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Directory.

Madison County. Established by the Legislature Session 1860-61. Population, 20,122. County Seat, Marshall. 1646 feet above sea level. New and modern Court House, cost \$22,000.00. New and modern jail, cost \$15,000.00. New and modern County Home, cost \$10,000.00. Officers. Hon. Jas. L. Hyatt, Senator, 2d District, Burnsville, N. C. Hon. J. C. Ramsey, Representative, Marshall, N. C. W. H. Henderson, Clerk Superior Court, Marshall, N. C. W. M. Buckner, Sheriff, Marshall, N. C. James Smart, Register of Deeds, Marshall, N. C. C. F. Runyon, Treasurer, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. R. L. Tweed, Surveyor, White Rock, N. C. Dr. J. H. Baird, Coroner, Mars Hill, N. C. Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Jailer, Marshall, N. C. John Honeycutt, Janitor, Marshall, N. C. Dr. C. N. Sprinkle, County Physician, Marshall, N. C. James Haynie, Supt. County Home, Marshall, N. C. Home located about two miles southwest of Marshall. Courts. Criminal and Civil, First Monday before First Monday in March, commencing Feb. 26th, 1912. Civil 11th, Monday after First Monday in March, commences May 20, 1912. Criminal and Civil, First Monday after First Monday in Sept. Commences Sept. 9th, 1912. Civil 6th, Monday after First Monday in September, commences October 14, 1912. BOARDS. County Commissioners. W. C. Sprinkle, Chairman, Marshall, N. C. C. F. Casada, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 1. Reubin A. Tweed, Member, Big Laurel, N. C. C. B. Mashburn, Atty., Marshall, N. C. Board meets first Monday in every month. Road Commissioners. A. E. Bryan, Chairman, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. 2. J. A. Ramsey, Secretary, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. 2. Sam Cox, Member, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. G. W. Wild, Big Pine, N. C. Dudley Chipley, Road Engineer, Marshall, N. C. George M. Pritchard, Atty., Marshall, N. C. Board meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year. Board of Education. Jasper Ebbs, Chairman, Spring Creek, N. C. Thos. J. Murray, Member, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3. W. R. Sams, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. Prof. M. C. Buckner, Supt. of Schools, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. Board Meets first Monday in January, April, July and October each year. Colleges and High Schools. Mars Hill College, Prof. R. L. Moore, President, Mars Hill, N. C. Fall Term begins August 17, 1911. Spring Term begins January 2, 1912. Spring Creek High School, Prof. G. C. Brown, Principal, Spring Creek, N. C. 8 Mo. School opened August 1, 1911. Madison Seminary High School, Prof. J. M. Weatherly, Principal, Mars Hill, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2. 7 Mo. School began October 2, 1911. Bell Institute, Miss Margaret E. Griffith, Principal, Walnut, N. C. 8 Mo. School began September 9, 1911. Marshall Academy, Prof. R. G. Anders, Principal, Marshall, N. C. 1 Mo. School began Sept. 4, 1911. Notary Publics. J. C. Ramsey, Marshall, N. C. Term expires Jan. 11, 1912. A. J. Roberts, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 6, Term expires May 30, 1912. Jasper Ebbs, Spring Creek, N. C. Term expires August 10, 1912. C. C. Brown, Bluff, N. C. Term expires December 6, 1912. J. A. Leak, Revere, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913. W. T. Davis, Hot Springs, N. C. Term expires January 10, 1913. J. H. Southworth, Stackhouse, N. C. Term expires January 15, 1913. N. W. Anderson, Palat Fork, N. C. Term expires February 6, 1913. J. H. Hunter, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 3, Term expires April 1, 1913. J. F. Tilson, Marshall, N. C. R. F. D. No. 2, Term expires April 3, 1913. G. J. Ebbs, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 21, 1913. J. W. Nelson, Marshall, N. C. Term expires April 25, 1913. Roy L. Gudgeon, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 3, 1913. Geo. M. Pritchard, Marshall, N. C. Term expires May 25, 1913. Dudley Chipley, Marshall, N. C. Term expires July 25, 1913. W. O. Connor, Mars Hill, N. C. Term expires November 27, 1913. POST. George W. Gahagan Post, No. 24 G. A. R. S. M. Davis, Commander. J. E. Ballard, Adjutant. Meets at the Court House Saturday, before the second Sunday in each month at 11 A. M.

