WILSON PRAISED AT GOVERNORS' MEET

Secretary Lane Says His Trip to France Necessary.

He Went Not Like Napoleon, Seeking World Dominion, but Like Pasteur, Come to Heal The Nations—Next Meeting Alaska.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 18.—War governors of the states before adjourning their annual conference tonight, inspected the new super-dreadnought Mississippi, anchored in Chesapeake Bay.

Earlier in the day the governors heard addresses by Mr. Daniels and Secretary Lane, who praised President Wilson for going to Europe.

At the suggestion of Governor Milliken of Maine, the executives agreed to discuss with their respective congressional delegations the question of reimbursement by the federal government of colleges and universities which suffered heavy loss by discontinuance of students army training courses.

Commenting on President Wilson's trip, Secretary Lane said:

"I have seen criticism of the President and so have you, for going across the water at this time. The spirit which animates him in going is the spirit of this new day. It is the spirit of giving your hand to your neighbor.

"It is the spirit that would make this war the end of wars.

"The man who stands as the representative of the foremost democracy of the world goes to Europe not that he may march down the Champs Elysee, not that he may receive the plaudits of the French multitudes. But he goes to Europe as the champion of American ideals because he wants to see that out of this war comes something worth while. He would have been derelict, he would have been negligent, he would have been false to his own conscience and false to our idea of him if he had not stood in Paris in person as the champion of that principle which we love and those institutions which we hope to see spread around the world.

"To me Woodrow Wilson in Paris represents not the ambitions of Napoleon striving to master the world by force, but the greater Pasteur, the healer of the nation, who comes to bring peace, happiness, and to secure gratitude from those whose lives and homes he makes secure."

Alaska will be the meeting place for another conference of the governors next summer, providing one-half of them can attend.

W. S. WILSON VICTIM OF DREAD INFLUENZA

State Legislative Librarian Dead at Raleigh—Was One of State's Most Valuable Public Men.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—A distinct shock came to the people of Raleigh today as the news spread that W. S. Wilson, state legislative librarian, had succumbed to influenza or rather to complications experienced by this dread epidemic. And all through North Carolina this sad intelligence will cause sorrow to very many, there being scarcely a better known or more highly esteemed member of the younger circle of the public men of the state.

Mr. Wilson sustained an attack of influenza two weeks ago that developed pneumonia, but he responded well to treatment and the physicians were very hopeful of his recovery. However, at a critical stage of the disease a liver complication of long standing assumed alarming proportions and this really caused his death.

Mr. Wilson came to Raleigh 20 years ago as representative in the legislature from his native county of Caswell and later received an appointment as corporation clerk in the department of state. Two years ago he was made legislative librarian under a special act of the legislature establishing this division of the activities of the historical commission and he had in the brief period of these activities marshalled archieves of legislative information that marked him as especially successful in this line of work. He was especially active in all the civic activities here and a shareholder and director in numbers of the most useful business and social organizations.

HO FOR CAROLINA AND EASTERN LANDS

Why Go West to Associate With Coyotes and Prairie Dogs?

Department of Labor Man Talks Straight Out From the Shoulder in Regard to Settlement of Soldiers in Vacant Lands.

By S. R. WINTERS.

Washington, Dec. 18.—To locate in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho and be forced to fight coyotes, ground squirrels and other pests renders that section less favorable than thousands of cut-over acres in North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina. Such is the view of Ethelbert Stewart of the department of labor.

He issued an interview today stating that for every man induced to locate in the west 50 could be persuaded to find happiness in the centers of eastern civilization where schools and social life make for a contented people. The statement follows:

"A really practical piece of work is being done now by the department of labor through its investigation and inspection service with a view of definitely locating and identifying the unoccupied usable farm lands in various sections of the country.

"We have heard much of the millions of acres that lie somewhere awaiting the returning soldiers. We have heard enough, if not too much, of the available lands and reclaimable swamps to be found somewhere within the limits of states that might be named or not named as the orator saw fit. The investigation and inspection service of the department of labor is no wgoing into North Carolina with agents who will list unoccupied usable farm lands by county, townships and section, giving the nearest market and nearest post office address, and further identifying the land by the name of the owner. This will be supplemented by statements covering the entire county, as to the general typography, nature of the soil, etc. This information will then be in the department of labor so that the returning soldiers or any other person seeking employment through the land will be able to locate definitely where these unoccupied lands are.

