

URGES UNITED STATES TO ENTER THE LEAGUE

Either Enter It Or Propose An Effective Substitute, Says Church Committee

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 14.—The executive committee of the federal council of churches today urged that the United States either enter the league of nations or propose "some more effective substitute."

The recommendation was made in "declaration of ideals and principles" adopted by the committee at its annual meeting after a day of discussion of international affairs. Officially the declaration had urged that the United States become a member of the world court under the terms stated by the late President Harding and cooperate in an efficient international organization to "establish world justice," but the league of nations was given specific mention in an amendment submitted from the floor by Dr. William Adams Brown of the Union Theological seminary, New York. The amendment was accepted without dissent.

In a resolution adopted previously the committee had expressed its thanks to President Coolidge for his advocacy of entrance into the world court in his message to congress. The resolution also urged that the senate take speedy and favorable action on the president's recommendation.

An appeal that church people contribute to the relief of the populations of the Near East, central Europe and Russia and a recommendation that organization of a commission on international good will be given consideration by the churches comprised other portions of the declaration.

WILMINGTON PLANS TO BRIDGE THE CAPE FEAR

Proposed Bridge Would Terminate On the Wilmington Side at Third and Dock

WILMINGTON, Dec. 16.—Wilmington's keen desire to afford easy access through a modern bridge spanning the Cape Fear river for thousands of automobile tourists, who visit the local beaches every summer, has been furthered through the announcement of a definite date by the United States engineers' department for consideration of plans already prepared for said bridge.

Addison Heylett, chairman of the New Hanover county board of commissioners, has filed with the war department, through Maj. O. O. Kuentz, district engineer, official application for authority to span the Cape Fear river at Dock street with a suspension bridge and January has been set as the date for holding of the hearing by the engineer.

The bridge, as proposed, is of steel construction, 125 feet above mean low tide; the Wilmington end will terminate at Third and Dock streets and the west end terminating at the same point on Eagle island. The proposed bridge is the one recommended to the chamber of commerce by a special bridge committee headed by W. D. MacMillan, Jr.

T. Wearing is to be held in the office of Major Kuentz, in the morning at 10 o'clock and the notices that are now being mailed out, announcing the date and hour of the hearing, invite all parties interested to be present and file with the war department arguments for and against the proposed bridge so far as local navigation is concerned.

Broadway, New York city, was once an Indian trail.

AUCTION TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES HERE WEDNESDAY

Most Probably Will Open Again After the Holidays

The Williamston tobacco auction market will close for the Christmas holidays, tomorrow, Wednesday, December 19th, after one of the most successful seasons of any market in the State, and by far exceeding any season experienced by the local market.

It has not been definitely decided whether the market will open again after the Christmas holidays or not, but it is thought most probable. A considerable amount of tobacco remains to be marketed, it is thought by the warehousemen, and they are investigating the advisability of reopening the market in January, and announcement will doubtless be made the latter part of the week.

The Williamston market has enjoyed a large patronage this year, due to the hard work done by the warehousemen in obtaining the highest market prices for every load of tobacco placed on their floors for sale.

The average price obtained by the farmers marketing their tobacco here is all the evidence necessary to certify that the warehousemen have been alert and active on every sale; and the fact that tests have been made with tobacco sold here on other larger markets has proved that Williamston has had just as good market as any town in this section. The larger markets have occasionally had better sales but this was on account of a better grade of tobacco being sold.

VERY ATTRACTIVE AND SUGGESTIVE SHOW WINDOW

Christmas is almost here and the spirit is in the air; people are busy doing their shopping, and the stores of Williamston are offering a larger, more exclusive line to their patrons than ever before. The window displays are more attractive than they have ever been. When one passes up Main street and gets a peep into the snow decorated windows of Margolis Bros. and Brooks, he feels the Christmas spirit that they radiate. A pretty hand painted Christmas tree adorns one and snow scenes the other. Lovely gifts for both men and women, also children are shown that will lighten the burden of Christmas shopping. There are gifts for the most practical and most fastidious. In another is the paper. You will find these appropriate gifts advertised.

H. D. PEEL MAKING AN EXCELLENT XMAS SHOW

The jewelry store of H. D. Peel has on the Christmas air in full flow, and shoppers can not afford to miss inspecting his stock before making their selections this year.

