

### ABERNETHY NOW MORE CONFIDENT WILL WIN

#### Thinks State Board Never Gave Square Deal—Stack May Head Railway

(Special to The Dispatch.)  
New Bern, June 25.—Following the granting of a restraining order preventing the state board of elections from presenting a certificate to Col. W. T. Dortch, declaring him the democratic nominee or congress and the setting of the hearing of the facts in the case for July 9, Hon. Charles L. Abernethy has returned to the city and is more optimistic now than at any time since the first primary was held.

"There is no doubt about me having received the largest number of votes in the primary," Mr. Abernethy declares, and he adds that if his friends will stick by him that he will go to congress.

When the state board of elections fell down flat on the job, friends of Abernethy claim, was when they decided to go into the mass of evidence which Mr. Abernethy had prepared for them in his contention that he had been dealt with unfairly in the primary and that there had been irregularities.

Had the board of elections gone into the details of the case, they say, and then declared Mr. Dortch the nominee, it would have shown that they were acting in good faith. However, when they went ahead and passed on the question without considering this evidence, the supporters of the New Bern man at once declared that their favorite had been given another raw deal.

While no definite announcement of this fact has been made, it is understood that Mr. J. D. Stack, for some time the general superintendent of the Norfolk Southern Railway company, is to resign to accept the general management of the Virginia Railway company.

Mr. Stack is well and favorably known in this city and section and has many friends here who will learn with interest of the change which is a promotion for him.

It is understood that Mr. C. W. Ackers, superintendent of the western division of the road and with offices at Raleigh, is to succeed Mr. Stack as general superintendent.

The Norfolk Southern Railway company has in the past few days handled a larger amount of freight out of New Bern than at any other time in recent years. Saturday night a freight train of 90 cars pulled out for Norfolk. Of this number about 80 cars contained Irish potatoes, and about 100 cars were left on the local yards until an extra could be sent out some hours later.

Sitting in his cell apparently unconcerned over his fate and seemingly not realizing the fact that he was to go to the electric chair, Decatur Flowers, of Beaufort county, and who with Oscar Brothers, his cousin, several days ago beat into insensibility and then Pen and Lathal Leary, two aged residents of the Lowland section of Pamlico county, calmly told a Dispatch reporter of the crime and how it was committed.

To start off with, Flowers said that he wanted it understood that he was not to blame for the affair, that he had been influenced by his cousin, who had for years borne a bad reputation. The whole affair was hatched by Brothers, he said, who had learned that the Learys had secreted a large sum of money around the house.

"We have arrived safely overseas," this was the message which Mr. and Mrs. W. P. M. Bryan, of this city, yesterday received from their sons, Edward King Bryan and William Moore Bryan.

These two young men have been located at Camp Lee, Va., for several months. They sailed for France some time ago.

Mr. C. W. Blanchard, Jr., a son of Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Blanchard, has also arrived safely overseas.

New Bern has been designated as the medical and surgical relief base No. 5 for the fifth naval district, and Dr. J. P. Patterson, of St. Luke's hospital, has been placed in command. Dr. Patterson is the A. A. surgeon of the United States public health service and some time ago St. Luke's hospital was designated as the one at which all government cases in this section should be carried to.

More than a hundred young men have been enrolled as stretcher bearers while a large number of nurses have offered their services when needed.

This is a signal honor for New Bern and will mean much to the city.

### BALLARD SENTENCED YEAR ON THE ROADS

Isiah Ballard, colored, convicted before the recorder this morning of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to 12 months at labor on the county roads, and Isiah was too well satisfied with this judgment to go hunting Judge Lyon and a jury. Ballard was indicted on three counts, but only sentenced on one, his prayer for judgment being continued in the other cases. Ballard is the negro who is alleged to have knifed Ticket Agent Brock, an employe of the Tidewater Power company, when rocks were thrown through the car windows at McCumbers station a few nights ago. Adrian Faison, also one of the party, convicted in superior court yesterday, got a two-year sentence. He was joined by Ballard this afternoon and together they will do much toward the upkeep and repair of the county roads for some time to come.

### FURTHER ADVANCES ARE MADE BY PERSHING MEN

#### Five Machine Guns and Other War Materials Have Been Captured

Washington, June 25.—Further American advances and the capture of five machine guns and other war material in the region of Chateau Thierry were reported today by General Pershing in his communique for yesterday. A German counter attack at Torcy was repulsed with heavy losses. Several American soldiers are missing after a raid in Lorraine.

