

GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR NAVY RECRUITS

CALLS UPON PEOPLE OF STATE TO FURNISH QUOTA OF ENLISTED STRENGTH.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Raleigh.

Governor T. W. Bickett qualified as naval recruiting officer when he addressed to the people of the state an energetic appeal for the state's full quota of 400 men for the United States Navy. Governor Bickett calls attention to the slowness with which the naval enlistments are progressing in the state and urges a campaign from April 23 to April 30 in every town of the state with as many as 2,500 people for providing men for the nation's first line of defense. He suggests a patriotic mass meeting on Monday night, April 30, when the campaign closes.

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Governor Bickett's appeal reads: "To the People of North Carolina:

"The Nation has called upon the state of North Carolina to furnish four hundred men for the United States Navy. This is a modest demand and yet only about fifty men have thus far volunteered. I am persuaded that the failure to enlist is largely due to lack of knowledge of the work of the Navy and of the supreme necessity for additional men at this time. Therefore I call on all the people of the state to give earnest heed to the needs of the nation, and urge that in every town in the state containing as many as twenty-five hundred people there be commenced an active campaign for the Navy beginning on Monday, the 23d and ending on Monday night, the 30th of April. On the night of the 30th let the campaign be closed with a great patriotic mass meeting in which the paramount importance of the Navy as our first line of defense should be set forth. At these meetings the actual work of the men in the Navy with the chances of promotion should be fully explained.

"Recruiting stations for the Navy are now located at Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Goldsboro and Wilmington. Officers will be sent to any town in the state upon request made to the nearest recruiting station. It is necessary for North Carolina to raise her allotment of men not later than May 5th. I cannot conceive it to be possible that the state that has had five Secretaries of the Navy will fail to do its plain duty in this crisis of the Nation's life."

"T. W. BICKETT,
Governor."

Fertilizer Famine is Reported.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham has taken up with the North Carolina delegation in Congress the matter of some action by Congress to relieve the terribly congested transportation conditions. Especially as to the shipments of materials entering into the manufacture of fertilizers. He mentions one fertilizer concern as an illustration of the conditions, which has for three months been unable to get four carloads of cyanamid shipped from Chicago to Raleigh, the consequence being that although they have large orders for acid phosphate they are not able to make a ton. The Commissioner points out that in any law which may be enacted as to the railroad's authority should be given to have goods of this kind promptly shipped. He says the fertilizers must be distributed now or they will not be of any value. Large quantities will be used, he says, if the suggestions of the new North Carolina Food Commission are adopted and the quantity of the food raised will depend very largely upon the amount of fertilizers used upon the food crops.

Produce Foodstuffs on Farms.

Because of likelihood in the shortage of ration crops this year, Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, is recommending to the management of the North Carolina test farms that attention be turned this year to the amount of food crops that can be grown, especially corn, beans, peanuts, Irish and sweet potatoes. He does not discourage the continuance of those experiments necessary for the state's agricultural workers to conserve what has been done in experimentation.

Teachers Express Appreciation.

By direction of the executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly resolutions have been forwarded the chairman of the committees on education of the house and senate in the recent session of the general assembly. Messrs. L. P. McLendon and John A. Oates, for their efforts in behalf of the educational legislation. The committee, likewise, reaffirmed in resolution the confidence of the teachers of the state in Dr. Joyner and pledged anew their co-operation and support.

Apportionment of Highway Funds.

The State Highway Commission announces the apportionment of the second installment of Federal aid funds for co-operative road building in this state, amounting to \$228,000, the most of it going to counties along the Central Highway, Morehead to Asheville, to assure immediate completion of the highway. These apportionments, which must be in some instances doubled and quadrupled by the counties receiving the aid, are as follows: Carteret \$5,000; Craven \$10,000; Lenoir \$10,000; Wayne \$15,000; Johnston \$5,000; Wake \$15,000; Durham \$10,000; Orange \$5,000; Alamance \$5,000; Guilford \$15,000; Rowan \$10,000; Iredell \$1,000; Caldwell \$3,000; McDowell \$5,000; Burke \$10,000. There are also apportionments for roads other than Central Highway in counties as follows: Pamlico \$2,000; Rockingham \$10,000; Surry \$10,000; Cumberland \$5,000; Sampson \$10,000; Alexander \$10,000; Caldwell and Catawba, for a joint bridge, \$10,000; Caldwell \$7,500; Davidson \$8,000; Halifax \$5,000; Watauga \$10,000; Lee \$5,000; Vance \$3,000; Union \$2,500; Polk \$10,000.

The commission directed Doctor Pratt, as secretary, to comply with a request from the newly formed highway commission of South Carolina and attend the organization meeting of that commission and suggest the organization plans and work.

