

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—

Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, retired, discoverer of the North Pole, died at his home in Washington, D. C., after a two years' illness of pernicious anemia, during which thirty-five blood transfusions had been of no avail.

It took a Hammond, Ind., jury two minutes to acquit Frank Pedroni, an Italian, who admitted he killed Frank Petrich, because in the course of an argument Petrich said "To hell with the United States."

Gen. William E. Mickle, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans and one of the best known men of the Confederacy, died at his home in Mobile after an illness of only two weeks. He was 74 years of age and was born in Columbia, S. C.

For a week a wolf pack has invaded nightly the western end of Duluth, Minn., and trappers and scores of people lying out for the pack succeeded in killing one, wounding another and trapping a third of the pack of twelve.

Mrs. Rose Patson Stokes, taken to Chicago, Ill., from New York City, to answer a charge of "advocating the overthrow of the United States government by force or other means," has announced her candidacy for congress to succeed Representative F. H. LaGuardia, Republican, of the Fourth New York district. She will run on the Communist ticket, although formerly she was a Socialist.

Three dead and thirty-two others missing, is the official police checking of the unaccounted for guests at the Lorraine hotel fire at Providence, R. I., which was swept by a four-alarm fire.

Profiteering is the last and least of six reasons for the high cost of living given by Howard E. Figg, an assistant United States attorney general, at the ninth annual convention of the National Dry Goods Association, held in New York City. This is what he says: "The first reason is the increased volume of money and credits; second, the wide increase in wages, due partly to war necessities and government wage scales; third, lessened world production; fourth, increased cost of distribution; fifth, reckless extravagance and a spirit of speculation; and sixth, profiteering."

Disordered conditions existing in Mexico will end in 1921, according to a statement made in New York by Gen. Salvador Alvarado, founder and publisher of El Heraldo de Mexico and El Heraldo Semanario, of Mexico City. General Alvarado is in the United States buying modern printing machinery for his newspapers.

Of 83,069 men in the army from Georgia during the war, only 501 were killed in battle, or 5.4 per 1,000.

Forty-seven thousand nine hundred and forty-nine American soldiers were killed in battle during the war over the sea.

Montana had the largest percentage of soldiers killed in the world war, 17.2 per thousand. She had 39,311 engaged in battle. This is the highest percentage killed of any American state.

Washington—

With the appointment of a committee of seven prominent farm organization leaders to draw up a "platform," the American farmer has served notice on present and prospective presidential and congressional candidates that he is determined to participate actively in the coming campaign.

President Wilson told the senate, in a communication aent the disposal of former German liners, that in accordance with a tentative agreement reached at Paris, Germany eventually would be credited before the reparations commission, should congress approve, with any surplus valuation of the ships in excess of merchant tonnage losses of the United States during the war. The agreement further provided that in no case would title to the ships themselves pass from the United States.

The resignation of Secretary Lansing is given great prominence in the London morning papers, and it is stated that the Britons are amazed that the president of the United States has the power to request the resignation of a cabinet officer.

The supreme council of the peace conference, having made reply to President Wilson's recent communication, it has been received at the white house. It is stated from London that the tone of the note is conciliatory. The state department has not made public the contents of the reply.

The new note sent by the allies to Holland again urges the danger of the permanent presence of the former emperor under what it declares to be a fatally ineffective supervision a few kilometers from the German frontier. It begs Holland to reconsider the question of asylum for the ex-ruer.

President Wilson flatly denied, in a formal communication to the senate, that he had any agreement or understanding with British officials regarding the disposition of the fleet of former German liners, around which, since they were offered for sale by the shipping board, has raged a controversy into which congress, courts and government agencies have been drawn.

Navy officials have little hope that the 80-foot tug Samuel Faunce and its crew of thirteen men, which left Wilmington, N. C., January 29, for Tampico, Mexico, carrying twenty tons of coal, had survived the storm that swept thme Atlantic coast early in February.

Despite further depreciation in European exchange exports of raw cotton from the United States in January, according to department of commerce reports issued at Washington, amounted to 929,671 bales, valued at \$194,965,353, which exceeded the former high record set in November, 1919, of 924,751 bales, worth \$181,309,272. England, as usual, was the largest purchaser, the report states, followed by Japan, Italy, France, Belgium and Canada, in the order given.

