

WORLD WILL NEED 20 MILLION BALES COTTON IN 1923-'24

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ADDRESS BEFORE STATE BANKERS

Recommends a Balanced, Self-Sustaining Agriculture and Increase of Manufacturing Industries.

Phonist, N. C., May 4. (By the Associated Press.) A balanced, self-sustaining agriculture, intelligent marketing and continued increase of manufacturing industries were recommended by the South today by Charles Owsley, Fort Worth, Texas, former assistant secretary of agriculture in an address before the North Carolina Bankers Association, after a distinct improvement in business conditions has been noted throughout the country.

Calling attention to two years ago, when a large part of the agricultural, commercial and financial business of the South was concentrated with banks through liquidation of debts, Owsley said that the present reduction in the proportions of prudent capital to operating concerns has made it easy for every legitimate and sound undertaking.

"The cotton, our principal product, could be sold only at a price less than pre-war prices and about half the cost of production. Today, it sells freely at more than pre-war prices and well above the cost of production. Today, we have scarcely enough to last the year until another crop comes in.

"On the surface of the situation, the basis of a supply will be the only cause of the remarkable transformation from prosperity to comparative prosperity. It is, indeed, the most potent factor, though not the only factor, in itself in its true analysis more than in its effect.

"To adjust the supply of any commodity to demand is instantly to establish economic value and to command the best price that buyers are able to pay. So when we say that we have recovered because supply is within demand we mean that the equilibrium is restored, which is really another way of saying the same thing. The cause of the effect is to be studied.

"It is scarcely worth while now to produce an average for 1923. The crops are pitched, if not planted. But we will not be able to state a few outstanding facts which may affect the average for 1923.

"At the present rate of consumption, we will need about twenty million bales of cotton in 1923-'24. As the production of 1922-'23 was only about sixteen million bales, the deficit is about four million bales, which is now apparent in the fact that the average for 1923-'24 is only about half the world's supply and that the other producing regions increase production as much as we seem to be doing. The total supply may considerably exceed the demand.

"If we increase the acreage by five per cent, and have the acre yield of 1922, we will have 25 per cent more cotton than we need. This surplus will only be a margin of safety. Those who reckon the boll weevil insurance against over-production of cotton are not far from the mark. With favorable weather we have made cotton in the past, but without favorable weather we can make but little cotton. Besides, if we must maintain supply with the decrease of weevil damage now popularly expected, cotton will be unprofitable. The present price, and present demand, continued will certainly develop cotton growing in other countries.

"The South has no monopoly on the cotton plant. Profit from the industry will come when it comes at all, as it comes in all industries, by intelligent methods of production, marketing and financing.

"It is intelligence in these three fields, we declare, rather than boll weevil insurance or luck, that has brought us our present comparative prosperity. In the past two years we have shown more understanding, more resourcefulness, more self-reliance than in any previous period of the cotton industry.

"More than ever before, we have practiced self-sustaining agriculture, though we do not lack much of anything the ideal, with home grown foods and feeds and with no more cotton than the remaining available acreage after providing these imperishable staples. That is the only kind of farming in the greater part of the world.

"Dependence upon cotton as the sole means of subsistence for the farm family and work animals is unscientific because it does not afford full time employment and requires expensive seasonal labor and because it provides no alternative of income in case of disaster from weather or pest or market. Cotton is the most highly specialized commodity in the world. Its value is influenced by more subtle factors than any other. No mind or plan of man can foretell what cotton will yield in April or what price it will bring in October. The average of several crops, cotton on the average of years is the most de-

pendable money crop in the South. As the single crop, it is no more dependable than a contract for futures.

"The bankers of the South have been wise in these last two years to limit crop production credit to men who practice safe farming, and they will be wise to continue the policy.

"Another notable achievement of the last two years has been the improvement in methods of marketing. Co-operative marketing is on sure ground in securing true grade and stable, in saving country damage, in selling in even running lots, in supplying the needs of particular mills for particular varieties, and in escaping occasional purely speculative and unreasonable slumps in the market. It has, also, large possibilities of price influence because in trade as in politics or any other human relation there is more or less a body of public opinion which may be considerably affected by correct information and sound reason, particularly when these factors are reinforced by a considerable volume of the commodity.

