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## UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR THE AUTO TAX

Scales-Stevens Road Bill Considered at Joint Meeting of Committee

GOES TO SENATE WITH FAVORABLE REPORT

Would Impose Tax of 75c Per Horsepower Annually, Meeting Federal Allotment

Favorable report by a unanimous vote of members of the Senate Public Road Committee was made on the Scales-Stevens bill providing for a tax of 75 cents annually per horsepower on automobiles, all of which will be used in meeting the Federal allotment for a State system of highways, was made last night following a joint meeting of the Public Roads Committee of the General Assembly.

The bill as originally drawn provided for a tax of one dollar per horsepower, but as submitted to the Senate the tax is 75 cents, and to this no objection was made by those at the meeting last night. It was suggested by some of those present that the present tax of five dollars be doubled, but this was not pressed, as it was pointed out that this would not be adequate to meet the allotment.

**An Enthusiastic Meeting.** Senator Henry B. Stevens explained the details of the bill after which Senator A. M. Scales outlined briefly the absolute necessity of the present General Assembly's taking a progressive stand not only on the proposition of goods, roads, but also for reform in taxation and for a six months' school term.

Colonel Cameron, who for years has worked zealously for a State-wide system of highways, read a personal letter from Senator Bankhead, author of the Federal road appropriation bill, in which it was stated that the Senate committee had unanimously reported an amendment for providing one hundred million dollars annually for good roads and expressing the hope that North Carolina would get

## STOP FLOOD OF IMMIGRATION

House Committee Agrees On Bill Cutting It Out For Four Years

Washington, Jan. 28.—Prohibition of immigration for four years after the war, except from Cuba, Mexico, Canada and Newfoundland was agreed upon unanimously today by the House Immigration committee.

Chairman Burnett announced that he would ask for a special rule to permit early consideration of the measure by the House. "If the bill is not passed by the present Congress, its purpose will be partially defeated," Mr. Burnett said. "It is intended to prevent a great flood of immigrants coming here as soon as peace is signed and driving our own people out of work and also to keep out Bolsheviki."

A number of amendments accepted permit the admission of relatives of aliens already in this country and of persons skilled in certain occupation and professions.

buy and match the Federal government dollar for dollar.

The meeting was about to adjourn when Representative Jeff D. Housh of Pennsylvania became a member of public roads committee, asked leave to speak a few words. With unaffected eloquence, born of a deep spirit of earnestness, he urged the importance of the members from the standpoint of those living in the country.

Senator Ross, of Nash, had yet to hear of a man who opposed the proposed tax, and as for him he would make it a dollar per horsepower.

"It's up to us to get the Federal appropriation," declared Judge Stevens, who made the keynote speech, "and we would be recreant to the trust reposed in us if we did not accept this free gift. I do not believe that the state is sufficiently developed to permit the levying of an ad valorem tax on property or to have a tax zone system for abutting property. If it were more thickly populated, this would be possible. Is the auto" (continued on page four)

## MEANS INCREASE OF COTTON PRICES

Freight Rates on Cotton Have Been Reduced, Effective Immediately

Washington, Jan. 28.—Southern senators announced after a conference with the shipping board today that trans-Atlantic freight rates on cotton have been reduced from \$22.50 to \$6.25 per bale from south Atlantic ports and from \$23.50 to \$7.50 per bale from Gulf ports effective immediately. Effect of this order, according to Senator Pollock of South Carolina, will be to increase price of cotton about three cents per pound.

## Y. M. C. A. WITH RETURNING BOYS

Paris, Jan. 18 (By Mail).—To send the boys who came away from America with a determined smile of confidence in their ability to win the war, back home again with a grin after having done the job well, seems to be the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. In accordance with a request from General Pershing, a new and thorough-going system of transport service on every ship sailing from France or England for the United States.

Wounded and well, alike—everything will be done for their entertainment and amusement on the homeward trip. General Pershing is releasing any enlisted officers and men the American Y. M. C. A. desires to now wear the Red Triangle in this and other "Y" service overseas.

Free supplies, ranging from fruit for the sick to postcards, stamped and ready for mailing as soon as the transports dock in home ports, are being distributed aboard ship by the Y. M. C. A. transport secretaries, two workers to each transport. Bouillon cubes, lemon drops, chocolate and cigarettes are given away to the returning warriors.

