

Maxwell's Millions Are Considerably Reduced

Legislative Committee Appointed to Audit State's Finances Finds Deficit \$86,468.13, After Deducting a Note for School Expenditures Funded from Year to Year

Raleigh, July 20.—The special legislative committee appointed to supervise and audit the State's finances reported to the Governor and Council of State yesterday afternoon.

The committee differed in its report from the findings of the auditors which it had employed, the difference being caused by an item of \$710,000.00 represented in a note for school expenditures during the past several years, which the auditors thought should be included in the report as a liability of current revenue, but which the committee believed that the special session of 1921 had authorized by an act to be charged against the State's funded debt.

The note is similar to bonds, though not a bond issue, because it represents an accumulation of years and the Legislature had authorized it to be funded from year to year and paid off gradually from the surplus of the general revenue when there was one.

The committee found a deficit in finances to exist as of June 30, 1923 of \$86,468.13, after deducting the note of \$710,000.00. The auditors reported a deficit of \$710,000.00 plus \$86,468.13 or \$796,468.13. The committee stated that the income due from the period up to December 30, 1922, would more than offset the \$86,468.13 deficit and would leave a deficit surplus.

Taking the condition as of December 31, 1922, the committee reported a surplus of \$232,805.25, while the auditors reported a deficit of \$477,194.75, the difference being the same \$710,000.00.

As the matter now stands, it is left for a final decision about whether the \$710,000.00 should be charged against the funding program of State of the general current revenue as to whether a surplus or deficit exists.

The State of North Carolina, which pays the money, may take its choice; but it isn't such a big difference of opinion, anyhow. Hereafter deficits are to be kept up with as they occur, for recommendations of the auditors as to the changes in the State's manner of accounting have also been accepted by the Council of State and by the Auditor and Treasurer, who will promptly put them into operation.

On everything else auditors, committee, Governor and Council are in harmony. Especially is the Governor proud of this, the first real comprehensive audit of the State of North Carolina in its existence; the committee thinks it well worth the money. In accepting the report of the committee and thanking it for its services, Governor Morrison took occasion to pay high tribute to Treasurer Ben Lacy, who through 23 years of office-holding has so kept his books—even though they are not adequate for the State's needs now—so well that receipts and disbursements were checked to the dollar when scrutinized by auditors of reputation second to none in the country.

The Governor isn't referring to the difference of opinion between him and Commissioner Maxwell except to good-naturedly say that the dispute was over a cash account and that nobody could have known very much about how the State really stood.

Chairman Long for the committee was appreciative of the attitude of the Council of State and thought North Carolina was to be congratulated on having officials who, though it might entail some temporary loss in reputation, were willing to accept suggestions as to how to improve their services to the State.

The balance sheet is dated July 7, 1923.

With this excess of obligations—that's better name than a deficit—out of the way, it is in order to take up the report of the committee to the Governor and the Council of State.

First might come the talk of the surplus. "We find," says the report, "that on December 31, 1922, there was a surplus in the general fund, or operating account, of \$232,805.25."

"The condition of the State, as shown by the auditor's report upon a revenue or accrual basis, on December 31, 1922, shows a deficit of \$477,094.75 in the general or operating fund account."

"There is a note of \$710,000.00 charged against the general fund or operating account, which, in our opinion should be treated as a part of the funded debt of the State and should not be charged to this account, although the auditors in preparing the report were justified in charging the note to the general fund because of the technical language used by the Legislature in creating the obligation."

Declaring that the State treasurer's report showed a \$5,000,000 deficit, A. J. Maxwell, corporation commissioner, whose charges resulted in the appointing of a special legislative committee to investigate the State's financial condition, also asserted that the adoption of the budget commission's program, with increases added through amendments, would result in a larger deficit.

In presenting his case to the public



JOHN D. BERRY, Grand Secretary, North Carolina Odd Fellows, an honor guest of Achoree Lodge this evening.

