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## At the CAPITAL

By M. R. Dunnagan, The Pilot's Raleigh Correspondent

Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt has said, in so many words, in two statements issued last week, that he wants none of the support of the present administration, as headed in the executive, if and when he enters the contest for the seat of that executive. The statements are two hefty blows at the wedge into the Gardner-Brummitt relationship, which has been cracking under the strain for many months.

Mr. Brummitt's statements are dignified, terse and to the point, but show a feeling that has been fermenting in the Brummitt breast a long time and has just come to the surface. Mr. Brummitt charges Tyre C. Taylor, former private secretary and present executive council to Governor, with inspiring propoganda that Mr. Brummitt will resign as Attorney General when he formally announces his candidacy for Governor. Mr. Brummitt said he has never had and does not have such intention. That was one statement.

The other is evidence of resentment at being classed as a follower in the quadriennial revaluation matter in a radio speech by J. C. B. Ehringhaus, announced candidate for Governor, last week. Mr. Ehringhaus expressed pleasure that other candidates and prospectives have taken a stand for revaluation of property since he announced his platform.

Mr. Brummitt's statement reported a conversation with Governor Gardner early in January, in which the Attorney General was asked to approve a move to postpone revaluation two years, to which Mr. Brummitt makes it plain that he could not subscribe. Thus, he would have it known that he did not follow Mr. Ehringhaus, but was for continuing the quadriennial revaluation all along. The statement is precise, Mr. Brummitt giving notice that more may be expected later on the business of resigning while running for office.

By his statement, Mr. Brummitt puts himself a step nearer announcement, but still leaves himself leeway to run or not to run. Many still believe his candidacy depends upon

whether or not Josephus Daniels gets into the race, although there is intimation from the Brummitt camp that his plans are not contingent upon the running or not running of any man. Still there is much Daniels talk, but, as yet, no action. Many who doubted any inclination on his part to run, now believe he is giving it serious consideration. It may be that he is playing with the proposal, in order to bring one of the others nearer to the Daniels point of view, possibly Mr. Brummitt, or maybe not.

Cap'n. Bob Reynolds, Asheville, prohibition law modification candidate for U. S. Senator, breezed into Raleigh and breezed out again, going and coming to and from a speaking engagement at Scotland Neck last week. He left word that he will circulate a newspaper throughout the state late this month or early in November, sending it to every rural mail box in North Carolina. Editorials and news stories will present his views on modification of the prohibition law, he said.

Governor Gardner is taking seriously the plight of many unemployed people in North Carolina as winter progresses. Many letters reaching him tell of sad and heartrending conditions. A woman with five children, oldest not more than 11, youngest a baby at the breast, come to the Governor's office last week for help. She was from an adjoining county. Her husband had been sent to the roads. She could not work, and was sent to the Governor for help.

That and other evidences of distress helped inspire the call he sent out for the 100 chairmen of county commissioners and mayors of 38 towns having more than 5,000 people to meet him in conference in Raleigh on Tuesday of this week. Efforts will be made to marshal all available forces in each town and county to aid the 200,000 unemployed through the winter. Plans are being worked out to relieve as much as possible the strenuous period

through which the people of the State will have to pass this winter.

Not yet is Governor Gardner convinced that the State must be saved by convening a special session of the Legislature to deal with cotton and tobacco acreage reduction. Powerful forces are at work on him, including Josephus Daniels and U. Benton Blalock, head of the State and national cooperative organizations, with the increasing number of states adopting the Texas plan of reduction. But there are many other forces of the State against it.

The Craven county resolution asks for reduction by law in order to get rid of the tenant farmer. Then, if he is prevented from earning a living by law, the question is asked, what is to become of him? If the State should stop him from work, then the State would be expected to feed and clothe him, is one answer offered. This is only one of several angles of the problem.

A total of \$769,504.14, including \$163,018.27 in preferred claims, \$305,563.16 in secured claims and \$299,822.71 in common claims—deposits—has been paid out by the State Banking Department under the new banking law from May 28 to October 1 this year, Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood reports.

The 41 banks from which payments have been made during this period are in various stages of liquidation, preferred claims having been paid in 25 cases, secured claims in 21 instances and common claims in 12 cases. The department now has 103 banks in some stage of liquidation, Mr. Hood states.

Seven major textile divisions in North Carolina produce goods valued at \$452,723,359 in 1929, or more than 27 million dollars above the \$425,437,359 in value in 1927, the 1930 census figures, released by the Department of Conservation and Development, show. The knit goods division, about five-sixths of it hosiery, showed a 40 per cent gain, to a value of \$86,112,765. Only dyeing and finishing declined in the two years, to \$16,079,262. Other 1929 values were: cordage and twine, \$7,928,174; cotton goods, \$317,005,212; silk and rayon, \$18,587,608; woolen, \$6,019,905; cotton small wares, \$995,433. Workers in the 571 individual plants numbered 123,138, receiving \$85,934,991 in wages.

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