Foreign—

Bolshevik forces have captured Archangel on the White sea. The "whites" abandoned the town and the troops are reported to have poine dthe Bolsheviki. This means a material weakening of the Dvina line.

Martial law has been proclaimed in the Saar region, now occupied by French troops under control of an allied commission, in consequence of new disturbances, according to an Amsterdam dispatch.

Gratification that the entente powers have recognized Germany's contention relative to the physical impossibility of surrendering men accused of violation of the laws of war, is expressed by the German foreign office, says a London dispatch.

For the first time since the resumption of diplomatic relations between France and Germany, Dr. Wilhelm Mayer, German charge d'affaires, was present at a reception to the diplomatic corps at the Elysee palace in Paris.

Great Britain, it was learned in London, has instructed Admiral de Robeck, at Constantinople, to announce there that the allies have decided not to deprive Turkey of Constantinople. If the persecution of the Armenians continues, however, the admiral was instructed to say, the peace treaty with Turkey may be considerably modified. The fact that continued possession of Constantinople had been granted her should not be misconstrued by Turkey, the British representative was directed to inform the Turkish government in plain words. It did not mean, he was told to say, that the allies would deal leniently with Turkey should the recently reported atrocities continue.

It was reported in London that revolution has broken out in Vladivostok, Nikolsk, Yenishieska and Blagovestchenk, where all authority now is in the hands of the provisional government, whose program is in favor of union with soviet Russia. The dispatch adds that red troops have entered Tiraspol, 73 miles northwest of Odessa. The Russian volunteer army has been forced back to the Sea of Azov with its troops completely disorganized and typhus raging among them, according to a wireless dispatch received in London from Moscow.

Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, was placed on trial in Paris before the senate, sitting as a high court, charged with conspiracy against his country in time of war. The trial opened at 2:40 o'clock p. m. The accused man entered the chamber accompanied by three police officers. The roll call of the court was at once taken up. There was a large attendance, very few of the senators being absent.

Holland will answer the second note sent by the entente with regard to the status of former Emperor William by reiterating her original position, refusing to surrender him, but acquiescing in the request to guard him close, it was declared at The Hague. The Dutch answer will be dispatched within a few days.

Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador to France, has delivered to the foreign office a memorandum from President Wilson, according to The Temps, in which the president said he could not approve of Premier Lloyd-George's proposed settlement of the Adriatic question which has been submitted to the Jugo-Slavs. The newspaper says that an identical memorandum was delivered to the British foreign office.

The Italians are greatly disturbed over the note sent by President Wilson to the supreme allied council, disapproving of the proposed compromise by which it was hoped the Adriatic question might be settled.

N. W. Rowell, acting secretary of state for external affairs, declared emphatically that Canada would never consent to ratification of the peace treaty by the United States if the Lenroot reservation was adopted either in its original form or with the proposed amendment.

Cardinal Logue in his Lenten pastoral address to the diocese of Armagh, Ireland, says that "not within living memory can we find in Ireland such calamitous conditions as exist at present—drastic repression on one side and retaliation on the other."

LOWER PRICES ON MEAT LOOKED FOR

TO INVESTIGATE THE BOOKS OF
RETAIL MEAT DEALERS TO
ASCERTAIN PROFITS.

WHOLESALE PRICES REDUCED

General Palmer Says That Meats
Have Steadily Fallen For Three
Months Without Reduction

Chicago. — Retail meat dealers throughout the country must reduce their prices as the wholesale price of meat declines or else submit their books to federal agents for investigation of their profits.

This definition of the government's attitude was announced by Attorney General Palmer. Instructions to serve the notice on all retail meat dealers have been sent to every United States district attorney he said.

"For three months the price of meat has been falling," said Mr. Palmer. "The retail dealers have claimed that their supplies were old stock purchased at the higher prices. The old stocks should be exhausted by this time, and unless the price to the consumer comes down we will have to look into the question of the dealers' profits."

ADMIRAL NICHOLAS HORTHY NAMED REGENT OF HUNGARY.

Basle.—Admiral Nicholas Horthy, commander of the Hungarian army is reported to have been named regent of Hungary.

JERUSALEM EXPERIENCES A THREE FOOT FALL OF SNOW.

