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## PRESIDENT WARNS FIGHTERS ECONOMY

### Will Remove Any in United States Service Who Fight Expense Cutting

President Harding served notice on all Government bureau chiefs today that they will be summarily dismissed from the Federal service if they attempt in any way to interfere with the programme of the departments.

He instructed the department heads at the regular Tuesday cabinet meeting to spread this word among their assistants so there may be no internal opposition to the plan that he intended to bring about increased efficiency and reduced expenses in the conduct of the government.

Mr. Harding's action came as a direct result of propaganda already begun in several departments to prevent the proposed consolidation of bureaus that have virtually the same functions. This propaganda is taking the form of a backfire from persons in different sections of the country who are telegraphing and writing to Mr. Harding, Cabinet members and members of the Congressional Joint Commission on Reorganization opposing some changes already suggested.

Mr. Harding made it plain after the Cabinet meeting that he would not tolerate any interference with the Administration programme for reducing the cost of government. He went so far as to request the newspaper correspondents who talked with him to make his position absolutely clear, explaining that he had instructed the Cabinet members to issue statements on their own account setting forth his stand that immediate dismissal would result from any such activity.

At the same time Mr. Harding indicated that the Administration would welcome such suggestions that were to be made by bureau chiefs in good faith with a view of assisting the work in government reorganization. What the Administration is opposed to is the obvious back fire started by bureau chiefs or those associated with them for preventing consolidation of their division with one of similar character on the ground that efficiency could be maintained while the cost would be much less.

Another sample of agitation has been with regard to the Bureau of Education, which in accordance with the programme is to be included in the new Department of Public Welfare. Hundreds of letters have been received by the officials protesting against such a course, insisting that a Department of Education should be created, since educational work is of sufficient importance to be in charge of an independent department. It has been fairly well understood that certain officers of the Bureau of Education were in entire sympathy if not behind the movement.

There is evidence too, that interference may take form in certain branches of the Agricultural Department, the ramifications of which extend into all sections of the country. While up to date this has not been bothering the officials, it is said a movement is on foot among various departmental agents in the field to start an uprising against any changes in arrangements which would interfere with their jobs.—New York Herald.

## The Baptist Young People's Work

As per program printed in Tuesday's HERALD there will be an associational meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union at Smithfield Baptist church next Sunday afternoon, June 19th from 3:30 o'clock until 5. Leading workers will be present and take a part.

Next week Monday to Friday night the Baptist Young People's Training school will be held at Smithfield Baptist church. Mr. Perry Morgan will have charge of the senior work. Miss Warren, of Kinston, will have charge of the Junior work. There will be a good speaker for the benefit of the general public every night beginning at 8:15 on Monday night. Dr. Weston Bruner, of Raleigh will be one of the speakers. Everybody interested in the young people are asked to attend these meetings.

## THE CAMPAIGN ALMOST OVER

Results Very Encouraging; Success Due to a Number of Causes; Schedule of Meetings

(By S. J. Kirby, County Agent.)

The campaign for signing up cotton and tobacco growers in the Co-operative Marketing Association is drawing to a close with a few remaining meetings to be held in certain sections of this county next week. The results in practically every school district of the county are very encouraging indeed. With about one-half dozen exceptions out of 50 or 60 school districts covered to date the sign-up has ranged from 50 to 98 per cent. Returns are not available upon which to determine the total sign-up, though it is very large.

The successful results attained in this campaign has been due to a number of causes, but principally to the splendid work of the community leaders whose full cooperation and assistance has been at the disposal of our canvassers. The work of community leaders, business and professional men has been generally given throughout the campaign and without it the thousands of signatures to the contracts secured in this county could never have been had. Your county agent, who has tried to supervise this campaign work, makes a most earnest appeal to the community leaders in the districts still unworked to get in the field and help make their districts a 90 to 100 per cent sign-up on the first round. If you will go into any community that has been worked you will find it is a very small class of cotton and tobacco growers who have not already put their names in for membership in the marketing associations.

The schedule of meetings to be held next week is given below.

There are 4 to 5 school districts in the county which it may be necessary to rework and if the leaders of these communities are interested in having second meetings held in their districts they may be able to secure the same by calling on the county agent and arranging the date, though only a few of these can be held.

It is to be regretted that everybody does not get in on this plan for co-operative marketing. My friend, if you are on the outside you are going to find yourself in a very small class.

Team No. 1: Monday, June 20, Meadow; Tuesday, June 21, Holly Grove; Wednesday, June 22, Poplar Grove; Thursday, June 23, Glenwood; Friday, June 24, Sandy Springs.

Team No. 2: Monday, June 20, Blackman; Tuesday, June 21, Stanley; Wednesday, June 22, Allen; Thursday, June 23, Parker; Friday, June 24, Jernigan.