ENVOYS OF PEACE GATHER IN LONDON

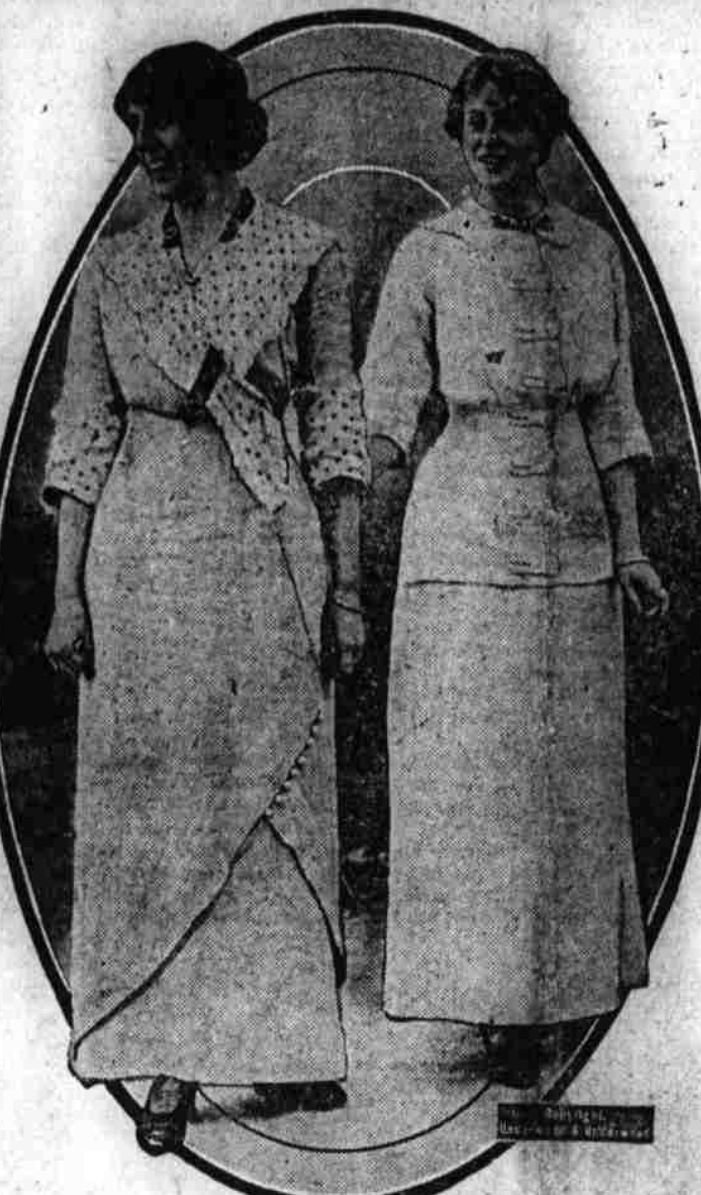
ALL THE PLENIPOTENTIARIES TO PEACE CONFERENCE IN LONDON HAVE ARRIVED.

DIPLOMATS PREDICT PEACE

Keen Struggle Expected to Take Place at Conference Over Possession of Adrianople.

London.—All the plenipotentiaries to the peace conference with the purpose of ending the war in southeastern Europe, are assembled in London. The Turkish envoys have arrived and unless the continuance of hostilities between the Turks and the Greeks should prove a hindrance, there seems nothing in sight to prevent the conference getting down to business. With regard to a report from Constantinople that the Turks would refuse to meet the Greek plenipotentiaries in London unless Greece signed the armistice the other Balkan states have subscribed to, the counsellor of the Turkish embassy here, he knew nothing of any such instructions, and did not believe the Greeks would have come to London unless their country was prepared to fall in line with the other Balkan states as to the terms on which they should meet. The newspaper interviews given by the Turkish and Bulgarian delegates on their journey toward London indicate that a keen struggle will take place in the peace conference over the possession of Adrianople. Both sides present an unyielding attitude on this point, basing their claims on the fact that their armies are in excellent condition to resume hostilities. The Turks claim they have 170,000 practically fresh troops behind the Tchatalja lines, while dispatches from Constantinople indicate the war party in the Turkish capital is gaining in influence. No apprehension is entertained in diplomatic quarters here however, that the conference will be separated without concluding peace.