For entertainment purposes, one motion picture machine with twenty reels of film, two talking machines and records,

## ARMY COMING HOME RAPIDLY

1000 Men Have Returned Up to Saturday, Says General March

Washington, Jan. 28.—General March, chief of staff, discussing demobilization plans today with the Senate military committee, stated that shipping arrangements have been made by which 300,000 men may be transported home monthly and that the American expeditionary force can be returned home and demobilized within six months.

How many Americans will be left abroad in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, General March stated. Ten divisions, he indicated, has been suggested, but more Americans have been designated for return home than originally proposed by Marshal Foch.

There are still about 785,000 men in camp in the United States, and all will be demobilized with a month from today except those retained for "overhead" duty, General March added. Up to noon Saturday, he said, 104,000 men had arrived from overseas.

In connection with demobilization plans, General March stated that under present plans retention of an American training army of 500,000 is proposed. "We don't ever expect to reduce below 500,000 men, if we can help it," he told the committee.

one stereopticon machine and slides, checkers, chess, dominoes, rope quoits, one folding organ, song sheets, and musical instruments sufficient to organize a ship jazz band are provided. Boxing gloves and medicine balls are included in the "Y" athletic equipment. Five cases of American Library Association books make up each transport's library. A free three-month's membership in any Y. M. C. A. in the United States will be given every soldier and sailor.

Mothers, wives, and sweethearts, take notice, buttons by the gross, needles by the thousand, khaki thread by the mile, and last but not least, germicidal soap in plenty, are supplied free so that the returning heroes may be at their most presentable when they get near enough to the Goddess of Liberty in New York harbor.

## INDIGNANT AT N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Heflin Protest Over Gamblers' Work in Forcing Down Prices of Cotton

Washington, Jan. 28.—Representative Heflin, of Alabama, announced in the House today that he had asked the Department of Justice to investigate the New York Cotton Exchange, which he charged, had violated the cotton futures act "in driving down" the price of cotton from 37 to 24 cents a pound.

"The South has been robbed of millions of dollars by the unjust speculation," Mr. Heflin declared. "At a time when the world demands for cotton is greater than ever before, the price has been forced down and down. No one is being benefited but the gamblers themselves. The spinners cannot obtain cotton at the present prices and the growers refuse to sell."

Mr. Heflin said governors of southern states had appealed to planters to hold their cotton until the prices go back to 30 cents a pound and that at the close of the present session of congress expect to go through their states to urge that cotton prices be decreased.

## LAND 30 DIV. AT CHARLESTON

Announcement As To Return Troops of Old Hickory Division

Washington, Jan. 28.—The Thirtieth Division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) which now is under orders to prepare for embarkation to return home, will be landed at Charleston, S. C., if the War Department can prepare facilities there to handle so large a body of men. The division will be sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., for demobilization.

## N. Y. JOINS PROHIBITION

Is Forty-fourth State To Ratify Measure; Distillers Are Still Defiant

Athens, N. Y., Jan. 29.—New York became the forty-fourth State to ratify the Federal Prohibition Amendment when the Senate tonight by a vote of 27 to 24, concurred in the McNab ratifying resolution which was adopted by the assembly last week.

New York, Jan. 29.—Action today of acting Secretary of State Polk, informally proclaiming ratification of the prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution, is not yet binding, according to a contention contained in a statement issued tonight by an executive committee representing the Distillers Association of America at the close of a two-days' conference here.

Of the forty-two States whose legislatures have acted on the amendment, the constitutions of twenty-two, the distillers claimed, contained a referendum provision which expressly provides that no action of the legislature become effective until ninety days after adjournment. If during these ninety days five or six for a referendum, the action of the legislature must be submitted to the people.

Of these forty-two States, the committee added, the legislatures of fourteen are still in session, "and the ninety days in which to petition for a referendum have not begun to run."

The committee announced immediate steps would be taken to have a referendum invoked in these fourteen States and "probably in others."

Action in these fourteen States is not final until the people have had opportunity to act, the distillers declared.

The fourteen States referred to are: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Utah, Oregon and Washington.

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## FINAL MAKE-ROOM SALE BEGINS SATURDAY FEBRUARY FIRST.

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