"But none of these will avail to save the co-operatives from disaster if they attempt to fix prices above the economic value determined by supply and demand. The leaders of the present movement are under no delusions on this point, and I am hopeful that they will remain steadfast in sound business policy. I am saying this much to defend them from the false representation of selfish interests and to allay the apprehension of those who are inclined to magnify the danger, and at the same time to warn the over zealous members of the co-operative groups that the law of gravity still operates to prevent a man from lifting himself by his bootstraps.

"Mr. Owsley declared improved farm practice and better methods of marketing would have 'availed little, without resourceful and courageous banking.' The farmers, business men and bankers have learned, he continued, that they must 'buy from hand to mouth and must merchandise and finance from this side.' He called attention to the organization and the part the Federal International Banking company has played in this new program.

"Our manufactured products are winning favor in all the markets of the world and are employing thousands of people who would otherwise inevitably tend to increase cotton production beyond the possibilities of consumption," he continued. "Our task is to retain in the South the merchandising and financing profits with the manufacturing profits. I raise the question whether it would not be wise for our cotton mills to take advantage of the Webb-Pomeroy Act for promoting foreign trade and establishing direct foreign contracts.

"With our new success in financing export cotton we should have no serious difficulty in financing export dry goods," he said.

NEW DETOURS
Report Issued Saturday by the State Highway Commission.

The State Highway Commission Friday night issued the regular report, which includes the following on Route No. 15:

Charlotte-Concord—Northbound traffic from Charlotte turn left at Sugar Creek Church, proceed 1.2 miles toward Derita, turn right at fork of road, follow topsoil road 2 miles to old Salisbury road. Turn left and follow this road to Concord.

Southbound traffic from Concord comes into county over old Salisbury road; follow this road to within 6 miles of Charlotte, turn right at road fork, and proceed over topsoil road 2 miles toward Derita to Sugar Creek Road, turn left and follow Sugar Creek Road 1.2 miles to State Highway at Sugar Creek Church. Turn right and follow paved road into Charlotte.

Concord-Salisbury—Southbound traffic to Concord turn left at large detour sign at south city limits of China Grove and continue along State Highway detour, following detour route No. 15 for five miles to old Salisbury-Concord road, turn right and keep straight road to Concord.

Northbound through traffic use old Charlotte-Salisbury road from Concord city limits to Salisbury.

HUNEYCUTT WILL NOT ENTER RUN-OFF RACE
Issues Signed Statement Pointing Out His Attitude and Position.

Charlotte, May 4.—James A. Huneycutt, commissioner of public safety, today issued a signed statement announcing his withdrawal from the run-off primary with N. W. Wallace, former sheriff, who with Mr. Huneycutt led the field in the race for the nomination for public safety commissioner.

In his statement Mr. Huneycutt said a majority had not expressed itself as to his choice for the place, and added "but the majority of the board have already been elected, and I assure the citizenship that I could not, and would not, serve with what has already been established as the majority opinion at the City Hall for the next two years."

FRANCIS QUIMET WINS BRITISH GOLF TROPHY
In Play-Off He Defeated Dr. O. P. Willing by One Stroke.

Sandwick, England, May 4. (By the Associated Press)—Francis Quimet, of Boston, won the Royal St. George championship golf challenge golf trophy today by one stroke, by defeating Dr. O. P. Willing, of Portland, Oregon, in the play-off of yesterday's hole. Quimet took 77 strokes for 18 holes, while Dr. Willing took 78.

Underpass Will Be Built On The Highway To Kannapolis

An underpass and not an overhead bridge will be constructed on the Kannapolis road to do away with the grade crossing at Cook's Crossing. Several Concord men who were in conference with Commissioner Wilkinson several days ago stated after the conference that Mr. Wilkinson favored the underpass, and it was expected that the overhead bridge plan would not be followed. That the underpass is to be built is shown by the fact that grading work for the pass has been started and the first route adopted by the Highway Commission will be followed.

