

## FIGHT BEGINS ON THE ABSENTEE LAW

### JUDGE REFUSES TO GRANT AN INJUNCTION BUT GRANTS A HEARING TO PETITIONER

### PLAINTIFF IS A CANDIDATE

The suit for an injunction was based on the allegation that the law is unconstitutional.

#### HEARINGS

The Republican party opened fire on the absentee voters law when attorney representing J. J. Jenkins, of Clatsop, Republican candidate for State Treasurer, appeared before Judge John H. Kerr, at Lenoirville, and asked for an injunction against the State Board of Elections and against the State Auditor and the State Treasurer to stop distribution of ballots for these voters.

Judge Kerr declined to grant the injunction but upon the complaint of the plaintiff made an order directing the members of the Board of Elections, State Auditor, W. P. Wood and State Treasurer B. B. Lacy to appear before him in Raleigh on Thursday, September 16, and show cause why the injunction should not be issued. Jenkins, the plaintiff, is a candidate for State Treasurer on the Republican ticket and it is his object to be appointed to that office by the Board of Elections distributing absentee certificates and votes in the State. The complaint against the auditor and treasurer is made in his private capacity of tax payer and is for the purpose of enjoining the auditor from issuing warrants and the treasurer from paying the warrants—both for the printing of the certificates, envelopes and ballots.

### School Law Restricted

County law levies to provide funds for the operation of the public schools for the State for the constitutional term of six months cannot be restricted by legislative enactment after the 15th day of August, and the committee members of the county are empowered to levy whatever additional taxes that are deemed necessary to carry out an act passed by the General Assembly on or after the 15th day of August.

### Five Counties in the State Had Applied to State Department of Health

After they had found that the year's school budget would not be covered by the amount of last year's income plus the legislative allowance of 10 per cent increase. In response to a query from the State Tax Commission.

### Further Census Reports

Washington—The census bureau announced the population of the following places in North Carolina: Asheville, 2,200; Burlington, 1,014; Henderson, 1,467; Franklinton, 621; Lenoir, 400.

### Spring Hill Township

Including Wake and Wayne counties, 1919, 2,000, 1918, 1,514.

### State League Pannet

The Piedmont baseball league season ended with Raleigh and Winston-Salem tied for first place, High Point third, Greensboro fourth, Durham fifth and Asheville last. At a meeting it was agreed by the presidents of the Raleigh and Winston-Salem clubs to play a three-game series to decide which of the two teams was the second half of the season, the winner to meet Greensboro, winner of the first half. It is a post season series for the season.

### Three Death Warrants Signed

Death warrants for three treacherous men, all under sentence for murder, were signed by the Governor after he had declined to consider further their plea for commutation.

### Winner in Prize Contest

Prize winner in "My Home Newspaper Contest," conducted by the Tar Heel Club News, have been awarded and the first prize for the best letter written on the home newspaper was given to Thelma Lee Batts & Alvin.

### Violations of Law Increase

National prohibition has caused an enormous increase in the number of criminal cases tried in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, according to statistics compiled by S. A. Ash, Jr., deputy clerk of the court.

There were 422 convictions in the court during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1919, the effective date of the war-time prohibition act, as compared with a total of 120 for the preceding years. The lightest number of convictions in any one year previous to last year was 130, in the year ending June 30, 1918.

An even larger difference is noted in the amount of fines imposed. Last year Judge Henry O. Connor, who presided over the court, levied fines aggregating \$26,400, while for all of the five years preceding last year he assessed on \$78,021 in fines from the defendants in his court.

The influx of liquor cases has also increased the percentage of convictions. The standard used by the Attorney General of the United States in determining the efficiency of a court is the number of cases terminated. In 1919 the total cases in this district are kept almost entirely closed. For the five-year period ending June 30, 1919, 1,115 cases were commenced in the court and 1,109 disposed of. Last year 722 cases were instituted and 667 terminated, the largest number gotten off the calendar in a previous year having been 618.

