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## MEASURES FOR FIGHTING BLIND TIGERS COMING

Bill Has Been Prepared Authorizing State Commission.

### SPECIAL POLICE FORCE

This Force Could Be Used Anywhere, Making Immunity for Blockader Impossible.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Within the next few days one or more bills for a better enforcement of state prohibition laws will be introduced in the legislature at Raleigh. It is the purpose of the democrats to provide for state-wide control of the dry or wet situation whichever it happens to be. No loop hole for immunity is to be permitted. One measure already framed, and ready for introduction was seen by your correspondent today. It provides: For a department of special law enforcement to be directed by a commission consisting of the governor, as chairman, two attorneys general and three other citizens of the state to be appointed by the governor.

For a chief officer, to be named by the commission to be assisted by not exceeding five officers. "The primary object of the department," the measure says, "shall be the enforcement of laws prohibiting, regulating, affecting or concerning the manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors, and the said chief officer, and his assistants, shall each of them have with respect to arrests for violation of said laws, or search and seizure under said laws, all the powers, rights, privileges, emoluments, authority and obligations, duties and liabilities now reposed in or imposed upon sheriffs by chapter 24 of the consolidated statute of North Carolina, provided the said powers, etc., shall obtain in said officers regardless of county lines and throughout the state, provided all fees, or rewards received by such officers shall be paid over to the department hereby created."

The bill gives the chief officer and his field officers "power to seize and detain any property, real and personal, and all personal property and material found to be in the use, manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws prohibiting, regulating, affecting or to sell the same." Common carriers are exempted from the seizure provision "unless it be made to appear that such common carrier was knowingly engaged in the transportation of such liquors in violation of law."

"Personal property of any character used in the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors in violation of law," the bill reads, "is hereby declared to be subject to seizure, confiscation and sale to the use of the state." Ample provision is made for notifying the owner of the property, and for a hearing, so that he can file written protest.

"It shall be unlawful to transport or assist in transporting intoxicating liquors in quantities of as much as one half gallon; and upon conviction of such transporting or of assisting therein, the person convicted shall be guilty of a misdemeanor," the measure provides, "and the person convicted would not only repay the cost of the property, vehicle, or animals used in such transportation shall be subject to seizure, confiscation and sale."

"Not exceeding forty field officers," for the state is the plan of the bill. That would mean the chief officer, five assistants, and 40 others. For the maintenance of this force \$125,000 is requested.

It is estimated, however, that the money collected from dry law violators and the sales of property confiscated would not only repay the cost of \$125,000, but add enough to keep the schools of the state going. Instead of the bar-room tax used for educational purposes it would be the other way around.

All officers, assistants and clerks appointed under this act," the bill says, "shall be commissioned by the governor and shall take the oath of office provided for public officers, and bonded."

"It shall be lawful for the governor to call out and empower all the officers herein provided for to assist other civil authorities in time of riots, mob violence or threatening public assemblies and for such purposes he may send them singly or in groups to any portion of the state and arm and equip them as occasion may require."

## TRIPLETS FOUNDLINGS WIFE NOW CONFESSES

ATLANTA, Feb. 4.—Mrs. F. E. A. South, who last month startled Atlanta with the announcement that at the age of 53 she had given birth to triplets, acknowledged in a statement today that the children, together with six others in the South home, were obtained from foundling institutions.

"I don't like to go out there," I don't like to go out there," she said, "the greatest thing in my life is Mrs. South—that's why I did it." Mrs. South is quoted as saying.

Mrs. South's husband, who is a 40-year-old grocery clerk, she claimed, supported her wife's action in obtaining the children from the foundling institutions.

Chamberlain Says Government Is Ready for Cancellation of All Inter-Allied Debts.

## NEW LAWYERS GIVEN LICENSE

Sixty-One Applicants Pass Supreme Court Examination.

One Woman, Mrs. Florence Martin, of Asheville, Among Those Passing.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 4.—The supreme court today granted license to practice law to 61 applicants refusing reciprocity to two who sought the reciprocal privilege provided for by the last general assembly.

There were 75 applicants before the court at the examination Monday. Among the successful ones is Mrs. Florence G. Martin of Asheville, clerk in the law office of Harkins and Vanwinkle, one negro, Robert M. Andrews of Durham, was passed.