According to this route the pass will be constructed near the home of Mr. C. J. Williams, just south of Cook's Crossing. The construction of the pass means that a new road will have to be constructed, and the grading work that

is being done now is for this new road. The new road will connect with the present road at Mr. Cook's store.

According to one of the Concord men who conferred with Commissioner Wilkinson, the commissioner has always favored the pass. But the Southern Railway Company, it is stated, wanted the overhead bridge, and at the request of the company Mr. Frank Page, chairman of the commission, made a tour of inspection and looked over the proposed sites for the pass and the bridge. Just what he recommended is not known here, but Mr. Wilkinson, it is said, contended for the pass all of the time, and his contention has been upheld.

Now that the route has been selected, it is planned to push the work of constructing the pass.

Aldermatic Board Holds Last Meeting of Regime

As Has Been the Case During Several Months, Street Questions Were the Most Important Presented to the Board.—To Widen Part of Depot Street.

Holding the last meeting of their regime, the aldermen Thursday night considered a number of street matters, passed several ordinances and devoted some time to a number of propositions that proved unfavorable to them. The board was in session until 10:30 and they leave the affairs of the city in good shape for the board that will be elected Tuesday.

As has been the case during the past several meetings street matters were the most important question presented to the aldermen in the last meeting they will hold before the final curtain is dropped on their administration. Having started a paving fund here the board members find it hard to get away from paving petitions, and to the last they fought to get away from requests for improved streets. And they were not entirely successful in their efforts, for such insistence for a pavement on Chestnut Street was shown that the board ordered the street asphalted, and then it refused to talk paved streets again.

The street will be paved down as far as Georgia Avenue, the last petition making this request. A cement sidewalk will be built on the west side of White Street between Grove and Depot streets, this work being authorized by the board.

Several property owners on West Depot Street agreed to give the city ten feet of land to be used as an addition to the street if the city would have it paved. The agreement was made and this street will be widened ten feet between Spring Street and the building occupied by the A. & P. Tea Company. The city plans to start the work of widening this street in the near future.

W. M. Linker offered the city six feet of land on Church Street, beginning at Depot Street and running back 246 feet, if the city would accept and pave it. The city agreed to do this, and thus part of Church Street will be six feet wider when the work is completed. Mr. Linker indicated that he will in the near future erect a modern business structure on his property, formerly the Capt. William Propst property.

Mr. Linker was also granted permission to use Church Street for the moving of the Propst house from its present location to a lot on Church Street near the new apartment house being erected by Mr. Tom Honeycutt. The house probably will be moved within the next two weeks.

Paving contractors were ordered to start the work of paving East Marsh Street at once. This street was ordered paved some time ago, but some property hitch held up the work and the city directed that the work be started at once, regardless of the property difficulty, which it is understood, has not been straightened out.

The City Attorney told the board that he had received a letter from an official of the Southern Railway Company, stating that the company's grade crossings in the city would be put in good shape at once.

Two ordinances were passed by the board, and both of them deal with auto parking. The first makes it unlawful to park on Means Street between Union Street and the entrance to the jail driveway; also on the south side of East Depot Street between Union and Church streets.

The second makes it a misdemeanor to park an auto on the streets anywhere within the fire limits between 3:30 a. m. and 5:30 a. m. This law was enacted so the street sweeper would not be hindered in its work of cleaning the business section of the city.

Joe Griffin Eddy Burned About His Face and Chest.
Monroe, May 4.—Joe, Griffin was badly burned about the face and chest when he burned a hole in a gasoline tank with an acetylene torch in order to make an opening at the desired place. The tank was being installed and evidently gasoline had been left in it unawares to Mr. Griffin or other interested parties. The young man is confined to his room, but fortunately at the time of the explosion he was wearing a pair of eye goggles and the injuries are not serious.

