

DANIELS DECLARES AMERICA'S DELAY HAS BEEN TRAGEDY

Past Year One of Fiddling and Delay Secretary of Navy Says in Address

CONFIDENT AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL DO DUTY

Speaking in Behalf of Near East Relief Fund, He declares People Will Respond to Call; Navy Not Simply Fighting Machine But Also Powerful Instrument of Protection.

New York, Feb. 23.—The past year for the United States has been one of fiddling and delay, and was characterized as "the tragedy" by Secretary of the Navy, Daniels, who addressed the opening meeting here today of the campaign for the Near East Relief fund. Although America had not kept faith with the Allies, he said, he had confidence that the American people would do their duty. "One of the things that carried us into the war," added Secretary Daniels, "was that small people have the right to liberty and to control their own destinies. Shall America alone fall now in sustaining that principle? I do not believe it. I am confident that the American people will respond to the call of the Near East Relief and then provide for the freedom of the country from the rule of the Turks. They will respond to this call as they have responded to every call made upon them since April 6, 1917."

Secretary Daniels in speaking of the Navy was that it only exists as a fighting machine. This, he added, is its chief mission, but if it had not proved a powerful agency in protecting the people and upholding the dignity of the flag at all times it had failed of its mission. In the war, he declared, it had protected its worth and had done its full share in bringing about peace. There was nothing the matter with the American Navy during the war, James W. Gerard, former Ambassador to Germany said in a brief address. "The trouble with the Secretary is that he is too good a nature," said Mr. Gerard. "If I had been Secretary of the Navy and a bunch of sailors or anybody else had framed a soviet board of critics, I would have had them on the side and their hands in the basket. I would have

and charged that the Turkish leaders were still plotting to wipe out the America's people. There has already been \$1,000,000 subscribed to the relief fund in New York City. It was announced during the meeting.

SPRING HOPE RENDEZVOUS FOR STOLEN AUTOMOBILE

Richmond Police Claim Gang of Thieves Used Town as Headquarters

Richmond, Va., Feb. 23.—With the arrest of Dr. Wm. Felvey today, police believe they have caught the first member of an organized gang that, it is charged, have been stealing automobiles by the wholesale, taking them to North Carolina, treating them to a new coat of paint and selling them to farmers. According to police reports these cars have been taken in Richmond and run to a point near Spring Hope, N. C., where the officers say they found a veritable nest which the thieves had been building for themselves. Captain Wright, of the Police force and Detective Sergeant Atkins have been in North Carolina for several days and returned today with 87,000 worth of stolen automobiles which they recovered. The charges against Felvey is that he broke into garages here and stole cars belonging to W. H. Parker, Mrs. Carrie Egan and W. E. Powell. When arraigned his case was continued until February 12. According to the police reports these men erected and equipped a "floating plant" at Spring Hope, N. C. The plant was in a isolated section of the town and difficult of access. The officers surrounded the place and swooped down on the outfit, apparently too late as all but Felvey were away.

CAPT. FIELD E. KINDLEY, AMERICAN ACE, KILLED

San Antonio, Feb. 1.—Capt. Field E. Kindley, American ace and commander of the 94th aerial squadron, was killed instantly in aerial maneuvers at Kelly field number two this afternoon. Captain Kindley's home was at Gravelton, Ark. The accident occurred while a group of planes were in practice formation preparing for an exhibition scheduled in honor of General Pershing's visit Tuesday. Captain Kindley's machine fell when he was about 50 feet above the ground. He was crashed and burned.

PRICE REDUCTION ON CLOTHES DIFFICULT JOB

Washington, Feb. 23.—Negotiations between department of Justice officials, charged with driving down living costs, and representatives of interests engaged in the manufacture of a sale of men's clothing had made little progress tonight towards the development of a policy tending to bring lower prices. The trade representatives were urged to shave their margin of profit as the means of producing lower prices, but this suggestion apparently had developed a heated argument.

DURHAM CONCERN LEASES BUILDING TO ESTABLISH KNITTING MILLS HERE

Representatives of Julian S. Carr's Company Close Deal For Brick Tobacco Warehouse at End of Wilson Avenue—Begin Campaign to Procure Help.

