

### OUTLOOK IS GOOD FOR LAND COLONY

#### Secretary Lane Likes the Bolton Country.

#### Governor Bickett Asked to Appoint Three Members of Commission to Work on Soldier Settlement Scheme.

(News and Observer.) Somewhere in North Carolina, the government is going to buy a monster tract for cut-over lands for homes and farms for returning soldiers. The governor has been asked to appoint a commission to collaborate with federal officials in picking out the property and the bill, carrying the appropriation necessary, will go before congress when it meets after the holidays. It is practically assured that in some sections of eastern Carolina a tract of 60,000 to 100,000 acres of land will be purchased. Secretary Lane has recently visited Wilmington with land experts and proprietors of the Bolton, Brunswick and Columbus counties have been surveyed as a possible choice. Wherever it goes, it will mean a great deal for the section of the country. The general feeling seems to be that there will be many soldiers coming back who will be anxious to farm, not alone those who left the farm to answer the call to service, but those who have observed farming and its joys in the European countries. The number of those that will go on government bought farms is, of course, problematical but the provisions of the bill is to care for just as many as may want to engage in farming. The rest of the land to be purchased is to be sold to the farmer on something for the rest of the world. Secretary Lane and his experts, it is understood, were highly pleased with the tracts shown them near Wilmington, particularly with property near Columbus county. Near Bolton, where Belgian refugees have started a development colony, is said to be some of the finest virgin soil in the state and in such acreage can be purchased in a single tract large enough to meet the government's requirements. While the coastal section of the state has been considered as a general possibility for the colonization scheme, Bolton understands that the cut-over lands near that place are as near ideal for the government's purpose as any in the country. Several years ago, colonists from the middle western states began to clear land on this soil and crops grown the first year were phenomenal. Corn grew practically without attention and truck farming yielded handsome returns in foodstuffs. Bolton is on the Atlantic coast on the railroad from Wilmington to Florence, S. C., and is located about 20 miles from Whiteville, county seat of Columbus. The bulk of the land which was visited by Secretary Lane and his party is south of the railroad and extends almost to the Brunswick county line. Other lands that have been considered, and which were recommended by the commissioner of agriculture as suitable for returning soldiers, included the land in the tidewater section of the state and the black lands in northeastern Carolina. In a Washington dispatch of yesterday, Ethelbert Stewart, director of investigation and inspection bureau of the department of labor, has been requested by Secretary Lane to prepare as early as possible a list of the uncultivated lands in the country to such a report that will be submitted to the congress. "This is the first clerical step," Mr. Stewart has announced, "toward the practical opening up of the lands in the eastern part of the country to such of the returning soldiers as desire to definitely locate upon and settle the land. It is, in effect, an opening up of the books. It is now understood that the war department intends to return the soldiers to the cantonments from which they were shipped overseas to be mustered out. To a certain extent, these men returning to their old camps will have some of the surrounding territory but will have no specific information as the exact location of available farms. Governor Bickett has been requested to appoint three members of a commission to collaborate with officials of the department of labor and the commission will, in all probability, be selected in time to make recommendations when congress passes the bill.

#### LIEUTENANT COLONEL ORDERED BACK TO FACE COURT MARTIAL

Aniston, Ala., Dec. 30.—Lieut. Col. William Brooke, son of the famous Union general of that name, former commanding officer of the 157th depot brigade at McClellan, has been ordered back to the local camp. It was learned today, to face a court martial trial on charges preferred by Col. John H. Hammond, camp commander at that time. The charges allege that Lieutenant Colonel Brooke committed an irregularity by sending a draft through the mails after payment on it had been stopped. It is also alleged that he made derogatory remarks about Colonel Hammond.

#### World's Greatest Naval Review. New York Christmas Day—Bijou.

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### LYNCHINGS IN 1918 TOTALED SIXTY-TWO

#### Fifty-Eight of Them Negroes and Four White.

#### Georgia Heads the List With Eighteen, While North Carolina is Charged With Two and South Carolina One.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 30.—There were 62 lynchings in the United States during the year 1918, according to records compiled by Monroe N. Work, in charge of records and research of Tuskegee Institute. The figures made public today show an increase in lynchings over last year of 24. Fifty-eight of those put to death were negroes and four were white persons. Five were women. Sixteen, or a little more than one-fourth of those lynched, were charged with assault or attempted assault. The offenses charged against the negroes, according to the records were: Alleged complicity in murder, 14; murder, 7; threats to assault, 10; attempted assault, 6; alleged participation in fight about alleged hog stealing, 3; killing officer of the law, 2; immorality, 1; assisting man charged with murder to escape; robbing house and frightening women; killing man in dispute about automobile repairs, 1; killing landlady in dispute over farm contract, 1; assault with intent to murder, 1; wounding another, 1; robbery and resisting arrest, 1. The lynchings by states follow: Alabama 3; Arkansas 2; Florida, 2; Georgia, 18; Louisiana, 9; Mississippi, 6; North Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 4; Texas 9; and California, Illinois, Kentucky, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia and Wyoming, one each.

