

M'ADOO'S FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Was Largely Confined to Review of Past Work.

ON CURRENCY LEGISLATION

Estimates That Revenues for the Fiscal Year Will be \$728,000,000—Only Eight Million Less Than Last Year.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary McAdoo's first report to Congress, delivered today, is largely confined to a review of the achievements of the Treasury Department in matters that have been of national-wide interest; to recommendations for increased appropriations for bureaus under his authority and for legislation, which, he declares, necessary to the better conduct of the government and the protection of the people.

The Secretary discussed at some length the subject of currency legislation, reviewing the activities in his department related to it. He speaks of an unrest in business circles following the beginning of the special session of Congress in April, refers to a "propaganda of pessimism which developed or not, produced a condition of extreme nervousness and tension" and points to his announcement in June that the Treasury was ready to issue \$500,000,000 of emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act to prevent restriction of credits and to ease any situation.

TO EXTEND "WHITE WAY."

Goldboro Aldermen Decide on More of the "Good Thing." (Special Star Telegram.)

BASNIIGHT IS STANDING PAT

Newborn Postmaster Ignores Instructions to Re-instate Night Clerk.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, N. C., Dec. 3.—Complete ignoring of the instructions received from the Postoffice Department last night, J. S. Basnight, postmaster at this place, has refused to re-instate Night Clerk R. E. Smith, whom he discharged last Saturday night.

Sentiment here is against the postmaster. Indications are that he discharged the night clerk because he had preferred charges against Basnight and the public is taking sides with Smith. The instructions wired the postmaster last night were to re-instate the night clerk at once.

Night Clerk Smith this afternoon wired Senator Simmons that he had received no notice to go back to work. In reply Senator Simmons stated that the order to re-instate him had been sent last night. This action on the part of the postmaster leads all who are familiar with the case to believe that he will be ousted during the next few days.

Removal Requested by Dr. Faison. (Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Representative Faison has asked that Postmaster Basnight, at Newbern, be removed. Basnight and Clerk Smith, a Democrat, have been in a row for some time, which finally resulted in Basnight dismissing Smith without waiting for the charges to be investigated. The Postoffice Department reinstated Smith pending an investigation by the inspector.

HUERTA NOT ALARMED BY WILSON'S MESSAGE

Declares He Has No Intention of Yielding, and Will be Found Fighting the Constitutionalists as Long as He Lives—Washington Confident of Early Downfall of His Government—Gen. Villa Going South.

Mexico City, Dec. 3.—The enunciation of Washington's policy appears not to alarm President Huerta. He said today: "I have no intention of yielding. Should this fighting in Mexico continue for years, I shall continue to do my part in it if I am still alive."

Gen. Huerta declared that the country was self-supporting and that forced loans, if made necessary, would enable him to resist indefinitely. So long as he was able to obtain American oil he did not regard the shutting off of native oil for the railroads as vital.

In official circles there is vigorous denial of reports that a military commission has been sent from Chihuahua to Juarez to treat with the rebels. In view of Huerta's repeated statements that he never would treat with the rebels, it is not considered likely that the commission was sanctioned by him.

An order transferring Gen. Diaz, the ex-President from the retired to the active list, was published by the war department today. It was dated September 20th.

The city of Tampico today was declared the temporary Federal capital of the State of Tamaulipas. Gen. Antonio Rabago, the military Governor, who was erroneously reported to have committed suicide when he was forced to abandon Victoria, has gone to Tampico to re-establish his Government.

Mobilizing Troops. It is announced that a vigorous effort will be made to re-capture Victoria, and that troops are already mobilizing near Monterey for that purpose.

News of military operations throughout the republic are meagre and favorable to the Constitutionalists. An outline of the message delivered by President Wilson to Congress at Washington was prominently displayed by the newspapers today. The independent press, controlled by the government, said:

"The man at the White House has dared to fling against the United States the challenge of a new and universally conceded that Provisional President Huerta is losing sympathy every day and that his fall is to be expected. It was hardly believable that the president would have the temerity to assert such a thing. He thereby gives testimony of his bad faith towards things Mexican."

At Pairs, the chief independent of the Mexican newspapers, say: "President Wilson's words are so injurious and depressing and at the same time so charged with insinuation against the Mexican President as to be unjust that it is preferable to pass them by in silence in order not to awaken anti-American sentiment in Mexico."

