

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 Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Foreign—

Fire destroyed the principal buildings of the American Agricultural and Chemical company and their contents at Regia, near Havana, Cuba, with a loss estimated at ten million dollars.

The German government probably will be willing to surrender its nationals charged with war crimes to be tried by a neutral tribunal, if the entente will agree.

Baron Kurt von Lersner's refusal to accept the allied note regarding the extradition of accused Germans was not in accordance with instructions he had received from Berlin.

The council of ambassadors, after its meeting, in Paris, issued a statement saying that the decision of the allies with regard to Germans whose extradition is demanded for war crimes be communicated direct to Berlin.

A wireless dispatch from Odessa reports a great victory for the Russian volunteer army over the Bolshevik forces, which have been driven back over the Don river.

Details concerning the landing at Nacozari, Sonora, Mexico, of two United States aviators, have been requested by the foreign office for the purpose of framing and forwarding an energetic protest to the United States government.

She draft of the note to be sent to Germany with the list of persons whose extradition is to be demanded by the allies was approved by the council of ambassadors in Paris.

The total number of names on the extradition list the allies have presented to Germany is in the neighborhood of eight hundred, and is divided into eight sections.

Washington—

Completion of the record of casualties of the American Expeditionary forces in the world war is announced by Adjutant General Harris with the issuance of a final revised list of the "old casualties." The total was 293,070.

Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, administration spokesman in the senate, has made it clear that the president is not "going to make it unanimous." He refers to the peace treaty as it relates to the league of nations.

The decennial census, now being taken, will reveal that the center of population of the United States has moved eastward and not toward the west or the south, as had been commonly predicted.

Additional anti-secession legislation, simple in character and guarding the guarantees of the bill of rights, but covering "hiatus in present statutory laws," is urged by Attorney General Palmer before the house judiciary committee.

Agreement on the railroad legislation is announced by Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, and the bill, as amended by the conference committee of the senate and house, will be presented to both bodies for final action in about five days.

A bill of sweeping nation-wide military importance has been introduced by Senator Harris of Georgia. In a word it provides for doubling the student personnel at the West Point Military academy, thereby doubling the output of young officers.

Favorable report on the bill repealing the war-time measure under which the government controls wheat prices was ordered by the senate agriculture committee.

Elimination of useless employees in non-productive business, the speeding up of all lines of industry commensurate with the present activity of the farmers and determination of retailers and jobbers to exact only a reasonable profit, are recommended as a solution for the high cost of living problem by Edwin T. Meredith, who took oath of office as secretary of agriculture, February 2.

Government owned ships built during the war should be and can be sold to private operators for prices covering the cost, overhead and total investment, says C. W. Morse.

The campaign against food profiteers and hoarders has netted a total of 896 arrests, the department of justice announces. While only a small number of these cases have been brought to trial, these prosecutions so far resulted in 23 convictions, officials say.

Definite plans for the first nationwide aggressive political campaign by organized labor to control congress and elect friendly national and state officials have been made by a committee of the American Federation of Labor and, it is stated, will be announced soon.

Pending a decision by the Supreme court of the United States on the constitutionality of the farm loans act, all future applications for loans from federal farm loan banks will be held in abeyance, Farm Loan Commissioner Norris announces.

Another revolution has occurred in Vladivostok, the Siberian port through which the American expeditionary forces are being returned home. General Graves said the crowds in the city were orderly and that the allied forces were patrolling the streets to protect innocent people and to prevent looting.

Marketing of cotton seed for planting purposes should be made a most highly specialized industry, and the term, "planting cotton seed," should be made to represent a produce of infinitely greater intrinsic and potential value than ordinary cotton seed, or the average planting cotton seed of today, the department of agriculture has concluded, after a thorough investigation of the subject.

The United States treasury does not look with favor upon certain features of the proposed international conference recently called by the coteries of nationally known financiers and commercial leaders in an effort to lead the world out of the financial and commercial chaos into which it was dragged by the war.

