

GOVERNOR COOPER'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

RECOMMENDS APPROPRIATIONS OF NEARLY SIX AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

PROPOSED REVENUE CHANGES

Message Dealt Almost Entirely With Proposed New Revenue Measures and Budget Recommendations.

Taxation, the word that stays continually on the tongues of the people of South Carolina, was the keynote of Governor Cooper's annual message to the general assembly delivered to the joint assembly in the hall of the house of representatives.

Some change in the tax system is imperative and the change must come at this session if a backward step is to be averted, the chief executive said, in recommending new sources of revenue.

"Any tax system which is not based on the principle of ability to pay is fundamentally wrong," the governor declared. Some paragraphs from the governor's message give an insight to the need for additional tax measures.

New revenue measures proposed by the governor are: An income tax, an inheritance tax, a gasoline and petroleum products tax, an occupation and privilege license tax, a luxuries tax. In addition he favors proposed amendments to the constitution to give the state a just tax system.

In his message the governor gives his recommendations for state appropriations for this year. These recommendations have been taken from the budget and the figures show that the governor recommends a total appropriation for 1932 of \$6,466,240.15. This is a slight decrease from the amount appropriated by the 1931 legislature. In 1931 the general assembly appropriated \$6,787,135.32 for all state purposes.

Last year the governor recommended that the legislature appropriate \$7,111,483.86 and this year his recommendations show a reduction of \$465,448.71. As compared with the appropriation bill last year his 1932 recommendations are \$300,898.17 below what was appropriated, including the extra \$200,000 for the citadel.

The message dealt almost entirely with the proposed new revenue measures and the budget recommendations. The governor took up every phase of the proposed new bills and of his recommendations as to appropriations.

"I wish again to urge the passage of the proposed amendment to our state constitution," the governor said, which is necessary before you may properly classify property for the purpose of taxation. This matter is so thoroughly discussed in the report submitted one year ago on revenue and taxation, that it is unnecessary to add anything further here.

"I have recommended the passage of these measures in order to raise sufficient revenue to support the state government and to provide for its different institutions and activities. It has occurred to me that some explanation of the budget recommendations for 1932 is appropriate in connection with the subject of revenue and taxation. The following summary of the budget recommendations for the present year gives a concise and, I think, intelligent statement of the purposes of expenditure.

"1. For expenses of legislative department, \$105,372.

"2. For expenses of judicial department, including the circuit courts, \$157,695.66.

"3. For educational purposes, including \$1,688,740 for administration and aid for public schools, \$981,651.67 for the five state colleges and \$134,942.04 for the School for the Deaf and Blind and the John de la Howe industrial school, \$2,765,635.71.

"4. For the six charitable and correctional institutions and for the support of the blind children and the Catawba Indians, \$1,067,125.36.

"5. For Confederate pensions, including the infirm and aid for the highway body holds meeting.

At the regular meeting of the state highway commission applications for federal aid for road building projects were received and acted upon and routine business transacted.

Dorchester county made application for federal aid in the sum of \$5,000 for the building of the Charleston-Columbia road, between Lettymans Mill and the Charleston county line. The application was granted. This approval makes a total of \$18,000 of federal aid. \$13,000 already having been given for this road.

Named by Speaker. Speaker Atkinson of the house of representatives announced the following committee appointments: John G. Greer, of Greer, committee on agriculture, education and commerce and manufacturing; Eugene S. Bleasie, of Newberry, judiciary committee; J. B. Britton, of Sumter, committee on agriculture, education and banking and insurance, and Dr. S. T. D. Lancaster, of Pauline, committee on rules.

The appointments were to fill vacancies occasioned by changes.

FERTILIZER MILLS TRY TO RETRENCH

OUTPUT TO BE REGULATED BY DEMAND AND ALSO BY ABILITY TO PAY.

FEW MILLS ARE IN OPERATION

Factories Are Not Producing Beyond What is Required to Take Care of Current Business.

Charleston.—With several more or less perplexing factors entering into the situation, the outlook for the fertilizer industry in Charleston, as well as in the South generally, is regarded as problematical, but on the whole it can be stated that this industry, which is one of Charleston's most important, has passed the worst period of the depression, which struck it with full force last year, and is now groping its way to a more hopeful condition. One local fertilizer man is of the opinion that the business this year, while in volume be approximately the same as last year, when just about half the normal business was done.