### GREAT OIL STOCKS ARE STORED AT BAKU

#### Would Relieve World's Shortage If Transportation Were Available, Says Dr. Judson.

Paris, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The great oil stocks at present stored at Baku in Transcaucasia would relieve the world's shortage of oil were means of transportation available.

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, head of the American commission for relief in Persia, made this statement today having just returned from an extended tour in that region, the Caucasus and southern Russia.

"These stocks," he continued, "are so great, being an accumulation of two or three years, that the wells are unable to work at their full capacity owing to lack of storing and tanking facilities."

With regard to the food situation in Persia, Dr. Judson said this was satisfactory.

With regard to the bolshevik influence, he said there was very little south of the Caucasus mountains. Speaking of intervention in Russia, he said:

"Intervention must not be plain military, but also educational. Idealists among the bolsheviks are rare. They are merely mercenary. Intervention must be prompt."

In reply to a question as to whether the Armenians were capable of governing themselves, Dr. Judson said: "Not without the allies for some time."

### BELIEVE FIRE WAS OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

#### Big Hole in Ruins of Burned Building Is Discovered—Saw and Crowbar Found Near By.

Bristol, Tenn., Va., Dec. 30.—The discovery today of a large hole in the rear of the ruins of the Mitchell-Powers Hardware company building, apparently made with a saw and crowbar found nearby, strengthened the theory of the authorities that the \$1,000,000 fire here last night was the work of a fire bug. Three other serious fires have occurred in the business district here within the last month one of them entailing a loss of more than \$500,000. Lack of water and explosions of dynamite and small arms ammunition in the stock of the Mitchell-Powers concern greatly handicapped the firemen in their work last night. The five story building occupied by the hardware company, and four other buildings, occupied by the Bristol Gas & Electric company, Lynn-Kaylor company and two clothing stores, were destroyed and those of the Dominion National bank on the north and the Straus department store to the south were damaged.

### TO UTILIZE SHIPS ON THE RETURN VOYAGE

#### Hurley Plans to Have Them Bring Potash and Quantities of Allied Products to America.

Paris, Dec. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Chairman Hurley, of the American shipping board has devised an important plan for utilizing the vast amount of American tonnage now returning to the United States in ballast for supplying the United States with the huge stock of potash needed for agricultural purposes, as well as large quantities of French, English, Belgian and Italian products. Experts of the war trade board will leave for the Alsace deposits tomorrow to arrange for large shipments of potash, Mr. Hurley added. According to Mr. Hurley, the United States now requires between 500,000 and 600,000 tons of potash, and he said he believed the Alsatian deposits would fully meet the requirements. The United States previously was largely dependent upon Germany for potash.

Mr. Hurley's plan also contemplates intense shipping of French, Italian, English and Belgian products, which are habitually required in the United States.

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### BICKETT DECLINES TO PARDON J. G. HEGE

#### Much Opposition to Postponing Legislature.

#### Nothing Official to Be Given Out On Report University of North Carolina Would Offer Presidency to Woodrow Wilson.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Governor Bickett declines to grant a pardon in the case of J. Graham Hege, of Lexington, sentenced for manslaughter in the killing of J. F. Dederick, who was shot in Hege's home. There were largely signed petitions for and against the granting of a pardon, but Governor Bickett, after going thoroughly into the case on his own account, reached the conclusion that he could find no sufficient reason for executive interference with the due execution of the full sentence of the court in the matter of the term of imprisonment. This case was a most sensational one, the murdered man being a prominent banker and member of the best known families of the state. Chairman W. T. Lee, of the corporation commission, says he is very much opposed to the suggestion coming from various quarters that the general assembly postpone its sitting from January and February to some time later in the spring on account of the influenza situation. The corporation commission, as state tax commissioner, having charge of the assessment and collection of the state taxes, gives an especially vital interest in this matter on the part of Chairman Lee and the other two members of the commission. Judge F. H. Bell and J. Maxwell, Chairman Lee, says of the situation: "The postponement of the meeting of the legislature would seriously tie up the tax machinery of the state and work a serious loss to the state. This is the year in which a reassessment of all property must be made and the county assessors must begin work in April and it is necessary that the machinery and revenue acts be passed a month before the work begins. I will take a few general months for the finance committee to complete its work on these two bills. The secretary of the state board of health says there is no more danger from influenza here than in any other part of the state. There is considerable improvement in the influenza situation here and it is believed that the conditions as they develop by the time of the convening of the legislature will be such as to largely control whatever course the legislature takes, whether there be the regular 60 days session or a brief session for the most pressing legislation and a recess to spring for the legislation that will be necessary."