Domestic—

District Attorney Charles F. Clyne brought suit in the circuit court of appeals at Chicago to have Victor Berger, convicted Socialist congressman, sent to Leavenworth penitentiary to serve out his ten-year sentence.

Virtually the entire detective force of New York is searching for some clue which may lead to the arrest of the murderer of Miss R. Constance Hoxie, the talented 17-year-old music student, who was brutally slain with a hammer in her home in West 88th street.

Two trainmen are known to have been killed and fifteen to twenty-five negroes are believed dead in the wreck of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern passenger train, which plunged through an open drawbridge over the Tensas river, in Louisiana.

Six children—two sets of triplets—within fifteen months, is the birth record in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Posey Livingstone of Albany, Ala. The second trio of children was born February 2, and all are well.

Damages running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars at St. Augustine, Fla., have resulted from a tremendous downpour of rainfall, which amounted to 14.55 inches in forty hours.

The potato section around St. Augustine, Fla., is under water, and the loss to that crop is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

Announcement by the prosecution at Tombstone, Ariz., that dismissal of the charges against three defendants because of absence of witnesses was being considered, was followed by abrupt adjournment of court in the trial of 210 men charged with kidnaping in connection with the deporting of 1,188 striking copper miners and their sympathizers at Bisbee, Ariz., in 1917.

Robert P. Hamilton, Jr., University of Virginia graduate, Charlottesville, Va.; Paul Robinson Norton, Princeton University graduate, Princeton, N. J., and Theodore S. Wilder, Oberlin College graduate, 1875 East Twenty-fourth street, Cleveland, Ohio, have been selected as the three Rhodes scholars at large allotted to the United States by the Rhodes trustees because of the unprecedented competition for the sixty-four scholarships filled last November.

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 the federal district court at Grand Rapids, Mich., by Frank D. Dailey, special assistant attorney general.

Drastic reduction in the number of national bank depositaries is being made by the treasury department, with the result that less than 400 of the 1,331 such institutions holding federal funds on June 30, 1919, are expected to survive the pruning knife.

SERIOUS TROUBLE STARTED IN KOREA

JAPANESE POST OF 700 MEN ATTACKED AT NIGHT AND 300 ARE KILLED.

HAND OF BOLSHEVIKI SHOWN

Officials Have Known for Some Time That Many Thousands of Koreans Meditated Hostile Action.

Washington.—Official dispatches received here said a force of 2,000 Koreans, armed principally with equipment furnished by the bolsheviks, crossed into northern Korea from Kirin, Manchuria, and attacked a Japanese post of 700 men at night, killed 300 of them and routed the remainder.

According to these dispatches, the attack was the initiation of an active rebellion in Korea. It was described as "the beginning of a tremendous affair."

Several other clashes have occurred between the insurgents, greatly reinforced by recruits from the natives of the districts, and troops forming Japanese frontier posts, the dispatch said. In nearly every case the Japanese were outnumbered heavily and were forced to withdraw after suffering heavy losses.

According to official information, bolshevik authorities are in close touch with the Korean leaders and are making every effort to provide their troops with adequate equipment.

Officials here have known for some time that many thousands of Koreans who fled into Manchuria were meditating hostile action against Japanese. While there is no real bolshevik feeling among these people, according to the authorities, they are so stirred by hostility to the Japanese that they probably are willing to join with any other elements in attacking them.

PRESIDENT OPPOSES MAKING MILITARY TRAINING ISSUE.

Washington.—President Wilson opposes the plan to have the democratic members of the house at their caucus make an issue of universal military training.

CLAIM MADE THAT JAPANESE EVACUATED NORTHERN KOREA

London.—Northern Korea has been evacuated by the Japanese, it is claimed in a wireless dispatch from Moscow, quoting an Omsk message. The population rose to aid Korean forces from Chinese territory, it is declared.

TROOPS IN PROTECTING A PRISONER SHOOT TO KILL.

