

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS
AND OTHER NATIONS FOR
SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South
land Will Be Found in
Brief Paragraphs

Domestic

Worry over a deal in real estate is believed to have caused William Spindler, aged 70, to kill his son, his son's wife and their three children and end his own life at the Spindler home in Harlan, Ind.

An organized band of fraudulent "revenue agents" who are alleged to have worked under direction of a few dishonest agents of the revenue department, and which has victimized more than one hundred New York saloon keepers, has been uncovered and the ring leaders identified in New York City.

Northbound Seaboard Air Line vestibule train struck an auto truck at the oil mill crossing at Comer, Ga., killing outright two of the four occupants of the vehicle.

John M. Parker, who cut quite a swath in the Progressive party a few years ago, has been nominated by the Democrats for governor of Louisiana.

The New York police department now has 100 men in its air service corps and more than two hundred others have volunteered to give their services free.

Five thousand nine hundred dollars and fifty-four cents in war savings stamps and postage stamps was taken from the vaults of the Bank of Rex, Ga., on the night of January 18, when yeggmen succeeded in blasting their way through the vault door, where the certificates were stored.

An entire Philadelphia family of five was wiped out by gas in their home.

The army transport Powhattan with five hundred passengers aboard, sent word by radio that she was in distress about five hundred miles east of New York. The boiler room was said to be flooded, with water running and gaining and help from the pumps very uncertain.

Death by starvation on an unprecedented scale in the near east this winter is predicted by Major General Harbord unless United States relief is continued. General Harbord headed the American military mission that recently investigated the conditions in Armenia and other sections of the near east.

Securities and other loot valued at more than one hundred thousand dollars, taken from a mail car of a Southern Pacific train by a lone bandit, have been recovered by railroad detectives near Berkeley, Calif.

Washington

Congress held its "thrill week" celebration, a wave of economy sweeping both the senate and the house. The net result was the chopping of many millions from bills carrying large appropriations.

Coincident with the celebration of the one hundred and thirteenth birthday anniversary of General Robert Edmund Lee and the annual meeting of the board of trustees it was announced that a total of \$460,000 had been contributed to the fund for the enlargement of the university.

Telegraphic reports of the landing of Emma Goldman and associates at Terijoki, Finnish-Russian border, report Emma as having said: "This is the greatest moment of my life. After thirty-five years of absence I am returning to Russia with a feeling of awe. I am glad to leave America, but I love the American people and expect to return to them some day."

The surgeon-general of the army says that while influenza has become epidemic in some parts of the country, there is nothing in the situation to cause alarm.

The Supreme court has decided to pass upon the validity of both the federal prohibition amendment and the act of congress prescribing the manner of its enforcement. The court's decision will be rendered on proceedings which are to be instituted by the state of Rhode Island, which has been given permission to bring an original suit.

Solicitor General King, for the government, announces he will immediately prepare and file a motion asking for the dismissal of the Rhode Island case and the validity of the prohibition act on the ground that the court lacked jurisdiction. No time has been fixed for hearing arguments.

Without debate the senate has passed a house bill amending existing acts so as to enable military decorations to be awarded upon the recommendations of officers lower than the grade of general. This bill will enable conferring of decorations on soldiers who served in France with a rank lower than that of general.

Influenza has become epidemic in several army camps, particularly in the Middle West, Surgeon General Ireland of the army announces, and it has made appearance among the United States troops in Germany.

"No foreigners need apply" has become the watchword of American finance. It refers both to United States treasury loans and to private banking credits. The past week has witnessed the proclamation to all the world that the doors of Uncle Sam's supposedly bottomless money vaults are barred, bolted and slammed tight shut.

Increase of approximately one-third in the base pay of all enlisted men in the navy and the coast guard, except recruits, is provided for in a bill passed by the house and sent to the senate.

The full senate committee on military affairs agreed in its report on the Anthony house bill providing emergency funds for certain camps and cantonments and for the salvaging of others, to strike the proviso for the salvaging of Camp Gordon, Ga., and two other national army cantonments, and to substitute therefor a provision that these camps be retained by the government until July 1, 1921.

Twenty-two articles of food reached record prices in December, according to a report issued by the bureau of labor statistics. The prices were 2.6 per cent higher than in November, 5 per cent higher than in the preceding December and 89 per cent higher than in December, 1913.

Two American soldiers were killed and one severely wounded in the clash with a Russian detachment of General Semenov's forces on January 10, near Posolsakaya, while five Russians were killed, one wounded and fifty-five captured, including one general and six officers, who still are held.