The communique follows: "Section A. Local operations continued in the Chateau Thierry region, where we made further advances, capturing five machine guns and other material."

"A German counter attack against our lines of Torcy broke down with heavy losses under our rifle, machine gun and artillery fire."

"As the result of a raid executed by the enemy against our troops in Lorraine several of our men are missing."

### FARMERS MAY GRIND SEASON'S WHEAT SUPPLY

#### Only One Condition to This Privilege Allowed by Administrator Page

Raleigh, June 25.—With the coming in of the new wheat crop North Carolina farmers who were patriotic and wise enough to raise their own wheat will be allowed to have an entire season's supply of flour ground. The only condition to this privilege, according to State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, is that while wheat is still in poor milling condition a supply sufficient to last until October 1 shall be ground.

On and after October 1 the requirements of a farmer for his household and for tenants or other dependents whom he customarily supplies until the next harvest may be ground.

All wheat producers as well as other consumers are requested to continue to observe the present conservation program of the food administration, which calls for the use of as much cornmeal and other cereal substitutes as of wheat flour. The maximum measure of consumption of flour from new crop wheat for wheat producers will be 12 pounds per person per month instead of the present requested rationing of six pounds.

On account of the short wheat crop last year and of the absolute necessity from a military standpoint of supplying our armies and the armies and civilian population of our allies with at least a partial ration of wheat flour the food administration was compelled to make drastic rules and regulations governing the distribution and grinding of wheat of the 1917 crop, even to the extent of limiting the supplies which farmers might have ground from their own wheat. About three months ago the food administration at Washington issued milling rules which prohibited all wheat mills from delivering more than a 30-day supply of flour to anyone, including wheat growers.

Food Administrator Page granted an exception to this rule in so far as North Carolina was concerned so that farmers living more than 100 miles from a mill could secure their supplies up to 30 days. Thus, after all, North Carolina farmers have suffered little or no inconvenience.

### PLANNED BE LAST STROKE AGAINST ITALY

#### Washington, June 25.—An official dispatch from Rome today says the Austrians are in full retreat, and that papers taken from prisoners show Austria had not contemplated the possibility of defeat and was promising her soldiers this offensive would be the last stroke to put Italy out of the war.

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### At The Hotels

North Carolina arrivals at the Orton include: A. S. Parker, High Point; H. P. Woodson, Burgaw; R. H. Melvin, Wallace; William Dunn, New Bern; A. W. Baldwin, Whiteville; James W. Proctor, Lumberton; J. B. Schulken, Whiteville; Dr. J. R. Meadows, Reidsville; A. B. Loom, Red Springs; C. B. Culbert, Southport; J. D. Johnson, Willard; W. H. Wells, Willard; Mrs. C. W. Angel, Southport; A. L. W. Donald, Rockingham; George E. Virgin, Concord.

Recent arrivals at the Wilmington include the following North Carolinians: Edw. Clarke, Charlotte; Ralph T. Holmes, Fort Caswell; F. L. Finckenstedt, Bolton; L. J. Snelden, Charlotte; L. G. Lawrence, Durham; J. B. Ramsauer, Lumberton; A. W. McLeary and wife, Lumberton; Julia M. Alexander, Charlotte; Walter E. Brock, Wadesboro; W. B. Caison, Hamlet; J. G. Benton, Maxton.

### Compromise Reached.

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### ANGUS WILTON McLEAN



President of the North Carolina Bar Association, Who Will Preside Over the Annual Convention Which Meets at Wrightsville Beach This Week, Beginning at 8:15 This Evening.

### ROTARIANS CONDEMN ALCOHOLIC MEDICINE

The Rotary club, in regular semi-monthly session this afternoon, went on record as opposing the sale for beverage purposes of medicines containing a per cent. of alcohol sufficiently high to produce intoxication, and a special committee of three has been appointed to take this matter up with dealers handling concoctions of this nature looking toward their elimination from the shelves of their stores. Club members realize that merchants are within the law in handling these medicines and that it is often hard to determine whether a purchaser wants it for medicinal purposes or to be used as a beverage, and it is no secret that these medicines have been used largely for the latter purpose of late. There was little other business to come before the meeting. President J. C. Williams is in Kansas City, attending a Rotary convention, and today's meeting was presided over by Roger Moore. Rotarians enjoyed a splendid luncheon, which was topped with ice cream and cake, the menu being of that nature to place all in a fine frame of mind.