Washington is Confident. Government officials here were more than ever confident today that the intervention of the United States has shown in its treatment of the Mexican problem is soon to be rewarded by a solution brought about by operation of the internal forces now engaged in a final struggle in Mexico.

Among the facts which form the basis of belief that the closing chapters of the Huerta regime are now being written, is a report to the State Department that the Federal troops are no longer in receipt of their pay, without which they are unable to maintain their loyalty is uncertain.

Other reports regarded as indicating the speedy triumph of the constitutionalists are the reports of the capture and flight of the heads of families which have controlled vast estates in Northern Mexico. The abandonment of their properties deprives the Huerta government of a source of revenue which is very much needed at present.

Investigate Shipment of Arms. Reports that large shipments of arms and ammunition has been ordered by the Huerta government and were now on their way to Mexico, has developed into a matter of some interest. It was reported that many months ago in the early days of the present revolution, when it seemed insignificant.

There was no change recorded today in the disposition of American military or naval forces in Mexican waters.

The Navy Department announced that the 700 marines which arrived at Pensacola, Fla., yesterday on the Prairie had been kept aboard ship because there were not sufficient quarters ashore at present for all of them. The plan is to keep some of the men permanently aboard ship.

Flight of Huerta's Generals in Northern Mexico. Federal evacuation of Chihuahua and Guaymas and the refusal of Mexican oil companies to furnish fuel for movement of Federal troops, were also held as augurs of developments directly bearing on the administration's belief that the Huerta regime was crumbling.

Villa Going South. The Huerta era began in Northern Mexico today. It marked the peaceful occupation by the rebels of the territory abandoned by Huerta's Federal troops.

With 2,000 rebels, Gen. Francisco Villa, en route from Juarez to the evacuated city of Chihuahua, tonight camped at Mier, 110 miles south of the border. Five thousand more rebels will join him on the way to Chihuahua. He will establish there what will be the temporary military headquarters of the Constitutionalists party.

A garrison of 1,700 was left at Juarez. As he proceeds Villa is restoring the telegraph and railroads. Whether Gen. Carranza also will go to Chihuahua is in doubt, although Villa said he expected Carranza's forces to cross from Sonora to concentrate the man for operations further south.

WOMEN ADVOCATE EARLY AMENDMENT

Urge Wilson to Send Special Message to Congress.

TO REVISE CONSTITUTION

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt Pleads for House Committee on Woman Suffrage—Will Not Attend Anti-Suffrage Hearing.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Adoption of a resolution calling upon President Wilson to send to Congress immediately a special message advocating immediate amendment to the constitution to give suffrage to women, featured today's sessions of the National American Woman Suffrage Association in convention.

Mrs. Medill McCormick, of Chicago, author of the resolution, and Mrs. Desha Breckinridge, of Kentucky, were named a committee to take the resolution to the White House.

The suffragettes began activities early today with a hearing at the Capitol before the House Rules committee, urging the creation of a House woman suffrage committee. They closed the day with a night session at which they intend to direct his main army toward Mexico City.

"I will have 20,000 men surrounding Mexico City about Christmas time," Villa said. "Our numbers will increase as we march southward and by the time we reach the capital the people in the city will be ready to join us."

A message received from Chihuahua by a courier said the city was quiet and the residents, including the Americans were much relieved by the exodus of the Federals.

PROMINENT MERCHANT KILLED BY NEGRO

Party of Negroes Fired on White Man on Way Home.

Barnwell, S. C., Dec. 3.—E. Peyton Best, a prominent merchant of Barnwell, was shot to death by a negro party on a downtown street here tonight. Nearly a score of suspects are under arrest.

Mr. Best was on his way home from his place of business, when several negroes approached him. One drew a revolver and attempted to fire, but the cartridge failed to explode. Another fired a bullet into Best's spine, killing him almost instantly.

SMITHFIELD POSTOFFICE.

To be Filled Soon by Recommendation of Mr. Pou.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Pou has recommended S. E. Pearce to be postmaster at Youngsville. His appointment will be made in a short time. It is expected that Mr. Pou will make a selection for the Smithfield office within a very few days. Postmaster Stancill has resigned and the Democrats desire a party man named as soon as possible.

