

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

Foreign—

Turkey is stripped of virtually all her territory in Europe, but retains the sacred places by the treaty now being completed by the conference of foreign ministers and ambassadors in London.

Manuel Gonzales, leader of the Mexican band which shot and killed Augustus Morrill, formerly consul at Manzanillo, on February 26, has been killed by pursuing government troops, according to semi-official statements issued at Mexico City.

A bomb exploded under the porch of the American consulate at Zturich, seriously damaging the building, but injuring no one. Police authorities are believed to have secured clues as to the guilty persons.

The London Evening Standard states that the allied supreme council has decided to allow Germany to launch an international loan, because it is recognized that Germany ruined would mean a weak and dangerous spot in Europe. The loan, the newspaper says, would take precedence over any indemnity payments Germany is called upon to make.

W. O. Jenkins, former United States consular agent at Puebla, whose permission to act in that capacity was recently revoked, is to be expelled from Mexico in consequence of his alleged dealings with rebels, according to insistent reports in Mexico City. The United States embassy has handed a new note to the Mexican foreign office relative to charges preferred in an interview with Julio Mitchell, prosecutor of the state of Puebla, which involve procedure followed by the embassy during the progress of the Jenkins case.

Serious riots at Munich and Straubing, Germany arising from demands for complete freedom in the distribution of foodstuffs are reported.

A Dublin dispatch to an English paper says the Irish situation is changing remarkably. It is stated that at least two hundred thousand men are prepared to commit murder at any hour of the day or night.

The Greek legation in Paris has made public a telegram announcing the slaughter of a large number of Greeks and Armenians by the Turks in Rodosto, sixty miles northeast of Gallipoli on the sea of Marmora. Details are lacking.

The Chinese premier has resigned, and a new cabinet will be formed under Gen. Chin Yun Pong, former acting premier.

The cost of the principal articles of food in England rose in January to 136 per cent above the pre-war level.

All allied countries will be called upon to develop to the utmost their productive forces and advised that laws improving the conditions of all workers must be applied to that end, in a manifesto prepared by the economic section of the supreme allied council at Paris.

There is fear in Spain that Catholic parish priests will strike, and the government is urged by the bishops to adopt conciliatory methods and also increase stipends for the aged and infirm clergy.

Former Premier Asquith has returned to active service in the British parliament as the result of his recent election to represent the Paisley constituency.

Charles Garvice, one of the foremost British novelists, whose books were read by the entire English-speaking world, is dead. He was a prolific writer and devoted his abilities to depicting affairs of the heart.

The Leyland line steamer, Bohemian, bound for Liverpool from Boston, with 184 passengers on board, went on the rocks forty miles east of Sambro, N. S. Tugs rescued the passengers and carried them to port.

Washington—

It was learned at the white house recently that there is no present plan for the president to leave Washington. His physicians believe that he will be more benefited by remaining at home than he would be by a sea voyage or a trip to some resort, as he can best follow out his desire to keep in intimate touch with official business with the least expenditure of energy.

It is expected that the necessary military orders for transferring the headquarters of the Southeastern department to Atlanta from Charleston will be issued shortly according to Senator Harris.

Washington awaits with new expectancy a word from the white house on the treaty of Versailles. Once more the center of interest in the great conflict has shifted from the capitol to the executive mansion. The fate of the treaty rests not with the senate, if it ever did, but with President Wilson.

Both Republican and Democratic senators who favor a compromise again have combined in an effort to save the peace treaty from heading into a deadlock over the Article X reservation. A move was on foot for a slight modification of the original reservation around which most of the tumult over the pact has been centered.

Leaders of both parties in the house have determined at this session of congress, despite demands by organizations of service men for bonuses, vocational education, farm and home loans. The position of these leaders is that the value of the large amount of Liberty bonds outstanding would be jeopardized by the issuance of additional bonds necessary to finance any of the soldier aid programs which call for financial outlays ranging from two billion to sixteen billion dollars.

An immediate billion dollars reduction in federal taxes was suggested in a statement issued in Washington by William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury. He says the present tax burden is too great and is having an injurious effect on business in general. He proposed that collection of a tax to establish a sinking fund for the retirement of the war debt which was recommended by former Secretary Glass to begin with the fiscal year 1920, be postponed for two years, and that the deferred payments of European interest be funded until Europe is in position to pay its interest charges.