"The trouble with the whole land schemes of the government has been its indefiniteness and its undue stress upon immense areas of land on the frontiers of civilization. By the very terms of the discussion practical farmers have been discouraged by its bewildering vastness and vagueness."

Ethelbert Stewart, director of the investigation and inspection service is of the opinion that for every man who can be induced to go to Wyoming, Montana, or Idaho, and take up irrigated lands and associate with coyotes and ground squirrels, 50 men can be induced to take reasonable sized farms in the various centers of eastern civilization with schools and social life already made. Modern inventions have made it possible to handle these lands in the southern and eastern states which have been abandoned or left unused because of the difficulty in securing labor. The lands can be drained with caterpillar tractors, stumps cleared with dynamite, ground ploughed and cultivated with tractors and modern machinery is even prepared to pick his cotton as well as gin it."

S. W. SMALLWOOD DEAD

Referee in Bankruptcy Expired Suddenly on New Bern Train.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, Dec. 18.—Samuel W. Smallwood, prominent citizen and business man of New Bern, here to hear the plea of R. Tonkel and Co., in bankruptcy, died suddenly yesterday afternoon while sitting in the coach of his train for New Bern at 4:30 o'clock, as result of heart failure.

Mr. Smallwood while here yesterday was apparently in the best of health and spirits, laughing and joking with his many friends, especially the older members of the Goldsboro bar. He was well known and universally liked throughout the eastern part of the state and had been for many years acting as referee in bankruptcy.

The remains were conveyed to his home in New Bern on the same train, it being held for the preparations.

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INFLUENZA RAGING IN CASWELL SCHOOL

Over Half of Feeble-Minded Children There Have It.

Chapel Hill Puts Ban on Public Gatherings—New Cases at Fayetteville—Asheville Schools May Close Again.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, Dec. 18.—More than 60 per cent of the 200 feeble-minded children at the Caswell Training school here, were ill from influenza this afternoon. The first death was announced when Lula Parlier, aged 13, of Hiddenite, N. C., succumbed. The school escaped the first epidemic and its appearance now is attributed to the conditions brought about by the recent fire which destroyed $40,000 of school property.

Threatened with drastic restrictions at the height of the holiday shopping season, Kinston has official word for it that the city may be seized by a second epidemic of Spanish influenza. The miserable weather of the past 72 hours has tended to make matters worse.

The bureau of health has issued a stern warning to the public to avoid public gatherings, and the health board, which has power to impose restrictions, will probably issue an order against such meetings after tonight. There are again hundreds of cases scattered through Lenoir county. The public schools here are handicapped by a teacher shortage. A number of members of the 4 faculties are ill. Whole families are down.

The health authorities as a precautionary measure are urging volunteer nurses to register with the Red Cross relief committee against the possibility of a call for their services. Occasional deaths from pneumonia are occurring. During the first epidemic, sever weeks ago, undertakers in the county buried between 125 and 150 bodies of influenza and pneumonia victims.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN CASES SINCE THE EPIDEMIC

Fayetteville, Dec. 17.—One hundred and fifteen cases of influenza have been reported by physicians of this city and county since the reappearance of the disease here, with a drop in the number of new cases for the past two days. There were 6 new cases reported for yesterday and only 2 for Sunday, as compared with 11 Saturday.

ASHEVILLE MAY BE CLOSED UP AGAIN ON ACCOUNT OF "FLU"

Asheville, Dec. 18.—Asheville may be closed up again as a result of the new flare-up of "flu," unless things take a change for the better within the next few days. A large number of new cases have been reported, both in city and county and several deaths have occurred. The schools are still open, but attendance is extremely poor, the parents apparently being afraid to allow their children to atend. Officials state however, that if the schools are again closed, a hard and fast rule, requiring children to keep off the streets, will be put into effect, and parents who allow their children to run at large will be prosecuted. Officials are loathe to close up the town again at this season of the year, and are anxiously awaiting developments before taking further action in the matter.

BAN ON PUBLIC GATHERINGS AT UNIVERSITY AND THE HILL

Chapel Hill, Dec. 17.—As the result of the outbreak of several cases of influenza, a ban has been put on all public gatherings at the university and in Chapel Hill. Only several cases of a mild character are reported, but the college physicians are taking no chances and are using every precaution to prevent a return of the epidemic. Many "get-together" meetings among the students for the purpose of reorganization have been cancelled as a result of the doctors' orders.