BAD FIRE IN BOSTON

Twenty-Seven Are Killed in Tenement Fire.

Many Others Are Missing—Scores Are Badly Burned and Taken to Hospitals—Start Rigid Investigation.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 3.—The fire which cost the lives of 28 homeless men in the Arcadia Hotel, a low priced lodging house in the South End district early today, had become the subject of eight separate investigations by nightfall. Some of these were aimed at determining where lay the responsibility for the conditions which made the loss of life so large, and others were directed toward devising measures to protect hundreds of other men forced by circumstances to seek shelter in similar places.

Most important of the investigations was that begun by the grand jury. Directed by District Attorney Pelletier, the jury men visited the hotel while the ruins were still smoldering. They saw the remains of cots laid side by side in a general dormitory on the fifth floor and narrow, box-like rooms on floors below in which privacy was obtained by inmates for a few cents more than was paid by the dormitory occupants. The cause of the fire was not determined.

The jury went to the city hospital morgue where Medical Examiner Timothy J. Leahy pointed out that in nearly every instance death had been caused by suffocation. Other lodging houses in the vicinity were afterwards inspected by the jury.

Other investigations were the official inquiry by Medical Examiner Leahy, inquiries by the fire commissioner, the building commissioner and the board of health, the city police department, the State police and personal research by Mayor Fitzgerald.

None of the men found dead had been identified tonight. Two of the injured taken to the city hospital during the day were William Sullivan and George F. Adams.

Nearly all the bodies are so mutilated as to make identification impossible. The victims were men in poor circumstances. Caught in the crowded bunks on the top floor of the five-story building.

METHODISTS GET GO-OPERATION FOR MORE WATERWAYS

National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Session.

SECRETARIES ARE ELECTED

Roll Call Shows 152 Clerical and 16 Lay Delegates Present at Opening Session—Hours Are 9:30 to 1 O'Clock.

(By Mamie Bays.)

Rev. L. E. THOMPSON PRESIDENT SOCIETY. Oxford, N. C., Dec. 3.—The 20th anniversary of the North Carolina Methodist Conference Historical Society was held this afternoon, at which time the annual address, which was written by Mrs. E. G. Smith Plyler, of Elizabeth City, was read by Rev. Marvin Culbreth. The subject of the address was, "Three Notable Women of North Carolina Methodism." The officers of the Historical Society for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Rev. L. E. Thompson; president, Rev. G. W. Starling, A. S. Barnes and J. A. Hornaday, vice presidents; Rev. W. H. Sikes, treasurer; Rev. L. S. Massey, historian.

Oxford, N. C., Dec. 3.—The Methodist church of Oxford is the church in which the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened this morning at 9:30 o'clock in its 77th annual session. The presiding officer is Bishop James H. McCoy, of Birmingham, Ala. He conducted the opening devotional service and the sacrament of the Lord's supper, which followed. In the latter service he was assisted by several members of the Conference.

Bishop McCoy called the Conference to order immediately after the close of the sacramental service and requested the secretary of the last session of the Conference, Rev. R. H. Willis, to call the roll of the Conference. The call of the roll showed that 152 clerical and 16 lay delegates answered to their names.

Rev. R. H. Willis was nominated to succeed himself as secretary of the Conference, and he was elected unanimously. J. L. Cunningham was elected assistant secretary; G. T. Simmons, recording secretary; W. P. Peels, statistical secretary, and L. D. Hayman, T. M. Grant, Walter Patten, C. J. Harrell, J. W. Bradley, Rufus Bradley, E. W. Vickers, were elected assistant statistical secretaries.

On motion of Rev. A. P. Tye, pastor of the Methodist church at Oxford and host of the conference, the hours for meetings and adjournment of the daily sessions were fixed at 9:30 A. M. and 1 P. M. On motion of Mr. Tye, the entire auditorium of the church was included in the bar of the Conference.

Standing Committees. Books and Periodicals—Clerical, R. C. Craven, B. T. Hurley, H. E. Spence, E. H. McWhorter, J. A. McCracken, O. W. Dowd, L. P. Howard, J. F. Stanford, B. H. Black, Lay, W. E. Few, S. I. Harrell, A. D. Muse, J. G. Brown, L. S. Covington, T. J. Jarvis, W. A. Elison, M. R. Sabiston, G. V. Richardson.