Senator Ransdell of Louisiana together with Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia and other senators are preparing to make a strong fight before the senate committee on agriculture to secure liberal appropriation for the eradication of the pink worm.

Peter W. Summers, an American citizen, has been kidnapped by Mexican rebels at Salina Cruz, Mexico, according to a dispatch to the state department from that city.

Lester H. Woolsey, solicitor of the state department under Robert Lansing, has resigned to take effect on April 1 or earlier.

The American Legion will soon begin an aggressive campaign to secure a universal military training law, leaders in Washington state.

The senate voted in response to the president's demand for a modification of the Lodge reservation withholding the Monroe doctrine from jurisdiction of the league of nations and setting forth in positive terms that the United States is to be the sole interpreter of that long-established policy. The vote was 58 to 22 for re-adoption of the reservation without change.

Lieut. Raymond F. Pearson, a United States army aviator, was killed at Marsh field, near Riverside, Cal., when his airplane went into a tail spin too near the ground to recover.

Yeggmen secured \$2,000 in silver and bonds from the Bank of Reform at Montgomery, Ala., but failed in their efforts to blow the vault of the Bank of Sumter at Livingston, Ala., according to announcement by the state banking department.

Madison Wells, city judge of Nashville, Tenn., whose indictment on the charge of oppression was recently the occasion of a clash between the Davidson county grand jury and the district attorney general, was indicted again by the grand jury on the charge of drunkenness.

C. B. Pierce, young postal clerk residing in Columbus, Ga., has been placed under arrest on a charge of rifling a registered mail pouch from Macon, Ga., said to have contained a package in which \$4,000 had been consigned by the Fourth National bank of Macon to the Reynolds Banking company of Reynolds. When the package was delivered at Reynolds it was found it had been broken open and \$200 extracted.

Capt. R. C. M. Page, pilot, and two passengers were burned to death near Everglades, Fla., in the fall of a seaplane which caught fire. All three of the victims were residents of Fort Myers, Fla., the passengers being G. Hunter Bryant, tax assessor of Lee county, and Thomas H. Colcord, member of the city council here. Captain Page, who was 25 years old, had a distinguished overseas record.

Lieuts. G. L. Usher and L. M. Wolf, American aviators who landed at Nacario, Sonora, Mexico, February 2, face courtsmartial. They are under arrest at Douglas, Ariz., pending investigation.

Approximately \$12,000,000 worth of securities were stolen from 300 brokerage houses in New York and other cities last year.

The Middle Georgia Oil and Gas company let the drill drop the first time in search for oil March 1 with several hundred present in Sandersville, Ga., to witness the interesting event. This is the first break of earth in search of oil ever made in that section of Georgia.

The house of representatives of the West Virginia legislature ratified the federal suffrage amendment by a vote of 45 to 42, but the senate killed the measure by a vote of 47 to 40.

Replying to the manifesto issued by forty allied radicals held at Youngstown, Ohio, demanding action on their cases, J. A. Fluckey, federal officer at Cleveland, advised them that they would be deported soon.

F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie railroad, declares that he believes passenger fares should be reduced to two cents a mile except on certain lines serving a limited territory.

LIFE INSURANCE BREAKS RECORDS

\$236,000,000 IS PLACED IN STATE
OF NORTH CAROLINA DURING
THE YEAR 1919.

INCREASE OF 290 PER CENT

Splendid Organization Combined with
Improved Saving and Investment
Spirit Is Responsible.

Raleigh. Life insurance business not only in the United States, but especially in North Carolina, last year, according to statistics compiled from information at the state insurance commissioner's office, broke all records. It is estimated by the commissioner that the total increase over that of 1918 will reach the enormous aggregate of ten billion dollars, a 68 per cent increase. Of this, North Carolina, he says, placed on the books \$236,176,000, an increase of 290 per cent. Speaking of this huge increase in North Carolina, Commissioner Young declares it does not at all indicate over-insurance, for the reason that the per capita insurance of the state has lagged in comparison with many others, but it does denote a splendid organization of life insurance companies, combined with an improved saving and investment spirit of the great army of new insurers.

Highway Contracts Signed. State Highway Commissioner Frank Page has returned from Asheville and Greensboro, where, on Monday and Tuesday he let contracts for road construction in four western counties totalling more than \$400,000. Buncombe, Transylvania, Catawba and Surry counties were included in the number.