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## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

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### TECHNICAL MEN HOLD OUT

### Lithuanians Open Hostilities Against the Poles—British Won't Release Irish Hunger Strikers—Destroyive Earthquake in Italy—Disarmament in Politics.

### By EDWARD J. PICKARD.

Several rules in the industrial region of northern Italy came rather suddenly, but it was not unexpected by those who were watching developments there. The experiment of the workers is of great interest, but the indications are that it will be a failure.

Employees in the big metallurgical works of that part of the country undertook to demand a 10 per cent wage increase for increased work by putting a lockout into effect. The immediate result was the seizure of the plants by the workers, who put their own management of the works, and are trying to operate them on non-monetary principles. The workers did not resist, but the industrial and administrative staffs, consequently refused to join in with the others, and consequently the latter are having a hard time in making good. They have no real hope of forcing their demands, and thousands of them are drifting away and refusing to work at all. In the plants that are running the work is said to be appalling.

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## DETERIORATION IN COTTON IS SHOWN

### A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION MADE BY EXPERTS SHOWS PRESENT CONDITION.

### VERY DISCOURAGING REPORT

### Yan Per Cent Loss Shown Since 20th Making Condition of the Crop on September 10th 57 Per Cent.

Columbia, S. C.—The American Cotton Association announced from its headquarters in this city that a preliminary investigation by six experts, on the condition of the cotton crop up to September 10, shows that there has been a deterioration of 10 per cent since August 25, making the condition of the crop on September 10 as 57 per cent. This deterioration, the report says, is due to the adverse weather conditions and to the most serious extent damage which has ever befallen the cotton crop. The report further indicates that this will result in an enormous reduction in the indicated yield as shown August 25 and adds in the seriousness of the situation confronting the cotton belt.

Announcement was also made by the association that a conference could be held in Washington between the entire Federal reserve board and special committee from the American Cotton Association, composed of 40 of the leading farmers, merchants, bankers, business and professional men representing the entire agricultural and commercial life of the 14 cotton growing states.

"The conference will be held," says a statement issued by the association "for the purpose of arranging the expansion of financial credits through the Federal reserve system in its member banks so as to enable the producers to warehouse their cotton until there is a legitimate demand from the manufacturer at a price based upon the law of supply and demand.

### Bryan Wants Dry Congress.

Mr. Bryan's paper, The Commonwealth, is making a determined fight for the election of a "dry" Congress. It is sponsoring all the candidates of various parties on the liquor problem and publishing their replies. The question submitted is whether or not they will stand by the present enforcement law and oppose any increase in the alcoholic content and any weakening of any other provision of the law.

Mr. Bryan agrees that both presidential candidates being "wet," the safety of prohibition lies in a dry Congress which will first refuse to pass any wet bills; second will pass any necessary dry bills, including appropriations for enforcement over the veto of a wet President.

### Poles Extend Their Lines.

Warsaw—The Poles have extended their lines southwest of Brzezina-Lubow along the Kovel railroad and have occupied Wolkowyska, Malynowka and Muzkowsky after some fighting. The Lithuanians are attacking the Poles in this sector and also around Orsk, which was captured.

### Carrier Pigeon Service.

Dublin—Dublin Castle has had to much official mail for London intercepted by Sinn Fein agents. Officials are reported to be inaugurating a carrier pigeon service. A large contingent of carrier pigeons has arrived in Dublin and more are expected. The flight to London is roughly 800 miles.

### Anti-Red General Killed.

Sebastopol—General Plet, commanding the first cavalry division of General Wrangel's army, was killed before Kakhovka while leading a detachment in a storming attack on the city.

### Victim of Motor Truck.

Marion, Ga.—Judge Dupont Cherry, 71, one of the best known lawyers in Georgia, and judge of the city court of Marion, was run over and killed by a motor truck.

### Side by Side Airplane Service.

Washington—Bids were opened at the postoffice department for airplane service between New York and Atlanta via Washington, Raleigh, N. C., and Columbia, S. C.

### First Woman Contractor.

Boston—In addition to being the first woman in Massachusetts to run for a state office, Mrs. Alice C. Crum, of Boston, choice of the Bay State Democrats for state auditor, was the first woman to have been the first woman general contractor.

