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#### PAGE ENDORSES REVALUATION ACT AT CHAPEL HILL

To Students

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT

The Government Of The State.

(Special to The Star.)

Chapel Hill, March 11 .- Strong entorsement of the revaluation act and income tax amendment was made here tonight before students of he University of North Carolina by Robert N. Page, third and last of the democratic gubernatorial candidates to appear at Chapel Hill.

"The carrying out of the purpose in-tended by the revaluation act is to right a wrong of long standing by complying with the constitutional mandate for uniformity in taxation," said Mr. Page, who went further and advocated the classification of property so that productive forms might be taxed at lower rate than consumptive forms. Improvement of the school system, of public health agencies, of rural living conditions were also advocated by Mr Page, who, on industrial unrest pledged his support to efforts for betunderstanding between capital and

law." he declared, "and probably in some system of profit-sharing, such as industrial democracy"

"Some time ago in a public speech endorsed the revaluation act," said advocates, who claimed into effect the most important, mandate contained in the taxation clause ecome nauseating to honest men come because a departure from the 100 per is departed from and the bars let down competition begins between individuals and sections as to which can list every honest man is penalized and proportionate share, and the spirit and of two votes from the sixty-four necesletter of the law is violated in the interest of the dishonest.

"The carrying out of the purpose in- strength could be gathered. tended by the revaluation act is to right a wrong of long standing by complying with this constitutional provisicn. The adoption of a 100 per cent basis of value in making assessments of property is essential for the reason that there is no other way to secure uniformity. I favor the adoption of the income tax amendment levying a tax for state purposes upon the surplus of an amount above that necessary for the comfortable support of a family. I believe in the application of inheritance tax.

Trouble With the State "The trouble with that section of the constitution is that there is not uniformity of assessment, and the change needed in the section is in the present mandate of a uniform rate. It should made possible to classify property for purposes of taxation so that productive forms of property might be taxed at a lower rate than consumptive forms of property. Improved machinery, whether on farms or in factories, that are producing wealth for the state, should be taxed at a lower rate than those forms of property that administer only to the pleasure of the

I also believe that a lower rate should be placed upon all homes occupied by the owners in order that owning may be encouraged among the people, for however good a citizen one may be, he is a better citizen if he owns his own home. For this reason I believe that the state should encourage its citizens to own their own homes." Wants Business Survey

Mr. Page urged also a business survey of the state's governmental activiles to see whether they were being negotiate a new wage agreement for conducted with maximum efficiency. 'It shall be my purpose if elected governor," he said, "to insist upon cles, with the one purpose in view of mine workers' union declared attending the greatest possible efficiency in the administration of the business of government."

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS INTRODUCE WITNESSES

Montesano, Wash., Mar. 11.—Counsel ten Industrial Workers of the Norld, on trial here charged with the nurder of Warren O. Gimm as the result of the armistice day shooting at Centralia, was permitted today to call three witnesses for sur rebuttal tesmony. The court session was brief nost of the day being devoted by the court to the preparation of instructions which it was indicated would be presented to the jury tomorrow.

WAS A BOSTON WOMAN Miami, Fla., March 11.—Police late

tonight identified the woman who was drowned with Joshua Seaber at Miami beach Wednesday afternoon as Miss Rosa Crocker, of Boston, Mass. Seeber and the Crocker woman had registered at a local hotel as man and wife. Both bodies will be shipped to Boston tomorrow.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED. New York, March 11.—The special committee of the association of railway with the labor representatives on meeting of the association today. | senate.

# LEADERS TO MAKE REACH AGREEMENT

Is Third And Last Of Demo- Truce Declared In Battle While Treasury Officials Say Any In Atlantic Fleet Not In Readiness, Alleged To Have Conspired To- Attitude Of The President On Many Prominent Speakers Will Both Sides Marshal Their Forces.

> WILL RESUME DEBATE ON ARTICLE 10 TODAY

Also Urged Business Survey Of Both Democrats And Republicans Uncertain Of Status Of Situation.

> Washington, March 11 .- During s truce in the peace treaty debate today senate leaders marshaled their scattered forces for another and decisive

As a result some semblance of co-hesion was restored among the compromise advocates on the republican and democratic sides of the chamber, but the total of votes that could be counted for any compromise still was ately." short of the necessary two-thirds, and the leaders expressed little hope of final agreement.