Mr. Peel has been extraordinarily busy this year preparing for the needs and desires of the people of this section in his line, and deserves a big share of the business of the people of this section.

His stock is varied, and has a large number of articles in every line from which to select, which makes it easier for Christmas shoppers to make their selections.

In the state of New Mexico alone there are six national forests whose combined areas total some nine and a half million acres.

SHOULD HIGHWAY TRAFFIC HAVE ANY FEDERAL SUPERVISION?

The United States Chamber of Commerce Committee Answers "Yes"

Motor transport should come under federal supervision, like rail and water carriers. Highways should be developed in response to needs, so says a report submitted by a special committee to the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The personnel of the committee includes railway traffic officials, officers of farms and labor organizations representatives of the motor industry, motor haulage companies, water carriers, and the shipping public.

The committee believes that—"The best interests of the public and the carriers lie in cooperation between the various agencies of transportation."

The greatest opportunity for cooperation is at the points where the capacity of the railroads is most limited; that is, in the terminal areas of our great cities.

"Store door delivery by motor truck is undoubtedly the greatest contribution which can be made to the solution of the terminal problem."

"Outside of the terminal areas, motor trucks and busses should be used to supplement the facilities of existing common carriers."

"It is to the public interest, as well as to the interest of the respective carriers, that the economic limitations of each type of carrier be recognized; that the railroads be permitted to discontinue unprofitable service, to which the motor is better suited, and that the motor abandon its courts to handle general traffic over the excessive distances."

CROSS ROADS NEWSY DOTS

Misses Ruby Barnhill May Delle Wynne and Ruth Bailey spent Monday night with Mrs. A. L. Roebuck.

Miss Marie Roberson spent Friday and Saturday nights with Miss Mamie Mobley.

There will be a Christmas tree at Cross Roads next Thursday night, December 20th, and also a program to be rendered. The public is cordially invited to come.

Miss Minnie Roberson spent Monday night with Miss Onnie Mobley.

Miss Mamie Mobley spent Tuesday night with Miss Marie Roberson.

Miss Ruth Bailey was on the sick list last week.

Miss Cassie Mobley spent Wednesday night with Miss Elma Biggs.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ayers, Misses Mamie Mobley, Marie Roberson, Cassie and Stella Mobley motored to Washington Saturday.

Miss Annie Ellis McDaniel spent Wednesday night with Miss Minnie Roberson.

Messrs. A. L. Roebuck, Shepherd Roebuck, Archie Roebuck, and Misses Lela Roebuck and Minnie Roberson motored to Washington Saturday.

Mr. R. O. Mobley of Jamesville spent Sunday with Mr. W. A. Mobley.

Montreal is in the throes of a school question, twenty five per cent of the schools having a majority of Jewish pupils. The proportion now is 11,974 Jewish pupils to 18,597 others. Montreal schools are divided between Catholic and Protestant school boards, and as the Jews attend the Protestant schools, the question of school assessments has become an issue.

Life insurance policies of \$1,000, 500 or more each are carried by 129 Americans.

FORD MOTOR CO. BUILDS FACTORY IN DENMARK

Will Be One of the Most Modern Now In Europe

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16.—By next spring the Ford Motor company will have completed an immense new factory at Copenhagen, Denmark, which will be one of the finest in Europe, introducing in that part of the world new standards in design and operation.

The growth of the Copenhagen assembly plant since its opening in June 1919, has been remarkable and it is now the second largest foreign among the foreign companies, first place being held by the plant at Manchester, England.

A total of thirteen countries are served by Copenhagen. These include Denmark, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Free State of Danzig, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and Germany.

The demand for Ford cars during the present year has been particularly good in the three Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Norway and Sweden and the Fordson Tractor has come into extensive agricultural use.

Construction work on the new plant at Copenhagen is well under way. The site, covering four and a half acres, is admirably situated on the south harbor of Copenhagen. The buildings are being erected so that ocean freighters coming up the North Sea can dock on two sides of it, permitting direct delivery of assembly material from the Manchester plant and from Detroit, via New York. Railroad service also will be direct to the property.

