MAY SELL BONDS BELOW PAR VALUE

IMPORTANT OPINION HANDED DOWN BY NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT.

A CASE FROM WAYNE COUNTY

Suit Was Brought by The Citizens of Goldsboro to Restrain Council in Sale of Certain Bonds.

Raleigh.

Constitutionality of an act passed at the special session of the general assembly last August authorizing the sale of bonds by municipalties, townships and school districts below par is upheld by the North Carolina supreme court in an opinion filed several days

The case came up from Wayne county on appeal, citizens of Goldsboro having sought to restrain the sale of that city's improvement bonds in the sum of \$10,000 on the allegation that the act of the legislature authorizing their sale at below par, was unconstitutional and void. An opinion was also handed down in a similar suit, being that of Pennington versus the town of Tarboro.

In the Geldsboro case Associate Justice Allen writes the opinion and holds that in selling the bonds at 96 by virtue of an act of the legislature the city's officials were within their rights, the sale was not usurious and the act is constitutional since it was passed to meet an emergency and is of limited duration and must be sus-

Steadman Oppossed to Blue Laws.

Washington, (Special).-Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is uncertain whether the propsed bill to restrict commercial activity on the Sabbath will have his support or not and Major Charles M. Steadman, Fifth district member, is unqualifiedly opposed to program. Other North Carolinians hesitate to say whether the proposal will have their support or

"Of course, I favor the proper obser vance of Sunday," Major Steadman said. "I do not, however, favor the passage of a bill in which are incorporated provisions making traveling illegal and the publication of newspapers on Sunday also illegal. I do not believe such a bill is necessary in behalf of morality."

Contributions for Relief.

Contributions amounting to \$1,465,-.22 were received by Henry A. Page, North Carolina Chairman, American Relief Commission, Aberdeen, N. C. This brings the total amount contributed in North Carolina during November to \$5,002.41.

Kellum Appointed Solicitor.

Appointive lightning struck Woodus Kellum, lawyer with Wilmington as his habitation, while he was sitting without the inner chamber of Executive Offices and when he emerged from the shock, he found himself so licitor in the Eighth Judicial district to succeed Homer L. Lyon.

Prospective Vice Raids.

Washington, (Special). - Nothing further "for publication" has come from the International Reform Bureau regarding its plan to conduct a vice raid in Raleigh and Wilmington, Rev. Harry N. Pringle, who directed the drive in Norfolk, is said to be here for the general conferences next week, but his staff of detectives may be lopsed upon the Tar Heel capital at any time. The program is Raleigh after Norfolk and on to Atlanta.

State in Fourth Place.

Despite disasters that have come to the North Carolina farmer in the demoralization of prices, the state still retains its position of fourth from the Rapid Progress With Guard, top in the value of its agricultural products, and but for these disasters would have been first, according to the annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture submitted to the Board by Commissioner W. A. Graham.

State Moves Too Quickly.

Washington, (Special).-North Carolina and Tennessee are moving too rapidly in their plans for Sunday observance for the radical reformers of Washington. The bill proposed by the North Camilina Methodist conference, has excited Washington as nothing else has done since General Robert E. Lee threatened during the Civil war.

"Too drastic," the local reformers say. Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts is for a Sunday between that of the Puritans and continental Europe.

Bickett Goes to Philadelphia.

Governor and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, left here for Harrisburg, Pa., where the governor will make the response to the address of welcome at the

twelfth annual governor's conference. will go to Philadelphia where he will be honor guest of the North Carolina society. He will make the principal address.

as recption given at the mansion of

Recent Vote for Congressmen. The state board of canvassers has

released the congressional vote for the 10 districts in the state. The vote by districts follows: First-Hallet S. Ward, democrat,

21,414; Wheeler Martin, republican, 7,459; majority 13,1919. Second.-Claude Kitchin, democrat,

20,890; W. O. Dixon, republican, 3, 367; majority 17,523. Third-S. M. Brinston, democrat,

21,457; R. L. Herring, republican, 16,-347: majority, 11,386. Fourth-E. W. Pou, democrat, 26,

479; Parker, republican, 14,080; majority, 11,386. Fifth-Charles M. Steadman, democrat, 45,301; W. D. Merritt, republi-

can, 38,484; majority, 6,817. Sixth-Homer L. Lyon, democrat, 24,174; R. S. White, republican, 11,-

040, majority, 13,134. Seventh-W. C. Hammer, democrat, 37,071; W. H. Cox, republican, 32,784; majority, 4,287.

Eighth-R. L. Doughton, democrat 32,984; J. I. Campbell, republican, 31, 556; majority, 1,428.