Fifteen Are Hurt And Bus Demolished

New York, July 20.—Fifteen persons were injured today when a crowded municipal bus was demolished in a collision with a street car. All of the injured were in the bus which overturned. The street car motorman was arrested for assault, it being charged that he failed to heed the stop signal at the crossing.

Plain Pigs Remedy When Weevil Nears

North Carolina Forgot to Breed Enough Sows and to Save Enough Pigs

Raleigh, July 20.—"With the cotton crop threatened by that invisible enemy—the boll weevil—the remedy is of great importance," says a statement issued by the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture Crop Reporting Service. "Live stock is wisely suggested to replace the cotton. The stock that is best known is plain pigs."

"While the United States 'hogghish' intentions are almost unchanged in the number saved this spring as compared with a year ago," the statement continued, "it is observed from a compilation of thousands of reports from each state, that North Carolina intended in December to breed eight per cent more sows for spring pigs, but actually farrowed the same number of sows and saved 15 per cent less pigs than last year. The corn belt states average six per cent more pigs saved, while the sows farrowed were 25 per cent more than a year ago. It seems that they exceeded their December intentions by 16 per cent while in this State, we farrowed seven per cent fewer sows. The national intentions averaged 17 per cent increased farm farrowings and exceeded the December breeding intentions by four per cent."

"The shows intended for breeding for fall farrowings as compared with those actually farrowed last fall amount to 34 per cent increase in North Carolina, 26 per cent in the corn belt, and 28 per cent more for the United States. The December last results gave evidence of 10 per cent less actual fall farrowing than the previous fall for this State, while it was 28 per cent more in the corn belt, and 19 per cent more over the entire United States."

"The question is, what accounts for the 34 per cent present intentions of breeding for fall farrowing, which is more than the main corn and pork belt, and a radical change from the fall and spring results. Will the farrowings this fall be far short of the intentions or will the market prices and the present outlook have a different effect? The average bulk price of porkers on the main markets ranged between six and seven cents during June."

PAUL WALKER DEAD
Paul Walker, 47 years old, born and raised here, died at the State Hospital where he has spent the last 14 years, Friday morning at 5 o'clock. The funeral will be at the home of his brother, Caleb Walker on Dyer street Saturday, but the hour has not yet been decided on. Interment will be made in Hollywood.

Mr. Walker is survived by three sisters, Miss Emily Walker, Mrs. Annie Ives and Mrs. C. B. Ives, two brothers, Wilson Walker and Caleb Walker, all of this city, and a number of nieces and nephews.

WARD-KAYTON
Miss Grace Kayton and Mr. Leslie M. Ward both of Portsmouth, Va., were married here Thursday by Justice of the Peace T. B. Wilson

FAILS TO REACH PACIFIC COAST

Rock Springs, Wyoming, July 20.—Batling unflinchingly to the end of his second race to span the American continent between dawn and dusk, Lieut. Russell Maughan lost again before the odds of mechanical weakness which brought him down with a leaking oil cooler here late yesterday. After covering more than two-thirds of the 2,670 miles flight, the aviator was forced to descend with oil pouring from the plane's tank in bucketfuls and nauseating fumes engulfing the machine and weakening its intrepid pilot. He landed at the air mail field here at 5:08 o'clock just 15 hours to the minute after he took off from Mitchell Field, New York.

BRITISH REPLY TO BE SENT TONIGHT

Additional Alterations Made Tonight by British Cabinet and Document Is Apparently Completed.

London, July 20.—Additional alterations were made today in the text of the draft of the reply to Germany's reparations memorandum by the British cabinet, and unless it should seem expedient to make some eleventh hour changes, the document will probably be dispatched to the Allied and American governments tonight.

There is still some doubt as to whether the much discussed supplementary memorandum will be sent with the draft.