Students are daily completing their examinations and leaving for their homes to spend the holidays. The last of the mental tests come on Friday. The students are getting more vacation this year than usual, due to the demobilization order. Registration days for the new quarter will be the second and third of January. Class work will begin on the fourth. The men are being urged to especially guard their health during the holidays that no diseases may be brought back to be spread among the students after Christmas.

NAVY URGES LARGER ENLISTED STRENGTH

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of the naval reserve force upon their passing examination and also that the naval reserve officers be retained in the service as long as they are needed.

Chairman Padgett objected to the plan, saying it would break down the present system of obtaining officers through the naval academy. The incentive for going to the academy would be lost, he said.

"If the navy depends upon the academy for its officers," Captain Laning replied, "it can never get the required number. Only 600 officers are graduated yearly from the school while there will be a shortage of 5,000 as soon as the temporary commissions are revoked."

The advisability of authorizing big increases in the navy personnel at the present time was questioned by Representative Kelly of Michigan.

"Why not hold steady until the peace conference is ended and see how things stand?" he asked.

Captain Laning replied that might be advisable if other nations looked at it in the same light, but if they continued their expansions it would be foolhardy for the United States to sit back and allow them to get a big lead.

"As Admiral Badger said, a second-rate navy is almost as bad as none at all," he added.

WILL OF MISS LEE BEQUEATHS $157,000

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(godchild) $1,000; Edmo Lee, Harry Fitzhugh Lee, Fredericksburg, $1,000 each; Nannie M. Lee, Ocotink, Va., Anne Lee, Richmond, Va.; Henry Lee, Mrs. Katherine Lee Guerrat and Robert Lee, Powhattan county, $2,000 each.

She requested in her will that her body be cremated and the ashes placed in an urn inscribed with her full name, date of death and the words: "The last surviving child of Gen. Robert E. Lee."

The will was executed last February 9. Robert E. Lee and G. Taylor Burke, bankers of Alexandria, Va., were named executors.

LARGE AUDIENCE TO GREET MRS. SMITH

Capacity Crowd Expected at the Academy of Music Tonight.

Noted English Speaker Brings Message of Thankfulness to American Nation from Great Britain—Red Cross Participates.

A capacity audience is expected to gether at the Academy of Music tonight to hear Mrs. Burnett Smith, the celebrated lecturer and novelist touring the south under the auspices of the federal food administration. Mrs. Smith is a typical war-mother of England. She brings a stirring message from the British mothers to the mothers of America, and her address will undoubtedly prove of great interest to all attending the meeting, which commences promptly at 8 o'clock.

While Mrs. Smith comes to Wilmington under the direction of the food administration, the entertainment tonight will not be devoted entirely to matters pertaining to affairs of that organization. The Red Cross chapter has been invited to participate in the meeting, and members of the Christmas roll call committees are expected to attend in full force. A short talk in the interest of the roll call will be made by one of the members of the

chapter. Rev. M. T. Plyler, chairman of the roll call, was scheduled to deliver this address, but his unavoidable absence from the city makes this impossible.

While the principal speaker of the evening, Mrs. Smith, has been sent to America by the British ministry of food and is speaking under the auspices of the food administration of this country, the meeting tonight is not intended to deal primarily with discussion of conservation or similar subjects dear to the heart of Herbert Hoover. It will partake more of the nature of a general celebration by the food administration and Red Cross. A repertory of popular patriotic songs has been prepared for the occasion by the Victory chorus, of which R. W. Baxter is leader of Fort Caswell, is derictor. Included in this repertory are several familiar Christmas carols which should prove particularly popular at this season.

Chairman J. G. McCormick, of the county food administration, will preside at the meeting, which opens with invocation by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. Mrs. Smith will be introduced by H. C. McQueen, chairman of the Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross and member of New Hanover's council of defense. The closing prayer will be offered by Rev. F. D. Dean, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS INDISPENSABLE

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tionalities especially Armenia and Poland. The pope's letter also expressed the hope of a just and durable peace being reached through enlightened action.

Pope Benedict also spoke in behalf of the new countries arising from the partition of the dual monarchy, mentioning especially Bohemia. The pontiff asked President Wilson to help those countries to realize their ambitions regardless of race and religion.

It has developed in connection with presentation of the papal letter that it was not in response to President Wilson's reply to the pope's congratulations for the part taken by the United States in the war. Monsignor Cerretti intended to present it at Washington, as he had been delegated to attend Cardinal Gibbons' jubilee at Baltimore, but was recalled from England, where he was about to embark when it was learned that President Wilson soon would be in France.

The papal envoy left the Murat mansion after a brief visit.