The North Carolina commission announces readiness to carry out the provisions of a special act of the recent Legislature in providing a fund of \$5,000 for rural engineering in assisting farmers in laying out telephone lines and developing small water powers.

State Engineer Fallis, just back from Washington, reports Federal agreement to allot funds for special projects that include \$10,000 toward a Catawba bridge project by Mecklenburg and Catawba; \$10,000 for maintenance of state convict work on the Hickory Nut Gap Highway; \$10,000 for the Swannanoa Highway.

Settles Matter of Road Tax Funds.

The confusion which has resulted from the passage of two bills by the general assembly, partly identical, but which vary in time of operation, affecting the distribution of the automobile license tax funds, has been settled, so far as the attorney general can settle it.

Attorney General Manning has ruled that of the two measures one of which was ratified on March 5 and the other on March 7, the one of March 7 rules.

Those measures, among other things, provided for the use of the remainder of the automobile funds, after expenses of handling were paid, as road maintenance fund. Seventy per cent of the remainder, it was provided, should be expended in the various counties under the direction of the highway commission, according to the pro-rata share of those counties in the tax. The thirty per cent, it was held, should be expended by the highway commission for general maintenance work throughout the state.

One of the measures, that ratified March 5, declared that the bill should be effective immediately upon its ratification. The other ratified on March 7 held that it should become effective after July 1st.

As a result of this, and the ruling of the attorney general that the last to become ratified rules, none of the 1917-18 license tax money is available to the highway commission and must be distributed among the counties as heretofore. The highway commission will not come into its share of the fruits of the general automobile law until the next fiscal year beginning with July 1st.

Discharge Men at End of War.

Men who have enlisted in the regular army and the National Guard since the declaration of war will not be required to serve the United States any longer than the war period, regardless of the time for which they enlisted, according to instructions received here by the adjutant general. This telegram read as follows:

"Secretary of War directs that you be informed that it is the policy of the war department to discharge all men who have enlisted since declaration of war upon termination of emergency. This to apply to regular army and national guard."

Delegates Appointed by Governor.

Delegates to represent North Carolina at the annual session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, Pittsburg, June 6-13, were named by Governor Bickett and the commissions issued as follows: Miss Gertrude Weill, Miss Sallie S. Kirby, and Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, Goldsboro; J. B. Ivey, Mrs. Vinton Liddell, Charlotte; John Sprunt Hill, Durham; Miss E. Grace Miller, Asheville; Miss Annie Grogan and W. A. Blair, Winston-Salem; Miss Carrie L. Price, Wilmington; E. D. Atkins, Gastonia; Miss Daisy Denson, Raleigh; Mrs. Walter Woodard, Wilson; A. W. McAllister, Greensboro; M. L. Kesler, Thomasville.

New Enterprise Were Authorized.

There is also a charter for the Brock Electric Company, of Trenton, Jones county, the capital being \$25,000 authorized and \$2,500 subscribed by Fernfold Brock, Myrtle Brock and others.

There is also filed the certificate of domestication for the Virginia Development Company, of Richmond, Va., the principal North Carolina office to be at Oxford with R. G. Lassiter as special agent. The capital is \$500,000.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICAN



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BRITISH VISITORS HERE FOR MOST IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Some Of Empire's Most Prominent Men, Headed By Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour, Arrive To Take Part In War Council To Convene In Washington As Soon As France's Representatives Arrive--Port Of Arrival Kept Secret.

With the Balfour Party.—Great Britain's high commissioners to the international war council to begin in Washington this week set foot on American soil and made their way to the capital.

Arthur James Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs of the empire, formerly premier and often called the dean of the world's elder statesmen, was the central figure of a party that included some of Great Britain's most prominent men. With a genial smile playing over his features, he consented to a brief interview, warmly expressing his appreciation of all the United States has done as a neutral in charitable and relief work in Belgium and German prison camps, his gratification that England and the United States now were allied for a common purpose, and his conviction that this country in its war efforts would assume the world, particularly Germany.

The object of the commission, Mr. Balfour said, was to "make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving with all their power to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it, namely, a successful war.

"Your president, in a most apt and vivid phrase," Mr. Balfour added, "has proclaimed that the world must be made safe for democracy. That self-governing communities are not to be treated as negligible simply because they are small, that the ruthless domination of one unscrupulous power imperils the future of civilization and the liberties of mankind are truth of political ethics which the bitter experience of war is burning into the souls of all freedom-loving peoples."

Received With Honors.

England's leading statesmen, having safely evaded the German submarines and mines which sent Lord Kitchener to his death, were received with the highest honors as guests of the American people when they arrived at a place in America which cannot be named. A delegation of state, war and navy department officials welcomed the commission in the name of the Government, and set out with them to the capital for what is admittedly "the most vital conference in American history.

