

# MANNING WANTS REFORMS

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The State can not have an educated and efficient citizenship unless it extends help to weak and undeveloped districts. Any community voting a liberal tax and enrolling forty or fifty children, should be assured of adequate educational facilities. It is the duty of the State to make up deficiencies in such districts. The right-thinking people of South Carolina are not to be deterred by this expenditure of public money, and will endorse the position that we can not spend public money better than in educating the citizen. The people realize and demand that the shame of illiteracy must be blotted out from us forever.

## Mill Town Schools.

The problem of public schools in manufacturing centers and mill towns demands attention and study. The State can not longer overlook the needs of children in such communities, and should encourage the spirit of self-help and self-reliance. This will bring substantial and marked results in public education, civic growth, and community co-operation and development. I recommend that the State department of education be given such additional help as to mill schools what has been done so effectively in high schools and rural schools.

## Attendance.

As soon as ample school facilities shall have been provided, the welfare of our people demands that our children shall be required to attend the schools. The policy of the State is to educate all the people at the expense of all the people for the welfare of all the people. I recommend, therefore, the enactment of a compulsory attendance law with local option features. We must make it possible for each and every community to the point of having school facilities; and, wherever these facilities are acquired, to require school attendance.

Picture to yourselves what it would mean to the State if all of her children were educated, and for the attainment of this object we give our best and unflinching effort.

## Child Labor.

I recommend, as a companion act to the compulsory attendance law with local option feature, that you will amend the law on child-labor by raising the age limit from twelve to fourteen years.

## Taxation and Assessment.

We all agree that change is needed in our taxes. We have, in the past, given more attention to appropriations than to revenue. We must increase our revenue or decrease our expenditures in order to stop the ever-growing deficiency. The facts clearly separate the two. The fact that there is now a large accumulated deficiency that must be provided for. Assessments are now unequal and unjust. Much property escapes taxation; different classes of property are assessed at different percentages; and increased expenditures are required for educational and charitable institutions, as well as increased expenses in the judicial department, necessitate the devising of progressive and more modern methods of raising revenue. I recommend that a tax commission be created to examine into this subject and suggest a bill embodying a plan of revision of our tax laws.

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In order to acquaint this commission with existing conditions upon the State Board of Equalization and the State Board of Assessors, should be devolved upon it. Supervision of the enforcement of existing tax laws, should be given, temporarily at least, to this commission, until the reorganization of the State Board of Assessors, and the levying of the burden so as to secure justice between the taxpayers, is of as great importance as the fixing of the appropriations by the legislature.

## Women's Compensation Act.

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## Land Registration.

The delay in congressional action on the establishment of a rural credit system, makes it necessary for us to look otherwise for the means to solve our farm problem. The first and necessary step toward the development of such a system, is the enactment of a law that will guarantee title and fix boundary lines. This would enable the landowner to obtain loans on his real property with as little trouble and expense as he is now able to do on his personal property, by removing the necessity of repeated examinations of title. This is a necessary step before we can provide a system of land banks or rural credits.

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# TALK OF THE WAR

WRITER SEES KAISER'S GENERAL WHO HAS WAR FAME.

## HOW ARMIES ARE BOSSSED

Men Idolize Von Emmich—Von Zuehl, Who Captured Maubeuge, Credits British With Good Defensive Tactics—Zuelner, Specialist on America, Learns From Our Army.

A correspondent of The New York Times writes from the German Great Headquarters in France. His letter, which follows, is dated December 9: "I have just eaten my way along the German front in France, for a second visit to the German Great Headquarters. This week's lunch and dinner 'bag' included Gen. von Heering, 'the Victor of Saarburg'; Gen. von Emmich, 'the Conqueror of Liege'; Gen. von Zuehl, 'the Hero of Maubeuge'; Gen. von Wild, the new Quartermaster General, who before his appointment fought a twenty-round draw with the English at Ypres, though he thinks he won on points, and hosts of coming champions.

It is literally necessary for an American correspondent on this side of the fence to eat his way to the firing line and back again, for the German staff is as hospitable as the tented Arab, and thanks to their wonderful telephone service, they 'have you.' The A. O. K. (Armeekorps Kommando) telephone to the Corps Kommando that you are on the way, the Corps Kommando relays the news to the Division Staff, the Division Staff rings up the Regimental Staff, and the Regimental Staff rings up the Battalion or Battery Chief. To reach the firing line you have to run the gauntlet of anywhere from three to six messes, and if you happen to be one of those 'amazing Americans' and insist on being taken to an official mess in the first trench, you will be sure to find some sort of a table spread for you in the very shadow of death, for their habit of hospitality is freeproof.

## National Guard.

Having a strong, well-maintained, well-disciplined National Guard, and the prospect of a National Guard made for it, to make it an effective factor in the State government. South Carolina must have an efficient and effective National Guard.

I will, at a later date, submit for your consideration, a special message, relating to the National Guard, especially the Hospital for the Insane, to which I am devoting special consideration.

## Economy.

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## END OF OFFICIAL MUSS

Governor's Action is Climax of His Long Continued Disputes With the United States War Department—Government Officials Are Apparently Unconcerned Over His Action.

Gov. Blease Monday disbanded the South Carolina organized militia. Thirty-one companies, comprising approximately 2,000 officers and men, are affected. Disregard between the governor and militia and war department officials on the organization and equipment of the troops was given as the reason for the action.

## Prisoners Reach London.

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Cable advices to the British foreign office at London Thursday said that leading of the Hamburg-American steamship Dacia at Port Arthur, Texas, had been suspended. The hope is entertained in official circles that the vessel will be released under this former German vessel, validity of whose transfer to American registry is questioned, to enter the German coast trade.

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The Dagblad, Sweden's leading conservative paper, says Great Britain's reply to the United States shows she intends to adhere to her harassing policy.

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