Baker Sends Regrets. Washington. (Special) — Secretary Baker will be unable to go to a get-together dinner in Elizabeth City March 17. He informed Senator Simmons and Representative Brinson of his inability to make the trip. Joseph G. Penny has been appointed postmaster at Garner, Wake county, instead of J. F. Broughton, resigned.

Governor Reviews Cadets. Governor Bickett, his staff and other prominent North Carolinians reviewed the State College cadets in front of the Governor's Mansion.

The cadets, headed by the band, made a striking impression as they marched up Hillsboro street, to the capitol. As the regiment passed the municipal building, it was reviewed by Mayor Eldridge and the city officials.

Mobile Schools Called Off. The eleven mobile schools, which were planned to be held simultaneously, March 8-12, in Hertford, Scotland Neck, Wilmington, Maxton, Henderson, Burlington, North Wilkesboro, Newton, Mooresville, Marshall and Sylva, have been called off for the time being, on account of the continued prevalence of influenza throughout the state, according to a statement sent out by Dr. W. R. Cullom, director of the Mobile schools.

Investigating Election in Ninth. Washington. (Special) — Agents of the republican congressional campaign committee have begun an investigation of the recent special election in the ninth North Carolina congressional district. Representative Fess, Ohio, committee chairman, announced that it was not planned to contest the election of Representative Hoey, democrat, over his republican opponent, John Morehead, but to disclose acts, which, he said, were complained of by republican workers in the district. Although declining to outline specific charges, Mr. Fess is understood to have complaints of illegal voting and alleged intimidation of voters by election boards.

Farm Demonstrators Gather. Two score farm demonstrators and home demonstration agents from the central district gathered here for the opening session of a three day conference with State Agent, C. R. Hudson, and Mrs. Jane McKimmon. A joint session of the men and women agents opened the conference in the Hall of Representatives, and later the farm agents went with Mr. Hudson to the senate chamber. The opening day was devoted to general discussion of plans to be followed during the coming year.

\$7,000,000 Spent on Education. Washington. (Special). — North Carolina spent \$50,000,000 on education in 1919, and \$7,000,000 last year, P. O. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, told the members of the Southern Sociological congress at a dinner, the last feature of the organization's annual meeting. Increased expenditures, he asserted, was indicative of the growth of educational work throughout the south, adding that in 1919 North Carolina would spend \$9,000,000 on school work.

Meeting for Women

A Woman's Conference, to which will be invited the women from all denominations in the State, will be held in Charlotte on March 8, 9, and 10, in connection with the pastor's conference which is scheduled under the auspices of the Interchurch World Movement.

At the annual meeting of the Council of Women held in New York city in January the tremendous importance of the Interchurch Movement was so evident that it was decided to ask the movement to call a national conference of church women in order that the aims and objects of the movement might be placed before the women of the church. In response to this suggestion the conference was held in Washington on January 7-9 and it was at this meeting that plans were perfected for putting on the series of women's conference in the forty-eight states in connection or at least parallel to the conference of the Protestant pastors.

The North Carolina conference for pastors will meet in the Second Presbyterian church and the ladies will use the Tryon Street Methodist.

Great Need for Roads

Internal conditions in the United States have become such in recent years that the construction of a permanent system of highways in each state has developed into a problem involving the very basis of the national progress and prosperity, it was declared in a statement by Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the Charlotte-Asheville-Wilmington highway association and one of the leaders in the movement for a state bond issue of \$50,000,000 for permanent road construction.

In this state are about 112,000 automobiles, on which more than \$1,200,000 is paid annually in direct taxes to the state government. The bond issue of \$50,000,000 proposed for the financing of the plan of developing the state's highways during a five year period would cost in interest at four per cent \$2,000,000 per year. That sum of interest is less than half of the estimated cost of feeding the state's 250,000 stray dogs. It was pointed out when turning to a new series of estimates, and these dogs cost the state an additional \$20,000,000 annually in their depredations.

Hoey Will Not Run

Washington, (Special)—Disclaiming that his action has any bearing on the gubernatorial race between Cameron Morrison, Robert N. Page and his brother-in-law, Max Gardner, Representative Clyde R. Hoey, North Carolina's youngest congressman, made public a statement in which he announces that he is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself in Congress.