It is a fact that legislative librarian, W. S. Wilson, a few weeks before his sad death from influenza, took the matter up with numbers of legislators and very general approval was given in favor of the idea of a brief session in January and recess till April or May, both for allowing the influenza epidemic to subside and give most settled conditions in the state and country at large in view of the general peace negotiations proceeding. Their idea seemed to be that pressing legislation could be cared for in the brief session, the health of members considered with possible saving of many lives and then the general legislation could be disposed under better country wide conditions.

Much interest was stirred here today by press reports that went out to afternoon papers to the effect that the directorate of the University of North Carolina had a foot a plan to offer the presidency of the university to President Woodrow Wilson at a salary of \$20,000. No information on the subject could be gotten here and Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the university directorate definitely stated that there was no such plan having any official status. He granted that some individuals might have conceived of such a plan and give it to the press. But certainly there is nothing official in any reports of the sort that may be extant.

### HOLD WAR SAVINGS CELEBRATION JAN. 17

#### 1918 Campaign for Sale of Stamps Will be Opened Actively on Franklin's Birthday.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The 1918 war savings campaign will be opened actively by a nation-wide celebration on January 17, the anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. District war savings directors in conference here today were so informed by Harold Braddock, the new national director of the war savings movement.

That day will be devoted particularly, Mr. Braddock said, to the organization of thousands of war savings societies to systematize the preaching of thrift and promote the sale of two billion dollars worth of stamps during the year.

Business men, educators and publicists from the 12 federal reserve districts who will have charge of 1918 war savings and thrift stamp campaigns were welcomed to a conference here today by Secretary Glass with a request that they press their work on the basis that the war will not be over until the United States has met its every commitment.

"The firing of guns has ceased and we are all of us confident this will not be renewed," Mr. Glass said. "We have every reason to believe the president is going so to impress himself upon European statesmen that his views will prevail and that we shall have a league of peace which will not endanger the happiness of future generations."

"The war is not over so far as the treasury department is concerned. Two billion dollars a month are being spent at the present time. Now is not the time to lay patriotism aside."

### BARK DESTROYED BY FIRE AT SEA; ONE BOAT MISSING.

Church Christ, New Zealand, Dec. 30.—The bark Arvan was destroyed by fire 30 miles east of Christchurch last Wednesday. The captain and 13 men have landed safely but one boat is missing.

The bark Arvan sailed from Wellington, N. Z., on December 18 for San Francisco. She was a craft of 1,988 tons burden.

### SIX SHIPS BRINGING ABOUT 7,700 TROOPS

#### Three Transports and Three Warships Leave France.

#### All Except One of the Vessels Will Arrive at Newport News, the Other Going to New York—Units Aboard Made Public.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Sailing of three transports and of three battleships serving as transports, bringing back troops from France, was announced today by the war department. In all about 200 officers and 7,500 men are comprised in the units on the six ships. The transport Koenig der Nederlanden sailed from France December 25 for Newport News and will probably arrive January 4 with the following troops: Headquarters 163rd field artillery brigade, 125th field artillery to be assigned as follows: Sixteen per cent. to Minnesota, 8 per cent. to Iowa, 6 per cent. to Michigan, 1 per cent. to Montana, 20 per cent. to Camp Cody and 2 per cent. to Camp Travis; casual companies nine and 337; casual companies of marines numbers 332 and 333.

On the transport Powhatan, which sailed on December 25 for Newport News, where she is due January 4, are the following: Headquarters 59th field artillery brigade, 56 per cent. assigned to Iowa, 30 per cent. to Nebraska, 1 per cent. to Minnesota and 2 per cent. each to Massachusetts, South Dakota and Camp Cody; 12th field artillery regiment, 58 per cent. assigned to Nebraska, 16 per cent. to Camp Cody, 9 per cent. to Camp Travis, 3 per cent. to Camp Funston, 6 per cent. to Ann Arbor, Mich., 1 per cent. each to North Dakota and Fort Sill, Okla.; 15th trench mortar battery, 55 per cent. assigned to California national guard camp, 25 per cent. to Fort Douglas, Utah, 20 per cent. to Camp Lewis; casual company No. 8, sick and wounded, 352.