Following are the successful ones: Horace Vernin Austin, Newland; William Reynolds Allen, Jr., Goldsboro; Robert McCants Andrews, Durham; Thomas Whitnell Allen, Raleigh; Julian Addison Bland, Raleigh; John Robert Burgess, Columbus; Jay Elvins, Aqueduct; Walter James Bone, Rocky Mount; John Duncan Berry, Raleigh; Clifford Bennett Batts, Hidenboro; Dwight Brantly, Spring Hope; Lucy McDonald Butler, Hayesville; Frank Ertel Carlisle, Lumberton; Walter Lee Campbell, Norwood; Lee Carr, Teachey; Rufus Roy Carter, Holly Springs; Guy Thomas Carver, Rawlins; Wade Hampton Dickens, Enfield; Enos Tyler Edwards, Polkton; William Roy Fells, Mount Airy; Jacob Joseph Fine, Raleigh; Charles Meriwether Edwards, Asheville; James Spencer Fulghum, Raleigh; June Ernest Frazier, Asheville; Charles Howard Grady, Kennerly; Martin Luther Gordon, Nashville; William Carl Goodson, Mt. Olive; Lloyd Eldon Griffin, Eden; William Edward Hennessie, Salisbury; Jasper Benjamin Hicks, Henderson; William Durham Harris, Sanford; Edson Thurston Hicks, Henderson; Avalon Evan Hall, Winston-Salem; David Wesley Isaac, Wilson; Gill Wylie Klutz, Maiden; Merrill Correll Lisk, Mt. Gilead; Edgar Warren McCullers, Clayton; Talmage Owen Moss, Spring Hope; John Arthur Narron, Smithfield; John Albert Pritchett, Rawlins; Va.; Edward Knox Proctor, Lumberton; James Carlton Pittman, Gates; Thomas Ora Pangle, Dillboro; William Gladstone Fitts, Cary; Ernest McArthur Currier, Charlotte; Hughes Jennings Rhodes, New Bern; Oliver Gray Rand, Garner; Henry Leonidas Stevens, Warsaw; William Brantley Watkins, Raleigh; Richard Clyde Watkins, Raleigh; David Henry Willis, Sea Level; William Bayard Yelverton, Goldsboro; Clayton Carlisle Cunningham, Raleigh; Robert Lee Hendersonville; Mrs. Florence Colleen Martin, Asheville; Hubert Clarence Jarvis, Asheville; Thomas Atkinson Jones, Jr., Asheville; Ernest Calvin Currier, Asheville; Ernest Stanley Starbuck, Durham; Victor Stanley Starbuck, Durham.

## GERMANY DECLINES TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—It was officially stated today that Germany has declined to attend financial conference of experts to be held at Brussels beginning next Monday. The ground taken is that Germany requires her financial experts to remain at home for the present.

## Hundreds of Carolina People in Sunday Observer Pictures

Four-Page Colored Comic Section in Addition to Colored Photogravure Section; Great Variety of Other Features, Along With the News From Everywhere.

Pictures of many hundreds—probably a full thousand—persons of the North Carolina held at Harbor Island, near Wilmington.

The "Dokies" of Suez Temple, gathered in Charlotte for the initiation of a large class of candidates. Carders' section of the Southern Textile association, in session in Charlotte.

## BRITAIN WANTS ALLIES TO CALL DEBTS 'SQUARE'

Proposals Unacceptable to American Government.

### WON'T PROPOSE AGAIN

Chamberlain Says Government Is Ready for Cancellation of All Inter-Allied Debts.

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British government formally proposed a cancellation of all inter-allied debts, but the proposals were unacceptable to the American government, said J. Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, in a speech to his constituents here today.

"To make them again," Chamberlain continued, "would be, I think, beneath our dignity, and would render us liable to a misconception of our motive."

In making them, he added, "we sought no national advantage for ourselves. We proposed a solution in which we should have foregone claims much larger than any remitted to us, and we proposed it because we believed it would be in the interests of good relations among peoples, the re-establishment of international trade."

"Our great international debt is due to the obligation we undertook in behalf of the allies. If we had had only ourselves to consider we could have been particularly free of external debts at the present time."

Mr. Chamberlain prefaced his remarks by saying he would have preferred at the close of the war that the whole inter-allied debt had been wiped out, so as to start with a clean slate. There was no proposal for a settlement of the inter-allied debt among the allied and associated powers, whether for a total or partial remission, which the British government would not have been prepared to be a party to, he declared.