Washington has received official advice from the Japanese government that Japan will follow the example of the United States in withdrawing its military forces from Siberia.

Rapid progress is being made in the fourteenth decennial census. Completed returns from 1,145 districts in the larger cities have been received.

The fate of nearly three thousand alien radicals, mostly Russians, is up to Secretary William B. Wilson. Just what he will do is entirely unknown at this time.

John M. Barnes, a noted political figure in Georgia politics for many years, killed himself in Augusta, Ga. He had been sentenced to a nineteen year term in the Georgia penitentiary for killing his brother-in-law. He was postmaster at Thomson.

Recommendations of the joint commission of the Methodist Episcopal church, north and south, that the two branches again be reunited were unanimously adopted by the convention at Louisville, Ky., of the one hundred or more bishops, pastors and laymen of both churches. The merger plan provides that the unified churches be named "The Methodist Church."

Morris Hillquit, chief counsel for the five suspended Socialist assemblymen of New York, declared at the opening of their trial in Albany if the assembly permanently ousted the defendants the act will "loosen the violent revolution which we Socialists have always endeavored and are endeavoring to stem." He explained that he meant by this assertion not a "threat," but "made a sort of love offer that we Socialists are ready to see the thing through in a constitutional manner and by peaceful methods."

Foreign

The demand of the entente powers that Holland deliver up to them former Emperor William of Germany, that he may be tried for a supreme offense against international morality and the sanctity of treaties, has been refused by Holland.

Officers of the United States marine corps, who have charge of the penitentiary at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, have had to issue special orders to keep the natives from breaking into their model jail, where they could get three square meals a day and a comfortable bed to sleep in.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the principal cities of Italy as a result of the rail road strike.

The prince of Wales in an address at a large and enthusiastic dinner to the Pilgrims, reaffirmed his intention to revisit the United States. The dinner was held in London.

General Semenov, commander-in-chief of the al-Russian armies, has issued a proclamation declaring that he has assumed the supreme rulership in Siberia.

Japan's object in agreeing to co-operate with the United States in supporting Czecho-Slovak troops in Siberia has been attained and the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Siberia will follow, as Japan has no territorial ambitions in Siberia.

News reached London recently of a heavy engagement on the northwestern frontier of India in which the British suffered heavily. The British suffered 385 casualties. The Mahsuds lost 130 killed and wounded and more than two hundred in wounded.

The Jugo-Slavs have submitted to the supreme council their "supreme effort" in the way of concessions to effect an agreement with Italy. The Jugo-Slavs accept internationalization under the league of nations for Fiume and Zara, concede to Italy the islands of Lussin and Pelagoza, and agree to demilitarization of the Adriatic islands with the condition that the island of Lissa remain Jugo-Slav.

No definite arrangements by the supreme council about the Turkish question, which is a most complicated one, have been made.

ACT FOR MILITARY TRAINING PASSED

BILL DIFFERS FROM THAT OF
REORGANIZATION THAT WAS
PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED.

FOUR MONTHS OF TRAINING

Provision is Made for Citizen Army
Composed of 200,000 Enlisted Men,
Officers and a National Guard.

Washington.—By a vote of nine to five, the senate military committee approved provisions providing for compulsory military training for boys between 18 and 21 years, and ordered favorable report upon the army registration bill.

The compulsory military training provision, fixes the training period at four months.

As finally agreed upon, the bill is virtually the same as reported by the sub-committee but is radically different from the reorganization bill submitted by the war department to Congress. In addition to establishing compulsory military training, the bill provides for one army to be divided into a citizen army composed of 200,000 enlisted men and 18,000 officers, and a national guard.

Specific provision, is made in the bill that the citizen army cannot be called to colors except in the case of a declaration of war. To accommodate the reserve force built up under the system of military training, provision is made in the bill for an annual reduction of five per cent in the enlisted strength of the regular army.

HOOVER THINKS INDEPENDENT IS WANTED BY THE PEOPLE.

Washington.—How does Herbert Hoover stand on the campaign being waged by his friends to make him a candidate for President?

Does he wish to run—is he a candidate? If so, does he wish to run as a democrat, as a republican or as an independent?

As a candidate, will Hoover subscribe to and run on whatever platform the organization leaders of the party nominating him bring out of convention?