### Oldest College for Women.

New Orleans—The Ursuline College of New Orleans, which recently celebrated its 125th commencement, is the oldest institution in America for the education of women.

### Nothing Known of Bonds.

Atlanta, Ga.—Postoffice inspectors here said they had no reports as to the amount of bonds reported to have been stolen from \$50,000 to \$100,000 taken from a registered truck by a South Carolina railway train September 3.

## COMING GATHERING WILDCAT DIVISION

### GREAT TIME IS PROMISED TO SURVIVORS AND FRIENDS OF FAMOUS EIGHTY-FIRST.

### COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK

### Former Members of the Division in Twenty-Five States Have Written That They Will Be Present.

Columbia, S. C.—Plans for celebrating the centennial of the formation of the Wildcat (81st) division, who will hold their first reunion here September 20-21, are reaching this stage in a very gratifying manner. The several committees who have charge of the entertainment of the city's honored guests never have the women of Columbia been more thoroughly organized for a task, not even in war times, when things were systematized down to the most minute detail than they are for the part they are to take in entertaining the Wildcats.

Already former members of the division for 25 states have notified the secretary of the association of their intention to be present. The citizens of Columbia are determined that there shall be absolutely no cool in the visitors at any time or at any place. Besides entertaining these guests in their homes, the citizens of Columbia are expending the sum of \$10,000 for various kinds of entertainments.

### Letvics Give Guarantee.

Warsaw—Letvics has given the necessary guarantee to the Russian Soviet government and as a result a Lithuanian peace delegation will go to Riga to meet Polish representatives, Prince Sapieha, Lithuanian foreign minister, was notified by George Tchitcherin, Russian Lithuanian minister of foreign affairs.

### 15,000 Officers Taught.

Washington—More than 15,000 merchant marine officers have been graduated from the shipping board's training schools since their establishment three years ago and 75 per cent of the graduates have been licensed for service at sea records of the board's recruiting service show.

### Each Man Defeat.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Representative John J. Egan of La Crosse, co-sponsor of the recently enacted railroad bill, was defeated for reelection in the seventh district, according to figures compiled by The Milwaukee Journal from statewide primary.

### Reds Leave Hrodinow.

London—Russian Lithuanian forces fighting against the Poles southwest of Hrodinow have evacuated the city of Hrodinow, 20 miles west of the Bug river, under pressure from Polish troops, says an official statement issued in Moscow.

### Greeks Land at Izmit.

Constantinople—Five transports of Greek troops have landed at Izmit, on the Gulf of Izmit, 55 miles southwest of Constantinople, and are reorganizing the British forces, according to advices received.

### Subs All Alone Now.

New York—To comply with the demands, created by increasing expenses, the United States weather bureau at New York is now including in its daily report of weather conditions a statement as to wind direction.

### To Bring Back Ships.

Berlin—The German fleet was to be taken to 46 German sailors in Chile in order to bring back the interned German ships lying in Chilean ports.

### Mail Plans Wrecked.

Wahkiak, Ind.—The Chicago-New York United States mail plane driven by Lieut. Hildebrandt was wrecked in landing in a corn field near here. The pilot was not injured.

### Yan Watson Is Nominated.

Atlanta, Ga.—Thomas E. Watson received the Democratic nomination for the United States senate from Georgia on the face of successful and incomplete returns from 122 of the 125 counties in the state.

### Will Go To Paris.

Ashville, N. C.—Dr. Charles E. Minor expects to leave here the latter part of this month for Paris, as a delegate to the National Tuberculosis congress, the association meeting in the French capital, October 7.

### McAdoo on Volstead Act.

New York—Mollification of the Volstead act to permit the sale of light wine and beer would ultimately drive the entire prohibition amendment, William D. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, declared.

### French Loan Repurchased.

New York—The new \$100,000,000 4 per cent French government bonds were repurchased by the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, N. Y., at a price of 100.00, according to a report from the Federal Reserve Bank.