Influenza Decreasing

Although cumulative reports of new cases developed during the past week ran the totals for the day to more than 1,000 authorities at the State Board of Health are inclined to the belief that the 1920 epidemic is rapidly passing out of history and that by the end of this week daily reports will have been dispensed with. Several counties sending in their report covering the entire week is responsible, it is said for the larger total.

There are yet several counties in the State that are suffering severely.

2,067 Tar Heel Deserters

Washington, (Special)—The war department authorizes publication of the following report concerning desertions under the selective draft in North Carolina:

Total registration, 482,463; total reported, 6,113; accounted for as not deserters, 293; not reported desertions, 5,821; apprehended or cases disposed of, 3,754, and outstanding desertions, 2,067.

Piedmont League has Qualified

Auburn, N. Y.—Secretary J. H. Farrell of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, announced that the Piedmont league, including the cities of Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh and High Point, N. C. and Danville, Va., has qualified for membership in Class D.

Church Heads Committee.

Governor Bickett announced the appointment of Morton L. Church, of Charlotte, active chairman of the North Carolina state committee for "America's Gift to France"—the MacMonnies statue to commemorate the battle of the Marne.

During the week of March 22 a collection in the form of a free-will offering will be taken throughout the country to raise the \$250,000 necessary for the memorial. The national committee is headed by Thomas W. Lamont.

Presbyterians Reach Goal

One million dollars has been raised for the benefit of the Presbyterian colleges of North Carolina.

Announcement that the million mark had been reached was made at noon the last day. Charlotte was the center of activity the last week, with citizens here being called upon to subscribe the last \$100,000.

Money obtained through the drive will be distributed among the Presbyterian colleges, with Davidson College, Peace Institute and Queens College getting the larger shares.

NO DISPUTING THE FIGURES

If All our Dollars Were Piled one on
the Other, by Standing on Highest
One Could Tickle Angel's Feet.

Wilson.—At a banquet tendered recently by Messrs. Conserve and Untermeyer to their Eastern Carolina friends, the toastmaster, W. A. Edgerton, paid the following tribute to the big tobacco town and her folks:

"Gentlemen, you are in the largest tobacco market in the world, located in the finest farming section on earth. If the tobacco sold on the Wilson market in 1919 was made into one cigarette it would belt the earth twice; if packed into the usual package there would be sufficient to give each man in the United States five packages; if the money paid for this tobacco was in silver dollars there would be sufficient to make two trains of thirty-five car loads each; if these dollars were laid edge to edge it would reach 539 miles; if piled into one pile you might stand on the high dollar and tickle the feet of the angels.

"You must not think, however, that this is all, for which we are noted, for we have a citizenship unexcelled. Our women are a combination of incarnated star twinkles and pasteurized sun beams. Our men are the essence of patriotism, actuated by honesty and impelled with civic pride."

Concord.—The delegates to the republican state convention, from Cabarrus county will go unincorporated. This was definitely determined at the county convention.

Lexington.—Engineer N. S. Mullican has been busy making surveys on the Yadkin river for the purpose of determining the best place to build the proposed new double track bridge.

Durham.—Prof. E. D. Pusey, superintendent of the city schools, has returned to Durham after a ten-days absence, in Cleveland, Ohio, and visiting other cities. At Cleveland he attended the National Superintendent's Association of the United States.

Mebane.—A new million dollar spinning mill will be erected here soon by Mr. A. H. Carr, of the Durham Hosiery Mills, who was in the city last week and purchased 125 lots from the Mebane Land and Improvement Company for its erection.

Charlotte.—L. S. Tomlinson, of Wilson, president of North Carolina Branch of American Cotton Association, addressed mass meeting of Mecklenburg county farmers at Charlotte in interest of campaign to inaugurate a series of warehouses in Mecklenburg county and to enlarge membership of American Cotton Association in county.

Wadesboro.—At a meeting of the county board of health it was decided to let the quarantine remain in force for the present. A petition signed by many citizens asking a suspension of some of the restrictions on business houses and theaters was presented, but the board declined to interfere.

Goldsboro.—At a largely attended meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms a committee recently appointed to make a canvass among the business men of the city in the interest of establishing another daily newspaper in Goldsboro, submitted their report and announced that they had met with flattering success.