## BRAND EXPLAINS THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM

PARIS, Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The French chamber of deputies today heard Premier Briand explain the negotiations at the recent reparations conference and the agreement reached at the conference were the best terms obtainable for France from Germany under the conditions obtaining at present.

The premier requested the chamber either to accept or reject the decisions as a whole. It was decided that all the deputies who had expressed their desire to be heard should speak before a vote was taken on the question and the discussion was postponed until next Tuesday.

"I have done the best that I could," said M. Briand. "If there is a man in this chamber who has a better practical program, let him come to the front."

Previously Andre Tardieu, former high commissioner to the United States, had continued the criticism of the government on the reparations agreement begun yesterday. His argument amounted to criticism of the allied agreement. All the arguments, he said, tended to show that France was fixed in too great a hurry and should have waited a few weeks to consult the new American administration.

M. Briand spoke in reply to M. Tardieu and compared the work accomplished by the peace conference of which M. Tardieu was a member of the French delegation, when it was working under better conditions and which, the premier said, failed to obtain better results.

## EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IS RECORDED AT MOBILE

MOBILE, ALA., Feb. 4.—The seismograph at Spring Hill college this morning at 2:20 o'clock registered a fairly severe earthquake, about 1,000 miles south of Mobile, according to Father C. Ruhlmann, the director in charge. Father Ruhlmann says that the machine indicated that the shock was close to Vera Cruz or Mexico City. The shock lasted 31 minutes.

## WILSON REPLIES TODAY TO RAIL WORKERS UNION

Spends Part of Day on Draft of His Message.

### HOPES TO FINISH TODAY

Preparing Answer to Request That He Investigate Railway Executives' Claims.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—President Wilson will reply tomorrow to the recently communicated request of seven large railroad labor unions that he investigate railroad executives who claim the railroad labor board in Chicago that the railroads must readjust wages or face bankruptcy.

The President, it was said at the White House tonight, spent a part of the day drafting his reply to the railroads and hopes to complete and dispatch it tomorrow. The nature of the reply was not indicated but was understood to have been on recommendations submitted by Secretary of the Interior Payne, who still acts as director-general of the railroad and air mail commission.

The reply, it was suggested at the White House, would take up points raised in both of the telegrams sent to the President this week by B. M. Jewell, president of the railroad employees department of the American Federation of Labor. The railroads insist in their first message received at the White House today, asked the President to investigate the statement before the railroad labor board by W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, that the carriers must be allowed to readjust wages or face the danger of bankruptcy, and, if the statement were found to be true, to place the matter before Congress and ask immediate enactment of remedial legislation.

The second telegram, from the unions, received yesterday, was sent to the President by Thomas Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, who charged that the telegrams sent by the unions was "plumb plan league propaganda." This charge the unions denied in their message and declared there was no economic justification for wage readjustment.

Secretary Payne returned the telegrams with his recommendations to the White House today.

## GREEK PREMIER HAS DECIDED TO RESIGN

ATHENS, Feb. 4.—Premier Rallis, who resigned, it was announced today, owing to differences with regard to who shall head the Greek delegation that will participate in the forthcoming conference on Near Eastern questions to be held in London.

The Rallis ministry was formed on November 18 last, in succession to that of M. Venizelos.

## "What's the News?"

Fifty millions for roads, without any ad valorem tax, but a system of state maintenance and control, appears to be the best guess on the work of the legislature on the roads question.

Belvin W. Maynard, the "flying parson," is to speak in Charlotte this month under the auspices of the local Juniors.

## SENATE PUTS IN CUTURE DAY IN WARM DEBATE

Peevishly Piddles Along With Minor Matters.

### CHANGE IN JURY SYSTEM

Effort to Get Rid of Professional Fails; Par Clearance Talk and Pension Bill.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 4.—Loaded to the brim with speeches which ran largely to words, the senate Friday peevishly piddled away much time with minor matters.

It was in the course of the debate as to whether the usual procedure of committee to committee should be followed, there was more heat exhibited than has so far arisen during the session. Everybody disclaimed any intention of settling the matter on anybody else, but Elmer Long, of Alamance, who threw in with Gallert, impressed upon the chairman of appropriations that conversation on any subject was not to be had.

Mr. Long, while Mr. Long himself was finally badgered into making a point of personal privilege for himself and Governor Morrison. The gentleman from Gaston, who was in the chair, was annoyed by Mr. Long and his associates by terminating their stupid for announcing a policy of living within the state's income. Mr. Long, however, insisted on improvements out of income, he declared, and was ready to go as far as the next one in providing relief for the unemployed at the university, but he insisted that the state must meet them from current revenue.

