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GOVERNOR BICKETT SPEAKS TO SOLONS

APPEARED IN PERSON BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DELIVER HIS MESSAGE

REVALUATION ACT IN DETAIL

The Governor was in Good Form and Held Undivided Attention of Members and The Crowded Galleries

Governor Bickett appeared in person before the legislature to deliver his message. He was in good form and held the undivided attention of both the members of the general assembly and the crowded galleries. A part of that part of the message relating to the revaluation act follows: Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

For many years the tax books of North Carolina presented a picture of error and confusion. The errors and omissions were not due to any vicious principle in our organic law, nor to any moral perversion of our people. The constitution has always required property to be listed for taxation at its true value. The average citizen has always desired to speak the truth and to do equity. The errors and omissions that have made our tax books a mass of confusion are the result of a long and unbroken tradition of laxity in the enforcement of the law. It is my duty to speak the truth and to do equity. It is my duty to speak the truth and to do equity. It is my duty to speak the truth and to do equity.

This general assembly of the regular session of 1922 concentrated its efforts on the task of devising a machinery that would fix all the property in the state and determine its true value. I am proud to report that this high purpose has been accomplished with remarkable completeness and perfection. For the first time in our history the value of the property in this state has been ascertained and a fairly accurate inventory of the property of the state, and a fairly accurate appraisal of its value, is now made available to the people. In the new machinery set up for the first time seriously asked to tell the truth, and they have responded to this appeal in noble fashion. From every corner of the state word has come that the people are happy to get away from the old system of concealment and evasion, and to let the exact truth about their property stand forth.

Taking the state as a whole, 15 per cent of the assessments were made substantially the values sworn to by the owners of the property, 20 per cent were substantially increased and 5 per cent were decreased.

The law gives to every property owner the right to appeal from the judgment of the county board to the state tax commission. The local authorities approached their duties so closely that not one person in a thousand appealed from their judgment. This is a record without parallel in the history of judicial tribunals. The real grievance voiced by a few people is not against the future of the act, but is against its wisdom.

The high objectives of the act is to equalize the burdens of taxation and to wipe out discrimination. A large part in proportion as true values have appeared on the tax books, errors and inequalities have vanished. True values are always equal values, but neither standard nor value, nor price, nor quality, nor weight, nor length, nor breadth, nor height, nor depth, nor anything present or things to come nor any other creature can ever be a level of life.

In the beginning when the work was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep, "God said, Let there be light." The true valuation act is a conscientious effort to create that high command. Let there be light. Let the work of truth be done and then on the tax books of North Carolina, and in its shining presence no injustice will live.

The Governor on Revaluation
I return from attending the usual sessions of the board of revaluation. I have come out of consideration of the various reports of the revaluation commission which have been made to me. I am glad to say that the revaluation act is being carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The commission has done a very good piece of work. The revaluation act is being carried out in a most satisfactory manner. The commission has done a very good piece of work.

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State will Not Ratify
On the eve of what promises to be in many respects, the most spectacular session of the North Carolina General Assembly in recent years, supporters of the Susan B. Anthony amendment express the belief that ratification is doomed in the house, but that it may pass the senate. Even that appears doubtful.

Governor Bickett's message will deal only with the revaluation act. Later he will send a special message on woman suffrage, salary increases and other matters. But the governor wants the machinery to put the revaluation act into operation enacted first of all. As far as the Susan B. Anthony amendment is concerned, he will recommend it, but it will be secondary consideration with him.

The full committee on finance and constitutional amendments unanimously agreed on which reads in part as follows: "Amend Article 5, Section 3 (of the constitution) by repealing the provision in said section, 'that no income shall be taxed when the property from which the income is derived is taxed,' and substituting in its stead the following: 'provided, the rate of tax on incomes shall in no case exceed 5 per cent and there shall be further allowed the following exemptions in the matter of a reduction from the amount of annual income, to-wit: of a married man with a wife living with him, and a widow or widower having minor child or children not less than two thousand dollars, and all other persons not less than one thousand dollars.'

Repairs Funds Available
Washington, (Special)—The Navy Department has made available funds for the repair of buildings erected by the State of North Carolina, at Camp Gretna, prior to being taken over by the Navy Department. During the activities of the war, Camp Gretna, became a naval air station at Morehead City.