Hoover is not actively a candidate, but will stand for election on a progressive, human platform if such is brought forward by any party and Hoover's leadership demanded.

AIRPLANE IS BEING BUILT TO CARRY 100 PASSENGERS.

New York.—A giant Caproni plane which is being constructed near Milan to carry 100 passengers described by Augustus A. Post before the state aviation commission in session here. Mr. Post recently returned from Europe where he was sent by the Aero Club of America to study the advance of aviation.

AMERICAN RED CROSS WORKERS LEAVE SIBERIA

Vladivostok.—All American women and many Red Cross workers are to be evacuated from Siberia on the first available transport, it is announced by Red Cross headquarters here.

WILHEMSTRASSE IS BARRICADED, UNDER GUARD

Berlin.—Wilhemstrasse tonight is barricaded and under the guard of numerous troops. A patrol of 18 armed automobiles and half a dozen huge motor trucks, loaded with armed troops, arrived early in the evening and immediately took up their positions in front of the government building and shut off all traffic from the thoroughfares.

The precautions taken by Minister of Defense Noske were stimulated by rumors that the monarchists would attempt an insurrection on the eve of the former emperor's birthday.

AMERICANIZATION BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Washington.—The senate by a vote of 36 to 14 passed the evony Americanization bill, which would require all residents of the United States of 1 to 21 years of age, not mentally or physically disqualified, and all alien residents between the ages of 16 and 45 who cannot speak, read or write English, to attend school not less than 200 hours a year.

The measure had been before the senate for about a week.

UNION OF AUSTRIA AND GERMANY IS DEMANDED

Vienna, Sunday.—Under the rallying call of "starvation or fusion," a great mass-meeting in support of a union of Austria with Germany was held in the city hall with overflow meetings on the terraces.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Pan-American party and President Dinghofer, of the national assembly. The speeches were generally temperate in tone, sounding the note of despair over Austria's future.

GREAT CONVENTION TAP HEEL MASONS

133RD COMMUNICATION GRAND
LODGE OF MASONS CALLED
TO ORDER AT RALEIGH.

COWPER BELIEVES IN LEAGUE

"All Are of Common Origin and Should
be Taught to Clasp Hands Across
Seas in Common Brotherhood."

Raleigh.

The 133rd annual communication of the North Carolina grand lodge of Masons was called to order in the Masonic temple here by Grand Master Henry A. Grady, of Clinton. There were about 750 present, of whom 513 were delegates, representing every part of the state.

During the evening the grand lodge heard with deep interest the report of Grand Master Grady, who outlined his administration. The grand orator was Senator George V. Cowper, of Kinston.

Senator Cowper declared that he believed that some sort of league of nations should be effected; that it should be a league that teaches men they are all one common origin and that they should extend their hands across the seas and clasp those of their brethren on the other side. Masonry, he said, has always stood for just this sort of thing.

There must be a systematic understanding of each other, he declared, before the world can be brought to a point where good will and peace will clasp hands and make of this world the place God intended it should be, a place where the teachings of the Master are put into operation. Free Masonry, he declared, is facing the greatest opportunity it has ever known, the opportunity to apply the principles of brotherly love as a cure for current unrest.

Reidsville Postmaster Resigns.

Washington.—(Special).—E. F. Aydtlett was nominated district attorney.

Robert B. Montgomery resigned as postmaster at Reidsville and four candidates, V. R. Anderson, republican, and R. L. Ellington, C. H. Fetzer and L. H. Hardy, Jr., democrats, are in the race to succeed him.

James J. Rogers has been appointed postmaster at Ivy.

Representative Small will introduce a substitute for the republican rivers and harbors bill. It will provide for an appropriation of \$19,000,000 instead of \$12,000,000.

Two Prisoners Pardoned.

Two prisoners, serving six months terms each for manufacturing liquor, were pardoned by Governor Bickett upon condition of good behavior. The men were Hilliard Oliver, of Henderson county, convicted in September, 1919, and C. Jackson, of Caldwell county, convicted in November, 1919. The judge and solicitors in each case recommended conditional pardons.

Many Children Are Discovered.

Child welfare workers in the state, charged with the enforcement of the compulsory school attendance law enacted at the last session of the General Assembly, have discovered more children in the state than the census takers had any knowledge of, declares Dr. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of public instruction, and in many counties the actual daily attendance in public schools exceeds the school census.

No Room for the Turk.