Achoree Lodge Has Guests This Evening

S. B. Currin, Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Greenville, and John D. Berry, Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Raleigh, have returned from attending the Odd Fellows' District Convention at Troyville and are in the city. They will be the guests of Achoree Lodge this evening at 8 o'clock. Odd Fellows are invited to be present at this meeting. Saturday they will be the guests of Shiloh Lodge.

NEW YORKERS LIKE CAROLINA HIGHWAYS

W. L. Cohoon, general counsel of the State Highway Commission, returned Thursday morning from Asheville and other points in Western North Carolina. "The mountains," said Mr. Cohoon, "are literally thronged with summer tourists. You find automobiles there from almost every State of the Union. There is an unusually large delegation from Texas and other Gulf states. The Buffalo, New York, Motor Club with about 100 automobiles, are touring the mountains of Western North Carolina at this time. The New Yorkers express themselves as delighted with our roads."

Russia To Sign Pact At Constantinople

Lausanne, July 20.—Soviet Russia today notified the Near East Conference that she accepts the convention for control of the Turkish straits negotiated here and will sign the pact at Constantinople within the next three weeks.

LEASED WIRE SERVICE GIVES MARKET NEWS

Washington, July 20.—A leased wire extending the market news service across the continent was opened last Monday, it is announced by the United States Department of Agriculture. The service connects Kansas City with the Pacific Coast and provides regular communication for 12 hours each business day to the new offices at Denver, Salt Lake City and San Francisco.

An extension of the service to Southeastern states was also opened on Monday by the establishing of wire communication with the office at Atlanta. This service is now being conducted by commercial messages, it was stated, but it is expected that by September 1 a leased wire will be installed connecting Washington with Raleigh, N. C., Clemson, S. C., Atlanta and Jacksonville, Fla. These new extensions, it was asserted, will enable the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to greatly improve its market reporting service in the far Western and Southeastern states. The telegraph wire which is used for the collection and distribution of market news is supplemented by radio broadcasting by more than eight private stations throughout the United States, Department announcement said.

Perquimans Man In Jail For Assault

Wilson Bateman Accused of Beating Up Frank Albertson, Sr., and Can't Give Bond

Wilson Bateman, Perquimans County farmer, is in jail in default of a \$500 appearance bond on a charge of assault and Frank Albertson, Sr., victim of the alleged assault, is in bed at his home on Second street with a broken leg and a bruised face.

Mr. Albertson, as was his custom, went out to his farm on Simpson Ditch road Thursday morning. He says that Bateman came to his place between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning, that he ordered the Perquimans man off a number of times but that Bateman refused to leave. Mr. Albertson did not feel well enough Friday morning to say what Bateman's grievance was nor how the actual difficulty started; but he says that his leg was broken and he fainted, and it is his charge that he was beaten up while unconscious and unable to defend himself. The small bone of his right leg is broken at the ankle and there is a cut over the left eye which had to be sewed up.

People living across the road from where the alleged assault occurred sent word of Mr. Albertson's condition to town and Dr. Claude B. Williams was taken to the scene and had Mr. Albertson brought to the latter's home, where he arrived about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The patient's face, bloody and swollen Thursday, showed much improvement Friday morning, the cut above the eye and swollen lips being, to all appearances, the major injuries. He was suffering considerably with his broken leg, however, and apparently it was painful for him to speak. He asked for water, once while the reporter was talking to him and drank from a spoon without raising his head from the pillow.

It will probably be a week or more before he can testify against Bateman in court.

JOLLY GOOD TIMES AT BOY SCOUT CAMP

Camp Gen. Robert E. Lee, July 19.—The Boy Scouts wish to extend their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Bill C. Sawyer for a treat of peanuts, and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott for a fine cake which arrived just at supper time.

Trips of discovery were made Thursday with the result that some Indian relics were found, including a stone mortar and pestle, and elliptical sphere resembling a petrified egg.

A court of honor was conducted yesterday which time matters pertaining to camp conduct were presented.