Salisbury.—A negro employed at the Ricks Tire company's place, on Main street, was arrested on a charge of the taking ways he is alleged to have had and when searched the officers say they found on him a key to the money vault. The negro claims that he can send to South Carolina and get a good recommendation from Mr. Cole Blease.

Hickory.—Mayor J. D. Elliott was in doubt whether to resign as head of this city or ask the board of aldermen to release the Elliott Building company from its contract to erect the municipal building at a saving of \$10,000 under the next lowest bid. The question was not raised on the night the contract was awarded.

Rutherford Eager to Help. Rutherford.—An enthusiastic mass meeting was held in the court house, attended by representative citizens of the five townships through which the Charlotte-Asheville highway runs.

The meeting was called by the county commissioners to get an expression of public opinion in regard to the county furnishing its part, or one-fourth of the money necessary to top soil the highway in this county. Attorney M. L. Edwards presided over the meeting.

Flu Bad in Wadesboro. Wadesboro.—There were six deaths from influenza-pneumonia in this county within twenty-four hours; two at Marvin; three at Peachland, and one in Wadesboro. It is reported that an emergency hospital will be established at Peachland, and also one for negroes at Deep Creek, where an epidemic is raging among members of that race.

James Johnson, a prominent and popular citizen of Marvin, died at his home there of influenza-pneumonia. He was ill but a short time.

RESERVATIONS LODGE NULL

THE PRESIDENT HAS
OPPOSED TO CHANGING
COVENANT OF LEAGUE

VERY HEART IS THE

No Escaping the Moral
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Terms in Article 10

Washington.—President Wilson stated for democratic opposition to any peace reservations which would virtually impair the provisions of article 10 or other league covenant.

Without saying specifically what he would accept, he wrote a letter to Hitchcock, the administrator that almost all of the reservations had heard suggested were "virtual nullifications" of the articles to which they applied.

"I hear of reservationists' opposition to the League of Nations," I cannot understand the difference between a nullifier and a modifier.

Discussing article 10 of the President wrote that "no escaping the moral which are expressed in this article," though there be no objection to explaining interpretation of the conditions by which such obligations have to be fulfilled. The moral of the covenant, he retorted, will be imperilled by weakening it.

QUICK HEADS WINDING TO RED CROSS COMMISSION

Washington.—Herbert West Virginia, former member of Farm Loan Board, was named the commission of winding up Cross activities in Siberia.

RUSSIAN SOVIET GOVERNMENT MUST NOT BOLSHEV IN

Tokio.—The peace offer of the Russian soviet government to Japan reported to include as one of the stipulations to forego bolshevik paganda in the Japanese empire.

ADHERENCE TO LEAGUE IS CONFIRMED BY THE

The Hague.—The first chamber of the Dutch parliament voted, for the adherence of Holland to the League of Nations. The second chamber cast an affirmative vote February 19.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASKED TO REDUCE PAPER

Washington.—Chairman Stearns of the house postoffice committee written newspaper publishers attention to the committee's report that they reduce consumption of print paper ten per cent because of acute paper shortage.

"BONUS" QUESTION MIGHT WORRIES HEADS OF LEAGUE

Louisville, Ky.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, national commander of the American legion, announced here that a conference of legionnaires of all ages would be held in Washington March 22 for reconsideration of the "bonus" question.

DIVIDENDS ON STOCK MAY NOT BE TAXED AS INCOME

Washington.—Stock dividends not be taxed as income, the supreme court held in declaring unconstitutional the provisions of the 1916 tax act taxing as income such dividends declared by corporations on earnings and profits accruing March 1, 1913.

MAN DEVELOPING SINISTER FEMINISM SAYS CARP

Boston.—Growing weakness of part of the men of the country in developing a sinister feminism, Senator O'Connell told a gathering at the cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Man is the head of the household and should assert his proper authority in the home.

Failure to do this, the cardinal asserted, leads to a false feminism, which, unless it is curbed, will have disastrous results.

NOT PROTEERING IN SUGAR SELLING AT \$66 PER POUND

Washington, D. C.—A form of intensely sweet and valued sugar, has been discovered, growing on fir trees in the Province of Colombia, according to an announcement by the American Forestry magazine. An article prepared for the magazine says the discovery was of the greatest value to chemists and scientific experimentation, and doubts the value of the new substance in the manufacture of