Declaring there should be no room for the Turk on the map of the world, Dr. George B. Hyde, of the Palestine commission, speaking at the State Armenian and Syrian Relief Conference here, stated that America ought to provide protection for the stricken Armenians from the ravages of the brutal and "heathish" Turkey before this country signs the peace treaty.

Meet of Safety Officials.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the public safety officials of North Carolina will be held in Raleigh in the near future. It will be called by H. A. Mooneyham, commissioner of public safety. Commissioner Mooneyham expects to invite every public safety official of the state to the conference. It will matter not whether they are identified with the commission or any other form of municipal government. Chiefs of police will be included in the officials to be invited.

Attractive Prizes for Essays.

The war department has authorized Colonel A. W. P. Anderson, recruiting officer for North Carolina, to announce that a prize essay contest, known as the "United States Army School Contest," has been opened to the students of all schools, except colleges and universities, whether public, private, sectarian or non-sectarian. Prizes will be awarded for the best essays on the subject: "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the U. S. Army," regardless of the age, sex, creed or color.

News Items from Washington.

Washington.—(Special).—Editor R. R. Clark, of the Landmark, will be appointed postmaster at Statesville.

He stood at the head of a list of five before the civil service commission and will get the job.

These postmasters were appointed: Millard W. Baumgardner, Wilkesboro; John H. Griffin, Wilson; Edgar S. Woolley, Creswell; George W. Taylor, Roanoke Rapids; Henry E. Early, Rose Hill; William C. Pope, Mashville; Robert T. Wade, Morehead City; Cyril Walker, Roper; William Watson, Swan Quarter; Eugene T. Hooker, Aurora; Myron L. Moore, Granite Falls; Wm. C. Newbern, Griffith; Wm. C. Conner, Marshville; John H. Sanders, Middlesex; Jacob B. Brown, Vanceboro; D. P. Stowe, Belmont; John L. Miller, Concord; Sam W. Finch, Lexington; Robert F. Crookes, Murphy; Harvey E. Garrison, North Charlotte; George R. Upchurch, Norwood; William C. Taber, Tabor; Nannie M. I. Moore, Warrenton; and Lula P. Parker, West Raleigh.

Lillian C. Darbin was nominated for Stantonsburg, but for some reason the appointment was withheld.

Representative Hoye has appointed William G. Bell, of Pineville, principal to West Point, and Joel A. Yarbrough, of Charlotte, alternate.

Smallpox Widely Prevalent.

Smallpox is widely prevalent throughout the State, more than 500 cases having been reported to the State Board of Health since the first of November, according to a statement issued by State Epidemiologist Dr. F. M. Register.

His statement follows:

"Since November 1st, 1919 up to January 15th, 1920 there have been reported to the Board of Epidemiology 584 cases of smallpox, distributed among the following counties: Alamance, Chowan, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Gates, Granville, Guilford, Haywood, Iredell, Johnston, Martin, McDowell, Perquimans, Pitt, Rockingham, Rutherford, Surry, Bertie, Brunswick, Columbus, Franklin, Henderson, Hertford, Jackson, Madison, New Hanover, Pasquotank, Polk, Scotland, Vance, Washington, Wayne, Wilson, Anson, Beaufort, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Cherokee, Cumberland, Lenoir, Nash, Pender, Person, Robeson.

"Get busy and have your family vaccinated at once. Free vaccine is furnished by the State Laboratory of Hygiene."

To Bring Back Soldier Dead.

Washington.—(Special).—Senator Overman received a letter from Charles C. Pierce, chief of the graves registration service, saying that it is the government's policy to bring back the soldier dead as rapidly as possible to those whose nearest kin make request for their return. Secretary Baker explains that there are international problems that must be removed before bodies can be brought from France.

Chemical Plants in State.

One hundred and 46 chemical plants are now operating in North Carolina, exclusive of the cotton mills which do their own dyeing, and furniture factories, according to I. W. Smithey of Wilkesboro, who in the December issue of The Carolina Chemist, published by the chemistry department of the University of North Carolina, outlines the chemical industries of North Carolina.

Hiram Wants Information.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California telegraphed Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes, asking for the time limit for filing notice of candidacy for presidential nominations in this state and requesting full information regarding primary laws.

Some New Corporations.

Williams Private Sanitarium, Greensboro, to conduct a private hospital for the treatment of various diseases, with an authorized capitalization of \$3,000.

Edgerton Bros. Co., Princeton, to do a general merchandise business, with \$15,000 paid in and the privilege of increasing the paid in capital to \$100,000.