Ressurrecting the new republican substitute for the Article 10 reservation, the republican leaders agreed or some changes in wording in the hope that they might regain the support of handful of republican senators whose refusal to support the substitute yesterday started a general breaking up of the whole compromise situation. It was understood that they had not The solution must come outs de entirely succeeded tonight, and it remained uncertain whether the revised substitute would be offered when the debate is resumed tomorrow.

Among the democratic compromise Mr. Page. "I do endorse it for the rea- thirty democratic votes for the subson that it is an honest effort to carry stitute last night, work was continued aggressively, and the leaders asserted had made further gains during of the constitution. In my judgment, the day. Late in the afternoon, howall the glaring inequalities that have ever, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the democratic leader, started a determined counter offensive against the cent standard of value for purposes of new reservation, with the result that Whenever this standard the status of compromise on the democratic side became almost as uncertain as it was among the republicans. The best claims that were made toproperty at the lowest percentage of night by the most optimistic advocates real value, with the result that those of compromise fixed the democratic having the least conscience win, while support for the substitute at thirtytwo votes, and the republican support forced a ause of his honesty to bear for it at thirty votes. That reckoning, the burdens of government beyond his if correct, still would leave a shortage sary to ratify the treaty, and no leader

knew from what quarter any additional The situation contained many interesting possibilities, there being intimations that, among other things, the democrats were planning to introduce the substitute if the republican: failed to do so. There also were rumblings of discontent among the republicans mild reservationists, and it was said the new draft might be presented from that quarter if the republican leaders finally decided to

During the day the treaty was not called before the senate at all, though Senator Brandegee, republican, Connecticut, one of the irreconcilable opponents of the treaty, made a speech criticising the Article 10 substitute and warning that if it were adopted. President Wilson might treat it as an interpretation only, accept the ratificathe reservations did not impair the plants. nation's obligations.

Tomorrow the treaty will be taken BRITISH EMPIRE WILL up again formally, though the leaders not expect a final vote on Article 10 before Saturday at the earliest.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

OF MINERS' DEMANDS

Hard Coal Workers Will Reach Some Decision If Possible.

New York, March 11 .- There was general discussion of the demands of the anthracite coal miners at a meeting here today of the sub-committee of operators and miners appointed to

the hard coal workers. Disagreement among members of egislative authority for a thorough commission at Washington will not disiness survey by recognized organi- have any effect on negotiations of the covered of the 25,000,000 asked in re- rate any division from the main fleet tation of all our governmental agen- anthracite agreement, officials of the cent requests for bids.

The hard coal workers, it was stat-

bituminous field. VESSEL STUCK ON

MADAGASCAR REEF

Assistance Expected In Time To Prevent Life Loss.

New York, March 11.-Wireless messages received here late today by the Ward line company from Captain Curtis, of the steamer Esperanza which stranded off Progress, indicated from rescue shops was expected within groups and professional bodies were to- America."

a few hours The company has dispatched wireless messages to all its vessels in the states to name delegations to attend ence from North Carolina are: vicinity of Madagascar reef, on which a national conference on community orthe Esperanza is stuck, to render im- ganization meeting in Washington on lege; Mrs. Palmer German, of Raleigh; mediate assistance. Several company March 20th for the purpose of drawing D. H. Hill, chairman of the council of tugs put out from Progress this morn-

The Esperanza carried forty-five assengers and a mixed cargo of lead classes can unite. and hams.

executives which has been meeting INVESTIGATE GRAIN CORPORATION. executives the association of railway with transportation and agreed to the association of railway with transportation of railway with the association of railway with the schooler, the condition of the cardina, has been invited by well, Mrs. Leonard Tults, Mrs. H. W. ed, according to the cardina, has been invited by well, Mrs. Leonard Tults, Mrs. H. W. ed, according to the cardina, has been invited by well, Mrs. Leonard Tults, Mrs. H. W. ed, according to the cardinal form the schooler, the cardinal form the s from eight to sixteen members at a poration was ordered today by the reply as follows:

#### SOLDIER RELIEF LEGISLATION IS FULL OF DANGE

crease Of Government Indebtedness Harmful.

Washington, March 11 .- Opposing former Secretary McAdop's plan of reducing taxes by additional bond issues, Secretary Houston and Assistant Secretary Leffingwell today told the House ways and means committee, which is considering soldier relief legislation, that any increase in the present government indebtedness would create a grave financial situation.

