

## U. S. REFUSAL PUTS CRIMP IN PARLEY

Supreme Court Declares Child Labor Law Invalid In The North Carolina Test Case.

### TO PROBE STEEL MERGER

After six weeks of practically fruitless efforts, the conference at Genoa is expected to break up this week, as results of the momentous events of the week now closing.

Following the receipt of the Russian reply to the Conference's settlement demands, in which the Soviets insisted on the integrity of their communist doctrines, no matter whether they interfered with the restoration of normal conditions in Europe or not, the French government declared it would no longer take part in Russian negotiations at the Italian city.

M. Barthou, leader of the French delegation, suggested that the late Allies, neutral countries, and the United States meet at The Hague in June for an expert consideration of the Russian problem.

The French invitation to the United States was transmitted to the Washington government Monday by Ambassador Child. On Tuesday it was announced in Washington that the United States would not participate in the proposed new conference at The Hague.

The child labor law was on Monday held by the Supreme Court to be unconstitutional and not valid.

The decision of the court was rendered in a case brought by the Government against the Drexel Furniture Company of North Carolina and was one of the three cases brought in that State testing the validity of the law, and in all of which the United States District Court decided against the Government.

Federal inquiry into reported plans for a merger of a number of the largest independent steel concerns, including Bethlehem and Lackawanna Companies, was ordered recently by the Senate, in adopting a resolution of Senator LaFollette, Republican, of Wisconsin, calling upon the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission to take steps designed to prevent the combination.

Presidents of the more than half a dozen independent steel companies mentioned in connection with the reported projected merger were called upon by the Federal Trade Commission for "full and specific information as to the plan of proposed merger before the plan is consummated or actual transfers made."

The commission's request, made after receipt of the La Follette resolution adopted by the Senate, was addressed to the presidents of the Middle Steel and Ordnance Company, Republic Iron and Steel Company, Lackawanna Steel Company, Inland Steel Company, Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company of America, Benne Hill Steel Company and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Announcement was made in connection with the request that the commission had its attention called formally to the projected merger last December 27 and since that time it has had the matter under investigation.

The amount the Government will recover from alleged war fraud cases "will be many times the amount granted to defray expenses incident to their prosecution," the House Appropriations Committee declared in reporting a bill carrying \$500,000 for use by the Department of Justice as a special investigating and prosecuting fund.

Explaining the need of money and assistance, Attorney General Daugherty told the committee, as revealed by printed hearings made public today, that about 275 cases, ranging from several thousand dollars to several million dollars, were pending and that the total amount involved aggregated \$192,000,000.

Urging speedy passage of the bill so that the Department of Justice might be adequately equipped "for successful disposition of the cases," the committee declared those who had defrauded the Government during the war should be prosecuted to the limit with all the vigor the Government could command while those upon whom unjust suspicion might rest were entitled to know promptly that such suspicion was not justified.

## FIGURE WIZARD OF WASHINGTON



Miss Catherine Selak, 26, newly appointed Chief of Statistics of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, is known as a "figure fiend," and the youngest woman ever to head a government division.

### Two Young Men Bound West.

Messrs. Eugene Gay Jr. and Ralph Fanely left here late Wednesday night on a roaming tour, information in hand today points out.

Both gentlemen had stopped working for Warrenton business houses last week. They left in Mr. Fanely's car and previous to going had dropped a few hints about a cross country tour to San Francisco.

### OXFORD SINGING CLASS AT LITTLETON ON NEXT FRIDAY.

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the Littleton Graded School at 8:30 p. m. on May 26, it was announced yesterday by Postmaster Wood of Littleton who is one of the committee in charge of entertainment.

### REVIVAL SERVICES END AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. A. J. Parker, after preaching for more than a week strong gospel sermons in the Methodist Church here, has returned to his home at Gibson.

Mr. Parker preached at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. and assisted Dr. Gibbs in revival services.

It is the opinion of those who heard the Rev. Mr. Parker that he is a strong, able and convincing preacher. The attendance was not large.

## NAME HEADS FOR LOCAL BALL TEAM

W. Brodie Jones was elected manager; Milton C. McGuire, field captain and Miss Will N. Jones, secretary and treasurer of the Warrenton Ball Club at a meeting held here on Wednesday. The town team is waiting to hear from Henderson, Oxford and Louisburg before deciding upon hiring ball players to enter a four-town league. Tentative plans would limit each of the clubs to a \$300 salary scale.

The town team is practicing every afternoon from 5:30 to 7 o'clock and promising material is developing.

