeking damages from George C. Tudor for the death of Ruth Tyree who was killed in June, 1918, when an automobile in which she was riding with the younger Tudor on the Country Club road near Winston-Salem overturned. The case was non-suited by Judge Finley in superior court and it came to the high court on appeal of the plaintiff. Chief Justice Clark holds that the case should have been tried before the jury.

Since Bynum Tudor was a minor, Chief Justice holds, it was the father's duty "not to entrust the safety of the young lady to his son unless he knew he was careful and prudent in the operation of the machine. To hold otherwise would be dangerous to the safety of life and limb." Bynum was operating the car as the servant of his father and for negligent injuries inflicted by him his father was responsible, the opinion reads.

Evidence before the court here is that young Tudor with a brother and Miss Tyree had attended a dance at the Country Club near Winston.

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FRANCE WITH ARMS WILL ENFORCE THE INDEMNITY TERMS

PARIS PAPER'S OPINION

German Indemnity Figures Will be Fixed Between One Hundred and Thirty Billion and One Hundred and Fifty Billion Gold Marks, Depending on Certain Questions.

Paris, April 14.—Premier Briand has dispatched to Washington a note acknowledging receipt of the communication from the American state department regarding a mandate over Pacific Islands north of the equator which were given to Japan.

The note says a representative of France will take up the question when it comes before the Supreme Allied Council with the most ardent desire to find a solution giving satisfaction to the United States.

PINEHURST HOTEL OPEN UNTIL MAY FIRST

Pinehurst, April 14.—The Carolina hotel at Pinehurst will remain open until May 8, and the executive council of the American Bankers' association has taken advantage of this fact to schedule its annual golf tournament at Pinehurst for the first week in May.

LIVELY MAYORALTY RACE ON AT ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount, April 14.—The familiar adage, "the more the merrier" has never been better illustrated than in the present local mayoralty race when with six hats in the ring the political pot is literally boiling over and the race is assuming such proportions that the old political heads are beginning to take notice and prick up their ears.

The race had been going along at a speedy clip up until yesterday, when there were only four candidates in the ring—T. T. Thorne, present incumbent; J. W. Keel, C. L. Gay and Charles L. Staton. Then yesterday morning M. V. Barnhill and Paul R. Capelle entered and with new blood in the fray the campaign is beginning to gather cyclone aspects. It had been variously rumored that the entry of these two candidates would result in withdrawals, but the rumors seem to have been founded upon the sand as every aspirant is sticking firmly to his guns and entrenching himself for further action prior to the decisive battle on primary day, April 29.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEET

Raleigh is Host to One Thousand Persons Interested in Sunday Schools.

Raleigh, April 14.—One thousand Sunday school workers attended first meeting of the State Sunday School association last night at which Mrs. Maud J. Baldwin, superintendent of the children's division of the International Sunday School association, of Chicago; Dr. William A. Brown, member of the International Sunday School association staff, of Chicago, and Prof. H. H. Harris, head of the chair of religious pedagogy in Candler School of Theology, made the addresses.

The subject of Mrs. Baldwin's address was "Some Rights of Childhood," particularly religious rights, which are denied him by the secular school system and often not given him by the church school, the right of knowing the real kinship between Deity and man.

Professor Harris talked about the teacher's place and Dr. Brown the secrets of Sunday school success. Gilbert T. Stephenson president, and tomorrow he makes the presidential address. The city is caring for the crowd without calling on the hotels.

GLOOMY STATE OF AFFAIRS EXISTS IN THE BRITISH ISLES

NO SOLUTION APPARENT

Conference Between Lloyd George and Representative of Triple Alliance Fails to Reach Any Adjustment of State of Affairs. Strike Will Begin Tomorrow Night.

London, April 14.—A conference held this morning between Mr. Lloyd George the British Prime Minister and a delegation of officials of the triple alliance which called a strike for Friday of railway men and transportation workers was concluded within two hours without any progress apparently having been made toward a solution of the problem.

It was reported from the conference that the Prime Minister made a long statement appealing strongly to the railway men and transport workers who with miners make up triple alliance asking them to exercise restraint and not precipitate a general strike.

This plea however does not appear to have had effect. J. H. Thomas general secretary of the national union of railway men declared after the conference he could see no chance for readjustment of the differences. On the government side it was said labor men were unable to present new arguments giving the government any different view of the case while the government did not indicate that it was prepared to make any concessions.

Thus the situation early this afternoon appeared extremely gloomy.