Dunn is to have a knitting mill. This was assured this week when representatives of the Durham Knitting Mills Company closed a contract with the Dunn Warehouse Company whereby it acquires a three-year lease of the large brick warehouse at the end of North Wilson Avenue with an option to purchase the building at the expiration of the lease. P. D. Martin, general superintendent of the company's chain of mills, T. C. Harrell, field representative who was first to look over the field here, and Mr. Ferrell, who is to manage the local branch, were the representatives here this week. They made the deal for the warehouse through V. J. Stephens, director of the industrial department of the Chamber of Commerce. T. L. Riddle, secretary of the chamber, will direct a campaign through which workers for the new enterprise are to be recruited. All that is required of the community by the company is the construction of sewerage and water lines to the warehouse and the assurance that labor will be plentiful. The lines details are now underway. The lines will be laid as soon as excavations can be made, and Mr. Riddle will begin his campaign for help at once. The company requires the service of about 100 girls and women for its first class of beginners. These will be paid while learning to fill the duties required. When they are fitted to take positions in the plant they will be paid salaries ranging as high as 25 a week. The mill will begin active operation as soon as the first class has been taught to man the machines. Some of the skillful help from other plants of the company will be sent to work in the plant and to teach the beginners. Many young women and girls in Dunn and its environs have already made application to the Chamber of Commerce for membership in the class. There is still room for a few more, however, and Mr. Riddle will be glad to accept application of any who desire to join. The Durham Knitting Mills Company is a Julian S. Carr enterprise. It is among the largest manufacturing concerns of moderate priced and high grade hosiery in America and has several branch plants in this State. It intends, according to this State, to have here this week, to make this branch one of its most important.

ROBESON MODELS FAIR AFTER HARNETT'S PLANT

Committee Sent Here Reports Favorably to Association at Lumberton

The following story is taken from the Lumberton Robesonian. The following committee of the Robeson Fair Association, composed of Messrs. W. O. Thompson, D. D. French, O. O. Dukes and B. Sam Edmond, visited the fair grounds of Dunn Friday and inspected the buildings. The committee found that just what they wanted in the way of buildings, etc. It was found, upon this inspection trip that it would be necessary to build three buildings instead of one, as was first planned. The first building is to take care of horses, cows, and chickens and will be 45x100. The second building will also be 45x100 and will be used for

FIGHT COST OF LIVING IN RALEIGH MEETING

Henry Page Calls Gathering of Citizens for Next Tuesday Night

Raleigh, N. C., February 5.—Every interest in North Carolina—home club, farm, factory, and shop—will be represented at a meeting called by Henry A. Page, North Carolina fair price commissioner, to be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 8 p. m., February 10, when speakers from the departments of Justice, Washington, will be present. Mrs. W. O. Wade, and J. C. Weatherly, representing the department, will speak. Thus far, only a few prosecutions under the new laws have started for protractors. This meeting looks to the protesters.

ELIMINATE USELESS EMPLOYEES

New Secretary of Agriculture Suggests Remedy for High Cost of Living

Washington, Feb. 23.—Elimination of useless employees in non-productive business, the speeding up of all phases of industry commensurate with the present activity of the armaments and determination of retailers and jobbers to exact only a reasonable profit were recommended as a solution for the high cost of living problem, by Edwin T. Meredith on taking the oath of office today as Secretary of Agriculture. The high cost of living problem, the new Secretary asserted, cannot be solved through the efforts of one class but all business and all labor must recognize the solution as a common duty.

BURGAW WOMAN FATALLY BURNED IN NASH COUNTY

Rocky Mount, Feb. 23.—Miss Alice Cook of Burgaw, who was a teacher of the Burgaw school in Nash county, suffered burns at an early hour this morning from which she died six hours later. According to reports, she had gotten up to take some medicine and was standing by an open grate when the garments she wore caught fire. She summoned assistance and ran into the yard, but before aid could reach her she was fatally burned. Miss Cook was 19 years old and graduated from Meredith College at Raleigh last year; she was a daughter of Mr. Frank McCoy a prominent pender county farmer.