Will Have Surplus of \$60,000,000.
Washington, May 5.—Prediction that the Treasury will finish the current calendar year with a surplus of \$60,000,000 was made today by Director Lord of the Budget, on the basis of latest estimates of internal revenue and customs receipts.

"Got Another Think Coming."
Greensboro News.
The Washington negroes may secure the removal of Colonel Sherrill from his position in Washington, but if they think they can bulldoze Capt. Miles Sherrill's son, well, they might as well begin to think again.

WILL MEET NEXT AT GIBSONVILLE

Reformed Church Classis Hears Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer.

Charlotte Observer, 5th.
Deciding upon Gibsonville as its next meeting place, discussing matters concerning vacant charges and hearing reports and addresses, the North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church went through the third day Friday of its annual session, which is being held in the First Reformed Church of this city.

Next year's session will be held in St. Mark's Church at Gibsonville, Guilford county, beginning May 7, it was decided.

The featuring address of the Classis Friday was that of Rev. Charles E. Schaeffer, D. D., at the evening devotional session. Dr. Schaeffer arrived in Charlotte from his home in Philadelphia Friday morning. He made a short talk at the morning gathering, but his principal address was made at the evening session.

Dr. Schaeffer is general secretary of the board of home missions of the Reformed Church of the United States and a man well acquainted with the home mission field. For this reason his address was considered one of the important events of the classis session. In telling of the work of home missions, he said that these institutions "evangelize, vitalize, Americanize and Christianize." This was one of the principal points of his address and a statement to which was attached much importance.

The home mission secretary declared that there are 70,000,000 persons in the United States not affiliated with Christian churches and only 40,000,000 who are church members. If each of the 40,000,000 persons would convert two of the 70,000,000, there then would be a total Christian population in this country, he said, in presenting a plan whereby more persons might be brought into the church.

An offering from Shiloh Church, of Faith charge, near Salisbury, requesting the church be detached from the charge and made a mission, was considered at the morning session Friday. After some discussion the Classis decided not to grant the request. Faith charge consists of three churches, Shiloh, Grace and Mt. Hope. The Shiloh church wanted to be separated from the charge and given an all-time minister.

The report of Rev. A. S. Peeler, superintendent of the Nazareth Orphan Home, indicated that the institution was doing a successful work.

Business sessions of the classis will be held Saturday afternoon and morning, but there will be no devotional service in the evening.

Celebrating the fifth anniversary of its new church at the corner of East Avenue and Myers Street, the congregation of the First Reformed Church, together with delegates to the Classis meeting, will attend special services Sunday, the last day of the Classis meeting. A special program for the Sunday school also has been planned. An address will be made to the Sunday school by Rev. J. B. Swartz, of Newton, who also will sing. Rev. Dr. Schaeffer will be the preacher at both of the Sunday services.

Make Trip From Durham to Wilmington By Water.
Durham, May 4.—Putting into practice the theories of Governor Cameron Morrison relative to inland waterways in North Carolina, Edward Lee and Fred Roll, Jr., two Durham youths, have completed a trip by water from Durham to Wilmington. It took 13 days to complete the trip, and so far as is known is the first voyage of its kind undertaken from this city.

The boys started their trip from New Hope Valley creek in Durham county. They worked over a route to Haw river and followed this stream to Cape Fear river and thence to Wilmington.

The trip was made in a boat constructed by the two local high school lads.

Belgium Refuses Reparations Plan.
Brussels, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Belgian Council of Ministers today examined officially the German reparations proposals and unanimously decided they were unacceptable.

Miss Marie Barrier Entertains.
Miss Marie Barrier entertained the K. O. H. Club at a delightful meeting Thursday evening. After a pleasant social hour, Miss Barrier served a tempting salad and ice course.

KIWANIS MEETING

Interesting Features at Friday Night's Meeting at the "Y".
The proper marking of the names of streets at their intersections and the numbering of houses in the city of Concord; steps to get all trains to stop at Concord; arrangements for a joint meeting with the Concord Rotary Club on next Friday evening; and an interesting program arranged by team No. 4, Brevard Harris captain, were features of the meeting last evening of the Kiwanis Club of Concord at the local Y. M. C. A.