The town team, with Loyd pitching, will play Cokesbury next Wednesday for the opening game, if the old-time rivals can come to Warrenton.

## DEPARTMENT HAS ITS LAST MEETING

The last meeting of the Literary Department of the Woman's Club before adjournment for the Summer was held at the home of Misses Julia and Lillie Belle Dameron on Tuesday afternoon. The attention of the club was given to the choice of a course of study for next year.

Outlines of "Recent British and American Literature" and of "Southern Literature" were presented. The club decided to study Southern literature. In this course there will be presented the lives and works of orators, short story writers, novelists and poets. Special attention will be given to the literature of North Carolina, which is worthy.

Mrs. J. A. Dameron Jr. and Mrs. C. R. Rodwell are the committee in charge of assignment of papers and dates of entertaining.

Any one wishing to join this department of the club will telephone Mrs. Dameron within the next ten days.

## POLK WAS ORATOR ON MEMORIAL DAY

Says Conflict of Last Century Result of Long-Standing Racial Differences.

### TALKS TO KINSTON VETS.

The Kinston Free Press.

Honorable Tasker Polk of Warrenton was Memorial orator in Kinston. His splendid address held spell-bound the large and appreciative audience which met at the Grand Theatre to do honor to the memory of the immortal deeds achieved by the heroes of 1861-65 and of 1917-18. Mr. Polk's eloquence was perhaps never surpassed on a similar occasion here.

The stage of the theatre was attractively arranged for the occasion, the Stars and Bars and flowers forming the chief decorative attractions. C. Felix Harvey Sr. presided and the program was opened with the U. D. C. memorial hymn, sung by the audience to the tune of "Nearer My God To Thee," the words being flashed on the screen.

F. E. Wallace introduced the speaker of the occasion in a few well-chosen words.

Mr. Polk expressed his pleasure at being in Kinston again, saying that he noted many improvements here since his first visit, which was on a political mission in 1916. He came, he said, to bring a message which he hoped would help keep memories of the past fresh in the minds of the people. The word picture of the Confederate soldiers' return home from Appomattox was most impressive. The changed conditions wrought by the terrible four years' conflict would have crushed less dauntless spirits, he declared. He attributed the reconstructed South of today with its great wealth and resources to the unflinching courage of the men who went back in 1865 to what had been prosperous homes, to find wreck and ruin strewn everywhere.

He declared that the South never had a ghost of a chance to win the war; it entered the conflict against great odds. The North had already a standing army equipped, and had credit. The South had to raise an army, equip it and get credit. After the battle of Gettysburg the average soldier under Lee's command, Mr. Polk said, knew that he was fighting a losing battle. Yet there was no indication of lost courage. North Carolina's splendid part in the country's history from the Revolutionary days down to the present time was eloquently portrayed. No star is brighter than hers, he said.

In referring to the Civil War, he said the underlying cause of the struggle between the South and the North could only be understood by a close study of the history of the settlers of the two sections. The North and South were peopled by those of entirely different temperaments and the differences which finally precipitated the conflict existed for years before hostilities actually began. The hot-headed politician of the South and the Abolitionist of the North could not agree and the fight was on. He declared that no tongue or brush could portray the horrors of the four years' struggles, nor truly picture the courage of the men. General Lee, he said, took charge of as gallant an army as ever commander reviewed, and fought as long as there was any hope, and then only surrendered when it was no longer humanly possible to continue the struggle. He emphasized the fact that less than 8,000 men followed Lee at Appomattox when Grant had 120,000. In paying tribute to North Carolina, he said that the fact that the State had 126,000 men under arms during the conflict out of 115,000 voting population, was eloquent testimony of the valiant response.

The roll call of the long list of Southern heroes who distinguished themselves as leaders of the men who wore the grey, was most impressive. Mr. Polk closed his address with a beautiful peroration of the old soldier, saying that he didn't have long to live and that in a few short years, all who fought with Lee and Jackson would cross over to join them. He closed with the following quotation from Scott:

Soldier rest! thy warfare o'er,  
Sleep the sleep that knows not  
breaking;  
Dream of battle fields no more,  
Days of danger, night of waking.

## ONCE STREET WAIF PUTS DEAL ACROSS

Aaron Sapiro Convinced New York Magnates Co-operative Selling Is Practical.

### HAS OFFICES IN NEW YORK

The New York World.

A waif on the streets of San Francisco, a protege of Julius Kahn, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House; a law student, then an associate of Attorney Weinstock in the practice of law; finally master of law as related to co-operative selling of fruits and vegetables in California, to-day occupying permanent offices at No. 1606 Equitable Building in New York City, and here to attend to the legal details of vegetable selling. The biggest deal ever planned in the United States, involving \$1,000,000,000 of products annually.