ARE TROUSERS "VEHICLES" INQUIRES UNCLE SAM

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The United States Court will be asked whether the trousers of Charles N. Thomas, Chicago bank president, are a "vehicle" and if they are, whether they should be confiscated by the government and sold at auction. Mr. Thomas was arrested Saturday night in a cabaret when he produced a bottle of liquor from his hip pocket and concealed highballs for himself and three companions. Federal prohibition agents who made the arrest maintain the use of the hip pocket to carry liquor makes Mr. Thomas' trousers a vehicle, subject to seizure and sale.

EARTHQUAKES IN BRAZIL

Buenos Aires, Feb. 23.—Dispatches from the State of Minas Geraes, Brazil, report that an earthquake Sunday shook down a number of houses in the country districts creating great panic among the inhabitants. The dispatches say that in intensity the earth shock is without precedent in that region.

"CARRIER" FOR COTTON INCREASES

Inability to Ship to Take Large Portion of Responsibility Says

Washington, Feb. 23.—Although the 1919 crop of cotton produced both in this country and throughout the world, the "carrier" for the United States was the largest as shown by the statistics for the season 1918-19. The world's total for the season, not including the United States, was 70,888,000 bales, compared with 87,355,000 bales for the preceding four years. Two factors were mainly responsible for the increase, the report says. The quantity of cotton consumed in the United States was very much below the amount produced, although there was a scarcity of cotton in the period immediately following the Civil War, and transportation facilities for exporting cotton were not available. The increase was the inability to purchase cotton from the countries and the extra cost of high rates of exchange.

Consumption in the United States in the cotton year which ended in 1919, was the smallest since 1915. Compared with 1918, it showed a reduction of 10 million and a half bales, the quantity including lint, having decreased 187 bales. The reduced consumption, largely due to the cessation of hostilities in Europe, was a sharp contrast to the production which was about 700,000 bales that account. Lint cotton production was 5,765,938 bales and seed cotton 64,112,062 bales. The manufacturing of cotton goods is shown to have increased by nearly 2,000,000 yards at that section since 1917. The total value of cotton goods in the United States in 1919 was \$1,498,311,000, a decrease of \$11,830,327, or 0.8 per cent, from 1918. The total value of cotton goods in the United States in 1919 was \$1,498,311,000, a decrease of \$11,830,327, or 0.8 per cent, from 1918.

200 PER CENT INCREASE IN SOME FOODS IS SHOWN

Bacon and Ham Lead Meats, With Bread, Butter, Eggs and All Else Up

Increases of from 50 to 200 per cent in retail prices of the principal food products of the country and from 70 to more than 200 per cent in wholesale during the last six years, are shown in figures issued by the bureau of labor statistics. Taking the year 1913 as the normal year for basing comparative prices, the bureau shows that by December 1919 retail prices of meats had advanced from 50 to 80 per cent over the average for 1913. Bacon and Ham lead meat prices with increases of 85 per cent each and pork 67 per cent.

DEFENDS WAR RECORD

Cummings Condemns Republican's Attacks on Administration

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The war record of the Democratic party was defended by H. S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in an address here tonight. He condemned the Republican party for delay in ratifying the peace treaty, and declared that in all the world only in this country "have been found men who are willing to stand in the way of a settlement calculated to organize the world for peace rather than for war." He challenged the critics of the administration to suggest how the war could have been won more promptly and with less of American life.

POLES AND RUSSIANS MOVE TO END WAR

London, Feb. 2.—Confirmation was received today that the Polish government, in conjunction with the allies in considering the offer of peace made by Premier Lunin of Soviet Russia, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin and Minister of War Trotsky on behalf of the council of the peoples' commissars. The offer invited a friendly settlement of all disputes and outstanding questions between Poland and Soviet Russia.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION HOME CALENDAR FOR 1920

The Publishers of the Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$2.50) is paid for 1920 a Calendar for the new year. The tablets are printed in red and dark blue, and besides giving the days of the current month in bold legible type, give the Calendar of the preceding and succeeding months in smaller type in the margin. It is a rich and practical piece of work.

NEW BUSINESS FOR BENSON.