Lexington, Ky.—Four persons were killed and several injured here when a mob, intent upon lynching William Lockett, a negro, who confessed to the murder of 10-year-old Geneva Hardman, charged the courthouse during Lockett's trial and was fired on by police and state troops.

FOCH TO CONFER WITH POLES ON THE BOLSHEVIKI MENACE

Warsaw.—Definite decision has been reached that Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the allied armies, shall come to Warsaw to confer with Polish military authorities regarding the bolshevik menace, it is announced by the Journal de Pologne, a French language newspaper here.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS NOT TO JOIN AMERICAN FEDERATION

Washington.—Farm organizations will not join the American Federation of Labor in its non-partisan campaign to elect this year only friends of the union movement, according to T. C. Atkeson, representative of the National Grange, which has 700,000 members.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE IS ORDERED FOR FEBRUARY 17

Detroit.—A strike of 300,000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Ways Employes and Railway Shop Laborers was called for Tuesday, February 17, at a meeting of the general chairman of the brotherhood here. "I am loathe to call a strike," Mr. Barker said, "but there is nothing else we can do. Or hands have been forced. I am tired of the treatment we have received from government officials."

NEW PARTY IS FORMED TO BE KNOWN AS "THE LABOR PARTY"

Washington.—Organized labor three million strong, has thrown its hat into the political ring. Vigorously denouncing Congress, which "has failed to do its duty," the American Federation of Labor announced the appointment of a national non-partisan political campaign committee which will mobilize trade unionists and "all lovers of freedom" in an effort to defeat candidates indifferent or hostile to labor.

LITTLE CHANGE IN LISTING INCOMES

RECIPIENT OF AN INCOME OF ANY KIND EXCEPT FROM PROPERTY IS LIABLE.

CHANGES TO CALENDAR YEAR.

The Exemption is \$1,000 for Unmarried Persons and \$1,500 for Married Persons and Some Widows.

Raleigh.

The state tax commission has issued a statement, in which it is brought out that there has been no changes in listing incomes under the re-valuation act, except as to the date for listing.

All incomes except, from property, must be listed. The commission authorizes the publication of the following.

"The only change in listing incomes under the re-valuation act is that income will be listed for the calendar year, 1919, instead of the year ending May 1, as formerly.

"The income required by state law to be listed is income from salaries, fees, trade and professions and property not taxed."

"This covers income of all persons, of either sex, who work for wages or salary, and all persons who receive compensation for personal services in any capacity.

"The exemptions are \$1,000 for unmarried persons and \$1,500 for married persons, or for widows and widowers having minor child or children.

"The state income tax rate is one per cent of income above exemption and up to \$2,500; the next \$2,500 and one and one-half per cent; the next \$5,000, two per cent; above \$10,000 two and one-half per cent."

Two no "Jack O'Lanterns."

Disavowing any sensation in the situation now confronting the Internal Revenue system in North Carolina, and declaring that the question of the duties of Col. A. D. Watts' successor as Supervisor is merely one of departmental policy, Mr. J. W. Bailey, Collector of Internal Revenue in North Carolina, issued a statement with the avowed purpose of preventing confusion.

"There is something new in the papers every day about the Internal Revenue system in North Carolina, and in no statement that I have seen has there been evidence of an accurate understanding of the system or the present situation," says Mr. Bailey. In respect, of course, the opinions of the newspaper reporters as such; but opinions, rumors, and guesses make on headway against the facts. When a reporter begins "it seems" or "it is rumored" or "they say"—quit your reading unless you like to follow Jack O'lanterns into the swamp.

Value of State Crops.

The value of North Carolina crops last year was \$63,000,000 compared with the five years average, 1913-1917, of \$258,000,000. South Carolina's crop production last year exceeded in value by \$45,000,000 the total of California's and the value of North Carolina's crop exceeded by \$208,000,000 the value of California's. The three Pacific coast states, Washington, Oregon and California, had aggregate values for crops last year of \$810,000,000, which was \$226,000,000 less than the crop values of Texas.