MR. WILSON'S DAUGHTERS AT BERMUDA



President-elect Wilson's family has been enjoying the visit to Bermuda immensely. The photograph shows, from left to right, Miss Eleanor Wilson and Miss Jessie Wilson in front of their cottage, Glen Cove.

TALE OF OUTRAGES RELATED TO TAFT

SEVERAL AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN TELL OF HORRORS IN MEXICO.

STORY TOLD TO PRESIDENT

It Was a Story of Outrages, Murders and Robberies—Many Americans Held Up.

Washington.—President Taft listened to some startling disclosures about conditions in Mexico. Four American business men with Mexican interests, two members of the senate and a congressman sat in the cabinet room in the white house offices and heard the story vouched for by all, told to the president by one of the business men who had been in the southern republic within the last few weeks. It was a tale of outrages on Mexican women, of murders and hold-ups of Americans, of bandits who seized Americans and held them for ransom, of general lawlessness and disorder, such as seldom has come to the ears of the president since trouble began in Mexico nearly two years ago. The story came out at a hearing which the president granted a party of Mexican business men. They did not ask intervention, they said, after the hearing was over. But they did request the president to see that life and property be made safe. After a hearing of an hour and a half the president promised to take up the case presented with the departments concerned. Senators William Alden Smith, of Michigan, and Fall, of New Mexico, who conducted the investigation for the senate of the two Mexican revolutions; Representative Hamilton of Michigan; Prince McKinney of Cleveland; W. C. Pence of Texas; H. S. Stephenson of Los Angeles, and E. K. Warren of Three Oaks, Mich., were present at the hearings. White house officials had no statement to make after the conference, but it was understood that President Taft had no intention of asking congress for authority to intervene. Senators Fall and Smith did not take up with the president in detail the result of their investigation.

FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Condensed For the People of the State.

Maxton.—Col. E. F. McRae, one of the most loved and highly respected citizens of Maxton was found dead in bed. For the past year he has been living at the home of his niece, Mrs. Rufus Williams.

Raleigh.—The secretary of state charters the Salisbury Metal Culvert Co., of Salisbury, capital \$50,000 by James M. Maupin and others. And The Kendall Knitting Mills Co., of Wendell, this county, capital \$100,000 authorized and \$20,000 subscribed by W. H. Whitely and others.

Wilmington.—The police a few days ago took charge of six cases of whiskey found on a dray that apparently had no owner. The drayman, Ed McNeill, at first denied any knowledge of the ownership of the whiskey, but later said that he was taking two boxes to Jim Walton and four to Son Roderick.

Raleigh.—Commissioner of Labor and Printing Shipman reports 660 miscellaneous factories in the state that have \$44,673,813 capital and an output of \$86,030,562 worth and pay \$11,086,760 wages to 25,321 employes. He expects to have the report of the cotton, woolen and knitting mills ready very soon now.

Greensboro.—With a purpose of gaining information upon which to make recommendations for the building of a state normal and industrial college in Maryland, a committee of legislators and educators from that state recently came and made a thorough inspection of the state normal and industrial college here.

Statesville.—Harvey Fortner, a negro arrested in Wilkes county, charged with horse-stealing in this county, was committed to jail in default of bond to await superior court. He admitted his guilt, but said that where he came from—Watauga county—it was considered no harm to ride another man's horse.

Winston-Salem.—The local school officials are very much interested in the proposed compulsory education law, urging that its passage will mark a new era in the commercial and intellectual renaissance in North Carolina. It is urged that no state can long make progress when so many of its children are out of the public schools.

Greensboro.—In his charge to the grand jury here after the opening of superior court recently, Judge Harry W. Whedbee told that body that it was his opinion that a large, rich and progressive county in many ways like Guilford should have a better "temple of justice." He instructed the jury that it came within their power to recommend to the proper authorities the building of a new court house for Guilford.

Greensboro.—Two young white farmers of well-known Guilford families were brought to St. Leo's hospital suffering with fearful wounds as the result of an explosion of dynamite in a well. Alfred Brown, about 23 years of age, and the most seriously injured, is badly hurt about the head, his face is horribly burned and arms mutilated. Brown will lose the sight of both eyes and there is little hope offered for his life.