The commission was received with the utmost simplicity and cordiality, and with every recognition of the fact that Great Britain had given of her very best. It is said indeed, that no foreign minister has left England for the length of time that Mr. Balfour will be away since the Congress of Vienna a century ago.

The forms welcome was extended by Third Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long through the presentation to Mr. Balfour of a letter of greeting from Secretary Lansing, which the British statesman acknowledged with equal simplicity while British and American officials mingled together.

A special train of five cars, which had been waiting with steam up and crew aboard for five days, at once got under way for the capital, guarded as almost no other train ever has been guarded in this country. Double protection had been afforded at all tunnels and bridges, and every mile of the track had been gone over within the previous 24 hours to guard against "possible fanatic. No detail of any sort whatsoever which could betray the place of arrival or route of travel was allowed to escape.

Break Into Groups.

Almost immediately when the train started, the large party broke up into groups, of army, navy and state department officials to begin at once the informal conversations which are expected to sketch out America's part in the world-fight against German autocracy. Mr. Balfour and Secretary Long, 1st. Gen. T. Bridges, who drew the first blood for England in August, 1914 and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and

Rear Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair and Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher were soon in deep conversation on the various phases of American participation.

On all sides it was reiterated that the British had come in a spirit of service and appreciation, and that it was their hope that lessons they had learned in the war at such cost might be of service to this country in avoiding similar mistakes. Similarly, as one official expressed it, the commission was moved by exactly the same feelings which raised the Stars and Stripes to the flag tower of the Parliament building in London for the first time a foreign flag has ever flown there in history.

Secretary Balfour, a tall, slim, white-haired man of 69 years has held the highest posts in the empire since he first entered parliament 43 years ago, saw today the completion of one of his life hopes expressed under vastly different circumstances on January 15, 1896, when he was largely instrumental in averting war between England and America over the Venezuela dispute.

NATION-WIDE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN DECIDED UPON.

Best Means of Disposing of War Bonds. Department Flooded With Offers.

Washington.—A nationwide advertising campaign of extraordinary proportions has been decided upon by Secretary McAdoo as the most effective means of disposing quickly of the \$5,000,000 bond issue soon to be offered to the public.

So many patriotic offers of aid have poured into the Treasury Department recently that practically every method of publicity in the country will be at the Government's disposal, without a charge, in helping to make the issue a success.

Newspapers, magazines, street car advertisements, even the billboards, soon may be proclaiming the issue in big type and summoning every American to his duty to his country by subscribing. Large advertising agencies have offered their services, free of cost, in writing the advertisements and otherwise assisting in the campaign.

Many newspapers have opened their advertising columns, without charge. Officials have welcomed such offers and expect others of a similar nature. There will be no general campaign of paid advertising, it was said authoritatively, nor the incurrence of any items of expense whatever that are not absolutely essential.

Five million dollars will be available for all items of expense. A force of approximately 1,000 persons will be added to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, already working night and day, to meet the present heavy demands of the Government, and at least 200 clerks will be employed in the clerical work incidental to the big bond issue. This force will be obtained through the civil service.

Offers of assistance have been received from many unexpected sources. Department stores have offered not only to accept subscriptions, but to solicit them.

There probably will be at least 150,000 places in the United States where bonds may be purchased.

REPORT IS ALSO RECEIVED AT BASAL.

Basel, Switzerland, via Paris.—A dispatch from Constantinople dated April 21 says the Ottoman Government has notified the American Embassy that following the example of its Ally, Austria-Hungary, it has broken diplomatic relations with the United States.

MEDICAL SOCIETY ADJOURNS

Dr. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, is Elected President.—Next Meeting to Be at Pinehurst.

Asheville.—A notable session of the North Carolina Medical Society closed at the Battery Park Hotel here. The last hours of the sixty-fourth annual gathering were devoted to papers and discussions of children's diseases. Earlier session the house of delegates reported on the election of new officers as follows:

President, Dr. I. W. Faison of Charlotte; first vice president, Dr. Wm. D. B. McNider, of Chapel Hill; second vice president, Dr. Joseph B. Green, of Asheville; third vice president, Dr. Ben F. Royal, of Morehead City. The secretary, Dr. Benjamin K. Hays of Oxford and the treasurer, Dr. W. M. Jones, of Greensboro, hold over until the next meeting, which will be at Pinehurst next April.

"Tuberculosis in Children," was presented by Dr. Jesse Robert Gerstle of Chicago. Doctor Faison opened the discussion. In the course of his talk, Doctor Faison made a plea for improved living and housing conditions. Dr. Charles L. Minor, Dr. Thompson Frazer and Dr. Lewis W. Ellis, of this city, took part in the discussion.