The session of fertilizer shipments usually commences here about January 1 to January 15, but this year it is not expected to open until at least February 1. With few exceptions, the local factories have been closed since last March, a few being temporarily in operation now. The factories have adopted a very conservative policy in manufacturing and are producing not beyond what is required to take care of current business. It has been a number of months since acid phosphate, one of the most important of fertilizers, has been manufactured and if the demand for this product is as great as last year, there is likely to be a shortage. The stocks on hand at present in the factories consist almost entirely of raw products.

The business this season will be regulated by two main factors—the demand for fertilizers and credit standing of those who would purchase. A number of farmers tried last year to dispense with the fertilizer, but the unsatisfactory results are expected to bring the soil foods back to the use. On the other hand, some farmers, owing to the low weevil situation, will probably not wish to require the usual fertilizer. There is thus uncertainty existing, but from the standpoint of the factories, there is no question but that the worst is over. Naturally there is a tendency to be somewhat gloomy—when one contrasts the prosperity which flamed up during the famous war era, and fertilizer men locally did not anticipate that anything like a "return to normalcy" can be expected in the immediate future.

Farmers to Use Colleton Plant. Walterboro.—What will prove to be a most important meeting was held at the court house here when a mass meeting of the farmers of the county was held and addressed by W. W. Long of Clemson college and T. B. Young, district agent, Florence. These gentlemen came to Walterboro upon invitation, and following a conference held here a few days ago, at which time a plan for rendering the Colleton Products' association of more use to the farmers of the county was discussed. At this conference it was unanimously decided that the best thing for the Colleton Products' association to do was to offer the plant to the farmers of the county if they would organize a county-wide co-operative organization so that all the farmers of the county could feel free to bring their surplus products to the markets through the use of the plant.

At a subsequent meeting of the stockholders of the association, the plan was discussed and a motion unanimously carried to turn the plant over to a properly organized co-operative marketing organization, for a period of years, the first year to be used by the farmers of the county free of cost. It is felt that in this way the valuable plant of the association can be utilized to the greatest advantage in carrying out the original intentions of the promoters.

Want Court Relief. Spartanburg.—The grand jury in its final presentation recommended that the legislature do something to relieve the congestion of the court, either make Spartanburg a circuit within itself or to establish a county court which will take care of many of the cases. There is the greatest possible congestion in court here. Ninety cases were brought over from the last term of court and the grand jury brought in 64 true bills this term, which remain to be tried. The grand jury found county offices in good shape.

Taking Tax Returns. Gaffney.—During this week and next J. W. George, county auditor, will be out in the county taking tax returns. The office, however, will be kept open for the purpose of receiving returns during Mr. George's absence from town. Mr. George says that very few people make returns at these county appointments, and it would appear that it is a useless expenditure of time and money to make the trips, but the law provides that it be done and the auditors have no discretion in the matter.

HAYS TO BE HEAD OF MOVIE INDUSTRY

POSTMASTER GENERAL WILL RESIGN FROM HARDING'S CABINET SOON.

NOT YET SIGNED CONTRACT

Date of His Retirement From Cabinet Depends Largely on the Wishes of His Prospective Employers.

Washington.—Intention of Postmaster General Hays to retire from the cabinet in the near future to become the directing head of motion picture producers and distributors, was announced at the White House, at the conclusion of a conference between President Harding and the postmaster general.

President Harding, in a statement, declared he could not "well interpose any objection to Mr. Hays retiring from the cabinet to take up a work so important," while Mr. Hays, stating he had decided to accept the offer of the motion picture interests, made it clear that as yet no contract had been executed. The postmaster general, however, expressed confidence that a satisfactory contract could be agreed upon.

Representatives of motion picture producers and distributors have been negotiating for the services of the postmaster general for some time and are understood to have outlined to Mr. Hays what they wish him to undertake. Within a few days he expects to confer again with them, probably in New York, and unless something unforeseen takes place, it is expected that a contract will be signed at the meeting.

The date of his retirement from the cabinet, Mr. Hays said, would depend largely on the wishes of his prospective employers. He declared, however, he would not give up his government duties until the President has had time to select his successor. It was said at the White House that nothing would be done toward selection of a new postmaster general until Mr. Hays had formally tendered his resignation.

The President personally gave out the following statement: "The postmaster general and I have been discussing at considerable length the proposal which has been made to him to become the head of a national association of motion picture producers and distributors. If the arrangement proves to be, when the details are worked out, what it seems to be, I cannot well interpose any objection to Mr. Hays retiring from the cabinet to take up a work so important. It is too great an opportunity for a helpful public service for him to refuse."