This in brief is the career of Aaron Sapiro. Monday night last he "sold" co-operative selling to a company of New York's biggest financial, industrial and transportation men in a speech which is said to have been something novel and rare even in this city.

The caller at No. 1606 Equitable Building finds a young man of tense nerves who keeps his ideas on co-operative selling at his tongue's end and confesses that it is the one passion of his professional life.

### A Business Dinner.

The dinner was given by a prominent New York financier in honor of a prominent visitor and to it he invited those men whom he estimated as the most influential in this city along the three basic lines. It was stipulated that there was to be no specific publicity, so that no account appeared in any newspaper. The men at the dinner together could come close to deciding the economic and financial policies of the metropolis, so potent were they and so immense the concerns they represent.

Most of them—at least many of them—sat down to the feast predetermined in their minds against co-operative selling of agricultural products as a national policy. Objections were numerous—danger of food hoarding; danger of inefficient conduct of the business, scrapping of business machinery in existence, which, under co-operative selling, might be wasted.

Sapiro arose to speak. Had there been stenographers there they would have noted in their books to despair. Sapiro talked like machine gun for rapidity, and yet, so say men who attended the dinner, his presentation was so lucid, so based on legally sound foundations, so promising of better conditions for the railways, banks and people, that when he had sat down he had "sold" co-operative selling to these listeners.

### Two Handling Agencies

With headquarters in New York City the North American Fruit Exchange and the Crutchfield Company handle the bulk of all fruit and vegetables in the United States other than that handled directly by the big co-operative associations of New York, Michigan, Florida, California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, which for years have succeeded in disposing profitably of the products of their members. The co-operatives referred to sold oranges, lemons, prunes and apples, mostly.

Last week in Chicago the Federated Fruit Growers was organized as a national selling agency for co-operative selling. Behind it is the American Farm Bureau Federation. Representatives of the fruit and vegetable handling concerns came to them there and proposed tentatively a large federation of all fruit and vegetable sales concerns.

Finally it was decided to offer to buy out these two concerns—the North American and the Crutchfield—and to New York City came these officials: James Nichol, Michigan, President; J. S. Edwards, California, General Manager; C. E. Durst, Illinois, Secretary; W. D. Armstrong, Washington; Sheridan W. Baker, California; B. F. Moonaw, Virginia; C. E. Stewart, Florida; N. R. Peet, New York, Directors, to negotiate for the Federated Fruit Growers.

Aaron Sapiro has come also to remain, and has the legal details in charge.

These men all assert that co-operative selling is to-day an accomplished

## GOLDSTEIN'S SMILE THAT MAY VANISH



Nat Goldstein, who was dumped out of the Kansas City Post Office because he accepted \$2,500 to boost Frank O. Lowden for the Presidency, looks happy in this picture; but did he wear this smile when Republicans and Democrats joined in denouncing him as an unhappy choice when President Harding named him to be Internal Revenue Collector for the St. Louis District?

fact in the United States. This year, a pool sold 25,000,000 pounds of wool for 45,000 growers, saved them \$1,000,000 by eliminating middlemen handlings, and yet did not advance the cost of the wool to the textile mills.

At East St. Louis and St. Paul Minn. and elsewhere, live stock co-operative sales associations have been conducted, and it is claimed that in each instance the grower got larger prices at the primary market, yet, as with wool, by eliminating middle cost the prices to the people were not increased. It is asserted that in many instances the ultimate consumer's price was actually lowered.

With success in co-operative wool, livestock and fruit-selling, failure was met only in the grains. The co-operative cereals selling was begun. It was not a success this year—the year when co-operative selling has burgeoned as never before. But the failure, say the agricultural leaders, was due to wrong organization and administration. They admit this failure, but aver that it will be adjusted and success be attained as in wool, fruit and livestock.

### HOTEL STARTS MOTOR BUS SCHEDULE TO NORLINA

The Hotel bus will leave Hotel Warren at the following hours, Manager A. B. Anderson said yesterday afternoon:

7:45 a. m.—for Shoofly to Raleigh.  
12:45 p. m.—for Raleigh and South, Trains 11 and 13.

1:40 p. m.—for 12 to Portsmouth.  
1:40 p. m.—for 4 and 14, Richmond and North.

3:15 p. m.—for 3, Raleigh and the South.