The Benson Wholesale Dry Goods & Notions Co., is the name of a new business for Benson, of which Preston Woodall is the head. Not only is this a new business for Benson but for the whole community. While the business is now in its infancy there is a wonderful opportunity for such enterprises here and its proportions will soon grow to be immense. Mr. Woodall has just returned from Northern mills where he bought 160,000 worth of dry goods and notions and shipments of same are already arriving. He will maintain a corps of salesmen who will travel this entire section. When asked about the prices at which he could sell his goods, Mr. Woodall said his prices would be identical to those of the largest house in New York or Baltimore. Until a large building can be secured he is using the rooms over his two stores on Main street and has gone to considerable expense in fitting them up for this purpose.—Benson Review.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AFTER ROADS; COMMITTEE ADVISES BIG BOND ISSUE

Marion C. Butler's Good Roads Department Appoints Committee to Wait on Highway Commission For Aid to Dunn District—Petition Legislature.

A bond issue of \$250,000 for good roads in Averabro is to be advocated by the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. The meeting Tuesday night when the Good Roads Department, of which Marion C. Butler is director, met in the organization's rooms to consider means of improving roads leading into Dunn. The bond issue was suggested by Ben O. Townsend, secretary and Treasurer of the Averabro Road Commission. It was also decided to join with other communities in asking the special session of the Legislature to vote \$200,000,000 in bonds for road development in North Carolina and for carrying out the State's part in the Federal road scheme. Ben O. Townsend, Ernest F. Young, M. J. Williams, J. W. Dragoon, J. L. Thompson and T. L. Riddle were appointed a committee to confer with the State Highway Commission at Raleigh in an effort to get State and Federal aid for road projects in this section. An effort will also be made to get the aid of surrounding towns in a project to build roads to Lillington, Newton Grove and Clinton. The committee appointed to visit Raleigh, will also have this in charge. The meeting Tuesday night was not largely attended. Many of those who had been invited to attend having been called away by other business. M. F. Williams, of Sampson County, was the only out of town member of the committee present. He will work in his community to get aid for roads that lead to Dunn, where most of the trading of North-western Sampson is done. The committee appointed to go to Raleigh will report to a full meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce as soon as its work is completed. Then will begin an active campaign to put over the bond issue in the townships.

Realizing that roads in Averabro will not help its friends in Sampson, Johnston and Cumberland to any great extent, the Chamber is endeavoring to interest the border townships in these counties to cooperate with Averabro in the movement. It is hoped that hard surface roads can be built throughout the Dunn District within the next few years.

FIRST PASSENGER VESSEL ARRIVES FROM GERMANY

Manchuria Deluged With Applications For Passage While Unloading at Hamburg

New York, Feb. 2.—The first passenger ship to sail from a German port to the United States since July 1914 and the first American passenger ship in many years to undertake a similar voyage, reached here today when the American line steamer Manchuria docked. She sailed from Hamburg-January 9, calling at South Hampton and brought 30 passengers all from the English port. Captain Adrian Zeeder, master of the Manchuria, said he could have filled his ship to overflowing at Hamburg with passengers for America had not government regulations and restrictions been so strict. Applications to discharge at Hamburg the five thousand tons of cargo the Manchuria brought with her to Germany were made by the ship's crew. This work could have been done before the war in about 24 hours and the delay was said to be due to the hitherto manner in which the German dock workers labored. The officers said they were low of spirits apparently suffering from malnutrition and displayed little ambition. NEWBERRY CASE OUTLINED

DAILEY HOPES TO PROVE SENATOR SPOKE THOUSANDS FOR ELECTION

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 2.—An outline of what the government expects to prove against Truman H. Newberry, United States Senator and his 123 associates, charged with conspiracy in connection with the 1918 senatorial campaign, was started in Federal District Court here today by Frank D. Bailey, special assistant attorney general. When adjournment time came he was about two-thirds through his prepared outline. Mr. Bailey, said Milton Oakman was hired as manager of the Detroit campaign "at an enormous and staggering salary amounting to thousands of dollars." "The evidence will show," he declared, "that this organization spent more money on an average every forty-eight hours than the laws of the United States permit for a candidate's campaign."

STATE BANK PROSPEROUS.

Earnings in excess of 15 per cent were made by the State Bank & Trust Company during last year, according to a statement made to the stockholders at the annual meeting last week. All of this amount was transferred to the surplus account of the bank for further protection to the depositors. T. V. Smith, cashier of the institution for the last several years, was elected president, and Marion C. Butler and B. E. Jackson were elected vice-presidents, Guy M. Hooks and E. T. Draper were elected cashier and assistant cashier, respectively. Directors chosen are: T. V. Smith, Marion C. Butler, B. E. Jackson, J. D. Barnes, J. E. Crockett, G. M. Hooks, E. T. Draper and G. B. Byrd.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR HUNTERS.