Doctor Elias read the "Hemorrhagic Diseases of the New Born." Dr. Lewis Webb Hill, of Boston, Mass., concluded the program with an able paper on "The Diarrhoeal Disease of Infancy; Their Differentiation and Treatment."

A number of physicians participated in the discussions.

The meeting in this city is regarded by the delegates as one of the most interesting and profitable in the history of the organization. Aside from the usual program of papers, this gathering will be remembered on account of the patriotic note sounded at various sessions, culminating in the joint meeting of the association and the board of health when a resolution offering services to the Nation was adopted by a rising vote. During the three days of the convention a considerable number of the doctors have taken the examination for membership in the various medical corps of the Army and Navy.

Produce and Save, Says Graham. Raleigh.—Our country is at war—every pound of non-perishable food produced, every pound of loss or waste prevented—is a help."

This sermon, in read letters, now appears on the stationery of the State Department of Agriculture.

In every letter going out from the office of Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, is an insert with a two-word heading—"Produce—Save."

The statement reads: "Our country is at war. It is a war based as truly on resources, food and production as on men, cannon and ammunition.

"There is no possible danger of over-production of any non-perishable food, whether crops or meat. Produce every possible pound of non-perishable food, and store safely.

"With production goes prevention of loss, damage and waste—whether by diseases of animals, diseases of plants, insect enemies, or otherwise.

"The State Department of Agriculture through its various divisions, is giving every aid in its power to help our people to meet this crisis. We advise, urge and implore that all our people (with due attention to economy) produce every pound of substantial food possible, and that they prevent loss and waste from whatever source. "Every pound of non-perishable food produced, every pound of loss or waste prevented, is a real help.

"State Department of Agriculture."

Fire Destroys Big Roller Mill.

Spencer.—Fire of unknown origin at Tyro, Davidson county, destroyed the large roller mill owned by Baxter Leonard, a large amount of grain, flour and feedstuff, also a sawmill, lumber yard and much lumber owned by Mr. Leonard and a store building and contents owned by J. C. Davis. The amount of the loss has not been determined, though it will, it is believed, range around \$10,000, with the amount of insurance unknown at the hour.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Mr. R. L. Huffines, general manager of one of the largest insurance and realty companies in the state has offered every school pupil Rocky Mount under ten years of age who will volunteer to tend a garden enough seed of any kind and variety to plant the garden.

Four Oaks in Johnston county soon to have electric lights.

Wake county farmers have passed resolutions to increase food acreage.

"The Great State Fair is going to make a drive this year for poultry preparedness," said Colonel Joseph Pogue, secretary of the fair.

North Wilkesboro is making plans for extensive street improvement.

Dr. Anna H. Shaw will speak in Durham April 25.

Pay checks are being delivered this week to members at Spencer of the four brotherhoods—Engineers, Conductors, Firemen and Brakemen—for back time during the month of January. In the face of the checks it is stated that this if for time made under the Adamson eight-hour law.

An Excellent Medicine
FOR THE STOMACH THE LIVER AND BOWELS
HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters
Try a bottle at the first sign of Indigestion or Bilioussness

Worm Turns on Practical Joker. "It's a long lane that has no turning" and "He who laughs last laughs best" are time-honored axioms, but nevertheless true, as Al Baumgart, a South St. Paul commission man, is willing to admit. Some time ago Al sought to initiate a new employee, but the "worm turned" and the real joke was on him, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

He sent the youth about half a mile down the yards after a "cow anchor." The youth, when he returned with a 150-pound sack of iron, was given "ha, ha!"

In the office was a box of flowers which Mr. Baumgart had ordered for a dear friend. His victim carefully removed the flowers and filled the box with paper. Unmindful of the change, Mr. Baumgart carried the box to her home. What she said when she opened it is not known.

To make matters worse, Mr. Baumgart was obliged to carry the cow anchor back to the scalehouse. Now he's through with practical jokes.

Don't Neglect Kidneys

Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Prescription, Overcomes Kidney Trouble

It is now conceded by physicians that the kidneys should have more attention as they control the other organs to a remarkable degree and do a tremendous amount of work in removing the poisons and waste matter from the system by filtering the blood.

The kidneys should receive some assistance when needed. We take less exercise, drink less water and often eat more rich, heavy food, thereby forcing the kidneys to do more work than nature intended. Evidence of kidney trouble, such as lame back, annoying bladder troubles, smarting or burning, brick-dust or sediment, sallow complexion, rheumatism, maybe weak or irregular heart action, warn you that your kidneys require immediate attention. The more serious the trouble, the more serious the result.

An ideal remedy for kidney trouble is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. It is a natural, vegetable preparation, and it is the only one that is guaranteed to cure. It is the only one that is guaranteed to cure. It is the only one that is guaranteed to cure.

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