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NEW FINANCE ERA FULL OF PROBLEMS

Ration of Financial Resources Is Recommended.

December Bulletin of Federal Reserve Bank Discusses Financial Conditions During the Reconstruction Period.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A new era in American finance "replete with new and momentous problems demanding no less consideration than those of war," is predicted in the December bulletin of the federal reserve board, made public today.

Rationing of the financial resources of the country during the transition period, not widely differing from that required when the nation was at war; aid to foreign governments through the medium of the banks, in addition to that which may be required from the Ame ican government; prevention of inflation, limitation of industry to "those lines which may properly be called essential," and methods for absorption of war loans, were some of the suggestions made for securing a broad economic base for the future.

With the termination of the war, the United States in common with the rest of the world is confronted with problems and needs growing out of reconstruction, but in the opinion of the board, definite limits must be set to the requirements of public financing.

"The liquid capital of the country," the bulletin continues, "may for a long time to come be inadequate to meet the demands of the world, and some process of husbanding or rationing it must therefore be applied during reconstruction, just as has been the case during the period of the war. The methods will not be the same, but will be closely analogous to those pursued during the war."

Attention is called to the fact that the federal reserve system is now in an "exceptional position for influencing the distribution and use of banking credit upon an economic basis."

Necessity for the reduction of loans on war paper is dealt with at length and direct absorption of the government bonds now carried by the banks through extensive popular saving is suggested as a means of creating new surrent wealth.

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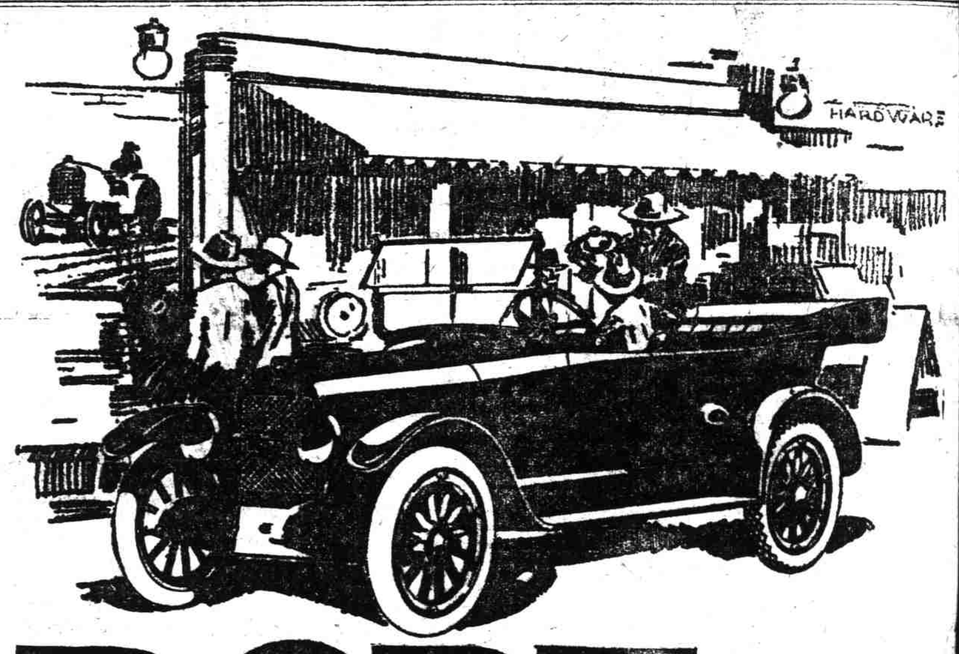

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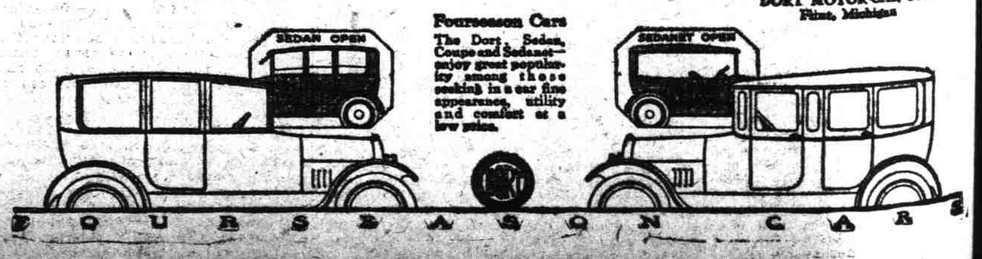

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