Bickett Boosting Hoover.

Governor T. W. Bickett came out in a statement advocating Herbert Hoover for the presidency, declaring that he represents the real democratic spirit.

Projected Road Mileage 255.

Washington, (Special)—The North Carolina road projects which will receive federal aid have a total mileage of 255, a total estimated cost of \$1,716,100.

War Records Association.

A war record association in every county in North Carolina, charged with gathering and keeping the service record of every soldier of each county who served the Nation in the late war, was urged at a meeting of collectors from eastern Carolina here. The commission plans to go farther than the customary gathering of bare facts of a man's service, and the customary memorials, but to collect and maintain a record of each man that will be a living story of his services to his county.

\$7,000,000 Personal Property.

One citizen of North Carolina, listing his personal property for taxation under the Revaluation act, places a value of \$7,000,000 on his personal belongings in the State, according to a preliminary report that has come in to the Revaluation Commission. His return represents an amount greater than all the personal property returned in any one county under the old system of listing, and members of the commission see in it an indication of the enormous increase in listed values in the State.

During the month of January new enterprises were chartered in North Carolina by the Secretary of state with an authorized capital stock of approximately 23 millions of dollars, and of this amount the initial amount subscribed and paid in by the incorporators was, in round figures, three million dollars.

These figures represent the outlay of altogether new concerns authorized to begin business in the state. The amount involved in established businesses increasing their original capital stock, paying in additional money, is not available but will approximate hundreds of thousands of dollars additional for the 30 day period.

North Carolina capital invested in new cotton mills alone during January was \$8,800,000, which went into 13 new textile manufacturing plants. The majority of these mills are to be located in Gaston county which, even prior to January 1, was the leading textile center of the South, having at that time more than 75 plants.

Including in the list of new industries chartered there were eight banking institutions, scattered pretty well over the state.

Building and Loan Operations.

Reports of last year's Building and Loan operations being received by the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner make a fine impression regarding their value. One association alone during the past year built 232 dwellings besides making stock loans to members. On stocks they loaned \$15,000 and on mortgages \$330,000. "During its entire existence this association has never lost one cent," said Commissioner Young. "And from all the reports on file in this department there can be no question but that these Building & Loan Associations are doing a great business, and they are adding materially to the industrial progress seen on every hand." A recent report shows one association last year made net profits of \$14,002.87, and paid off two series.

Work of Juvenile Courts.

Commissioner of Public Welfare Roland F. Beasley, in a statement regarding the work of the juvenile courts of North Carolina, says that more than three thousand cases have been handled since the law was enacted a year ago. This is the first authentic statement made by Mr. Beasley with reference to the workings of the juvenile court since they were created by legislature enactment. He says that "the appeal in behalf of a neglected child has gone deep in the hearts of North Carolina's people."

Alumni Conference Called.

Presidents and secretaries of 55 local alumni associations of the University of North Carolina within the State and of seven associations in New York, Boston, Washington, Richmond, Norfolk, Atlanta, and Birmingham have been invited to assemble at Chapel Hill February 25th, for the alumni conference.

The Influenza Situation.

An abatement of influenza in North Carolina, with the situation in Asheville and Catawba county, storm centers, under control, was indicated in reports to the State Board of Health from various counties of the State.

Decided improvement was reported to the State Board of Health for conditions in Asheville and two mill communities in Catawba county, but press reports from Asheville were to the effect that this decline was accompanied with an increase in pneumonia cases.

Because of the early closing hours of the County Health Department, reports were not available for Raleigh and Wake county. Meredith College, Peace Institute and St. Mary's withdrew a case of influenza in any of them, established quarantines. This, it was pointed out, is purely a precautionary measure.

At the Methodist Orphanage the crest of the epidemic, it is thought, has been reached, and while no new cases were reported, some of the two hundred or more children are quite sick. Three or four pneumonia cases have developed.

Camp Bragg Taken Care of.