Money for Salaries Short
By many teachers in the State have taken the Department of Education at its word and equipped themselves for higher salaries that the necessary money for the coming year cannot be met. The department is at a loss to know what to do. It is at a loss to know what to do.

Judges Retirement Bill
A bill to retire on part salary the Supreme and Superior Court judges of North Carolina after they reach the age of 70 has been drafted and will be introduced in the Senate.

To Resume Work on Roads
Work will be resumed on seventeen hard-surface road construction projects suspended several weeks ago when the Interstate Commerce Commission stopped shipment of crushed limestone in order to allow open top freight cars to be used for coal.

Officers to Get More Pay
If the bill now being framed goes through salaries of state officers will be increased as follows:
Secretary of state, from \$3,500 to \$4,000; state treasurer, from \$3,500 to \$4,000; state auditor, from \$2,500 to \$3,000; superintendent of public instruction, from \$3,000 and traveling expenses to \$3,000; attorney general, from \$2,000 to \$2,500; commissioner of labor and printing, from \$3,500 to \$4,000; commissioner of agriculture, from \$2,500 to \$3,000; and actual traveling expenses to \$5,000. Judges of the supreme court, from \$5,000 to \$5,500; judges of the superior court, from \$4,000 and actual traveling expenses not exceeding \$1,000 plus \$100 a year for special terms to \$4,500 with the same amount for traveling as above and special terms.

Final 1924 Tax List
The final list of the act also found that the tax on the 1,204,790 acres of land not heretofore taxed. The average value per acre of land in the state this year is \$40 per acre. This year the next lowest put upon the tax books was \$11,000,000. The average county in North Carolina contains 37,000 acres of land. It will be seen, therefore, that the revaluation act has placed on the tax books of the state a list of property worth \$48,177,160,000.

Map Shows "Quadrant" Clause
In view of the fact that the map of the state is being prepared by the state geologist, it is suggested that the map should show the "quadrant" clause of the revaluation act. The map should show the "quadrant" clause of the revaluation act.

A conference of the British and French governments was held at London, England, on August 17, 1922. The conference was held at the house of commons. The conference was held at the house of commons.



1.—Mr. John T. Pratt, newly elected vice president of the Republican national committee, says announcements with headquarters in Chicago, 2.—at Southampton, England, in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers, 3.—at the soldiers of Governor Cantu of Lower California swearing allegiance to their state flag.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

France Acts Independently of Great Britain in the Russo-Polish Complication.

PROMISES AID TO WRANSEL

Amateur to Use "All Available Means" to Preserve Poland's Independence

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

The United States will employ "all available means" to safeguard the independence and territorial integrity of Poland, and will not be governed by the British government.

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The French representatives in London have been instructed to break off all relations with Krasin and Kameneff, the soviet trade commissioners there. The British government, though somewhat dismayed by the American and French announcements and the apparent break with France, still believes and believes a peace can be negotiated between Russia and Poland.

Promises Aid to Wransel
The Russian, persisting in their refusal to permit mediation by any third party, sent a delegation to Warsaw to meet the Poles, and continue their driving movement, destined to capture Warsaw.

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TRANSPORTATION AND COAL SHORT

SERIOUS CONDITIONS FACING OCEAN SHIPPING AT PORT OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

DAILY LOSSES OF \$1,000,000

Railroad and Coal-Producing Factors in Commerce Have Failed to Keep Pace With Export Development.

Norfolk, Va.—Lack of balance between railroad and ocean shipping between American manufacturing capacity and American transportation facilities, is resulting in the loss of more than \$1,000,000 each day at this one port.

The total of losses due to this unbalanced condition in the country as a whole amounts to a staggering sum. Here at Norfolk it is possible to see on the local level and thus to sense a glimmering of what the national loss is.

The attention here at Norfolk and at Newport News, just across the James river, their waters forming practically a common port for the whole Hampton Roads district, emphasizes the extent to which the railroad and the coal-producing factors in our commerce have failed to keep pace with our industrial production and the development of our export shipping.

More than 200 vessels lie idle at anchor at Hampton Roads today because the coal and rail facilities are not equal to the industrial and export shipping demand.