Team No. 3: Monday, June 20, Four Oaks; Tuesday, June 21, New Hope; Wednesday, June 22, Rock Hill; Thursday, June 23, Long Pine; Friday, June 24, Corinth.

Team No. 4: Monday, June 20, Beasley Grove; Tuesday, June 21, Poplar Springs; Wednesday, June 22, Banner; Thursday, June 23, McLamb; Friday, June 24, Spilona.

Team No. 5: Monday, June 20, Glendale; Tuesday, June 21, Boyette; Wednesday, June 22, Watson; Thursday, June 23, Pineville.

## Crowd Attracted by "Ghost"

Bristol, Va.—Tenn., June 14.—Shortly after 11 o'clock tonight the police were called out to disperse a crowd of hundreds of persons which had gathered before a house said to be haunted in the residence section here. The street was choked for two blocks with automobiles and scores were trying to enter the house. It appeared likely that there would be a crowd in the neighborhood all night, the police said.

The moaning noise in a front room of the house has not subsided and the entire city is in a state of excitement over the occurrence.

At times the moaning can be heard in the center of the street in front of the place. There is a possibility that the house will be torn down in a day or two if the noise does not cease and its origin is not determined.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. Edison can ask questions that college men can't answer. So, for that matter, can little Willie.—Providence Journal.

## CUTS IN VALUATION ARE RATIFIED

### Sixty-One Counties Reduce Twenty-five Per Cent; Five Reconsider

The State Board of Equalization yesterday approved the horizontal reduction of valuation in 61 counties of the State, approximating an average of twenty-five per cent in these counties and representing in many a reduction of between four and five hundred million dollars in property value. With an expected reduction of \$300,000,000 in the value of personal property in the State it appears now that between seven and eight hundred million dollars will be sliced from the State's total.

The board is composed of W. T. Lee, chairman of the State Corporation Commission; Col. A. D. Watts, State Revenue Commissioner, and Judge J. S. Manning, Attorney-General.

Sixty-one counties were included in the list of those authorizing horizontal reductions in valuation. Twenty-nine counties made no change in the valuation as placed. Eight counties took advantage of the legislative authority to call for a revaluation. The only exception to the general approval was that of Dare and Hyde counties which are left open for further investigation.

Five of the counties suffered a change of heart since the county commissioners first ordered

horizontal reduction. Carteret having voted for a 50 per cent reduction, reversed itself, making no change in the old revaluation, Haywood county, on the other hand, felt that its former 15 per cent reduction was not adequate and raised it to 25. Northampton county pared its former 50 per cent reduction to 33 1-3 per cent. Onslow cut its 30 per cent reduction down to 20 per cent. Wilson county which had prescribed a 60 per cent reduction in the county at large and 33 1-3 per cent in the towns amended it to make it 33 1-3 in the county and 10 per cent in Wilson and Elm City.

No attempt at equalization was made by the board yesterday. Chairman Lee explaining that the difference in conditions in the east and the west and between conditions in the various parts of these sections made this impossible. In the east deflation has been extensive, he pointed out, while the west has hardly been affected.

The list of counties showing where reductions were authorized, where revaluations were ordered, and where no action was taken follows:

Alamance, 15; Alexander, 33 1-3; Alleghany, none; Anson, 20, general; Ashe, 33 1-3; Avery, none.

Beaufort, 25; Bertie, 25; Bladen, 15; Brunswick, none; Bucombe, none; Burke, 33 1-3.

Cabarrus, 25; Caldwell, none; Camden, 20; Carteret, none; Caswell, 33 1-3; Catawba, 30; Chatham, 25; Cherokee, none; Chowan, none; Clay, none; Cleveland, 15; Columbus, none; Craven, revaluation; Cumberland, 10; Currituck, none.

Dare, open; Davidson, 30; Davie, 15; Duplin, revaluation; Durham, 25.

Edgecombe, 50 general and 20 for Rocky Mount, 25 other incorporated towns.

Forsyth, none; Franklin, 40.

Gaston, 25; Gates, 10; Graham, none; Granville, 33 1-3; Greene, 50; Guilford, none, except 10 for Washington, Greene, Center Grove, Monroe townships, and 15 Sumner township.

Halifax, 40; Harnett, none; Haywood, 25; Henderson, none; Hertford, 33 1-3; Hoke, 25; Hyde, open.

Iredell, none.

Jackson, none; Johnston, 33 1-3; Jones, 30.

Lee, 33 1-3; Lenoir, 25; Lincoln, 25; Macon, none; Madison, 33 1-3 general, Mars Hill township, 40; Martin, 33 1-3; McDowell, none; Mecklenburg, 16 2-3; Mitchell, none; Montgomery, 20; Moore, 25 general and incorporated towns and towns with laid off streets, 10.

Nash, 50 per cent general, Rocky Mount, 25 other in incorporated towns 20; New Hanover, none; Northampton, 33 1-3.