Greensboro.—The burial of Dr. W. L. Vestal occurred near High Point. Vestal died at the state farm, where he and his wife were serving sentence of 15 years. The Vestal case was one of the most sensational Guilford county has had. It was shown at the trial that Dr. Vestal, with the assistance of his wife, had made a practice of performing criminal operations within his High Point residence and after a three-day trial both were sentenced to long terms.

Asheville.—Sitting in a secluded corner of a lot on College street, just off the square, is a little one-story frame building, occupied by a shoe maker, and if a movement started in this city is successful, that same little building will be bought and set aside for the edification of visitors to the metropolis of the "Land of the Sky." For that little one-story frame building is the building in which Zeb Vance, revered by all North Carolinians, the great "War Governor" of the state, first set up the practice of law.

Greensboro.—A life-sized bronze figure of the late Joseph M. Morehead, for years president of the Guilford Battleground Company, has been received and will be placed and ready for unveiling at the regular battle-ground celebration next July. The figure will stand on a rough granite boulder, six feet high.

Salisbury.—Announcement has been made here that former State Senator Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, will be a candidate for ambassador to Brazil under President Wilson when he steps into office. Mr. Klutz was an original Woodrow Wilson man.

Charlotte.—The coming exhibit of birds by the Charlotte Poultry Association on January 10-14 is said to be the largest that has ever been planned for this city. The managers and committees in charge have been hard at work on the plans and arrangements for some time.

Winston-Salem.—What promises to be the initial step looking to greater Winston-Salem will be taken when the matter of the consolidation of Winston and Salem will be widely discussed at a great meeting of the board of trade, which will be held at the court house.

WHITELAW REID DIES IN LONDON

AMERICAN'S SCHOLARLY AMBASSADOR AT THE COURT OF ST. JAMES SINCE 1905.

WAS AT HIS POST OF DUTY

The English Government Will Offer Battleship to Convey the Body to the United States.—Physicians Statement As to the Cause of Death.

London.—Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died at his London residence, Dorchester House, from pulmonary oedema. The end was quite peaceful. Mrs. John Hubert Ward, were at the bedside.

The Ambassador had been unconscious for several hours and at intervals during the previous 24 hours he had been slightly delirious as a result of the drugs administered to induce sleep.

Sir Thomas Bartow, physician to the King, who was called in after Mr. Reid's illness became acute and his regular physician, Dr. William Hale White, issued the following bulletin as to the cause of death: "A fortnight ago the American Ambassador had a slight bronchial attack similar to others which he had suffered at considerable intervals. Recently asthma supervened and the asthmatic paroxysms became very severe, leading to extreme exhaustion."

"It was hoped that he might rally, as no pneumonic symptoms had appeared. With difficulty the paroxysms of asthma were got under control, but the exhaustion became extreme and he died from pulmonary oedema."

The Hon. John Hubert Ward, who with his wife had been at Dorchester House continually since the Ambassador's condition became serious, notified the staff of the embassy when the patient began to sink, and when death came he sent word to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, the Queen Mother Alexandra and the officials at the court.

Annual Report of Secretary Nagel. Washington.—Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, would sharply define and restrict the powers and discretion of the proposed Federal commission to regulate industrial corporations. In his annual report submitted to President Taft, the Secretary opposes the endowment of such a commission, if finally created by Congress, with far-reaching powers equal to those exercised by the Interstate Commerce Commission over railroads. He disapproves the suggestion that the commission have authority to fix prices of commodities.

Completion of Work. New Orleans.—In announcing the satisfactory completion of the work of making the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons, undertaken at the suggestion of President McKinley and provided for by Congressional act, Gen. Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans, says the work "reflects credit upon the United States Government and is further evidence of the bond of brotherhood which binds the sections of our great country."

Hope of Rescue Abandoned. Los Angeles, Cal.—Hope of rescuing Horace Kearney and Chester Lawrence, who started for San Francisco by hydro-aeroplane was abandoned when a pontoon believed to be part of Kearney's hydro-aeroplane was picked up four miles out at sea off Redondo beach. Glenn Martin the Santa Anna aviator who took part in the search in a hydro-aeroplane, was reported to have suffered a mishap. The Argyle reported by wireless to the steamer Yale that it had sighted Martin's machine being towed by a powerboat off point Dume.