### SCHOONER ISABEL C. HARRISS LAUNCHED

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address by the mayor, was dispensed with because of the rain.

The Harriss is a four-masted schooner of 1,800 tons deadweight. She has a net tonnage of 988 and a gross tonnage of 1,078, and is 200 feet in length over all. She is the first vessel to be turned out by the company. Her keel was laid last September and she is now under construction and will be ready for service in a few days.

In a statement given out immediately following the launching Captain McKown stated that the keels of two additional schooners, identically the same as the Harriss, would be laid immediately and that their completion would be hurried.

### 35,831,239,000 FEET OF LUMBER LAST YEAR

Washington, June 25.—Lumber cut in the United States amounted to 35,831,239,000 feet in 1917, the Forest Service today announced. That was approximately 10 per cent less than 1916. The decrease was due principally to largely curtailed private building operations, scarcity of labor, transportation difficulties, curtailment of demand in wood-using industries and a more or less general dislocation of lumber distribution through ordinary channels of trade. Much of the lumber produced was used in meeting the exceptional demands for government construction and other war emergency projects, including ship-building material.

Washington was the largest producer with a cut of 4,570,000,000 feet, Louisiana was second with 4,210,000,000 feet, Oregon third with 2,585,000,000 and Mississippi fourth with 2,425,000,000.

Southern yellow pine cut amounted to 15,539,464,000 feet, or 37.7 per cent of the total. Douglas fir amounted to 5,585,000,000 feet.

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### CAMPAIGN WORKERS MEET THIS EVENING

Workers in the war savings campaign are urged to attend this evening's meeting to be held in campaign headquarters, federal court room, at 6 o'clock. Plans that will have a direct bearing on the campaign throughout the remainder of the week will be discussed during the meeting and it is imperative that all workers attend. The campaign is progressing nicely, according to reports issued from headquarters, and there is no reason to imagine that the county will not do her part in the big drive.

### 40,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED

London, June 25.—The seizure of 40,000 rounds of ammunition in the Smithfield market in Dublin yesterday is expected to have developments, according to the Dublin correspondent of The Daily Mail, who says the seizure was an incident in an attempt to smuggle arms and ammunition into Ireland on a large scale.

The first discovery of the affair seems to have been made by the police at Belfast, where a ship whose name is not divulged, arrived the latter part of last week, bringing a miscellaneous cargo, among which contraband was distributed. The contraband goods were consigned to various parts of the country. An investigation is proceeding to discover how much of it reached its destination.

It is understood that in addition to the seizure at Dublin, 6,000 cartridges were found in Belfast and other parcels in Dungannon and Portadown. The Dublin consignment was hidden in sacks of oats. The consignee is said to be a brother of one of the interned Sinn Feiners.

### GREECE SOON HAVE 200,000 UNDER ARMS

Paris, June 25.—Greece shortly will have more than 200,000 men under arms, according to a statement given by the Greek legation here to the Matin. Additional troops beyond this number are to be called to the colors soon, it is added.

The notable work accomplished by the Hellenic kingdom since its entrance into the war a year ago this month is reviewed and the achievement of Premier Venizelos in restoring public confidence and effectively guarding the interests of the country is pointed out.

### Nancy Will Celebrate.

Paris, June 25.—The much bombarded city of Nancy will celebrate the Fourth of July, the municipal authorities have decided. The city hall and public buildings will be decorated with the American colors and appropriate exercises will be held.

### NOTICE!

In accordance with the plan adopted by the various railroads of the United States, the S. A. L. and A. C. L. freight agencies at Wilmington, N. C., will be consolidated, effective July 1st, 1918, and on and after that date all freight will be handled at the A. C. L. warehouses. The present sailing day schedule will remain in effect.

E. MEADE,  
Agent, S. A. L. Ry. Co.  
H. H. ELLIOTT,  
Agent, A. C. L. R. R. Co.

### Russia Chiefly Blamed For War

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retary said: "We must decline to make as it were a prior concession by giving a statement on the Belgian question which would bind us without in the least binding the enemy."