Ninth-A. L. Bulwinkle, democrat 40,195; Jake Newell, republican, 35, 686; majority, 4,509.

Tenth-Zeb Weaver, democrat, 36, 923; L. L. Jenkins, republican, 34,393; majority, 2,530. The total vote cast in the state this

to a final break between the league year is nearly double that of the last campaign. Incomplete figures show that a total of nearly 540,000 votes have already been accounted for.

Firemen to Reduce Speed.

Realizing that excessive speed in responding to fire alarms by motor fire apparatus is both tempting and dangerous, Insurance Commissioner Young has proposed to Captain J. H. purpose of concrete action.

While assenting that fire departments should not be held to the same traffic restrictions as the public, Commissioner Young suggests to President Wood, that the chiefs should lay out the routes for their apparatus to various parts of the towns and cities, choosing the nearest and least used way and see that excessive speed is not used-only such speed as gives the driver complete control of his ma-

National Guard for Thirtieth.

North Carolina and its sister states of Tennessee and South Carolina, which furnished the machinery for breaking the Hindenburg line some two years back, is to have that same organization, the Immortal Thirtieth Division, reorganized in the National Guard of the three states, and ready for another emergency whenever it may come, according to an announcement from the office of Adjutant General John Van B. Metts.

Kitchen Again Taken III.

Washington, (Special).-Congressman Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina, who suffered an attack of indigestion soon after leaving the post office department where he had been in conference with Postmaster General Burleson, is resting easily and there is no cause for alarm, according to Dr. Lewis Battle, also a Tar Heel.

In conversation with The correspondent at his home. Dr. Battle said there was not the slightest sign of another paralytic stroke.

A Meeting of Committee.

The joint legislative committee appointed by the last general assembly to recomend a bill providing for workmen's compensation will hold a special session in the office of the state Insurance Commissioner Tuesday December 14, beginning promptly at eleven o'clock, when the committee hopes that those who have suggestions or views on the proposed legislation will present them.

Appointment of Col Williams. The secretary of war has appointed Colonel Alexander E. Williams, quartermaster corps, to be assistant to the quartermaster general of the army with the rank of brigadier general.

The North Carolina national guard is making satisfactory progress in reorganization and three companies of infantry have been inspected by an officer of the regular army this month for federal recognition.

Seaboard Laying off Men.

A 60 per cent cut among the Seapoard employes at the general shops at Portsmouth has been made according to information received here. Besides the reduction at Portsmouth there will be a reduction of approximately 15 car repairmen from the car department. Only a few men of this classification will be thrown out of work at Raleigh the brunt of the lay-off being felt at Hermitage, Va., a small station beyond Richmond.

The reason assigned for the laying off of the force is slack business.

Gates at Road Crossings.

Legislation seeking to force the railroads to install gates or watchmen at every railroad crossing in North Carolina will be urged at the regular session of the general assembly which meets January 5, according From Harrisburg Governor Bickett to Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, representative elect from Rowan county who spent the day here.

The statement was made incidentally by Mr. Murphy in an address be-Entertainment features will include fore the corporation commission when he spoke for citizens of Spencer d Bast Spencer.

ARGENTINE QUITS

MOVE MAY BE PRELIMINARY TO COMPLETE BREAK WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SORE OVER ACTION OF LEAGUE

Argentine Withdrawal is the First Definite Break to Occur Between the League and its Members.

Geneva.-Honorario Puerredon, the Argentine foreign minister, handed to Paul Hymans, president of the league of nations assembly, a letter announcing that the Argentine delegation had ceased its participation in the league. Senor Pueyrredon told the Assoclated Press his action does not mean that Argentina has withdrawn from the league of nations, but refused to say if the move was the preliminary

and Argentina. "We feel," said Senor Pueyrredon, that there is nothing more to be accomplished in the assembly. It has refused to permit even discussion of the amendment which Argentina considers as fundamental to the leaguenecessary to its successful existence."

Senor Pueyrredon said Argentina would not resume her place in the assimbly until it had passed the four Wood, of Asheville, president of the amendments he had proposed. These North Carolina Firemen's association, aim principally at securing compulthat he take the matter up with the sory arbitration by the international chiefs of all fire departments for the court of justice; the admission of all states and the selection of all members of the council instead of only four as now.

Argentina's withdrawal from the as sembly constituted the first definite breach between the league and one of its members.

3,898 Automobile Fatalities.

Washington.-A total of 3,898 persons were killed in automobile accidents or died as a result of injuries therefrom, during last year, the census bureau announced in a statement offering suggestions for traffic improvement. An automobile accident death rate of 14.1 out of every 100,000 of population was reported in 1919, an increase over every year since 1915, when the death rate was 8.0 and an increase of 245 in the total number of deaths over 1918.