Would Threaten Disaster. Secretary Houston predicted that a bond issue of \$2,500,000,000, necessary attempt to reach a compromise on under certain plans of adjusted compensation now before the committee, Leffingwell said "the worst thing posstble would be to give bonds to former

soldiers, as a great majority of them

would cash their holdings immedi-Both suggested increased taxes as

Any future bond issue would have to bear six per cent. Interest and would be "a much more serious proposition than it was during the war," Governor Harding, of the federal reserve board, told the committee.

"First there would be a lack of patriotism, which helped in selling bonds with all sorts of commercial invest-

Make Situation Serious. Even under increased taxes, Secretary Houston said, the proposed expenditure of two billion dollars "would be a serious one for the people to confront at this time.' "The present financial situation is not

Mr. Houston commented, ground waste in expenditures, economical ap- jeopard propriations by Congress and prudence n handling these appropriations will naturally relieve the situation." Discussing the bond plan, Mr. Leffing well said bonds given to former service mer, while increasing the nation's indebtedness, would also bring about recurrence of activities of "sharkers" similar to those used against liberty

## POLES FORESTALL

bond holders after the armistice."

Attack On Three Fronts And Take Railway

polsheviki for a big attack on the Poles clared, had no intention of concerted sent, five more arriving four months action against the bolsheviki but when later. informed that the bolsheviki intended to attack along the whole front, the Poles began three operations at stration and tell the other powers that the bolsheviki and breaking up their marine campaign. The committee

GROW ITS OWN COTTON

London. March 11 .- Empire cotton growing on a commercial basis almost immediately is foreshadowed from a meeting held yesterday in the house of commons, which was attended by some of the Lancashire members of the house of commons and other persons financially interested in the cotton trade, according to the Manchester

MAY COMMANDEER OIL is prepared to commandeer the fuel off necessary for its fighting ships if its requirements are not covered at

Washington, March 11 .- The navy 'reasonable" prices in the bids to be

## TACTICS DILATORY. SIMS PROCLAIMS

He Says, Months After War Declared.

DELAYED MANY MONTHS Admiral Sims Read His Official Telegrams In Support Of His Position.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

by Rear Admiral Sims to his arraign- not be made public until they are arment of navy department policy in rested-"might result in a disaster," while Mr. testimeny today before the senate in-

vestigating committee. pleas for American warships were dis- derstood that many of the violations regarded and months were lost in dis- charged have no connection with the patching a squadron of battleships to strike of bituminous miners, but ocjoin the British grand fleet. When the curred prior to the signing of the ar-"the least harmful way" to extend re- squadron finally was ordered abroad. mistice. lief, the assistant secretary asserting he said, it was composed of four ships that even a tax on normal incomes of different types, "evidence that other would add to the cost of living and be ships to form a homogeneous unit directly felt by those least able to were not ready for sea service." He also read a message from the navy department showing that after the four were selected it was necessary to dock them before they could proceed, a delay of another two or three

> Tribute to Fighting Men.
> Tribute to the officers and men of the battleships was paid by the ad- The penalty on conviction is a fine miral, who said the work of the fitting not exceeding \$10,000, imprisonment in four days, one of the linest exhibitions he had ever seen. Service with the British, he pointed out, necessitat- those facing charges are active in the ed the abandonment of all the Ameriean codes and signals and adoption of

the British system. Requests for American forces supplement the allied naval patrol, Admiral Sims asserted, were refused at first by the navy department on the that the "future position of Economy by the people, avoidance of the United States must in ne way be ized by any disintegration main fighting fleet." The admiral red he was wholly unable to condition any war policy, especially in orld-war, based upon the require-

three months after the United States entered the war before he received a statement of the navy department's policy; that for seven months the department failed to even answer his cables with regard to sending battleships, and then denied the request, but BOLSHEVIK PLANS a month later reversed its position an ordered the sixth battle squadron abroad; that he first urged the despatch of all available tugs to the war zone on April 23, 1917, but no fugs arrived until a year later, although forty-three were available to the navy department the day war was declared, London, March 11 .- The plans of the in addition to many owned by private concerns; that, although he asked on have been forestalled by the recent June 23, 1917, that American submafighting on the Polish front, in which rines be sent to the war zone to help the Poles were the aggressors, ac- combat U-boats, it was rour months cording to information received by the before his request was complied with war office. The Poles, the advices de- and then but five submersibles were

Admiral Sims requested that the committee call Herbert Hoover, to substantiate his statements that the tegetic points which resulted in the war was in danger of being lost by taking of the lateral railway from the allies because of the German subagreed to ask Mr. Hoover to appear Saturday to tell of food conditions in the allied countries in the summer of