With reference to the peace question Dr. von Keuhlmann quoted from former Premier Asquith's speech of May 16 in which he said that the British government would not turn a deaf ear to a peace proposal if it was not couched in ambiguous terms.

"We likewise can make the same declaration," added the foreign secretary, "knowing it to be also our policy."

"Once the moment arrives—when I care not to prophesy—that the nations which are at present locked in battle will exchange peace views, one of the preliminary conditions must be certain degrees of mutual confidence in each other's honesty and chivalry."

### Imperial Policy.

Amsterdam, June 25.—Speaking in the reichstag at Berlin yesterday on the second reading of the budget for the foreign office, the chancellor, Dr. Richard von Keuhlmann, the foreign secretary, went into some questions of imperial policy, referring first to Germany's relations with her allies.

"In Austria-Hungary," said Dr. von Keuhlmann, "that brilliant representative of her foreign policy, Count Czernin, retired because of internal political reasons. His successor, Baron Burian, is a well tried diplomat, whose loyalty, friendship and devotion to the alliance were assured from the outset. The personal and cordial collaboration which existed in the case of Count Czernin and which contributed to the final settlement and solution of all questions, also exists in the case of Baron Burian."

"It is also to be recognized among Baron Burian's services," Dr. von Keuhlmann went on, "that an interview between the two emperors occurred at main headquarters, which history will record as momentous in shaping the relations between Germany and Austria-Hungary. Both the emperors, in the presence of leading statesmen assured each other solemnly that they would not only loyally abide by the existing alliance but that they also intended to strengthen, widen and deepen it in political, military and economic directions."

Pursuant to the expression of the will of these two august personages, responsible statesmen forthwith entered into corresponding negotiations. During his visit to Berlin, Baron Burian discussed the fundamental questions thoroughly in conference with the chancellor, the exchange of views being carried on further in writing. They probably will be continued on the occasion of the chancellor's return visit to Vienna.

"With Bulgaria, too," continued the foreign secretary, "recent events, especially the peace negotiations, have facilitated the drawing closer of many personal and political ties. It is a matter of regret, which the German public shares, that Premier Radoslavoff, who has been a pillar of our allies, recently resigned for internal political reasons. The explicit assurance of his successor and the exalted personality of the great statesman who wears the Bulgarian are a guarantee to us that there will be no change in the policy hitherto followed."

Dr. von Keuhlmann again went over the question of the Dobruja, which is the subject of negotiation between Turkey and Bulgaria, and added: "But there does not exist any conflict of interest between us and Turkey."

Dr. von Keuhlmann announced that within the next few days a conference would be held at Constantinople where the questions that had arisen between the quadruple alliance and "the Caucasian people" would "find a settlement."

Dr. James Douglas Dies.  
New York, June 25.—Dr. James Douglas, for many years president and lately chairman of the board of directors of Phelps, Dodge & Co., copper mine owners, died at his home here today in his 81st year.

### HURLEY OPENLY AT WAR ON PROHIBITION

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tions by prohibition advocates on the committee, said the chief labor difficulties in ship building had occurred in dry territory. It was brought out that 125,265 men are employed at shipyards in prohibition states and 290,157 in wet territory.

"Organized labor is overwhelmingly opposed to absolute prohibition and to bring up the question now is to throw the apple of discord among the people of this country," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor.

Secretary Daniels appeared to advocate prohibition. He said his dry order in the navy had resulted in increased efficiency and proved its value. "If you say we must have saloons outside the doors of the navy yards to increase efficiency of the workmen," he added, "you can say also it is necessary for the men in uniform to have liquor."

"I realize that unscrupulous and selfish interests," said Gompers, "thinking only of private gain, may seek to use the views of conscientious officials solely for their own purposes. That is one of the penalties we must pay for frankness in an issue which had only one moral side. But if the committee were fully aware of the pains we have taken to produce the right spirit and complete unity in the ship yards—if the committee were fully aware of the advantage the nation derives from such unity and singleness of purpose, I believe the members would refrain from reporting a measure which will lead to contention."

"The sudden taking away of light wines and beer from the foreign element in the yards, of which there is a very large proportion, will, I fear, have a wrenching effect on the whole program. It will set men to talking of the wido mo so such a move; it will puzzle minds of temperate foreigners who are accustomed merely to a glass of beer or a glass of wine with their meals."