Church Property—Clerical, J. M. Ormond, K. F. Duval, L. M. Chaffin, L. H. Joyner, J. A. Dalley, R. R. Grant, T. Singleton, W. A. Stanbury, W. A. Pland, Lay, B. B. Cameron, W. S. White, W. P. Byrd, W. W. Holmes, A. Cameron, J. F. Burton, M. Balton, R. W. Davis.

Temperance—Clerical, C. R. Ross, C. A. Jones, T. H. Sutton, R. L. Davis, E. H. Davis, J. L. Rumley, C. H. Caviness, W. C. Martin, J. J. Boone, C. C. Bronson, P. A. Reeves, H. B. Gibson, J. C. Braswell, D. B. Zollicoffer, W. B. Capper, A. G. Coward.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 3.—One of the supporters of the State's case collapsed today when Harry W. Haskett failed to identify positively Dr. William B. Craig as the man he saw coming from the Indianapolis apartment house which was the home of Dr. Helene Kaabe on the night of the latter's death.

Haskett testified that as he passed the apartment house shortly before midnight of October 23rd, 1911, he encountered a man walking briskly out of the doorway, adjoining. He said the man was tall, weighing about 180 pounds, and wearing a dark moustache and did not wear glasses. Craig has a dark moustache, but weighs more than 200 pounds and wears glasses.

Dr. Wagner testified that Dr. Craig and Dr. Knabe previously had been good friends and that the former frequently had taken the latter home in his automobile.

Paper Baumgardner, an Indiana newspaper man, told of an interview he had with Dr. Craig after Dr. Knabe's death.

"The friendship between us was like that of two men," Baumgardner quoted Dr. Craig as saying.

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THE MORE HE PAID THE BIGGER THE DEBT

OLD NEGRO'S EXPERIENCE WITH "LOAN SHARKS" LEADS TO ARREST OF TWO IN DURHAM.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Durham, N. C., Dec. 3.—Two warrants have been sworn out by City Attorney Charles Scarlett against Scott B. Appleby, of Norfolk, on the charge of usuryously lending money. He is charged with running two loan offices in Durham which have been charging exorbitant rates of interest on money loaned to negroes and the more indigent white government.

Warrants were taken out against his agents here. W. E. Hamilton, one of his local managers, has skipped the city. Two others, Ed. O'Neal and H. B. Wain, have been arrested.

Attention was first drawn to the loan sharks by an old negro who had borrowed \$25 from the Duke Company, now the Hill Company, alleged to be owned by Appleby. After making small payments on the loan regularly, the old negro found at the end of a year's time he owed the company \$25. He went to Mr. Scarlett who immediately got busy with a determination to put the loan sharks out of business in Durham.

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MINISTERS TAKE TRY

In Teamsters' Strike in Indianapolis Late Yesterday.

Submit Plans to Meeting of Unions. Mayor Learns That Rioting Was Being Planned in Different Saloons.

Indianapolis, Dec. 3.—Ministers of Indianapolis took a hand in the teamsters' strike when they submitted a proposition at the union meeting late today. The ministers proposed to obtain a statement of facts from the Union and also one from the employers.

These statements, the ministers said, they would have published so that the citizens would know the cause of the trouble. The teamsters appointed a committee to confer with the ministers.

The question of calling a general strike has been put over until a meeting of the Central Labor Union strike committee tomorrow night. What few disorders there were today were of the hit-and-run variety. A small crowd would collect, throw a wagon and disappear as soon as the police came in sight. Only one person, Eugene Rutledge, 18, was injured seriously. He was shot in the leg by strike breakers on a coal wagon.

A report reached Mayor Wallace today that rioters were organizing and arming at meetings in saloons. A number of saloons were raided, but only a few men were found.

BRUNSWICK FARMERS STICK TO THE OPEN RANGE.

Stock Law is Defeated by an Overwhelming Vote.

(Special Star Telegram.)

SANTA CLAUS. Is in hiding just around the corner. It's up to you to tip the people off that he will make your store headquarters. You can talk to 15,000 throats through the Star.