7:00 p. m.—for Shoofly to Weldon.  
The bus will leave Norlina for the Hotel Warren at 8:25 a. m.; and 1:10, 2:30, 3:50 and 7:45 p. m.

### Miss Carey Batchelor Graduates.

Friends in Warrenton have received invitations to the Twenty-ninth Annual Commencement of the North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, from Miss Carey Batchelor, a member of the graduating class.

Miss Batchelor, a niece of Mrs. Bessie Loeb, spend some time here before entering college.

## SCOGGIN AGENCIES IN THREE COUNTIES

With the Studebaker agency for Warren, Franklin and Vance Counties, J. P. Scoggin said yesterday that he was unable to procure cars to fill orders.

Phil M. Allen, who has been with the Roy Davis Garage, became associated with Mr. Scoggin this week and will handle the Vance territory for the local dealer. Mr. Allen will have headquarters in Henderson.

Edwin T. Hicks will remain with Mr. Scoggin and will have his headquarters in Warrenton.

The Studebaker Service Station here will be in charge of Mr. J. E. Threewits, formerly of Weldon and Emporia.

Mr. Scoggin was optimistic over the business outlook in all three of the counties in which he will sell Studebakers.

## COURT TO CONVENE HERE ON MONDAY

Judge Oliver Allen Returns To Hold May Term of Warrenton Superior Court.

### SHERIFF SUMMONS JURORS

Court convenes here on Monday morning with Judge Oliver Allen, presiding.

The docket is a light one, both civil and criminal, and the indications are that the term will be short.

Sheriff Davis has summoned the following jurors for the first week:

W. S. Throckmorton, J. A. Wilson, J. D. Newell Jr., G. E. White, W. G. Coppersmith, J. H. Stegall Jr., B. E. Short, C. W. Perkinson, R. S. Register, S. D. King, V. G. Shearin, Jack Bobbitt, J. L. Williams, T. R. Evans, George Allen, P. G. Felts, R. L. Salmon, R. H. Clark, J. W. Pitchford, Murphy Duke, T. A. Cheek, P. E. Brauer, J. R. W. Abbott, R. P. Fleming, E. L. Hale, J. D. Odom, W. L. Taylor, W. D. Gooch, R. I. Mulchi, J. E. Wilson, Maynard Paynter, B. L. Perkinson, J. W. Daniel and C. L. Hayes.

### County Finance Committee Meets.

The Finance Committee of the Warrenton County Board of Commissioners were in session a short while on Monday with the County Financial Agent in settlement of his quarterly accounts.

All entries on the Financial Agents books were supported by proper and legal vouchers.

The Finance Committee is composed of Chairman C. C. Hunter, Walter Allen and J. J. Myrick, assisted by P. M. Stallings, County Auditor.

## TWO COLTS DROWN IN SUNDAY STORM

The severe rain that fell in parts of Warren on Sunday afternoon was accompanied in some instances by hail which did much damage.

In parts of Six Pound, Smith Creek and the northern end of Sandy Creek Townships the hail made it necessary to replant tobacco and cotton. Wheat and oats were also beaten down and corn destroyed.

In Warrenton a heavy rain did much damage to gardens and washed up the low grounds below the Hall place. The rainfall was so great and sudden that two colts, one of them three years old, were drowned in the Hall low-ground. They were the property of D. C. Hall.

Reports from other sections, outside of Warren, give much damage done and some lives lost—especially at a colored church at Princeton, in Johnston County. The church was unroofed, several were injured and one person was killed.

## DR. POTEAT SPEAKS TO H. S. GRADUATES

The Rev. S. L. Morgan of Henderson will preach the Commencement Sermon of the Warrenton State High School in the Baptist Church here on Sunday morning, May 28, Supt. W. C. Strowd said yesterday.

President William L. Poteat of Wake Forest College will deliver the Commencement address at the Opera House at 8 o'clock on the evening of June 1.

The commencement exercises will be held for two nights at the Opera House and those who are on the program are busy preparing for the class graduating exercises.

### WARREN COUNTY MEN SEEK

#### LEGISLATIVE HONORS JUNE 3.

Vance county people are interested in the candidates for the Legislature from Warren county. In the Senate race, Vance is in a district with Warren, and helps in the election, while in the House this year a former Vance county man is seeking the honor.

Howard F. Jones publisher of the Warren Record, and former county superintendent of schools, is the candidate for the State Senate this year, and so far as has been learned, he is without opposition. Walter R. Vaughn, is the county's candidate for the House. Mr. Vaughn is a former Vance county man and is well known here. For that reason a number of his friends are interested in his campaign.—Henderson Dispatch.