American Southern Motors Co., Greensboro, is incorporated to do a general automobile business with an authorized capital stock of \$1,262,500.

State's Share of Books.

North Carolina will receive 4,500 books from the American Library association, states Miss Mary Palmer, secretary of the North Carolina Library commission. The books are those collected for the war service libraries, which were taken over by the government November 1, 1919.

North Carolina's share is to be distributed by the state library commission, according to suggestions sent out from the headquarters of the American Library association, of Washington, D. C.

To Spend Ten Million Annually.

Five thousand miles of hard surfaced roads, connecting every county seat in the state is the goal determined upon by the executive committee of the North Carolina Good Roads association at a recent session.

"The executive committee decided that in view of the urgent need of more constructive legislation that it would not be amiss to have the acting secretary communicate with the governor to ascertain if any road legislation would be sanctioned at the special session of the general assembly.

ROAD CONTRACTS IN UNION COUNTY

FIRST ROAD IS TO BE BUILT
FROM MONROE VIA WAXHAW
TO JACKSON BIRTHPLACE.

TERMS OF CONTRACT UNUSUAL

Road Law Adopted by the Last Legislature is Said to Be Proving the Best the County Ever Saw.

Monroe.—The Union county road commission announces that it has let the contract for the construction of half a million dollars' worth of roads in Union county. The first road to be built will be the Jackson highway from Monroe through Waxhaw to the Andrew Jackson birthplace, where it connects with the Charlotte-Savannah highway.

The terms of the contract are unusual, being the "cost plus" system with interpretations and reservations. The actual cost of the work is figured out by the county road superintendent and the contract let on this basis plus 10 per cent. If the actual cost proves higher than the estimate, the contractor and the county share the increase 50-50; if it proves less than the estimate, they divide the gain equally.

The road law under which the county is working was adopted by the last legislature and is declared to be proving the most practicable of any law the county has had.

Charlotte.—Charlotte's splendid new high school building, said to be one of the finest in the state and a model well worthy of emulation by other cities, will in all probability be ready for classes by February 15. Superintendent of Schools Harding stated.

Marion.—There are in McDowell county something like 1,300 dogs. The value on the tax books of these canines is a neat sum. The taxes paid on them is about \$1,500. The number of sheep in the county is less than 300 and the value is less than \$1,000. The tax amounts to less than \$20.

Warrenton.—The public-spirited people of the county are being mobilized into a law enforcement body by Prof. John Graham and his committee in an effort to locate and destroy the whiskey outfits in Warren.

Mt. Airy.—S. Glen Young created considerable excitement here when he appeared on the streets with two deserters and an alleged blockader, whom he had forced to carry his own copper still, cap, worm and other paraphernalia, and landed his trio of captives in jail here.

Asheville.—Announcement is made by the Southern railway that the new bridge, just completed over the Tennessee river, between Chattanooga and Harrison Junction, has been opened and put in use. The bridge was condemned about six months ago by the government inspectors and ordered closed.

Goldsboro.—Definite arrangements were made by the local chamber of commerce to have the annual convention of the Eastern North Carolina county farm agents and home demonstrators meet in Goldsboro February 11 to 13. It is said that delegates from 32 counties will be present at this convention.

Raleigh.—United States Marshal George H. Bellamy will transfer his office from Raleigh to Wilmington on March 1, and he must have almost a new force.

Lincolnton.—Troop A, cavalry, First North Carolina national guard, is now assured. Major H. P. Perrine, of the 46th infantry, United States army, stationed at Camp Jackson, spent a day in the city inspecting the applicants for the new troop and mustering into service the Lincolnton platoon.

Gardner on Ignorance.

Sanford.—"The greatest menace North Carolina has today is ignorance," declared Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, to the Lee Post No. 18 of the American legion.

"North Carolina can not compete with her sister states so long as she is held back by the handicap of ignorance," the speaker continued. "One-seventh of North Carolina's population sit in intellectual darkness tonight. Fifty thousand white men of draft age in this state can neither read nor write their names."

Veteran Firemen Quit.

Asheville.—Immediately following the discharge of Fireman Ernest Davis by Commissioner Fitzpatrick and the subsequent resignation of Chief Wood, 25 volunteer firemen of the city fire department, called an indignation meeting, and proffered their resignations. All save two of the volunteer men, who were not present, of the entire company followed the action of the chief.

Among those resigned are many veterans of big fires and participants in state tournaments for 18 years.