Pensions As Current Expenses.—It was in the course of the debate on the pension bill that the matter of pensioning the widows of the pension roll, regardless of his or her financial condition, thought \$1,800,000 in hand was worth more than taking a chance.

The motion to recall the original from committee and put the substitute on immediate passage failed after everybody who had an experience in flying over the city for the relief of the jury system had yielded to none in desire to do something for the followers of the jury system, by the way, provided that instead of being able to serve only once as a juror in two years, the jurors should serve in twelve months. A less important measure could hardly be projected, one would think, but the lawyers used the senate and laying out the plan of a courthouse terrapins who sit about waiting for a two dollar a day job of deciding the fate of their peers or in other ways make life hard for lawyers to whom they are not friendly.

Hartwell, of Cabarrus, made a fervent appeal for retention of the two-year limit. Outlaw, of Pitt, proposed to make it four years. Mendenhall, of Guilford, wanted to adopt the New York plan of having the jury composed of twelve men, one of whom would be a juror in one year. Doe, of Chowan, made one of his rare series of remarks and said that he would like to see the jury composed of twelve men, one of whom would be a juror in one year.

Among the new bills introduced was a measure by Woodson of Rowan, to regulate through train on the New-Carroll railroad, which had been interpreted means that Salisbury, Lexington, Thomasville and High Point must have train numbers 21 and 22 back to the city of Salisbury through the trains, Charlotte to Goldsboro, shall move over the line of the North Carolina road, that is to say, shall not go by way of Winston-Salem to Barber Junction and thus skip everything between Greensboro and Salisbury.

Burgwyn, of Northampton, fetched forward a bill to reduce the personal property exemption from \$300 to \$25. This was to be heard by the finance committee Friday night.

Declaring that the par clearance bill, which came before the house Friday for final passage should have been entitled "An act to promote insolvency of state banks in North Carolina." The bill simply provided for the registration of the County registered "vigorous opposition to the measure and broke the even tenor of the day's session with a forty-five minute speech.

## International Disarmament Conference Will Be Called

House Naval Committee Satisfied Such Action Would Meet With General Approval—Hears Divergent Views of Navy and Army Officers.

### Effort to Get Rid of Professional Fails; Par Clearance Talk and Pension Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Satisfied from testimony of a large number of witnesses that calling of an international conference to discuss disarmament would meet with general approval, the house naval committee today called before it 10 high officers of the navy and one of the army and heard a vast amount of divergent and confusing testimony as to whether aircraft had made capital naval vessels useless.

Before the committee settled down to listen to the others, however, Chairman Butler announced positively that an international disarmament conference would be called by this country. He did not say when the call would go out, but it was assumed from his line of questioning that it would be shortly after President-elect Harding, with whom Mr. Butler recently conferred, takes oath.

Admiral William S. Sims, war-time commander of all American naval forces in European waters and present head of the naval war college, the first witness called, counseled against immediate abandonment of the capital ship. He added, however, that if aerial forces demonstrated the value he expected them to in the near future, they would soon make major surface craft useless. He opposed discontinuing work on the great 1916 naval building program and declared "nobody is going to take his hand off his gun" until conditions become settled in Europe.

The superiority of the battleship over either the airplane or submarine, was defeated by Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, head of the general board and former commander of the Atlantic fleet, who declared that battleships and battle cruisers would remain the backbone of the navy. He said, however, that he believed, he said, that anything very definite would come out of the proposed disarmament conference but said it was a worthwhile effort.

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## COMMITTEE'S SHAPING BILL THAT PLEASES

Fifty Millions for Roads Seems Certain From Committee.

### GOVERNOR IS PLEASED

Doughton-Cannon Bill as It is Now Written Suits Him.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 4.—Fifty millions for roads without any ad valorem tax, but a system of state maintenance and control, appeared tonight to be the best guess on the work of the legislature in the interest of better highways in the state.

Passage of the Doughton-Cannon bill just as it is now written will please Governor Doughton, he announced today, but there are minor differences that might be adjusted on the floor to make it more acceptable to the legislature.

The inclusion of a provision that the highway commission, to be composed of nine members, can discontinue and disregard any of the projects in the \$50 million of roads taken over under the terms of the bill in part meets the executive objection to the so-called Cannon bill.

