

CITIZENS RECOMMEND CHANGE IN TAXATION PLAN USED BY OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., March 9.—The citizens' taxation committee named by Governor Harry L. Davis Tuesday formally presented its unanimous report on taxation problems. The presentation was made in the presence of the joint taxation committee of the Ohio legislature, which was called to the executive chambers.

As forecast, the report is a recommendation for a new constitutional amendment abolishing the uniform rule of taxation that has existed for 70 years.

This is prefaced by a demand that, if the uniform rule be retained, it shall be enforced rigidly. This, the committee says, may be done only through appointive state officials, and virtually is impossible under elective officers.

This feature of the report is a tacit endorsement of the Warnes act, that brought temporary political disaster to former Governor James M. Cox in 1914 and is considered to be a belated vindication of his position.

But as a departure from the forecasts in the schedule there is leeway, without a vote of the public, to go beyond the 12 mill rate for rural taxing districts and the 15 mills for urban districts.

Overcome Limitations.
Past bond issues are to be cared for outside these limitations.

Although the "irreconcilables" opponents of change made no statement, immediate dissatisfaction with the terms tended to strengthen this faction. There is no final limitation of taxes to 15 mills, and this is to be seized upon to cause embarrassment to the new program. This feature, however, was defended in a statement made by the committee, in which it says:

"It will make it possible to do away with the greater part of the state tax levy, thereby avoiding a source of

REPUBLICAN WOMEN LEADERS DISCUSS ORGANIZATION WORK WITH PRESIDENT



Left to right, standing: Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson of New York, Mrs. Jeanette Hyde of Utah, Mrs. Manley L. Fosseen of Minnesota. Seated: Mrs. Arthur Livermore of New York, Mrs. Harriet Taylor of Ohio and Mrs. Christine Bradley South of Kentucky.

Women members of the Republican national executive committee were among the groups to hold conferences with President Harding his first real day at his desk. The women entertained the president and Mrs. Harding at luncheon and discussed organization work among the women voters with the president. The women members of the executive committee who attended the luncheon and conference are shown above.

friction between the taxing districts." "2. It will compel an income tax." "Third, it will make available to the Legislature numerous sources of revenue that it has been found to be impossible to reach for taxation under the uniform rule." "Fourth, it will afford an opportunity for a taxing system that can be enforced." "The schedule of the proposed amendment, which necessarily is phrased in technical language, has a double purpose: "First, to afford a period of adjustment to the new basis and permit new

taxation laws to be formed and placed in execution, without depriving taxing districts of necessary revenues until such new laws are operative.

"Second, to give to popular votes already taken the same effect as though taken under the amendment, thus avoiding the necessity of resubmitting a levy upon which the voters have passed.

Three Classes Affected.
"It affects three classes of levies, now outside all statutory limitations, and is merely temporary in effect, as it will become nugatory when these levies have been completed, as follows:

"1. Sinking fund levies for 1913 flood emergency bonds and other similar bonds.

"2. Local road levies for state highway improvement contribution, so far as anticipated by outstanding bonds.

"3. Voted levies, above referred to, including especially the soldiers' bonus levies, which will be necessary if that constitutional amendment is adopted."

In discussing its problems the committee says that the "vitality of the present situation" is not entirely material, but that the "essence of the problem is found in a state of mind revealing an unwillingness to have the laws enforced." The "tax-dodger," the committee says, "has no anxiety about moral issues."

The committee dismisses the uniform rule briefly in the statement: "The results have not been satisfactory."

"Experience has demonstrated that the voters will not insist upon the enforcement of the uniform rule."

State revenues are pronounced to be in good shape, and the attention, it says, shall be devoted to local situations.

JAMAICANS AGAINST SALE
OF ISLAND TO AMERICA
KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 9.—A majority of Jamaicans is not in favor of the suggested sale of the island to the United States. As a counterblast a resolution was introduced in the legislature urging confederation of the entire group of the British West Indies with a uniform tariff.

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