TEXAS TORNADO CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE YESTERDAY

Melissa, Texas, April 14.—Eight persons are dead, five probably fatally injured and approximately fifty more or less seriously injured as a result of a tornado which struck here at 2:30 yesterday afternoon.

The storm swept through the town from the south west to northeast demolishing more than a score of buildings including all the churches and stores the school building and the postoffice.

INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION OF RAW COTTON IN MARCH

Washington, April 14.—Cotton manufacturers utilized more raw cotton during March than in any month since last September a total of 437,933 bales having been consumed during the month according to the census bureau's announcement today.

There were fewer cotton spindles in operation during the month than during February. The month's total of 32,104,946 was 353,572 less than February with the mills of the cotton growing states showing 317,794 of the reduction. Cotton consumed was 20,325 bales more than in February.

DOG ATTEMPTS TO REVENGE PAL'S DEATH

Deluth, Minn., April 14.—Since its canine pal was killed recently by a street car a Scotch collie dog stands guard at a certain corner here, leaps high as cars speed by and often manages to grasp the trolley pole rope with its teeth. The animal probably will be shot it is said.

UNSETTLED WEATHER.



For North Carolina: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday probably showers with not much change in temperature and increasing south and southwest winds.

FRANCE TO TAKE PART OF U. S. AT COUNCIL MEETING

BRIAND SENDS NOTE

American State Department Received Communication From France Stating That Country Will Take up Mandate Question With the Supreme Allied Council.

Paris, April 14.—German indemnity figures will be fixed between one hundred and thirty billion and one hundred and fifty billion gold marks, according to the Echo de Paris. The newspaper adds the exact figure will depend upon the solution of certain questions being considered.

In case the Germans resist settlement, the newspaper declares, it is accepted by the French people that France will call two classes of her people to the colors and will occupy the Ruhr basin. This section includes the most important mining district in Germany.

PROTECT MEETING OF DEBS MINNESOTA FRIENDS

Duluth, Minn., April 14.—While 50 policemen and detectives and a detachment from a tank corps unit of the State guard stood guard over 500 persons gathered at a local theater and cheered speakers who pleaded for the release of Eugene V. Debs, Haywood and other political prisoners whose release is sought.

Rumors that efforts would be made to break up the meeting prompted the providing of protection.

BURIAL OF FORMER GERMAN EMPRESS DELAYED

Doorn, April 14.—Government authorities having insisted the taking of the body of the late former German Empress Augusta to Potsdam for burial be delayed the remains will not leave here until Monday morning it is stated.

Former Emperor William frequently visits the room where reposes the coffin of the late ex-Empress. Heaps of flowers cover the casket. The entire German staff was admitted to the room last evening to see the beloved former empress for the last time.

CONSTRUCTION CHEAPER.

Asheville, April 14.—Houses can be erected from 25 to 40 per cent cheaper now than they could have been constructed a year or so ago, according to a member of the firm of L. B. Jackson and company of this city. He stated that such a decrease is caused by the large reduction in the cost of material and labor. This concern is erecting several houses in this city costing in the neighborhood of \$50,000 and construction of the same amount is being planned by the end of this year.

FARMERS ARE WISE IN WESTERN N. C.

Hickory, April 14.—Hundreds of farmers in this section of North Carolina, mindful of the drop in prices of tobacco and cotton, are to use their lands to raise more of the food and feed crops, judging by sales made by local seed stores. It was estimated by one Hickory concern that at least 10 tons of clover seed were sold here this spring and one traveling over the country sees much evidence of clover crops. Never before in the history of this section—and Hickory is in close touch with lower Burke, Caldwell Alexander, Lincoln and its own county of Catawba—have so many farmers gone in for hog and hominy. This means, of course, that this grain and dairying section is to outdo former efforts. Many farmers here say they can buy cotton cheaper than they can raise it, and although they are not expecting big cash returns on their yields this year, they are expecting dividends in better soil.

WOULD USE DEBT OF THE ALLIES TO EXPORT COTTON

PLAN BEFORE PRESIDENT

Georgia Man Presents President Harding With Plan to Take Advantage of Allied Debt to United States to Provide Means for Disposing of Southern Cotton Crops.

Washington, April 14.—A plan to take advantage of the allied debt to the United States in providing means to dispose of the southern cotton crops was suggested to President Harding by Governor Elect Hardwick of Georgia. He proposed the United States as a nation to request the allied governments to underwrite German bonds which would be accepted in payment of cotton exports from this country and would be held as securities for payment.

It was understood that the President expressed deep interest in the plan but withheld judgment on the matter.