An Outline of Policy. Admiral Sims read a cablegram from the navy department, dated July 10, 1917, containing an outline of the department's policy and declaring that while a successful termination of the present war must always be the first allied aim and will probably result in diminished tension throughout the Joseph Cashman, as treasurer of the world. "the future position of United States must in no way jeopardized by any disintegration of

our main fighting fleet." The same cablegram, Admiral Sims said, contained the statement: "The navy department announces as its general plan of action the following: 'Its willingness to send its minor compatible with home needs to any opened Tuesday for the next fiscal field of action deemed advisable by the President Wilson's bituminous coal year, Secretary Daniels announced to- allied admiralty council; its unwillday. Less than a million barrels were ingness as a matter of policy to sepa-(Continued on Page Four)

#### ed, will reach a decision, "if possible." NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON regardless of any award affecting the COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Bickett Named As Member Of Governor's Committee Many North Carolina Men And Women Compose Delegation

(Special to The Star.) day included in the call which Franklin K. Lane issued to the governors of the ed by Mr. Lane to attend the confer-

"I will be very glad indeed to serve

on a committee of governors celebrat-Washington, March 11 .- More than ing neighbor's day. I certainly am in three hundred national organizations favor of anything and everything that that the 151 persons aboard were in representing business, labor, civic as- will tend to bring about a better underno immediate danger and that relief sociations, organized women, religious standing between the people of The delegation which has been invit-

> Miss Elizabeth Colton, Meridith Colup a community program upon which defence, Raleigh; Miss Mary Jones, St. all sections of the country, all wings Mary's school; Mrs. Lindsey Patterson, of public opinion, and all economic Charlotte; Mrs. F. M. Williams and Mrs. Eugene Reilley, Newton; Mrs. W. D. Waddill, Mrs. J. McKinnon, Mrs. F. C. Blekett on Committee. Waddill, Mrs. J. McKinnon, Mrs. F. C. Governor Thomas W. Blekett, of Abbott. Mrs. Lucy Robertson, Miss G. North Carolina, has been invited by Weil, Mrs. Leonard Tufts, Mrs. H. W. (Continued On Page Two.)

### GOAL OPERATORS AND MINERS ARE UNDER CHARGES

gether To Keep Up Prices.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 11.—An indictment charging conspiracy in violation of the Lever fuel centrol act OTHERS STILL T and the federal criminal code, naming 125 coal operators and miners as defendants, was returned in federal court here late today by a special grand jury which has been investigating the coal industry since December, 1919. More than half of the defendants are operators, it is said. Washington, March 11.-Charges District Judge Anderson at \$10,000 in

hat the Atlantic fleet was not kept in some of the cases and \$5,000 in others. readiness during the war were added The defendants will be arraigned on

Ten overt acts are charged against the coal men in the indictment, which He told the committee that frequent contains eighteen counties. It is un-

The indictment was brought under sections four and nine of the Lever act and section thirty-seven of the criminal code and charges in general that miners and operators conspired to enhance the price of necessaries by restricting distribution, limiting manufacture and by other means conspired to commit offense against the United States, as defined in the crim-

inal code. fine and imprisonment

central competitive field, which embraces Indiana, Illinois, Ohlo and western Pennsylvania.

#### CENSUS BUREAU **GIVES FIGURES**

Louisville, St. Joseph And Chambersburg

Washington, March 11.—The census uses to both amounced the following 1920 population figures and in-

Louisville, Ky., 234,891; an increase of 10,963, or 4.9 per cent. St. Joseph, Mo., 77,735; an increase of 332, or 0.4 per cent. Char bersburg, Pa., 13,171; an in-

crease of 1,371, or 11.6 per cent. Louisville was twenty-fourth city of the country in population in 1910. from 1890 to 1900 its increase was ment. St. Joseph, Mo., in 1910 showed apparent decreases in population amount-

ing to 24.8 per cent while in the 1900 census its increase was reported at 96.8 per cent. The 1910 decrease is admitted to have resulted from heavy padding ( the returns in the 1900

#### TICKER SERVICE TEST SUIT FILED

Erroneous Report On Income Tax Decision Ruined Many

New York, March 11 .- A suit to re cover \$2,218 alleged to have been lost because of an error by the Dow, Jones and Company news ticker service in reporting the decision of the United States supreme court in the Macomber case, in which the court held that stock dividends are not taxable as income, was filed here today against company, by Gaston Jaillet, Martin C. Anzerge, attorney for Jaillet, declared the case is a test suit filed in the interest of other clients, some of

whom "were rained." BAKER GETS A REFUND ON A TAX OVERCHARGE.