Jerusalem. — An unprecedented snowfall of 39 inches has crippled communication and caused great distress and hunger. The government has instituted relief work.

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY IS TO SPEND \$25,000,000.

Chicago.—The Armour Institute of Technology announced plans virtually complete for erection of new buildings to cost \$25,000,000. A new site of 80 acres, it was said, would be purchased.

A FORMER MEMBER THIRTIETH FOUR TIMES REPORTED KILLED

Bristol, Va.—Four times reported as killed in action, Former Sgt. Enoch Laswon, late of Company H, One Hundred and Seventeenth United States infantry, of this section, has received three photographs of his own grave.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PURCHASES BAPTIST SCHOOL

Jacksonville, Fla.—Columbia College at Lake City, Fla., until recently operated as a Baptist denominational school, has been purchased by the United States public health service and will be converted into an army hospital.

TO RESTORE AND MAINTAIN OLD HOME OF WASHINGTON

Manchester, England.—Members of the Sulgrave society met here recently to inaugurate a fund for the restoration and maintenance of Sulgrave manor, George Washington's English ancestral home.

DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR GONZALES HAS BEEN DELAYED

Washington.—The plans of Ambassador William E. Gonzales, who expected to have sailed from New York for Peru, have been suddenly changed. The ambassador's departure is delayed somewhat indefinitely by his call to the department of state for consultation on those Latin-American matters with which he is familiar.

COMPROMISE ESCH-CUMMINS RAILROAD BILL IS PASSED

Washington.—The compromise Esch-Cummings railroad bill was approved by the house, which adopted the conference report after four hours debate. The house adopted the conference report by a vote of 249 to 150—a clear margin of 99 yeos.

Chairman Esch declared that the railroads would be handed back to their owners on March 1, regardless of whether Congress enacted legislation.

FINGER PRINTS NECESSARY TO PREVENT CHECK FORGING

Washington.—Chances of successful pay check forgeries in the navy were reduced to a minimum when the department ordered that the indorsement of every such check must place the impression of the four fingers of his right hand on the back thereof before it will be cashed. As a record of the finger prints of every man in the service is kept it will practically be impossible under the order for a forger to escape identification.

JUDGE PELL IS NO LONGER CANDIDATE

HAS WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF
MAXWELL IN ORDER THAT
OFFICE MAY COME HERE.

MAKES A SHREWD PREDICTION

A Proper Regard For the Interest of
the State Alone Impelled Him to
Take the Step He Has Taken.

Raleigh. Judge George Pell announced that he had withdrawn from the race for a place on the interstate commerce commission.

The statement follows: "I am informed from Washington that the President refuses to consider the names of Mr. Maxwell or myself for appointment to the interstate commerce commission as long as both names are before him and our senators are divided. This being the case and notwithstanding my name was first presented and at least had the right to expect no opposition within my official family, and notwithstanding the fact that Senator Overman, Secretary Daniels and eight out of ten of the North Carolina congressmen indorsed me, I feel that a proper regard for the interests of my state should compel me to withdraw which I have done.

"The appointment is of such vital importance to the state that I trust every effort will be made to land Mr. Maxwell. I have some information which causes me to predict his appointment within 48 hours after my withdrawal reaches Washington."

Manning Rules on Liquor.

Although legal opinion is at variance as to the right of Federal agents to issue permits to sell liquor in North Carolina, an informal opinion, expressed by Attorney General J. S. Manning is to the effect that no law is violated in the state by selling liquor as medicine.

Presbyterians Need \$100,000.

The carefully compiled figures at the headquarters of the "million dollar campaign for Christian education of the synod of North Carolina," which is located at Greensboro show that to the present time \$900,000 has been pledged during this campaign, thus making it necessary for additional pledges to the amount of \$100,000 to be secured between this date and March 1, when the campaign will come to a close.

New Revenue District Formed.

North Carolina has been taken out of the Virginia revenue district and a new district composed of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee created, with T. H. Vanderford, director of prohibition, for the three states, with headquarters at Salisbury.

Not Candidates For Governor.

Washington (Special)—A. W. McLean and Secretary Joseph Daniels denied reports to the effect that they would be candidates for governor of North Carolina in 1924.

County Agents to Assist.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of extension service of the Department of Agriculture, who is also a member of the state council of the Interchurch World movement, has authorized the home and farm demonstration agents to aid in making the surveys of their counties, and some of these agents have already signed up for the work.