Five hundred dollars, the maximum fine, recently was levied by a judge in Michigan against a hunter for selling 22 ducks in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Another violator of the same law, in Connecticut, who has been guilty of repeated offenses was sentenced to a term of six months in jail. This penalty was not given the alternative of payment of a fine. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act has been in force since July, 1918, and several hundred convictions have been secured. These cases are cited by the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, which is endeavoring to show the importance of the law, to which the courts regard violations of this important statute, designed to protect migratory birds, insectivorous birds and songbirds.

DEATH RATE IN 1919 HIGHEST ON RECORD

Washington, Feb. 2.—The death rate in the United States for 1919 was the highest on record according to the census bureau's annual mortality statistics issued today which show 1,471,367 deaths for the year representing a rate of 18 per 1,000 population, in the death registration area of 36 states and 27 cities, with a total estimated population of 81,889,104. Of the total deaths 477,667, or over 32 per cent were due to influenza and pneumonia.

TREASURY BEGINS DRASTIC PRUNING OF DEPOSITORIES

Less Than 400 National Banks Expected To Survive Cutting Out Process

CHANGES IN FINANCIAL SITUATION RESPONSIBLE

While Cutting Out Inactive Accounts Treasury Department is Also Reducing Balances Carried by Other Banks; To Depend More on Federal Reserve Bank.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Drastic reduction in the number of the National banks designated as government depositories is being made by the treasury department with the result that less than 400 of the 1,281 such institutions holding Federal funds on June 30, 1919, are expected to survive the pruning knife. Changes in the government's financial situation brought about by treasury department's operations, it was said officially today, have made it necessary to abolish hundreds of depositories and revise the plan for distribution of government moneys among the banks employed since prior to 1912. While the Treasury is cutting off the inactive accounts, it is also reducing the balances carried by many other banks—in all fact where government transactions do not require the use of large sums. "Many already eliminated," "Scientific apportionment" it is said, will be the basis in the future for disposition of surplus funds. Officials explained that the cutting out of depositories would operate so that each bank will be able to realize returns on a basis of business done for the government. Included in the list of National banks struck off are 564 banks which had accounts of \$1,000 and which were not in the government depositories during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt as Secretary of the Treasury for President Taft. Practically half of the banks to be deprived of government balances already had government deposits in the rolls and outstanding balances of \$2,000,000. Other banks will be taken off of the official list of depositories until by the end of the calendar year it is estimated that the

ED. ALEXANDER PLACED ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

He is Charged With the Murder of S. C. Rayle at Statesville, December 23.

Statesville, Feb. 2.—The trial of Ed. Alexander for the murder of James C. Rayle took place here on December 23 began this morning at 10:40 o'clock in Federal Superior Court, Judge Thomas J. Shaw presiding. Ten witnesses for the prosecution were examined. The evidence showed that Alexander had shot and defenestrated Rayle on the night of December 23. He is a one armed man and went up to J. C. Rayle, one of the parties engaged in a game and began bearing him in the side of the head with his stub of an arm. Alexander was drinking rum. Rayle fell on Alexander backwards and he fell on the floor. Alexander got up, made some threats and went out. In about 45 minutes he returned with a pistol and began shooting at Rayle. The first shot went wild, the second struck Rayle in the side and went through his body. Mr. Rayle fell and defenestrated first three other shots, two of which passed through Rayle's body.

NEW GROCERY FIRM

Kennie Howard, former proprietor of the Howard Electric Shop, and "Buddy" Baldwin, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, here joined forces and launched into the retail grocery business. This week they purchased the M. M. Driver stock and are now doing business under the firm name of Howard and Baldwin. They occupy the former Driver stand in the Howard Building on the corner of Broad Street and Fayetteville Avenue. They are announced, intend to make of the establishment one of the highest class groceries in North Carolina and will add much to the former stock and fixtures. Gaston Barnes, who was with Mr. Driver, is employed by the new firm.