Onslow, 20; Orange, 20.

Pamlico, 25; Pasquotank, 10; Pender, 25; Perquimans, none; Person, none; Pitt, revaluation; Polk, none.

Randolph, 33 1-3; Richmond, revaluation; Robeson, revaluation;

## MACHINE GUNS ARE FOUND ABOARD SHIP

### Customs Men Believe They Were Smuggled Aboard For Use in Ireland

New York, June 15.—More than 500 modern machine guns with hundreds of spare parts, suspected by government officials to have been destined for Ireland were seized here today by United States custom officials.

The arms, found aboard the American steamship East Side were subsequently taken from the customs men as they were being carted away from the pier by Hoboken police, acting on a search and seizure warrant sworn out by a man giving the name of Frank Williams.

No further information concerning him was available at Hoboken police headquarters. He alleged they had been stolen from him June 11. The arms were taken to police headquarters at Hoboken and will be held pending a hearing before the recorder to determine who is entitled to their custody.

According to reports reaching government agencies, two changes of crews, brought about by the nationwide marine strike, resulted in discovery of the arms. It is reported that a member of one of the crews "tipped off" the government investigators.

Presence of the arms on board the East Side was not known to the owner of the ship, the United States shipping board, or its managing operators, until they were informed of their discovery by federal investigators. The East Side cleared today for Norfolk, where, according to chief of police Hayes, of Hoboken, she was to take a cargo of coal for a port in Ireland. Investigations as to how the arms came to be aboard, who caused them to be placed there, and for whom they were intended are under way by officials of the customs service the department of justice and the United States shipping board.

One report is that they were smuggled aboard from launches which came up to the ship's side at night and the arms, swathed in burlap bags were hoist aboard as "engine room supplies."

A curious member of the crew got into one of these bags with his knife disclosing a machine gun.

When a search was made, the arms were found concealed in various parts of the ship. They were removed to the dock and placed under customs guards and today, while being removed from the dock to a customs warehouse, fell into the hands of the police by virtue of the search and seizure warrant sworn out by Williams.

The government investigators also were informed that after the second crew had assumed charge of the ship, some unidentified persons in a launch hailed the watchman and asked permission to remove from the vessel some "supplies" which had been delivered aboard the East Side by mistake. The watchman refused to let the strangers aboard the ship without authority from the owners.

A description of the seized arms, and parts, as made by Williams in his application for the warrant, includes six hundred Thompson sub-machine guns; 30 extra 30-capacity magazines; five 50-capacity drum magazines; five 100-capacity drum magazines; 80 extra 30-capacity box magazines; 20 50-capacity drum magazines; 20 100-capacity magazines and hundreds of parts of machine guns. Williams gave his residence as Hoboken.—Associated Press.

Air has gone up. Talk has gone up. What next?

Rockingham, 25; Rowan, 10; Rutherford, 10.

Sampson, 25; Scotland, revaluation; Staley, 25; Stokes, 33 1-3 on farm lands; Surry, 25 general, 12 1-2 in incorporated towns; Swain, none.

Transylvania, none; Tyrrell, none.

Union, 25.

Vance, 33 1-3.

Wake, none; Warren, revaluation; Washington, 25; Watauga, 25; Wayne, 33 1-3, cities, 16 2-3; Wilkes, 20; Wilson, 33 1-3 general, cities of Wilson and Elm City, 10.

Yadkin, revaluation; Yancey, 20.—News and Observer.

## PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

Young People's Rally of the Fayetteville Presbytery Here Next Wednesday.

Next Wednesday, June 22, at the Presbyterian church here, there will be a Young People's Rally including all the churches of the Fayetteville Presbytery. To everybody is extended a most cordial invitation to attend. There will be an interesting program in the morning, and at 12 o'clock a lunch will be spread which means bring along a basket. A suitable spot will be selected near the church for the picnic lunch. After lunch the program will be continued.

It is hoped this invitation will reach each and every one in the county who is interested in Young People's work and will prove most beneficial to those who will attend.

The program which will begin at 10:30 a. m. is as follows:

Devotional. Malcolm Calhoun, Laurinburg.

Reports from Young People's Conference.

Mrs. Roger Smith, Smithfield, Platform Speakers.

Louise Pridgen, Dunn, Morning Watch.

Ruth Brooks, Smithfield, Student conferences and Social Activities.

Address, Rev. C. M. Gibbs, Linden, Report of Churches.

Luncheon.

Address, Mr. Thomas B. Talbot, Supt. Home Missions, W. Lexington Presbytery, Ky.

Reports from Churches completed.

Statement by President and Treasurer of Young People's League.

(Hymns at intervals and special music by the Smithfield Presbyterian Choir.)