HARVESTER COMPANY REDUCES PRICE MACHINERY

Chicago, April 14.—Basing its action upon the recent reduction in steel prices announced by the United States Steel Corporation the International Harvester Company today announced a 10 per cent reduction effective next year in all machinery with steel parts.

URGES CENSORSHIP OF MOVING PICTURES AS CRIME PREVENTIVE

Richmond, Va., April 14.—Urging a stricter censorship of moving pictures, asserting that an increase in crime is traced to the showing of certain kinds of films, Miss Belle H. Bennett of Nashville, Tenn., delivered her annual address as president of the Women's Missionary Council of the Southern Methodist church at its convention here today.

FRANCE'S REPLY IS INTERPRETED

Washington, April 14.—France's reply to Secretary Hughes' note of April 4 regarding the Japanese mandate over the Pacific Island of Yap is interpreted in official circles here as tantamount to an acceptance of the principles laid down by the State department that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in its German overseas possessions.

FARM HAND IS IN DANGER OF MOB

Charged With Attacking Five Year Old Daughter of Nash County Farmer.

Rocky Mount, April 14.—Because of high feeling and fearing mob violence Jesse Ninze, a white farm hand about 35 years of age, was rushed from Spring Hope to the county jail at Nashville last night and later removed to some unknown place according to officers who late yesterday arrested Ninze near Webbs up on the charge of having attacked the five year old daughter of a prominent farmer.

ONE MILLION OUTSIDE TRIPLE ALLIANCE STRIKE

London, April 14.—The federation of general workers representing 1,500,000 in more than 100 industries outside the triple alliance decided to support the alliance in the strike Friday.

MAYOR'S COURT.

There was only one case before Mayor Hill this morning that of W. I. High, who paid the costs of the case. Mr. High was charged with violating the traffic laws.

OLDEST ALUMNUS OF UNIVERSITY N. C. DIED IN RALEIGH

NINETY-SIX YEARS OLD

Dr. Hawkins Was Probably the Oldest Active Bank Director in the United States. He Graduated From State University in Year 1845. Led an Active Life.

Raleigh, April 14.—Dr. A. B. Hawkins, 96 years old, the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina and probably the oldest active bank director in the United States died here today after a six weeks illness.

Dr. Hawkins graduated from the University in 1845. He had been a member of the board of directors of the Citizen's National bank here for 30 years and took active interest in the affairs of the bank until he was taken ill recently.

FORMER PRISON SUPT. DIES AT AGE OF 84

Goldboro, April 14.—John R. Smith, 84 years of age, who was superintendent of the State prison under the administration of Governor Russell, died here today.

SECURING JURY TO TRY TOM CLAYTON

Fayetteville, April 14.—It is expected that the entire session of Cumberland county criminal court today would be taken up in a selection of a jury for the trial of Tom R. Clayton, New York youth, charged with the murder of N. M. Blue in January.

Blue was shot to death and Deputy Sheriff W. O. Patrick was seriously injured when the two officers were serving a warrant on Clayton.

In an exchange of shots Clayton was seriously hurt.

NOMINATIONS OF HARVEY AND HERRICK GO TO SENATE

Washington, April 14.—Nominations of George Harvey of New York to be ambassador to Great Britain and Myron T. Herrick to France were sent to the Senate today by President Harding.

At the same time the President transmitted the names of more than 30 men whom he had given temporary appointments. These included the name of John J. Esch of Wisconsin to be a member of the interstate commerce commission, whose nomination had been held up.

MARKETS

COTTON.

New York, April 14.—The cotton market here made a comparative steady showing during today's early trading. Unfavorable labor news from England was reflected in weaker cables from Liverpool. There was some Wall Street selling after the call with May easing off to 11.92 about 16 points lower.

New York, April 14.—Cotton futures opened steady. May 11.99, July 12.54, Oct. 13.13, Dec. 13.51, Jan. 13.68.

The market at noon was as follows: Jan 13.55, May 11.95, July 12.50, Oct. 13.01, Dec. 13.40.

The market closed at 3 p. m. as follows: Jan. 13.33, March 13.43, May 11.76, July 12.32, Oct. 12.77, Dec. 13.20.

Spots Wilson market 10c.

STOCKS.

New York, April 14.—Selling of the general list was promptly resumed at the active opening of today's stock market. Discouraging advice dealing with the British labor upheaval gave impetus to a further decline. Rails and steels continued to feature reaction equipments and oils also easing. Northern Pacific, yesterday's weakest stock, opened with a sale of 1,000 shares at a loss of 3-8 to 1-2 and other transcontinental stocks were lower.