Albert Palmer called the attention of the club to the fact that there is at present only one street that is marked so a stranger in the city could know its name, and that is a sample marker that is in front of the City Hall, marking Barbriek Street. In the discussion of this matter, it was pointed out that the houses in the city are not properly numbered, and a motion was made that the matter of marking the names of the streets and properly numbering the houses be presented to the new board of Aldermen after it has gone into office. President Tracy Spencer named the following committee to present this matter to the Aldermen: Albert Palmer, chairman, Jacob Moose and Lee Crowell, Jr.

A motion was made by Albert Palmer that the Mayor and the new Board of Aldermen be invited to attend the joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs next Friday evening, as the guest of the Kiwanis Club. The motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Spencer stated to the Club that the Rotary Club had assented to a joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs to be held next Friday evening at 7 o'clock. The proposal was put in the form of a motion which was carried without a dissenting vote.

John B. Sherrill asked that the Club take some action toward having the Southern Railway Company make Concord a regular stop for all its trains passing here. At present, trains No. 37 and the new train No. 34 do not stop at Concord. There is no city on the Southern Railway's line of the importance of Concord, and which gives the Southern as much freight and passenger traffic, at which these trains do not stop, continued the speaker, pointing out that even towns as small as Seneca, South Carolina, are on the time table as regular stops for train No. 37. The Southern would make these changes, in the opinion of Mr. Sherrill, if they were approached by the citizens of Concord in the right manner, and he made a motion that the Secretary of the Club write this request to the proper officials of the road, and also ask the Rotary Club to take similar action.

Mrs. H. G. Gibson, who has recently come back to Concord to make her home here, was then introduced by Brevard Harris, program chairman. Mrs. Gibson rendered several vocal selections, her accompaniment being played by Miss Nell Herring at the piano. The pleasure of her hearers was voiced in the hearty applause after each number. Mrs. Gibson then asked that the entire company join her in singing "An Old Fashioned Garden."

Rev. T. R. Lewis, D. D., Rotarian, President of Scotia Womans College, and Mr. S. A. Ackly, of Atlanta, were present as guests at the meeting, and delivered talks. Dr. Lewis spoke on some of his observations during his stay in Concord for the past eight months, touching on the church, education in North Carolina, and expressing his pleasure at the most cordial reception that had been accorded to him and Mrs. Lewis since coming to this city.

Mr. Ackly, who is here to conduct the campaign for finances for the Concord Y. M. C. A., made a few remarks on cooperation, and the results that can be accomplished by civic organs such as the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. Both talks were heard with much pleasure by the members of the Club.

The attendance prize, given by Team No. 4, was drawn by Julius Fisher. The silent boost was given by Team No. 4.

Team No. 6, Clarence H. Barrier, captain, will be in charge of the meeting on next Friday evening.

BANKERS OF THE STATE CLOSE ANNUAL MEETING
Closing Session Featured by an Address of E. S. Parker, Jr., of Graham.

Phonist, N. C., May 5.—The 1923 convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association was brought to a close here today with a program that included an address by E. S. Parker, Jr., of Graham, on state and federal taxation, reports of committees, and selection of officers and a meeting place for next year.

Registration figures showed that 563 persons attended the convention, of whom more than 300 were bankers, and that the meeting was the largest in the Association's history.

Bids were made during the meetings by Asheville, Blowing Rock, High Point and Raleigh for the next convention.

Mt. Pleasant Wins Hard Fought Game From Concord Highs.
Mt. Pleasant, headed by three home runs by Smithdeal, won a hard fought game from the Concord Highs in the twelfth inning Friday at Mt. Pleasant. The score was four to three.

Mt. Pleasant scored twice in the first inning, but the High School boys evened the count in the second. Smithdeal drove out another homer in the fifth and placed the collegians in the fifth ahead. Sullivan, however, was the longest hit ball of the game, and evened the score again. Smithdeal broke up the game in the twelfth when with two men out he drove out his third home run of the game.