Mexican Congress Closes Session. Mexico City.—With a record of few more than a dozen measures enacted and about 180 still pending, the first congress elected under the Mameor administration, which was expected to carry out many revolutionary promises closed its three months' session. The more important bills passed include authorization for a 20,000,000 pesos (\$10,000,000) loan, as yet unfloat, and authorization for a 40,000,000 pesos bond issue. The budget also was approved, providing for an increase of 12,000,000 pesos.

"Gag Rule" Hurled at Members. Washington.—A deluge of impassioned oratory swept the house during the general debate on the Dillingham-Burnett bill, fixing a literacy test for immigrants to the United States. The measure as brought up in the house after a fight on a special rule brought in from the committee on rules which was adopted on a roll call vote by an overwhelming majority, respite complaints of "gag rule" from the opponents of the bill. After four hours of discussion the house adjourned with the bill pending.

WOMAN SMUGGLER ROBS U. S.

As Agent for Dressmakers Defrauds Treasury of a Million Dollars.

New York.—A smuggling conspiracy to which many large dressmaking establishments through the United States are parties and through which the United States treasury has been defrauded of \$1,000,000 revenue was alleged by the Federal authorities when the first indictment in the case was obtained. A middle-aged woman of refined foreign pose, proficient in five languages, was indicted on the specific charge of "facilitating the transportation of smuggled goods into this country" by way of Canada. Customs officials described her as the wife of George Haldorn, a lawyer with offices in New York, London and Paris, but said she had not been living with her husband for some time. When arrested at a fashionable house, she was in possession of twenty-one gowns valued at \$15,000. The finest of the officials said, that had been seized at this port in years.

Mrs. Haldorn, traveling. It is alleged as Mrs. Amaldorn, Madame Haldorn and Madame Hubert, had been followed by special agents of the treasury department since early last August when she left this port for Europe. She was traced to Rotterdam, Paris, London, Liverpool and to Canada, telling the Canadian and the American customs officials at Quebec, it is said, that she was a forger on the way to the United States and that her wealth of gowns was for personal use.

Aviator Has Collision With Train. Washington.—Oscar Olson, an aviator at the war department aviation field at College Park, near here, is suffering from bruises and a shock, as the result of a narrow escape from diving in his machine into a fast flying express train. The aeroplane's engine failed when Olson was beginning a flight and when he was only 100 feet up. He promptly sought to make a flight and when he was only 100 feet up, the train, which was directly in his path, came near causing a tragedy.

Confess to Slaying of Petrosino. Montreal, Quebec.—Carlo Baptista, an Italian who is to be hanged here on December 20 for murder, has confessed to the police that he was one of the gang that plotted the assassination of Joseph Petrosino, the famous New York detective, who was shot to death in Palermo, Sicily, on March 12, 1909. The prisoner revealed the names of several other members of the Camorra that engineered the assassination. He said they had deserted him and refused to contribute to his defense.

Regent Luitpold Called by Death. Munich.—Luitpold, prince regent of Bavaria, died here. He was 81 years old. The prince regent had been in failing health for several months and his death was not unexpected. Prince Luitpold was the oldest ruling prince in Europe in point of years, having been born on March 12, 1831. He was also years older than the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, who was born on August 18, 1830. The latter, however, has already occupied the throne for 34 years, as he became ruler at the age of 13.

BLACK HAND AETER WILSON

BLACK HAND LETTERS ARE SENT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT WILSON.

Three Men Arrested for Threatening to Kill President-Elect Unless He Gives \$5,000.

Newark, N. J.—Three men, residents of Wharton, were arrested at Dover, N. J., charged with writing a letter threatening President-elect Woodrow Wilson with death unless he caused \$5,000 in gold to be left for them in a designated unoccupied house in Wharton. The men arrested are Peter Dunn, 34 years old, his brother, Jacob, 26, and Seely Davenport, 42. United States Commissioner Stockton here committed them to jail in default of \$2,000 bail each. The letter to the governor was written November 11, and was signed "New York Gang." Postoffice inspectors ran down the alleged blackmailers and made the arrests. Seven letters were sent to Gov. Woodrow Wilson, it appears. Their text indicates the writers to have been of a low degree of literacy. One of them—the letter dated November 11—reads, in part: "Mr. Woodrow Wilson: I am now agoin to warn you of what we are agoin to do to you as we did not Teddy and McKinley either they got shoot up just the same and if we don't get what we ask from you you will get the same say Wilson you have got the office as president so now we are the office on presidents so now Wilson if you have \$5,000 in gold for this party we will spare your life but if not we will shoot you before you get in the office as sure as your name is Wilson."