The boys are in good shape. Wesley Sheep has trouble in keeping his "fex" properly combed, a mirror not always being handy. However, pools of water are now assuming much prominence with Wesley.

Tyre Sawyer is still nursing a sore toe, a good way to keep out of extra duty, but it is noticed that he is active when outside camp.

Roy Simons is untrifling in his efforts to make camp life beneficial to all.

Cook has his hands full preparing the various meals for the outfit. Zip Bailey, always cheerful, is proving a valuable asset. Mischief Moran can pull off more stunts than a six ring circus.

Old Sol has refused to pay the boys a visit for a full day and now it looks like rain. Student Job is getting ready to talk to the moon. The Morse-code will be used.

A new game is being played in camp, called "When do we eat." All join in the chorus.

Services will be held in camp Sunday afternoon members of the First Baptist church conducting them. All friends are invited.

Scoutmaster F. H. Scattergood asks that boys who want to spend next week here try to notify him on Saturday.

L. W. W. MARCH IS CALLED OFF THURSDAY
Port Arthur, Texas, July 20.—The L. W. W. march on this city was called off Thursday night by high officials of the order, and strikes of various kinds will be substituted.

COTTON MARKET
New York, July 20.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 27.25, with a 10 point decline. Futures, closing bid, July 26.47, Oct. 23.60, Dec. 23.21, Jan. 22.93, March 22.95.

New York, July 20.—Cotton futures opened at 10 a. m. at the following levels: July 26.35, October 23.75, December 23.26, January 23.03, March 23.04.



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FAILURE EFFECTS ALL SOUTHEAST

Frank H. Barrett of Atlanta Shocks Cotton Circles When He Says Must Sell His Seat on the Exchange.

New York, July 20.—Frank H. Barrett, cotton broker of Augusta, Georgia, today notified the New York Cotton Exchange that he was unable to meet his obligations and requested that his seat on the exchange be sold.

The announcement came as a complete surprise in cotton circles where Barrett has been recognized as one of the most conservative traders.

His failure, it was said, will effect the entire Southeast where he has large cotton and bank holdings.

Traces Ancient Race on Pacific Islands

Scientists Think Hitherto Unknown Civilization Has Been Discovered

Honolulu, July 20.—Traces of a hitherto unknown civilization that may have existed in the Pacific 2,000 years ago have been discovered on the little islands of Necker and Nihoa in the Hawaiian bird reservation, to the northwest of the Hawaiian group proper, according to the revelations made by returning members of a government scientific party which is investigating and surveying the islands aboard the U. S. S. Tanager.

For centuries past these isolated spots have sheltered the secret of once powerful colonies that may have flourished prior to the main Polynesian migration which resulted in the settlement of the Hawaiian group, according to A. L. C. Atkinson, president of the territorial board of agriculture and forestry, who was one of the scientific party.

Time and elements have failed to obliterate the traces of the temples, houses, and the agricultural systems of long ago, and it is expected that the discoveries of the scientists may aid appreciably in the final solution of the problem of the origin and migrations of the Polynesian race.

Howls wrought from solid stone, a headless idol, and a stone adz were among the many specimens that the party brought back from the islands. The scientists told of fallen foundations that once supported houses, scores of stone monuments, the ruins of what were terraces upon which foodstuffs were grown, and the ruins of temples—evidence, it was said, that tended to show that Necker and Nihoa were cradles of civilization and the rendezvous of a people who were skilled in crude handicrafts and the art of navigation thousands of years ago. These specimens, together with all others gathered by the Tanager party are being studied by scientists here now.

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UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ENJOY ANNUAL FEAST

J. K. Wilson was toastmaster Thursday night when the Elizabeth City alumni of the University of North Carolina and the members of the University Elizabeth City Club, with the boys of the senior class of the Elizabeth City High School as guests, enjoyed their annual banquet at the Southern Hotel.

Among those called on to respond to toasts were C. E. Thompson, Dr. Walter Sawyer, W. L. Small, V. F. Williams, Wyatt Aydtett, Ray Quinn and Claude Venus Jones.