Sullivan was pitching at his best, and outside of Smithdeal was able to handle any of the slugging collegians.

Misenheimer and Sullivan led in the hitting for the High School.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT KERR STREET CHURCH

Meetings Conducted by Rev. D. V. York Attended by Many.—Traveling Prayer Meetings.

The series of meetings held at the Kerr Street Methodist Church during the past two weeks by Rev. D. V. York, evangelist, came to a close Sunday night. The revival proved one of the most interesting and helpful ever conducted by the Church, and it is felt that much permanent good was effected.

During the meeting about seventy persons either reconsecrated or gave their lives to Jesus, and increased interest was noted at each meeting. In addition to the regular services in the Church Mr. York and members of the Church conducted traveling prayer meetings in a number of the homes of the Church members and others in the homes of their neighbors, and much good resulted also from these meetings.

A report from the revival shows that the prayer meetings were held in 148 homes, in which 242 people declared they were trying to live as Christians. In these homes 244 people did not profess Christianity.

In these 148 homes 1,132 prayers were offered and 166 songs were sung, members of the households taking part in leading the prayers and in conducting the song services.

The evangelist secured co-operation on every hand during the revival and at the last service expressed gratification in the manner in which the revival had been conducted and supported.

Mr. York is now conducting a series of services at the Epworth Methodist Church. PASTOR.

KIDNAPPED YOUTH IS BACK WITH HIS PARENTS
Verner Alexander Was Located in Shack After Search Continuing For 72 Hours.

Watertown, N. Y., May 4.—Verner Alexander, kidnapped Schenectady lad, for whom a nationwide search was conducted for 72 hours and who was found Thursday evening in a shack on the Indian River near Theresa, 25 miles from here, started for home today after a joyful reunion with his father and mother at the home of Sheriff Ernest G. Gillet.

With him goes a dog, a present from his kidnappers, the lad insisting that unless his new pet accompanied him he did not want to go.

Harry Fairbanks, of Ogdensburg, and Stanley Crandall, of Rochester and Watertown, the alleged kidnappers, have escaped into Canada, it is believed.

Mrs. H. D. Grennell, of Alexander, N. Y., in whose charge the boy was found, and who is said to be the foster mother of Fairbanks' wife, is at the county jail here.

RUM FLEET IS BACK AT ITS OLD POSITION
Thought Thursday Fleet Was Running Thursday From Latest Government Opposition.

New York, May 4.—The rum fleet, which apparently had run away yesterday in the face of a three-sided attack by government forces, has circled back and is lying in extended formation off the coast, Captain Berry of the coast guard service, announced today. The yacht Istar and a British tanker are off Jones Inlet, while some schooners are scattered along in open formation about 12 miles apart.

Captain Berry announced that the cutter Seneca, one of several craft detailed to keep a constant patrol of the fleet, had captured two motor boats which were communicating with one of the rum ships. He said it had not been decided what charges would be preferred against the crews which still are aboard the Seneca.

Heaped Club, Claiming Adam as Founder, Has Annual Outing.
Yorkshire, May 4.—The members of the famous Yorkshire organization known as the "Heaped Club" had their "once a year outing" recently.

To an isolated hamlet, miles to the west of Halifax, the president of the club invited his "fellow bondsmen of the scrubbing brush and pall" to gather, and as every member was loyal to his pledge of secrecy, the "heapeders" were not disturbed by the "heapeders."

The club is counted as the oldest in existence, Adam being claimed as the first member. Every year new members are enrolled, but applicants have to pass a severe test providing "absolute proof that on every day in the year except the day of their outing they are 'slaves of the apron strings and domestic drudgery.'"

PERFECTING PLANS FOR INQUIRY INTO PRISONS OF STATE

State Public Welfare Officers Have Asked Dr. Hastings Hart to Assist Them in Making Investigations.