Changes in Treasurer's Office.

Mr. R. L. Mauldin, formerly bookkeeper for Mr. W. S. Boyd, has accepted a position as institution clerk in the office of the State Treasurer to succeed Mr. Henry R. Williamson, who has been promoted to teller. Mr. Williamson succeeds Mr. Homer Poole, who recently resigned.

Medical Association Adjourns.

Dr. John P. Munroe, of Charlotte, one of the leading physicians of the three states, was elected president of the Tri-State Medical association and presided over the final session. Spartanburg having been selected as the meeting place for 1921.

Florence and Columbia extended an invitation to the 23rd convention of the association, which, according to the rotary plan, goes to South Carolina next year, but the Spartanburg delegation would not be satisfied without acceptance.

Flu Will Spread to the Atlantic.

With double the number of counties reporting, and many of them sending in the accumulation of several days' development of influenza, the totals given out at the State Board of Health reached but a few hundred beyond those of the previous day.

Counties in the eastern section are reporting with consistently large totals, and indications are that the epidemic will spread, however with gradually decreasing violence as it continues, until it reaches the Atlantic ocean and then die out.

Tobacco Sales in January.

Tobacco sales in 103 North Carolina warehouses during January totaled more than eleven million pounds, bringing an average price of \$35.40 per 100 pounds, according to the report issued by Mr. Frank Parker, director of the crop reporting service. The January sales practically close the season in North Carolina, although there is yet a considerable quantity of tobacco in the hands of producers still to be placed on the market.

Fair Southern Representatives.

Washington, (Special)—Mrs. Edward C. Gregory of Salisbury, represented the south in the navy league pageant. She was one of four, the others representing the north, east and west, to carry torches.

Miss Mary Henderson of Salisbury, carried the North Carolina flag and Miss Adelaide Caldwell of Charlotte, the Wisconsin flag. Mrs. Emmet Gudger took part in the Montana role. North Carolina was well and handsomely represented.

Successor to Judge Stacy.

Hon. E. H. Cranmer, a leading attorney of Southport, and former State Senator from the Brunswick-New Hanover district, has been named by Governor Thomas W. Bickett to complete the unexpired term of Judge Walter P. Stacy, of Wilmington, whose resignation has reached the Governor. Governor Bickett has acted in the appointment with his usual dispatch, allowing but little time for booms to multiply in favor of many favorite sons.

Pleasure Produces Partial Value.

With a copious use of illustrative example, Governor T. W. Bickett, answers the resolution drafted by the State Farmers' Union, agrees with them in their contention that property should be taxed on the basis of its earning capacity, but goes further with the assertion that either earning capacity or pleasures derived determines market value, which should be the basis of taxation.

Pastor's Conference March 8-10

Dr. E. N. Orr, field secretary for the Interchurch World Movement in North Carolina, announces that the pastor's conference, to which all the pastors in the State have been invited, will be held in Charlotte March 8-10. These dates have been tentatively agreed on for two weeks, but they have just been confirmed by the committee in charge of the general conferences of this nature in all parts of the country.

Comment on Maxwell Boom.

Washington, (Special)—Comment in Washington regarding the boom launched for Commissioner Allan Maxwell to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission has been highly favorable to the North Carolina officials. The fact that several influential agencies in the south have been set to work in his behalf has given the two senators much encouragement and resulted in bringing about an optimistic feeling.

Politics at University.

The student body of the University of North Carolina, through its campus cabinet, is inviting candidates for Governor of the democratic and republican parties to address the university community during the winter and spring.

Political talk is already brewing, as is natural where youth gathers itself together. Among the 1,400 here 300 are voters. In June these 1,400 scatter to 98 counties.

No where in North Carolina will the voice of the candidate reach a more North Carolina group than the University group representative, as it is, of all the religious, all the parties, all the industries, and all the regions of the state.

Director for 54 Counties.

Fred A. Sweet, director for 54 counties in western North Carolina in the approaching Salvation Army home service campaign to be conducted May 1-10 all over the country, has arrived in Charlotte and opened his offices preparatory to the organization of the forces in his territory.