"Every year it becomes more and more dangerous for a person to walk the streets," the census bureau's statement said.

Reduction of Public Debt. Washington.-Despite the increase

of \$112,646,571 in the public debt during November announced by the treasury officials of the department declared that at the end of the year a reduction of \$300,000,000 could be expected from the gross debt of \$24,087,-000,000 as it stood on September 30.

Unemployment Not General. New York.-Official reports from 45 states, representing 95 per cent of the

nation's population, reveal a widespread industrial depression, in spite of which no serious or general unemployment has yet developed.

Administrator Sails.

New York .- Dr. Frederick P. Keppel sailed for France to take up his work as American administrator of the International Chamber of Commerce. In a statement issued as he sailed. Dr. Keppel said the purpose of the chamber is to remove international friction from commerce

Armenia Becomes Soviet.

London.—Russian soviet troops captured Erivan, the Armenian capital and Armenia has declared itself a soviet republic, it is asserted in a wireless dispatch received from Mescow.

Sinn Fein Proclamation.

lated a proclamation throughout the west and south of Ireland declaring that those guilty of "treasonable conspiracy" will be executed as traitors to the Irish republic.

McLean is Again Recognized. Washington. - President Wilson again recognized the worth and ability of a North Carolinian when he appointed Angus Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, assistant secretary of the treasury, succeeding Jouett Shouse.

Gigantic Wheat Poel. Winnipeg. - Farmers of western Canada announced plans for a gigan-

tic pool to force wheat prices up. The

organization was said to have at-

tracted most of the farmers and farm

organizations of the region. Bolshevism Behind It. New York.—Bolshevism lurks behind proposed the Sunday blue laws, Judge Mitchell May declared, address-

To Grant Relief to Farmers,

ing the Kings County grand jury.

Washington.-A concurrent resolution suggesting that the war finance corporation be revived will be introduced in house and senate as the first legislative step towards granting the wheat, corn and cotton farmer; the relief they demand from low prices l slack markets.

Z-----CONDENSED CLASSICS

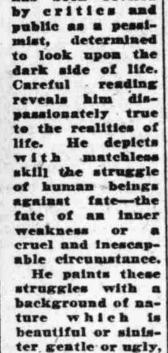
D'URBERVILLES

TESS OF THE

By THOMAS HARDY

Condensation by Miss Ruth McCall, Winchester, Mass.

Thomas Hardy has been reviled



but is always inevitable and organie. Yet his own "solitary, brooding, strongly colored mind" dominates men and landscape.

This is especially true in his most famous novel, "Tess." It is at once the most tragically pitiful of his books, and, if deeply read, the most hopeful, for the sorrows of Tess are due to stupidities in our civilization which may be done away with.

66 OOD morning, Sir John." The bewilderment of thus addressed was speedily converted into a majestic pride upon learning that he, John Durbeyfield of Marlott was actually a lineal descendant of the noble family of D'Urberville.

And no sooner had Joan his handsome, shallow-minded wife, the easygoing mother of his many children, heard of her exalted estate, than her romantic soul began secretly to devise a brilliant and fitting alliance for her beautiful young daughter. To which end Tess was artfully prevailed eternal damnation caused Tess to upon to seek work in a wealthy upstart family of the same illustrious there on a platform of corn bags, in

And so the innocent child, whose single-minded desire was to mend the broken fortunes of her family, became poultry keeper for the blind woman of with a ferocious righteousness. As she spurious title and ultimate prey for passed down the lane he came after her son, a dissolute wretch, young Alec where she lived in a gray seclusion un til her weazened little baby's death.

heart searching, Tess determined to leave home again—this time to be dairymaid at Talbothays, a large, fertile farm in the valley of the Great Dairles. And here, too, was a young man, the had sadly disappointed his father. first by non-conformist views and then by sincere scruples against taking orgentleman farmer, he was specializing at various farms. Cultured, idealistic, sympathetic, he seemed to Tess a demigod, and though she had sworn herself to celibacy, the enforced propinquity ripened into intimacy and drifted into love. Together they went afield in the wondrous dewy dawns and the warm summer afternoons found them making butter and cheese in the cool, white dairy house. The birds sang for them and for them the stars shone and the whole verdant valley teeming with richness and incense, gave up its odorous vapors.