Washington, (Special)—Appropriations totaling \$1,173,000 were made by the Senate for Camp Bragg, N. C., in a special army appropriation bill which has already passed the House. The section affecting Camp Bragg in the bill passing the Senate had only amendments of verbiage, which will be speedily accepted by the conferees. The army bill was called up, and immediately consideration began. Senator Overman explained the necessity for action on the Camp Bragg item.

Alleged Blockader Shot.

Gordon Lowery, alleged blockader, was shot in the left leg about noon at a still near the Falls of Neuse. Lowery was surprised at the plant, it is said by revenue officers. He received his wound during an exchange of shots. None of the officers received wounds. Lowery was brought to Rex Hospital for treatment. His case is not serious. The raiders were Deputy Marshalls Earnest Raines, Eugene Richardson and Jack Gordon. The officers did not reveal who shot Lowery.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BOY SCOUTS

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED IN CHARLOTTE FEBRUARY 8 TO 10

TWENTY-THREE TROOPS

The Movement Was Recognized of Incorporation by the Government in June, 1916.

Charlotte.—Plans for the observance of scout week, February 8 to 10, marking the tenth anniversary of the beginning of the movement of the United States, are being made by scout troops in Charlotte. Executive J. E. Steere, national field commissioner on the preparation.

In his resume of the organization Steere said that the organization now active in 52 countries of the world, while during the war in America, 1,200,000 boys have been trained, over 500,000 being in the national field commission.

The movement was recognized by a federal bill of incorporation in the country in June, 1916, and the recognition of all religious, educational agencies in America include training for scout work in their curricula.

In Charlotte the movement is about five years ago.

At present there are 23 scout officials, connected with religious and educational institutions of the city. The movement is composed of 45 of the leading business men of the city, and executive in charge and headquarters at 298 Latta street. Applications are now in for organization of five new troops.

Rocky Mount.—Miss Alice of Burgaw, who was a teacher in the Bunn school of Nash county, died of burns at an early hour from a fire which died six hours later.

Washington.—(Special)—Bragg was given a sound beating in the senate when it appropriated \$173,000 for various purposes in a first-class outfit. The senate accepted the appropriation for the camp.

Greensboro.—With a number of influenza cases reported today, Stafford stated that the city commissioners would adopt an ordinance for the city schools, theaters, and quiring removal of chairs from pool room.

Winston-Salem.—Rev. Gilmore Rowe, pastor of Centenary church, is at the bedside of his Dr. J. C. Rowe, for many years of the leading members of the northern North Carolina conference, critically ill in Salisbury.

Lumberton.—Robeson farmers furnish at least 3,000 bales of 300,000 bales of low grade cotton, which is being shipped to European spinners.

Elizabeth City.—Pasquotank Gates counties will make joint application to the State Highway Commission at its next meeting for state federal aid for a road across the Great Swamp, linking the Tidewater of Newland township, Pasquotank county, with Acorn Hill, Gates county.

Yadkinville.—Yadkin county's man came nine miles through weather to Yadkinville on Saturday. He is William Rowland, known as "Uncle Bill" Rowland, will be 93 years old next September. He lives near Lone Hickory along the Yadkin-Davie line with his wife who is 93 years old.

Woman Held as "Gun Packer" Salisbury.—Mrs. R. M. Summey, young white woman, of Chester county, is being held in the local jail on charge of carrying a pistol. With Mrs. Summey is her two old child and a woman companion, refuses to leave her in her room. Mr. Summey followed his wife and when he saw her in the room of the Southern depot, attempted to get her to return home. She ran him out of the depot with a pistol.

No Water Development.

Hickory.—A rumor has been current here for several days that the Southern Power company is contemplating dismantling the two mills now being bought at Rhodhiss, erecting new plants and installing in them the machinery for the mills and then using the Catawba river with a dam at Rhodhiss. Investigation, however, proved the power company has no intention of a new water development, though eventually it will construct dams at Rhodhiss.