Would Ban All But Big Pistols.

Athens, Ga.—Declaring that there is too general use of pistols, too much shooting of human beings in Athens and Clarke county, the grand jury recommended the introduction of a bill in the next legislature forbidding the manufacture, sale or carrying of the person in any manner whatsoever of any pistol with a barrel less than six inches.

Crooks Planned Rescue.

Memphis, Tenn.—That Frank Holloway, bank robber and escaped convict, was in Memphis with several of his followers to intercept Deputy United States marshals en route from Savannah, Ga., to Omaha, Neb., with Decca Nolan, accused of misuse of the mails, and free Nolan at all hazards, developed in connection with the raiding of a cottage on the outskirts of Memphis, the capture of Holloway and several of his followers and the killing of another, "Kinney" Bergen, ex-convict.

Six Preachers on Police Force.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Six clergymen were put on the rolls of the police department as special officers. They wear stars and are empowered to make arrests, their special duties being the enforcement of the juvenile laws and the regulation of dance halls. The minister-policemen are members of the Juvenile Protection League. They have been commissioned not only to safeguard the young and prevent the exploitation of girls, but to arrest and prosecute parents who neglect their children.

AUSTRIA MAKES WAR MOVE

ALL HER BEST SOLDIERS ARE CALLED TO HEAD OF THE ARMY.

Loan of \$50,000,000 Arranged—Austria's Attitude is Causing Alarm in Europe.

Vienna.—Important changes have taken place in the Austro-Hungarian war department. General Aulfenberg, minister of war, has resigned. General Krobaten, under secretary in the war office, has been appointed as his successor. General Schemua, chief of the general staff, who recently paid a visit to Berlin and conferred with Count Von Moltke, chief of the general staff of the German army, also has resigned. He has been succeeded by General Von Hoetzendorf, who held the same post several years ago.

The Austrian government has negotiated with a syndicate headed by the Austrian Postal Savings bank, and including Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the National City bank of New York, for an issue of 4 1/2 treasury bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000, which will be taken at 97, redeemable at par.

London.—No explanation is yet forthcoming of the sudden resignation of the Austro-Hungarian minister of war, General Aulfenberg, and the chief of general staff, General Schemua.

Why Whiskey is So Popular.

Washington.—Nervous exhaustion and strain and tense excitement among the people of the present day was ascribed as the cause of the enormous increase in the use of alcoholic spirits in the United States by Dr. J. T. Searcy of Alabama, president of the American Medical Psychological association, in an address at the concluding session of the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Other Narcotics. He discussed the question, "Why do men drink alcoholic spirits," and declared it was "the great struggle to secure relief and to attain some sort of psychic consciousness that makes alcoholic beverages a popular drink."

Urges Fortifying Canal.

Washington.—The immediate fortification and mobilization of troops in Panama and Hawaii for the protection of American property at those points, the passage of a national volunteers bill allowing the drafting of an efficient fighting force in time of need and the extension of pay to the National Guard under the condition that that body be made available for general army use were among the major suggestions made by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in his annual report to the president.

Train Robbers Make \$20,000 Haul.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Twenty thousand dollars in gold was the haul of two robbers who held up the express car of the Sunset Western train, bound from Bakersfield for Taft, Cal. The money was consigned to the First National bank of Taft by the First National bank of Bakersfield. It was not piced in the express safe. When the train arrived at Taft, railroad men were formed to break down the door of the express car. In a corner was \$20,000 in gold, \$10,000 in silver and \$10,000 in cash. The robbers, who were seen running out of the car, were seen running out of the car.

Hyde Sentenced to Three Years.

New York.—Charles H. Hyde, former city chamberlain, convicted of bribery in connection with the manipulation of city funds, was sentenced by Justice Goff to serve not more than three years and six months and not less than two years in the state prison. The justice, however, granted a certificate of reasonable doubt and issued a stay of execution, agreeing to admit the prisoner to \$25,000 bail, pending argument of his appeal. Bail was furnished and Hyde walked out of court.