RUBBER INDUSTRY NOW STEADILY PROGRESSING SAYS PRES. FIRESTONE

AKRON, O., Dec. 16.—A steady upward trend in business generally and considerably more stable prosperity the rubber industry particularly during the coming year were predictions made by Mr. Harvey S. Firestone in a speech here today before 5,000 employees and other stockholders at the annual meeting of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, of which he is founder and president.

In support of his statement Mr. Firestone pointed to the remarkable progress made during the past year by his own company, which showed sales of \$77,583,150, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year, returning a net profit of \$6,104,992, after providing for depreciation, taxes, interest and other charges. After paying preferred dividends and all other charges the common stock equity increased \$13 per share.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION HERE

An open competitive examination under the rules of the U. S. Civil Service commission for the position of post office clerk in the Williamston, N. C., post office, will be held on January 12th, 1924, commencing at nine o'clock a. m.

All persons wishing to take this examination should secure blanks and file their applications at once in order to allow time for any necessary corrections and to arrange for examination.

THE DIXIE WAREHOUSE IS THE PLACE TO GET THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR YOUR SCRAP TOBACCO, MR. FARMER. MANGUS & TAYLOR, PROPS., WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

LARKIN GARRET IS GIVEN A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

Convicted at Cumberland Court House, Va., of Participation In Murder of Rev. Mr. Pierce

CUMBERLAND COURT HOUSE, Va., Dec. 16.—With the conviction today of Larkin C. Garret, on a charge of voluntary manslaughter and a sentence of four years imprisonment, the next development in the now famous Garret-Pierce murder case, will come from Judge R. D. White. The court now has before it a motion to set aside the verdict in the trial ending today as well as the verdict in the case of Robert O. Garret, Larkin's brother, who was convicted last month of second degree murder and sentenced to five years imprisonment. The brothers, both of whom are prominent business men of Cumberland and hold several official positions, were charged jointly with first degree murder in connection with the killing last June 5th of Rev. Edward S. Price, Baptist minister. Each has had two trials a mistrial resulting in the first trial of each.

Williamston High School Loses In a Well Played Game

The Williamston high school team went down in defeat before Nashville here at the Dixie Warehouse Friday night. The local squad played a good game considering the size of their opponents, and that this being their first game. Nashville has a good team and should go a long way towards the State championship if they continue playing as they did Friday night. Altogether this was the best high school team that has been here.

The Williamston High school will play Windsor here tonight, and this should be an interesting game for the two teams are about evenly matched, with the odds favoring Williamston.

The local town team etashrdshul After the scheduled game Friday night, the local town team defeated the Windsor-Nashville combination team. This was a much faster game than the first; the locals simply had their opponents outclassed. The playing of Wolfe, Hassell and Orleans featured for Williamston.

RUSS BROTHERS ARE TO Y HEADQUARTERS

In this issue of The Enterprise, Russ Brothers, of Washington, have a very attractive announcement of Santa Claus headquarters, and as they announce in their advertisement, you can have only vague ideas of what they really have in stock to select from unless you give their store a visit.

In their long years of business, Russ Brothers have always catered to giving good value at a little less, even when it comes to gifts, which every merchant has to charge a little higher profit, on account of the enormous expense considering the business done, they always hold their prices to the rock bottom.

Whether you are purchasing for the tots, school children or the grown ups, you will be amazed at the large selection offered at Russ Brothers. Their stock will rival any in Norfolk, Richmond, Raleigh, or any of the larger cities of the country; and the people of this section are fortunate in having such a concern located so close to them.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hardison and daughters, Misses Catherine and Mary Davis will leave Thursday for Petersburg, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Mingo.

BAILEY BROTHERS VOLUNTARILY GO IN BANKRUPTCY

Liabilities Given at \$711,000 and Assets at \$2,600,000

WINSTON-SALEM, Dec. 16.—One of the biggest smashes in the tobacco manufacturing industry of North Carolina became known definitely yesterday when Bailey Brothers, of Winston-Salem, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court in Greensboro.

Liabilities in the petition are listed at slightly more than \$711,000 and assets at approximately \$2,600,000.

No definite action was taken on the petition yesterday as Judge James E. Boyd's illness has made it necessary for him not to handle any business at present. The paper according to R. L. Blaylock, clerk of the court, will be sent immediately to Judge E. Yates Webb of Shelby, and it is expected that he will appoint a receiver or receivers in the next few days.