Washington, March 11 .- Secretary Baker has overpaid his income tax. He was notified today by the internal revenue bureau that he was entitled to a refund of \$480 for last year as the result of an error in figuring his surtax. Mr. Baker, himself a lawyer, had a lawyer assist him in making out his return. He said he was unable to discover where he had made the error.

BISBEE DEPORTATION CASES Tombstone, Ariz., March 11.-Abrupt

termiation of the states' case in chief and the square presentation of the pires tomorrow. I. W. W. issue were developments at oday's session in the trial of H. E. Wooton, charged with kidnapping in connection with the Bisbee deportations of 1917, during which 1,168 men hipped from Bisbee, Arizona, to Co- that lumbus, N. M.

UNDIVIDED PROFIT TAX

held constitutional by the supreme court was urged today before the house ways and means commission by Thomas S Ames, of the bureau of internal revenue.

ABANDONED CREW SAVED. St. John, N. B., March II .- The crew of the schooner J. Frank Seavey, which was abandoned at sea while on her way from Pensacola to Cuba, has been landed, according to information received

## SPLITS ON MATTER WAGES AND HOURS

The Two Reports Is Problematical.

OTHERS STILL TO COME

sented To Executive Probably Today

Washington, March 11.—The comson to settle the coal strike has split definitely on the question of wage in-creases and hours of work. The majority-Henry M. Robinson, chairman, representing the public,

and Rembrandt Peace, representing the operators-in a report submitted to President Wilson today is understood to have recommended a general wage advance of approximately 25 per cent and that hours and conditions of labor remain unchanged. This increase includes the 14 per cent granted after the miners returned to work. ness

Submit Two Reports In advance of the publication of the two reports officials of the United Mine Workers of America would not disnot exceeding \$10,000, imprisonment cuss the probable course of the miners. during the war," he said, "and, second- into the British fleet was accomplished for not more than two years, or both Since their representation on the com-It was learned that practically all jority decision, however, it was re- nors, congressmen, national and state accept the settlement it proposes.

differences between the majority and Mr. White, and expressed the hope that the differences would be ironed out at a joint meeting between the operators and the miners.

pertant that their conclusions be towns. reached by unanimous action. Since the commissions decision is not unanimous there is much speculation to the President's next step.

The operators would not this matter in advance of a decision by the President, but it was plain that the miners and some administration officials expected Mr. Wilson to invite the two sides to get together on the It showed a growth of 9.4 per cent, at | basis of the majority and minority that time over the census of 1900, while reports and seek an amicable settle-

> Majority Report Withheld. The majority report is being withheld from publication until White's report has been submitted to the Presi-Members of the committee refused to discuss it, and there seemed some doubt whether it recom-

tumous coal to absorb the proposed wage increases. In appointing the commission the President said that "if a readjustment of the prices of coal shall be found necessary I shall be pleased to transfer to the commission the powers heretofore vested in the fuel adminis-

mended an advance in the price of bi-

tration for that purpose." While the commission was understood not to have asked for these powers, it was suggested in some apparently well informed quarters that the in dividual commissioners would propose that some price advance be made on basis of facts adduced at the long hearings held by the commission since its appointment last December.

The majority report was said cover something like 30,000 words. Included among its ratifications, it was understood, were letention of the check system by which he operators collect the dues for the unions, and reference of the question of difference in wages to a special commission to be appointed by the next joint wage conference, to report within we years.

Many Long Sessions. In an effort to reach an unanimous conclusion, the commission was understood to have held many long sessions this week, meeting both day and night. Mr. White held out against the majority recomendations, however, and when an agreement appeared hopeless the majority proceeded to complete their report at midnight last night, sending it to the white house early to

The commission began its hearings on January 12, with the understanding between the government and the miners that its report would be made within sixty days, which period ex-The commission would have had no

authority to enforce its findings had its report been unanimous. However. when it began its hearings the miners quitted before a justice of the peace agreed unreservedly to abide by its here tonight on a charge of assault decisions, and the operators accepted with a dangerous weapon in connecin the Warren mining district were its jurisdiction with the reservation tion with the death of Joseph Middleprice advance for a period subsequent during a quarrel with Nelson to the life of the Lever food control law, as this might subject them to Washington, March 11 .- A flat tax presecution under the anti-frust law. losses in revenue obtained through tax- tors insisted that many mines could should include in merchant marine Throughout the hearings the operaation of stock dividends which was not operate if wages were advanced legislation a specific direction to the unless there was a corresponding increase in coal prices. The miners con- ernment-owned fleet, but should give tended against this position, and the board full discretion as to how charged that the operators had made and when sales should be made. Chair-

large profits during the war. Miners' Original Demands. The miners originally demanded 60 per cent increase and thirty hours of work per week the year round. In the conferences with the operators, called by Secretary Wilson after the government had obtained an injuncion on the coal strike, their represen-

### ATLANTIC PORTS' TRADE CONFERENCE **GREENSBORO TODAY**

Make Addresses On Pertinent Subjects.