her situation in this man-made world. But all withdrawals were overcome by day which she had reluctantly set, her resolution took shape in writing-a four-page confession is breathlessly thrust under his door. Ironically concealed under the carpet it lies until Tess, with a sudden late intuition on her wedding morn discovers its hiding place and tears it up. In a lumbering old relic of coach days (symbolic of an ancient D'Urberville legend of crime) Tess and Angel are carried to church, cock crows thrice. "An afternoon crow," and the dairy folk shake their heads at the evil omen. To the old farmhouse—a derelict of

ready range of a model mill. Clare. with a sense of the practical and the romantic, takes his lovely bride. From the panelled wall outside her door, two old D'Urberville portraits gleam evilly and Clare and Tess shiver as they trace a subtle likeness to her own in the malignant yet noble features. Before the glowing fire the adoring bridegroom, his wife's hand clasped in his, tells the story of his one aberration, of his 48 hours' dissipation with a Scarlet Woman, and confidently craves her pardon, which Tess is only too delighted to grant; and, with the first real gleam of hope, unfolds her own

The wanton action of a man of maturity-the deceived innocence of an ignorant child! And yet, the man

sad story. . . .

cannot forgive the woman. All the rigid rule of his forbears, all the domination of an unjust social order grip him. Angel Clare, the prophet of emancipation, no longer exists. For several days they lead a formal, isolated existence. Tess, whose sole wish is to please her idol, acquiesces in his attitude, and after a first wild outburst at the injustice, does nothing to exonerate herself, and her one chance for reinstatement is blighted by the mocking witness of the vindictive portraits. No chaste-minded, unsophisticated peasant maid she, but the last dregs of a decadent stock! A separation, temporarily at least, is decided upon, and while Clare ranges afar, Tess again creeps home. Joan, after the first bitter reproaches for the mad disobedience of her repeated injunctions of secrecy, treats the affair with her usual fatalistic lightheartedness; but

the harsh words of the father in a

drunken moment of excessive ances-

tral pride causes a dignified departure

with the conciliatory donation of

half her means of subsistence and the

intimation that she is rejoining her

husband. Determined, however, to make no appeal to Clare's family, Tess easily finds summer employment among the farms: but with the coming of winter and too lavish contributions to her family's support, privation stares her in the face. Day after day she wanders on until at length on the high, chalky tablelands, in a great drab field of desolation, she finds the meanest, most arduous of tasks rendered tenfold difficult by a churlish boor of an employer in all the rancor of an ancient grudge against her. In the stinging rain and the chilling snow she toils unceasingly, uncomplainingly, living wholly in the hope of her husband's return. Songs that he loved she practices; the sweet, gay notes contrasting their establishment twenty-nine years sadly with her tragic lips and great, sorrowing eyes. At length, distraught by the continued silence, she bravely decides to seek news of him from his parents, and walks the long, tremulous dusty, threadbare peddler miles to Emminster vicarage. Of rare spiritual as well as physical endowments, she would have undoubtedly received a welcome at the hands of the benevolent old clergyman and his wife, but an empty house reverberates to her knocking, and while she unobtrusively awaits their return from church, she

that sends her homeward with rended The voice of a "ranter" triumphantly consigning a barnful of rustics to pause for a moment in a doorway, and sanctimonious side whiskers and semiclerical black, stood Alec D'Urberville. Animalism had yielded to fanaticism, and the bold, roving eye now gleamed her, imploring forgiveness and offer-D'Urberville. After a while back to ing redemption. Repulse after repulse Marlott came the disillusioned girl, failed to deter Alec, who persisted day by day, at first with a marriage license and holy words and then his former But after several bitter years of passion uncontrollably revived by Tess' compelling beauty, his newfound religion dropped from him like a cloak, the convert disappeared and all the arts of man and devil were employed to ensnare the girl. And poor, youngest son of a stern and zealous hopeless Tess, grinding on under a bedivine of the old school. Angel Clare numbing strain, was in more danger than her scorn of the man could realize. Finally her father's death, resulting in the eviction of her family from ders. So now, in process of becoming their home, precipitated Tess' doom, and as a last desperate reparation to her helpless mother and sisters, she yields, with a fatalistic calm, to the in-

overhears a wayside conversation be-

tween Angel's two exemplary brothers

evitable. To Sandborne, a gay watering place, a melancholy specter of a man, wasted by illness and regret, comes in search of his lost bride, and in a fashionable boarding house Clare finds Tess and learns the agonizing truth. Just beyond the town she overtook him, her eyes wild and trancelike, her whole body as if bereft of soul and will. "I have killed him. . . he taunted me . . . he called you by a foul Tess' specter loomed but vaguely name . . . I owed it to you and I now, until love's honest declaration owed it to myself. . . . It came to brought her to poignant realization of me as a shining light that I should get you back that way."