Gossip about the affairs of Bailey Brothers has been bandied about North Carolina for months and news of the bankruptcy will not come as a surprise to many persons. A large stock selling campaign was started by the company about two years ago and a vast amount of the stock has been sold since then throughout central North Carolina and parts of other states.

F. R. Bailey, vice president of the company, made the statement yesterday that the amount of stock sold in this manner was \$1,250,000. According to common report, most of this has been sold in small lots to farmers and working people.

The oldest tobacco manufacturing company in Winston-Salem, Bailey Brothers, has been a familiar name in North Carolina for half a century.

The company started business in Statesville but moved to Winston-Salem in 1872, where it has been ever since. Factories in Statesville were abandoned at the time of the move. But little manufacturing was done in those days and Bailey Brothers attained a high position in the trade. M. D. Bailey, one of the original brothers, is still at the head of the company.

MUCH COTTON USED IN MONTH OF NOVEMBER

531,631 Running Bales of Lints and 38,609 Bales of Linters Used During Last Month

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Cotton consumed during November amounted to 531,631 running bales of lint and 38,609 bales of linters compared with 541,525 of lint and 57,178 of linters in October this year and 579,190 of lint and 55,128 of linters in November last year, the census bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand November 30 was as follows: In consuming establishments 1,438,813 bales of lint and 95,851 of linters compared with 1,102,583 of lint and 87,515 of linters on October 31, this year and 1,724,488 of lint and 96,244 of linters a year ago.

In public storage and at compresses 3,770,542 bales of lint and 43,669 of linters compared with 3,485,939 of lint and 35,810 of linters on October 31, this year and 4,197,955 of lint and 22,068 of linters a year ago.

Imports during November totalled 16,564 bales, compared with 7,615 in October this year and 49,551 in November last year.

When you take a business or pleasure trip phone 46. Your friends want to know of your travels.

BETTER SERVICE FROM UNIVERSITY EXTENSION DIVISION NEXT YEAR

Director C. D. Snell in the City Today Arranging for Services To Be Rendered

Chester D. Snell, director of the University of North Carolina Extension division spent today in the city conferring with officials of local organizations and arranging for certain services to be rendered them by the University next year. While in the city Mr. Snell stated that he was deeply impressed with the progressive way in which community problems are being handled locally.

"In its effort to render some educational service to every citizen of the State," said Mr. Snell, "the Extension division is constantly enlarging and widening its field of work. Regular classes of college subjects are now held in over two score cities of the State from Waynesville to Washington. These classes which are taught by the professors from Chapel Hill meet once or twice a week and college credit may be secured by those who meet all the University requirements."

"Individuals who cannot attend college or the extension classes may take correspondence courses and derive the same kind of benefit. A large number of new correspondence courses," said Mr. Snell, "have been added this year in the departments of education, history, commerce, English, geology, German, Latin, mathematics, psychology, French, public welfare, economics and sociology."

FEWER LYNCHINGS ON RECORD FOR THE YEAR

Indications Are That There Will Be Only About Half As Many As Last Year

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—"The last 12 months have made a golden year in the lynching record of the country," it was declared in a statement presented to the afternoon session of the executive committee of the federal council of churches today by its commission on race relations.

Indications are that 1923 will have only half as many lynchings as 1922, according to the report. J. J. Eagan, of Atlanta, is chairman of the committee, and W. W. Alexander, of Atlanta, and Dr. George E. Haynes of New York are secretaries.

The statement of the commission presented by Dr. Haynes told of the campaign of education against lynching carried on by the churches, of the remarkable cooperation given by the press of the country, not only in the south, but also in the north, but said in the first six months of 1923 there were only 14 lynchings in the United States, 13 of them being negro victims. In the first six months of 1922 there were 30 lynchings and in the first six months of 1921 there were 33 lynchings.

THE HORSES BARRED FROM ASPHALT ROAD

Not so many years ago, "horrible carriages," as the first automobiles were called, were ordered off the streets of at least one Indiana city. Now the order has been reversed, for in Terre Haute, horse drawn vehicles are prohibited from using certain streets in the down town district. Exception is made, however, for horse-drawn delivery wagons.

Trucks or wagons can not use any asphalt paved street in Terre Haute except from the nearest intersection to the destination.