The Elizabeth City Club at the University plans next year to have permanent club rooms for the use of visiting alumni and friends.

LARGEST TOBACCO FIRMS ARE MERGED

New York, July 20.—The early merger of the world's largest tobacco concerns, the Tobacco Products Corporation, and the British-American Tobacco Company, into a new company was reported on Wall street today.

Villa Shot And Killed

Secretary Suddenly Incensed, Kills Chieftain and Is Himself Killed in Battle Following.

(By The Associated Press.)
Chihuahua City, Mex., July 20.—General Francisco Villa, commander of the rebel armies in Southern Mexico for ten years, was shot and killed today at his big ranch at Canutille, Durango, by Miguel Trillo, his secretary.

The secretary is said to have become incensed at Villa and to have fired suddenly, the former bandit leader dying almost instantly.

In the battle which followed, Trillo was killed by men loyal to the slain chieftain, and latest advices say that the fight is still in progress.

More than 200 casualties have occurred in sanguinary fighting.

Villa, guerrilla chieftain and bandit leader in Mexico for more than 10 years, declared that he had ended his career of outlawry in August, 1920, when, at the head of 900 followers, the remnant of what had once been his army of 25,000 men, he entered San Pedro, Coahuila, and amid the cheers of the populace, announced the intention of himself and men of accepting amnesty and settling down as farmers.

A few weeks earlier, Villa had surrendered to Federal forces at Sabinas. He then declared his adherence to Provisional President de la Huerta and General Alvaro Obregon, later elected President to succeed Carranza. Before capitulating, Villa demanded and was granted by the Mexican government, one year's pay and a small farm for each of his men, a grant equal to \$2,000,000 gold.

One of the most notable escapades of Villa was his raid on Columbus, N. M., on March 6, 1916 in which he and his followers killed 17 Americans. It resulted in a punitive American military expedition under General Pershing crossing the border and maintaining a "dead or alive" pursuit of Villa which lasted more than nine months and cost the United States Government, according to a War Department estimate, nearly \$100,000,000.

In a battle at Parral, American troops were ambushed and a number of them killed. On March 31, however, the bandit's followers were defeated at Guerrero. The Americans were successful in a number of other skirmishes and penetrated so far south into Mexico as to meet the Constitutional troops of Carranza who, ostensibly, were also in pursuit of the renegade Mexican leader.

Villa, wounded but always eluding his pursuers, lived in a Chihuahua mountain cave for five weeks. It was located in the center of a perpendicular cliff which rose 150 feet from a brook on the level plain below and from this point Villa said he often watched the American troops. Many times he was reported dead. Upon the American army's withdrawal from Mexico Villa renewed his depredations. On April 4, 1916, he was indicted for first degree murder at Deming, N. M., on account of the Columbus raid.

"They call me a bandit and the worst man in Mexico," declared Villa when he was welcomed to San Pedro, Coahuila, "but I would preserve our nationality. I surrendered because further fighting in Mexico meant intervention by the United States. It is time for peace." In a manifesto he praised the "good faith, honor and patriotism" of Provisional President de la Huerta and declared it was his purpose to show the Mexican nation that he and his men could "build as well as destroy."

ANTI-SALOON LEADER ANDERSON INDICTED

New York, July 20.—The grand jury today indicted William H. Anderson, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, on charges of grand larceny and forgery, and then handed down a presentment calling for legislative investigation of the League's activities since 1913 when Anderson became superintendent.

TOM MIX IN TOWN

Tom Mix is back in town thrilling all of his admirers at the Alkrama Theater today in the latest William Fox picture, "Three Jumps Ahead." Several new and daring stunts never before attempted for the screen are shown in this photoplay. Tom jumps a canyon 90 feet deep and twenty feet wide with "Tony," his stunt horse, and in addition rolls down a cliff while driving a stage-coach.