SOUTH WANTS HER PLACE IN FOREIGN COMMERCE

Minority Opinion Will Be Pre- Meeting Will Be Followed By Banquet At O. Henry Hotel.

> Greensboro, March 11. - Matthew Hale, of Washington, president of the South Atlantic Export company, and Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, arrived here this morning and have been busi-ly engaged all day perfecting final plans for the export trade conferences which meets here at 11 o'clock to-

Get Down to Business. During the day Mr. Hale was conferring with various local men who are interested in the conference, and all arrangements have been made so conference can get down to busiwith as much dispatch as possi-John P. White, representing the ble. He stated tonight that while no miners, refuses to concur in this set- cut and dried program would be foltlement. He is preparing a minority lowed at the conference, the morning report in which it is reported that he session would, without doubt, be given will recommend a seven-hour day over to purely business discussions, and a wage increase of approximately and the afternoon session would be graced by several notable addresses. as will the banquet which will be given at the O. Henry hotel at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.

Mr. Hale stated that the discussions of the conference would be open to every one interested in gaining for the south the place she should hold in foreign commerce. garded as certain that they would not officials will confer with manufacturers, producers, shippers and traffic William Green, secretary of the men in formulating a foreign trace miners' union, after a conference with program for the south Atlantis states. Secretary Tumulty at the white house Delegations from several cities of late today, said there was no radical this and other states of the south Atlantic seaboard are expecter to arrive here on late trains tonight, while those from the nearby cities will probably not arrive until tomorow morning. It is expected that strong delegations will be present from Wilming-President Wilson, in inviting the sonville, as the matters that will be members of the commission to under- discussed at this conference will be ake a settlement, said it was im- of peculiar interest to these seaport

> Hale Will Preside.
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> Following the address of Welcome on the part of the city by R. D. Donglas, Mr. MacRae will welcome the assembled delegations in behalf of the state of North Carolina, and will then present Mr. Hale, who will preside over the deliberations of the con-

> fenence. Acording to the present plans a committee will be appointed tomor row to investigate the feasibility of forming a permanent association of the various chambers of commerce and boards of trade of all of the cities in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, so that when any question arises that is of interest to the foreign trade of these states this body may be sufficiently strong to bring pressure to bear in

> the right direction. A general discussion of the conditions in regard to foreign trade through these states will be discussed, as will be the transportation conditions now existing to southern ports, both by land and sea. Steps will be taken to insure better freight service from the middle west to these ports and a greater number of ships allotted by the shipping board to carry this

> commerce to foreign merchants. Many Prominent Speakers. Among the speakers tomorrow norning will be Matthew Hale, Governor Thomas W. Bickett, Williams A. Wimbish, counsel Atlanta freight bureau, and A. V. Snell, of the Charleston chamber of commerce. Tomorrow afternoon Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, George M. McLeod, of Washington, member of the federal bureau of foreign and domestic trade, and a number of other prominent men will

The banquet tomorrow night will witness the close of the conference, it being expected that there will be over 100 people present for this, as all of those in attendance at the conference will have places. A number of interesting talks are expected.

TO SPEAK AT GASTONIA

(Special to The Star) Washington, March 11 .- Attorney General Palmer has accepted an invitation from the Gaston county bar association to speak at its meeting at Gastonia on a date yet to be fixed. The association will meet April 10 to April 14. inclusive.

YOUNG NELSON ACQUITTED

Alexandria, Minn., March 11.- Gustaf Nelson, son-in-law of United States Senator Knute Nelson, was acthey could not be bound by any ton, a farmer, who was shot yesterday

TO SELL MARINE FLEET

Washington, March 11 .- Congress shipping board to sell the present govman Payne today told the senate commerce committee.

ALABAMA COMMITTEEMAN

Montgomery, Ala., March 11 .- The state democratic executive committee this afternoon announced the qualification of Edward Barrett, editor of the Birmingham A .- Herald, for na-