"I shall be more than sorry to have him retire from the cabinet, where he has already made so fine a record, but we have agreed to look upon the situation from the broadest viewpoint and seek the highest public good."

Mr. Hays made this statement: "With the President's consent I have decided to undertake the work suggested by the motion picture producers and distributors. A contract has been executed as yet. I am assuming, of course, that a satisfactory contract will be possible and one which will make certain the carrying out of the high purposes contemplated by this great industry."

Oil Town is in Flames. Dallas, Texas.—Mexico, the southwest's greatest oil town, was swept by fire.

The loss was variously estimated at between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000. The fire started in a downtown building.

Water pressure failed almost completely under the demands of the fire department.

Woman Killed by Airplane. Red Bank, N. J.—A runaway airplane, starting from the ice, crashed into a crowd of several hundred skaters on the Shrewsbury river, killed Mrs. Anna C. E. Hounihan, severed the right arm of her brother, Lawrence Conly, of Middletown, and slightly injured many others.

Rescued From Watery Grave. New York.—Without food or water for two days, and during that time lashed to the cabin hatch of their water-logged craft to prevent their being washed overboard by mountainous seas, Capt. V. M. Cole and seven members of the crew of the American schooner James M. W. Hall arrived here on the steamship West Canon, which reached them 350 miles southeast of Cape May, N. J., after they had virtually abandoned hope of ever being picked up alive.

Woman's Party in South. Washington.—Alice Paul's cavalry brigade is ready for a sure enough invasion of the South. The first riders will leave here this week. The purpose of this movement on the "Solid South," as announced from the national woman's party headquarters, is "to assist the southern state chairmen in their campaign for equal rights legislation."

A big meeting of the national council of the party will be held here, when definite plans for action in the various states will be discussed.

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South-land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Terribly mangled by the premature explosion of dynamite, Olaf Peterson, a farmer of Ramnabs, dragged himself 400 yards and drowned himself to end his agony.

While Lieutenant J. M. Robb was piloting a military machine across the English channel, the machine fell onto its tail. Lieutenant Robb was rescued by a boatman.

The king's proclamation of amnesty, announcement of the departure of the auxiliaries and the resolution of the Sinn Fein executive council to summon an extraordinary convention soon, to decide upon the future of the organization and its policy, after Eamon De Valera had predicted a split in the organization, were the chief developments in the Irish situation.

President Millerand recently accepted the resignation of Premier Briand and his entire cabinet and indicated he would not ask anyone to form a new ministry. Minister of War Barthou and former President Poincare were mentioned prominently in parliamentary lobbies as likely candidates for the task of forming a new government.

Marquis Okuma, former premier of Japan, died recently at Tokio. He was field marshal in the Russo-Japanese war.

The Irish dail eireann defeated de Valera for the presidency of the Irish Republic. It is now thought that the next step of the eireann will be to aid in making a stable government for the "Free State."

The volcano Ometepe, on the island of Nicaragua, eight miles from the western shore of Lake Nicaragua, is in active eruption. Many thousands of coca plants have been destroyed, large areas of grazing lands are covered with ashes, and many cattle are dead.

The supreme council at Cannes recently examined the situation created by the departure of the French delegation and ruled that decisions on which a complete agreement had been reached become operative, especially that regarding the Genoa conference, for which Premier Bonomi, of Italy, was charged to issue invitations.

Thomas S. Ryan, a newspaperman, at Paris, has been arrested charged with attempting to murder his wife, formerly Miss Audrey Creighton, of California, by forcing her to swallow bicarbonate of mercury tablets on a threat he otherwise would kill himself.

The Irish political prisoners in London, England jails—Brixton, were released recently under the amnesty proclamation issued by King George recently. Instructions were sent to the provisional jails for similar releases.

The British government has given its assurance to Indian officials, at Calcutta, India, that "conscientious objectors" who sought to evade war service will not be allowed to compete at future examinations for Indian civil service positions.

Washington

The French government has approached Henry Ford by cable asking if he would consider the purchase of battleships. In announcing the request here Mr. Ford said he had replied that unless he could buy the entire French navy he would not be interested in job lots. No answer had been received, he said.

Senator Truman H. Newberry, Michigan, gave his seat in the senate by a vote of 46 to 41, declared he would not resign. Reports have been current that the senator would retire if vindicated by the senate of charges of personal knowledge of excessive use of money in his campaign against Henry Ford.

The most encouraging feature of the business situation at the opening of the new year is that a positive foundation has apparently been established upon which to build banking and business development during 1932, the federal reserve board declared in its monthly bulletin for January.

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Domestic

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