CABARRUS COUNTY GETS NOTORIETY

Report of Last Grand Jury, Charging Cruelty and Inhuman Treatment to Prisoners, Will Get Attention.

Raleigh, May 5 (By the Associated Press.—Dr. Hastings Hart, past president of the American Prison Association, and now with the Russell Sage Foundation, and a member of the national commission on prison and prison labor, will be invited to assist in the investigation of North Carolina's penal institutions. Commissioner Kate Barr Johnson, of the Department of Public Welfare, stated today simultaneously with her announcement that already a mass of evidence has been obtained.

Prisoners in the convict camps and jails of Cabarrus County have been mistreated and five shackled after giving evidence, according to an official grand jury report of the county just filed with the Department. The grand jury recommends the discharge of Supt. D. Blackwelder of chain-gang camp No. 1 because of "cruel and inhuman treatment" of prisoners.

D. I. Stanbury, a prisoner thought to be suffering from tuberculosis, applied to Blackwelder for treatment but was refused and compelled to work while sick, the report continues, adding the recommendation that the man be taken to a specialist immediately for examination.

"We the grand jury recommend that suitable straps with buckles be furnished to all prisoners to support their shackles while working on angles," the report reads. "We find large number of shackled prisoners without these straps, all of whom are suffering from sores on ankles from constant contact with shackles rinks.

"We have prisoners complaining of having to work in the rain until their clothes are wet and they are sent to camp and allowed to go to bed with wet clothes on," the report asserts, recommending that this condition be relieved.

Prisoners with venereal diseases are not being treated and are not segregated, it is asserted. Improper and insufficient food also is being served, according to the report.

The report states that five prisoners made reports of ill treatment on April 26 and in order to verify the charges a committee was appointed to make investigation. The body, it was stated, found all five men shackled the following day.

"We also find that upon second investigation of prisoners at No. 1 camp there was no justifiable cause for putting shackles on these prisoners, and it is plainly evident this action was taken by Supt. Blackwelder as punishment to the prisoners for having made reports to the grand jury," the report reads.

NEW YORK WOMAN DESIRES DEATH TO BE CERTAIN
Wants Her Main Artery Cut to Avert Burial Alive.

New York, May 4.—"When I die, get the doctor to cut my main artery to prevent the possibility of my coming to life after I am buried. Don't have me buried too quickly. If I am where I cannot stay in the house, let me be taken to an undertaker's for a few days, until they are sure I am not alive."

This strange provision was in the will of Mrs. Charlotte Louise Wilms, a member of the Colonial Dames and descendant of some of the oldest New York families, who died at her home, No. 45 Fifth Avenue, January 4, 1922. The will became public when application was made in the Surrogate's Court for a judicial settlement of the estate.

Another provision in the document said: "There is a white albatross dress in a trunk at 45 Fifth Avenue, which I would like to have on when I am buried, but if it is too far away at the time of too much trouble a night-gown will do as well."

Daughterly Now Enthusiastic Booster of Western Carolina.
Washington, May 4.—Attorney General Daugherty is an Asheville booster now. He had a very pleasant and beneficial visit there. His health is improved and he is singing the praises of western North Carolina.

"God created a beautiful country there," said he today. "He made the mountains attractive and then shaped the valleys to match. All of our accounts for the fine people in that section. I could talk about the delights of Asheville for a long time."

Mr. Daugherty's friends believe that he is on the road to complete recovery now. He looks much better and is far stronger than when he left here for the south.

Public story tellers still earn a good livelihood in Japan. In the large cities and towns hundreds of them ply their trades, provided with a small table, a fan and a paper wrapper to illustrate and emphasize the points of their tales.

It is proposed to hold a World Power Conference in London next year to consider how the industrial and scientific sources of power may be adjusted nationally.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, with a membership of 125,000, pays over a million dollars a year in insurance claims.

There is a peculiar flower growing in Central America which bears in the center of the petals a snow-white disc, like a dove. The Spaniards, upon discovering this peculiar blossom, called it the Hol-Ghost flower, and soon created a tradition according to which it came down from heaven.