Lack of coal is nominally responsible, but lack of transportation is back even of the lack of coal.

Former Governor McCall Resigns
—Accepting the President's Offer.

Washington.—Former Governor Samuel M. McCall, of Massachusetts, who recently declined appointment as a member of the United States tariff commission, is reconsidering the offer of the president to join the cabinet.

Armored Cruiser and Destroyer Ate Ordered to the Baltic Sea.
Washington.—The armored cruiser Pittsburg and a destroyer have been ordered to the Baltic sea to protect American interests there.

Wransel Further Attacks Reds
It is On His Own Responsibility.
London.—Premier Lloyd George stated in the house of commons that the government had made it clear to General Baron Wransel, anti-bolshevik leader in south Russia, that it is further attached the soviet forces, he must do so on his own responsibility.

Baron Beatty Regrets Inability to Accept Invitation of Legion.
London.—Baron Beatty, commander of the grand fleet, has written to John W. Davis, the American ambassador, declaring his regret that owing to official duties he will be unable to accept the invitation of Franklin D. Oiler, national commander of the American Legion, to be present at the second annual convention of the legion in Cleveland, Ohio, next month.

SPEEDING CHARGE LAID AGAINST COX

UNPLEASANT INCIDENT MARKED ITINERARY OF DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE AND PARTY.

ENTIRE PARTY WAS ARRESTED

Governor Orders Cars to Proceed and Informed Motor Cops They Could Find Him at Any Time.

Columbus, O.—An unsuccessful attempt to arrest Governor Cox on a charge of automobile speeding and harmless accident to one of the cars of newspaper men accompanying him furnished excitement in the motor-trip of the democratic presidential candidate returning from Wheeling, W. Va. The attempt was declared by Roy E. Layton, adjutant general of Ohio, to have been planned to embarrass the democratic nominee.

At Jacksonville, O., about 32 miles east of Columbus, the governor and his party rode slowly through a disorganized outcast army of a half-dressed men, and also a large group of persons gathered there. Within a few minutes two motorcycle officers stopped the governor and press correspondents, declaring all under arrest and demanding their return to Jacksonville. Governor Cox identified himself, but the officers said they had orders from Jacksonville authorities to arrest all four automobiles of the party "no matter who they contained" on charges of speeding.

You can reach me at the executive office at Columbus any time," Governor Cox replied, ordering the cars to proceed and leaving the officers hazy facing down air members on the spot.

New United States Minister to Poland Leaves For His Post.
New York.—Hugh Gibson, United States minister to Poland, sailed for his post in Europe.

Mail is Sent to Berlin by Airplane From Incoming Steamers.
Berlin.—A contract for carrying mails by airplane from incoming steamers to Berlin has been closed with the German Lloyd air line by the ministry of posts.

Preliminary Treaty is Concluded Between Russians and Armenians.
London.—A preliminary peace treaty has been concluded between the Russian soviet government and Armenia, says a wireless dispatch received here from Moscow.

Over 400 German Emigrants Have Left Hamburg For Brazil.
Berlin.—Four hundred and eighty-eight German emigrants sailed from Hamburg on board the steamer Curacao for Brazil. This is the first contingent of a total of 1,500 German settlers who will go to Brazil at the expense of that government.

Originals to Go Under Knife For Removal of "Criminal Instincts".
Detroit.—Allen Haller and Joseph Lara, who have spent a great part of their thirty-five years of life behind prison bars, will probably go under the surgeon's knife for treatment to cure their alleged "criminal instincts." They have been ordered by the court to a hospital for treatment.

Harding to Deliver Labor Day Address From His Front Porch.
Merion, O.—Labor, the league of nations, agricultural issues and the tariff are to be main headlines of Senator Harding's campaign during party September under a program revealed here in connection with announcement of Harding's plans for the republican nominee's first speech outside of Ohio.

The labor address will be delivered in Labor Day Monday, September 6, probably from the front porch.

Prime Minister of Poland Says the Country Will Not Capitulate.
Warsaw.—Poland earnestly desires peace but could not accept armistice terms involving disarmament in any form. Prince Eugene Sapieha, the minister of foreign affairs, declared.