"None of the shipyards are able to tolerate employes who overindulge in stimulants. Such men are eliminated automatically. The chief effect then will be to call a sudden halt upon a part of the daily routine of hard work-

ing and sober men. One of the greatest difficulties we have had to combat was the constant turn over of labor. We have been improving that situation gradually and we are frankly worried lest this proposed experiment may cause additional unrest."

### AUSTRIAN LOSSES TOTAL 200,000 MEN

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his victorious army the repulse of the Austrians, General Diaz, the Italian commander-in-chief, says the fighting for the present is confined to local actions. He calls upon the army to prepare for new trials. In an order of the day to his officers and men General Diaz says:

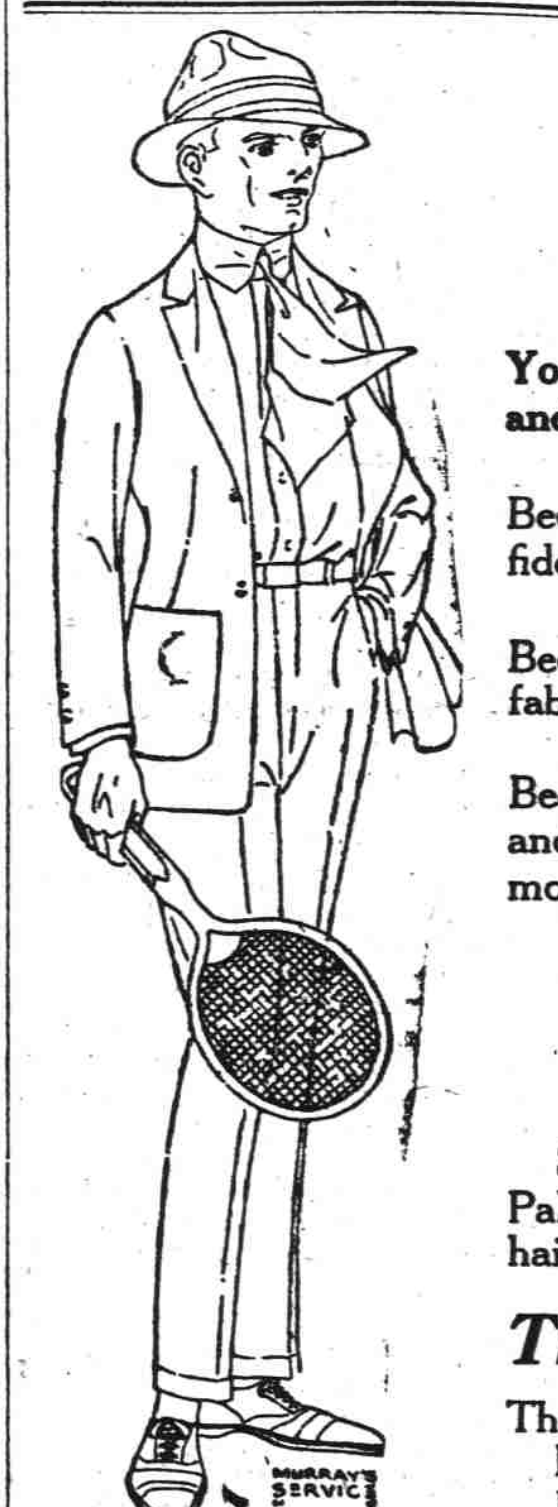
"The enemy who, with furious impetuosity, used all means to penetrate our territory, has been repulsed at all points. His losses are very heavy. His pride is broken. Glory to all commands, all soldiers, all sailors!"

"The country understood at once that the barrier set up by our heroism was unshakable and that your strength is the purest of immortal vigor. Our people and our allies who have so many glorious representatives amongst us applaud our success against the eternal enemy."

"The great battle is for the time being reduced to local actions. 'The army has deserved well of the country. We are sure of our right and of the holiness of the cause we are defending. New trials which undoubtedly await us will again show the enemy that Italy has lost none of her faith, strength and abnegation. 'For Italy, for King, for civilization, let us persevere in our sacred duty.'"

### SERIES OF ATTACKS ON METZ-SABLONS

London, June 25.—An official statement relative to aerial operations issued today by the war office reads: "Our airmen carried out a series of attacks against the Metz-Sablons station on Sunday. On Monday factories at Saarbruecken, sidings at Dillingen and factories at Metz-Sablons were bombed."



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