Haynes and McDowell placed

Washington, (Special)—It was announced that conferences between Senators Overman and Simmons and Commissioner of Revenue Daniel C. Roper had resulted in an adjustment on a reasonable satisfactory basis of complications that had arisen in North Carolina.

Former Sheriff C. M. Haynes will be appointed chief field officer, with headquarters at Statesville.

Former Sheriff Manley McDowell will be revenue agent in charge, with headquarters at Greensboro.

Certainty Rather Than Severity.

Modifications of the sentences of fifteen men convicted of rioting in Winston-Salem in the attempt to lynch a prisoner in 1913 were announced. The action of the Governor followed a personal visit to Winston-Salem and a conference with the Mayor Sheriff of county, the solicitor of district and chief of police of Winston-Salem.

"The efficacy of the law depends more on the certainty than on the severity of the punishment," said the Governor in a statement of reasons.

ASSIST IN MAKING RETURN OF INCOME

NECESSARY FORMS HAVE BEEN
RECEIVED BY OFFICIALS AT
THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE.

TAX IS ON NET INCOME ONLY

An Income to Be Taxable Should be
the Net Amount Remaining After
All Expenses Are Deducted.

Charlotte.—Income tax-payers, persons unmarried with a yearly income of \$1,000 and married persons with an income of \$2,000, who need assistance in filling out tax blanks may call at the office of Chief Division Deputy P. G. Kiser, in the Federal building and any information will be furnished. Mr. Kiser stated that forms for filing income tax returns for individuals, corporations, and partnerships have been received at the tax office of the Charlotte district and are also in the hands of zone officers throughout the district. Among these forms are information forms 1099, Mr. Kiser said.

It was explained that in making an income tax return the gross income of a business should be given with the deduction of all necessary items of expense that enter into the production of the income. The government, Mr. Kiser said, generally gives credit for all interest paid during the year, all taxes paid to the city, county, and state, and all donations to religious, educational, and organized charities.

The person who receives as much as \$1,000 a year salary, does not have to file a tax return, it was explained. Mr. Kiser said that the \$1,000 income should be a net income, with all necessary expenses and charitable deductions deducted.

Rocky Mount.—Robert Henry Ricka, publicist, philanthropist, Confederate Veteran and one of the most prominent financial and business men of northeastern North Carolina, died at his home after an illness of less than one week.

Charlotte.—Fire Chief W. M. Wallace is in a local hospital in an unconscious condition with fractured skull and five other men are suffering from more or less serious injuries as a result of a collision between a truck and several automobiles.

Releigh.—A check for \$10,000 has been sent to Bishop John Poyntz Tyler in South Dakota as a settlement of the \$100,000 damage suit instituted by the bishop in behalf of his daughter, Miss Ada Tyler, against the Carolina Power and Light Company for injuries to Miss Tyler in a street car accident June 9, 1919.

Charlotte.—Dr. Edwin Chaucey Register, one of the most prominent physicians of the south and active in medical fraternities of this state and the United States for years, died at the Charlotte sanatorium after an illness of one week of pneumonia.

Greenville.—At a meeting of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce directors it was agreed that at an early date a booklet be gotten out advertising Pitt county to the outside world—this advertisement booklet would have something about Greenville and all the other towns of the county—but the central thought would be to advertise Pitt county.

Winston-Salem.—Superintendent R. H. Latham of the city schools, is arranging to leave soon for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will attend the meeting of the National Education association.

Laurinburg.—W. H. Cox, the senior member of Cox & Dunn here, is out for the nomination for the Eleventh Congressional district.

Welcome to Highwaymen.

Charlotte.—Assurances of the cooperation of individuals throughout the state in the proposed bond issue of \$50,000,000 for good roads in North Carolina are being received practically every day.

The latest evidence of approval and willingness to aid in the good roads campaign was received by Colonel Kirkpatrick from T. B. Eldridge, mayor of Raleigh, who expressed to the Charlotte good roads advocate his desire to co-operate with the promoters of the issue.

General Pershing in Asheville.

Asheville.—A large number of people crowded the Asheville station to greet Gen. John J. Pershing as the "Carolina Special" arrived. The streets for some distance were covered with automobiles, from which men, women and children cheered the chief of the American expeditionary force as he and his party passed en route to the Grove Park Inn, where a luncheon was tendered. During the luncheon, the general and Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, spoke.