Gossip has it tonight that the governor, Colonel J. Lee Doughton, and Heriot Clarkson are happy over the announced intention of the committee to report the bill favorably. The governor, former campaign manager for the Doughton-Cannon bill, has been assigned as the chief strategist in the road issue. He has been assigned with him in the three and five thousand mile program, but not on the road issue.

All these contending forces seem to be in perfect agreement now. Only the "old guard," and there are some more ready to insure if he said the word.

This morning Williams asked that it be taken from the rules committee and placed on the calendar. Speaker Grier moved the resolution, which he had verified the roll call, announced that it had carried. Two minutes later the chair directed the attention of the house to an error in the tabular record of the vote, which instead of 5 to 63 for, it turned out 54 to 55 against.

Then came the maneuvers. Williams declined to raise a point of order because the vote had once been verified and declared. He waited for a dramatic motion, which came from Crisp, to take the vote over again and record that. Crisp, who had verified the roll call, instead of 5 to 63 for, it turned out 54 to 55 against.

## FLYING PARSON IS COMING HERE IN AUTO CRASH

Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard to Tell His Experiences.

To Speak in Charlotte Last Week in February Under Auspices of Junior Order.

Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, the world renowned "flying parson," will speak in Charlotte the last week in February.

This native Tar Heel, who started the world and won the honor in the trans-continental flight from New York to San Francisco, will deliver an address here under the auspices of the three local councils, Junior Order American Mechanics.

Announcement is made that the Juniors of the city hope to have Mr. Maynard visit to Charlotte on the day of the address and to give demonstrations in flying over the city.

The exact date of the proposed visit of Lieutenant Maynard has not been determined definitely, the Juniors announcing that the time will be so arranged as not to conflict with any other big events scheduled, the assurance being that it will be in the last week in this month.

Lieutenant Maynard has been one of the most heralded aviators in America since his notable record in winning the trans-continental flight from New York to San Francisco and back. Since getting out of air service, Lieutenant Maynard has been engaged in Y. M. C. A. work.

## 1 DEAD, 1 HURT IN AUTO CRASH

Car Turns Over and Gastonia Man Is Pinned Beneath, Dying Instantly.

One man was instantly killed and another had a miraculous escape from a like fate, in another automobile accident on the road south of Gastonia, Wednesday night.

The dead man is Everett McArver, 30, of the Central Auto Service, Gastonia. His companion, James Anderson, 16, clerk in the Third National bank, Gastonia, escaped with minor injuries.

In an endeavor to steer the big touring car around a farmer's wagon near the Elizabeth mill bridge, McArver drove the machine into the rear of the wagon, then brought it up with a crash against a stone wall by the side of the road.

The impact of the collision caused the car to slide three times, young Anderson told the police. McArver, who clung to the steering wheel, was pinned beneath the machine and died instantly.

Anderson was hurled to the ground several feet away. His neck is sprained and his side bruised, but he is not hurt.

Charles F. Everett, the negro farmer, remained on his seat as the machine ploughed into his wagon, almost completely demolishing the rear end of the machine. His horse came out without a scratch.

## BOY KILLS FATHER

ROSELAND, S. C., Feb. 4.—In the presence of the entire family at the supper table, Brodus Barton, 20 years old, blew out the brains of his father, Earl Barton, aged 42, with a shot gun at their home in Roseland, in the upper section of the county tonight.

## VERDICT OF GUILTY AGAINST WESTMORELAND

Convicted of the Murder of James H. Nantz in Iredell County.

SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVER.  
STATESVILLE, Feb. 4.—The jury in the case of Will Westmoreland whose trial has been in progress since yesterday morning charged with the murder of James H. Nantz on October 26 took the case this afternoon at 8 o'clock. At 8:30 tonight the jury came into the court room and announced a verdict of first degree murder. Westmoreland received the verdict without apparent emotion or concern. Judge Bryson will pass sentence on the prisoner tomorrow.

Yesterday Westmoreland testified that the state's star witness, Ivey Sims, fired the shots that killed the jinx driver in self-defense and that he himself was an innocent on-looker.

## JO JO SAYS



Rain today; cloudy and colder Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The University of North Carolina basketball team tonight met the second defeat of its northern trip, losing to Wake Forest in a game marked by the inferior shooting of both teams.

DAVIDSON DEFEATED.  
LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 4.—Washington and Lee's quint defeated Davidson college here tonight, 21 to 20, in a game marked by the inferior shooting of both teams.

GEORGETOWN DEFEATS CAROLINA, 38 TO 22