With a final realization of the im-Clare's gentle insistence; all attempts mensity of her love and the piteous at revelation were lightly thwarted. plight it had brought upon her, Clare Finally, within a week of the wedding held out tender, protecting arms, and ogether they wandered through the untrodden ways like two children-the

world and its retribution quite forgot. For five days they continued this idyllic state and on the sixth night Tess half jestingly claimed sanctuary among the conspicuous ruins of the ancient pagan temple to the sun at Stonehenge. With the dawn came the guardians of the law, looming dark against the silver horizon. In a grim, and upon their final departure & white | inexorable circle they waited until the sun's level rays, relentlessly reminiscent of a bygone sacrificial day, fell full upon another victim, and Tess, deserted by the gods, awoke. Quietly an ancient D'Urberville mansion-in she faced her captors. "I am ready," she said.

Eight metallic strokes shiver the morning air and from a nearby hill a stricken figure rivets involuntary eyes on the flagstaff of a sullen cage of a building. For Angel the prison where Tess is confined has at this fatal hour a deadly and significant fascination. Slowly, silently, a black square creeps up the pole and flutters chill against the morning sky.

Tess, more sinned against than sinning, has paid the great penalty.

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CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE CLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Salisbury.—Captain Frank Brown, retired business man of the city, is seriously ill from blood poisoning tollowing the bite of a rat. The rodent bit Captain Brown on the hand ser eral days ago.

Spencer.—Engineer C. W. Baker, of Spencer, was badly scalded when s plug blew out of the boiler of his engine, attached to train No. 45 near Sumner. His colored fireman escaped by jumping.

Fayetteville.—A huge wood-working plant for the manufacture gun rollers to be used in mining operations is the latest big industrial enterprise landed by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. New Bern.-Louis Boyd, colored

was shot and killed by Patrolman Fred B.Rowe, following at assault on the officer when he attempted to arrest the negro for firing a revolver on the street. Kinston.-Kinstonians taw clothing take another tumble, a precipitate

drop which left goods in neary every shop in town not a great deal higher in price than during the fall of 1916. Statesville .- Prof. D. Matt Thompson, who has been superintendent of the Statesville graded schools since

ago, was struck and seriously injured by an automobile. Rocky Mount. - Burns received when a pot of boiling coffee was accidently overturned at the home of its parents resulted in the death of Kenneth Bruce Coltrane, eight months old son of Mr. and Mrs. George H.

Winston-Salem. - During a brief business trip to Winston Salem Governor T. W. Bickett, advised some of his close friends that he has definitely decided to locate in Raleigh at the close of his term as North Carolina's chief executive.

High Point. - Several burglaries have been committed in High Point during the past few weeks, but none has caused more comment than the one when \$75 disappeared from the lockers of Desk Sergeant Ed Mungo, at local police headquarters.

Belmont.-A large and appreciative audience greeted the presentation of "Edward the Conqueror" at Belmont Abbey college.

Raleigh .- Celebration of the 99th birthday of Comrade Cathey of Macon county, the oldest soldier in the Confederate home here, was held at

the home. Statesville.—The North Camplins Fox Hunters' association will meet in Statesville on Tuesday, December 1, for the purpose of effecting a perma-

nent organization.

Reidsville.-Tobacco break # 18 local warehouses were que last the first three days of the seek Prices show very little duses, though it is thought some of the me

dium grades were slightly of Hamlet.—An exceedingly enjoyable occasion was a gathering da large number of the Methodists of Hamis at the church on Thanksgiving night when Rev. J. H. Buffalo, the retiring pastor, was presented with a ches

of silver. Wilson.—Rev. N. S. Gillespa color ed, of Washington, D. C., formerly Robeson county, North Carobs and bound over to superior courtiers is the sum of \$500 for doing s insurance business without a licest

Wilson.—It looks blue and is his for tobacco farmers. sales reports for the week November 24, four days sales 874 pounds which brought \$62 an average of \$23.82 per pounds.

Fayetteville.—Lower food po Fayetteville cafes is assured action of the leading cafe here ha scut prices of all foods on nue 20 per cent. It is predict others of the large number of rants in the city will follow.

Middlesex. - Fire complete! stroyed the building and conte the Middlesex supply company, the largest general merchantil cerns in this vicinity, causing estimated at \$100,000, partly com by insurance.

Asheville.—The thirty-serentl nual North Carolina Teachers & bly is now history. The closing sion was featured by the address Dr. George A. Works, rural educ professor of Cornell university.

New Bern .- Moses Harris. said to have been one of desperate moonshiners in tion of the state, and who, say, had boasted that he nere be taken alive, was shot and by revenue officers a few mile Trenton.