The battleship Georgia sailed December 25 for Newport News and will probably arrive January 7 with the sixth trench mortar battalion complete, 22 per cent. assigned to Jefferson barracks, Missouri, 15 per cent. to University of Kentucky, 13 per cent. to Clemson, S. C., 20 per cent. to University of Bell, Ky.; balance scattering; 31st trench mortar battery, 68 per cent. to Camp Grant, Illinois, remainder scattering.

The battleship Kansas sailed December 26 for Newport News and is scheduled to arrive January 7 with the seventh trench mortar battalion, comprising 25 per cent. assigned to Camp Meade, Md., 20 per cent. to University of Virginia, and the remainder scattering; third aircraft section and casual companies numbers 325, 323 and 324.

The transport North Carolina sailed December 26 for New York and will probably arrive January 8. She brings the 113th ammunition train headquarters, companies F and G, headquarters detachment, ordnance detachment and medical detachment, 39th aero squadron and casual companies numbers 301, 202, 203 and 204 of the marine corps.

The transport Pastores sailed December 26 for Newport News and will probably arrive January 8. She has on board 1,176 sick and wounded, accompanied by a medical detachment of eight officers, 40 men and 11 nurses.

### TRANSPORT PASSES CAPE HENRY WITH SICK AND WOUNDED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.—The American transport Aeolus, bringing home American soldiers from France and including a number of wounded men, passed Cape Henry tonight at 7 o'clock for Newport News. The Aeolus is fully 24 hours ahead of her schedule. The ship was not expected before New Year's day.

The Aeolus is carrying 2,929 sick and wounded, including 105 officers.

### THREE HOMES ARE DAMAGED BY BOMBS

#### Those of State Supreme Court Judge, Municipal Judge and Acting Police Superintendent.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—The homes of Justice Robert Von Moschizker of the state supreme court; Judge Frank L. Gorman, of the municipal court and acting Superintendent of Police Mills, located in widely separated sections of the city, were damaged by bombs late tonight. In each instance, shrapnel bombs were used and the force of the explosions was so great that all the occupants of the houses were hurled from their beds. No one was seriously injured.

The home of Justice Von Moschizker was wrecked by the explosion which shattered nearly every window in the block. Mrs. William G. Knowles, wife of Judge Knowles of the municipal court who lives across the street from Justice Von Moschizker was injured by the flying shrapnel.

Mrs. Von Moschizker who, with her husband was hurled from bed, was also struck on the head with fragments of the bomb but was not badly hurt.

The explosions occurred shortly before midnight and within half an hour of each other. Acting Superintendent Mills who lives in an apartment in West Philadelphia, was blown from his bed but escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Scraps of paper found in front of the Mills home expressed hatred of soldiers, judges, priests and parasites. They depicted the state of affairs of men subsisted upon the "stealings from brothels" and that their rule was at an end.

The police were at a loss to explain the explosions.

#### Cotton Selling Below Value.

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#### Wilson Arrives in France! His Reception—Facts News. Bijou.

### NEW AWARD MADE R. R. TELEGRAPHERS

#### Amended Order Issued by Director General McAdoo.

#### Raises the Wages of Those Who Received Little or No Increase Under Previous Order—Time and Half For Overtime.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Many railroad telegraphers who received little or no wage advance under the recent order of Director General McAdoo will have their pay raised by an amended order issued today by the director general. Under the previous order, to which telegraphers throughout the United States objected, even threatening many strikes, the basis for calculating increased pay was made by dividing the rate in effect last January 1 by the number of working days in the year, which included generally Sundays and holidays. Under the new order, this divisor is 306, which eliminates Sundays and holidays. To this new basis is to be added the 13 cents per hour advance granted by the former order. The new order also applies to station agents but excepts agents whose duties are purely supervisory and those at small non-telegraph stations.

The supplement provides for payment on the eight-hour basis, with overtime at the rate of time and one-half. The overtime order does not apply to work Sundays and holidays, however. The supplement also provides for elimination of vacations with pay, giving instead an additional increase of two cents in the hourly rate. This is to apply to all railroads irrespective of existing practices.

"I am satisfied," said Mr. McAdoo, in issuing the order, "that in the past there has been a great deal of unnecessary work on Sundays and holidays and that methods can and must be adopted to confine such work in the future to what is necessary. This order will in itself go far towards eliminating Sunday and holiday work wherever practicable and toward reducing such work where it can not be eliminated to the fewest number of hours."

### FIRE AT LYNCHBURG DOES \$40,000 DAMAGE

#### Four-Story Building Destroyed and Y. M. C. A. Slightly Damaged. City in Darkness.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Fire originating in a four-story brick building in the heart of Lynchburg's business section, burned fiercely for about an hour at 11 o'clock tonight destroying the building, damaging the Y. M. C. A. building slightly and damaging and

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