## Grateful to Old Reliable

To the Editor: I wish to thank you in the name of all amateur poets for the stand you have taken in our behalf. Were it not for the encouragement given the budding geniuses of our State by your paper and a few other publications, we would indeed have a clime and soil unsuited to writers of verse. Of course we are sadly behind in the development of this art, a fact due to our backwardness in education and lack of appreciation of the higher arts on the part of the populace, but these conditions are fast changing for the better (no thanks to Mr. Archibald Johnson and his kind). It is my firm belief that North Carolina's sons and daughters possess as much talent as is to be found anywhere, but until late years has not had the chance due it. The stimulus your paper lends to its development will not prove to have been in vain if out of the hundreds you encourage just one Milton, or Burns, or Poe comes forth to the light. — Mrs. J. D. Barbour, Benson, N. C., in People's Forum in News and Observer.

## A Birthday Party

(Special to The Herald) PINE LEVEL, June 11.—Last Saturday night Miss Daisy Creech delightfully entertained a large crowd of her friends in honor of her birthday. After the guests arrived music and games were enjoyed. Later in the evening cake and cream were served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Omega and Ettie Creech.

Those who enjoyed Miss Creech's hospitality were Misses Addie, Ettie, Erma and Omega Creech, Sarah, Nellie and Mary Hill, Nola Price, Elva Woodall, Lela Talton and Ila Brady. Messrs Desse, Irvin and Johnnie Talton, Edwin and Jimmie Creech, Millard, Herbert, Clarence and Claud Hill, Leon Herring, Leonard and Earl Brown.

## Negroes Sing and Play

Everybody loves the songs of the Southern negro. Yesterday street concerts were given at intervals during the day by three colored minstrels journeying through accompanying their melodies by the violin and guitar. Each time they stopped to sing and play, a crowd gathered to listen, and some few showed their appreciation by "chipping" in when the hat was passed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ogburn went to Raleigh Thursday.

## NEGOTIATING WITH JAPAN OVER YAP

### Two Nations Make Efforts To Reach Settlement on Other Issues

Washington, June 15.—Direct negotiations have begun between the United States and Japan for the settlement of the questions pending between them.

These include the Island of Yap, the immigration question, the alien land question and the return of Shantung to China by Japan.

The negotiations are being conducted by Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Ambassador, and Secretary Hughes. The settlement of the Yap question would make unnecessary the consideration of this question by the League of Nations.

It had been expected that the Yap issue would be left to the adjustment by the league council, which is to meet tomorrow in Geneva. The French government, in answer to the American protest against the award of the mandate for the Island to Japan, said it would bring the subject before the council. It is understood that the basis for settlement in the negotiations between Ambassador Shidehara and Secretary Hughes will be the internationalization of the cable privileges on the island.

The proposal is to settle the immigration issue on the basis of the complete stoppage of all Japanese coolie immigration, with proper protection for Japanese property rights already acquired in the United States.

Papan's promise to return Shantung to China, it is said, is to be executed as soon as practicable and without reference of the question to any European tribunal. The initial steps have been taken for the evacuation of the part of the province held by the Japanese, the military force having been reduced to between three thousand and thirty-five hundred soldiers. Advances from Tokio have said that this force would be withdrawn as soon as China provided guards for the railroad and property in the towns.

Japan, it is stated, will retain only such privileges in the province as are common to the other nations, such as a part of the international compound which China is to be required to establish at the port of Tsingtau on the bay of Kia-Chou. Japan, it is explained, never has taken over all of the railroad properties formerly operated by the Germans in Shantung, confining her claims to that section of the railroad from Tsingtau to Tsinan-Fu, and leaving the important line crossing the province at the latter junction in the hands of the former operatives, under the nominal control of the Chinese government. It is proposed that Japan operate the Tsin-Fu-Tsingtau branch jointly with the Chinese.—Associated Press.

## Three Tar Heels Back

Chapel Hill, June 14.—Trustees of the University of North Carolina, staging a drama which might be called "The Return of the Natives" and bringing back to the University three native Tar Heels, James Finch Royster, Louis Graves and D. R. W. Connor, for positions in the faculty next year, have taken a step which from one end of Chapel Hill to the other has been hailed unanimously as a step of wisdom.

The action of the board of trustees electing James Finch Royster, now of the University of Texas, but formerly of Raleigh and of the University and always of North Carolina to be Kenan professor of English philology, and Louis Graves now of New York but by birth and blood and early life of Chapel Hill, to be professor of journalism in the English Department, and R. D. W. Connor, now of Raleigh, but indissolubly connected with the University, to be a Kenan professor in the History Department, is regarded here as meaning the greatest acquisition the University has had in many and many a day.—News and Observer.

Mr. Hiram Grantham and little son, Hiram, Jr., of Red Springs arrived in the city Wednesday to visit relatives. Mr. Grantham returned home yesterday, while Hiram, Jr., remained for a several days' visit.