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House Overrides Report of Committee on the Matter.

Number Received Asking for **Modifications: Other Petitions** Favor Expansion Program.

> Charlotte Observer Bureau Yarborough Hotel. BY R. E. POWELL.

the action of the committee on counties, cities and towns which reting the question of changing the courthouse of Rockingham county from Wentworth to Reidsville, the house Wednesday by a vote of 77 to 29 adopted the minority commitreport, and then passed

Divers petitions purporting come from landowners, asking the general assembly to correct the injustices of revaluation" and to authorize a reduction in the land values for taxation, were laid before the lower branch Wednesday morn-These petitions came from about one-fifth of the countles of

While it did not appear that the signatures were not bona fide, it was appearent that the petitions were prepared in the capital since they were drafted upon stationery of the "Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America," the postoffice address of which is shown Following are the counties peti-

tioning for relief from the valuation of the revaluation act: Harnett, Cleveland, Carteret, Guilford, Row-

an, Pitt. Davie, Hertford, Forsyth, Currituck, Caldwell, Caswell, Nash, Want to Aid Railway.

Representative Quickel, of Lin-coln, introduced the bill which would authorize the state to scribe for and purchase three million dollars stock in the proposed electric railway from Mt. Holly. Gaston county, to Boone, in Watanga

The proposed railway is being romoted by North Carolina citizens under the name of the Blue Ridge Development company. bill would have the state subscribe stock up to the three militon match a like amount

ought by private subscribers. The Rockingham county bill provided interesting discussion and incidentally consumed virtually threefourths of the day's session. With he bill backed by two representaday afternoon 12 to one to report

Overnight Change, more dangerous looking for the tariff and a change in the part of the county who had convinced the committee members that the county seat should not be changed from Wentworth to Reids-ville, nor should the question of duction of the bill was not with any change be submitted to a vote of idea of having it considered this see the people. When the house conthat a fight would be staged on the

The minority report was filed by Grant, of Davie, republican member He with Tobe Connor a democrat aided and abetted by Crisp, of Dare, saw no

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LUMBERMEN ARE UNDER CHARGE OF VIOLATION

'Against Southern Pine As- a tariff law based upon the protec-69 Individuals.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—Charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, the government today filed in federal district court here injunction proceedings against the Southern Pine association, 61 corporations and 69 individuals.

Granting of a permanent injunction for the purpose specified would tion incomes of five per cent. This amount to dissolution of the asso- according to the most recent treas clation, it was explained.

suit alleges the association has operated to curtail production to enhance prices and that as a result profits on sale of yellow pine advanced from \$6.41 a thousand feet

in 1918 to \$30.35 in 1920. The suit was filed by District At-torney Carroll, in compliance with instructions from Attorney General Palmer, and is based on a report of the federal trade commission which investigated activities of the

association. Judge Faris set March 15 for hearing.

The petition asserts that "because of the rapidly increasing prices for pine lumber, the pric committee of the war industries board established maximum prices for such lumber, which were in legal effect on and after June 15,

"The defendants," the petition continues, "concertedly adopted the position that these maximum prices should be regarded as in fact minimum prices and frequently exceeded

these prices." Corporations named as defend

Stearns Lumber and Export company, Pensacola, Fla.; Standard Lumber company, Oak, Fla.; Bag-Land Lumber company, Bagdad. Fla.: W. B. Harbeson Lumber company, Defuniak Springs, Fla.

J. B. Gambrell, president of the Southern Baptist convention, and former president of Mercer uni-versity, is critically iii in Dallas, Texas, according to a message received here tought.

His son and diughter, the lat-ter a Red Cross nurse during the world war, left here tonight for

Needed to Fight Republican Protective Doctrine.

RALEIGH, Feb. 23.—Overriding Would Repeal Some of the Taxes and Add on Some More, Partly Through Tariff.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- Friends of Representative Claude Kitchin want him to remain ranking member of the ways and means committee, to stand by the historic democratic policy of a tariff for revenue only. It is believed he will stay on that job.

Selection of Representative Finis Garrett, of Tennes Parrett, of Tennessee, as active mi-nority leader, and nomination of Mr. Kitchin for speaker, is the latest plan of house democrats, Mr. Kitchin, under this arrangement, would remain head democrat on the ways and means committee where he wishes to be in order to fight re-publican protective doctrines and measures.

The original plan was for Mr. Kitchin to withdraw from the ways and means committee and become minority leader. This change was contemplated in view of a stroke of paralysis he suffered a year ago. His health has greatly improved recently and his physicians say he can undertake the work on tariff and revenue that would be required on ys and means committee

The action of Representative Garner, democrat (Texas), in support-ing the republican emergency tar-iff bill has caused Mr. Kitchin to reconsider his proposed withdrawal. He believes somebody should fight the republican tariff "cure-all" doctrine. Mr. Garner would succeed him as head of the democrats on the ways and means committee.

A meeting of the democratic

forces of the house is planned for the Friday evening preceding the special session of Congress, expected to convene April 4. A new plan of taxation which, it is believed, will have the support of the incoming administration, was proposed in a bill introduced today

(Ohio), republican member of the ways and means committee. He would repeal the war s tives and the senator, all from the cess profits, transporttion and soft county the committee voted Tueson higher incomes to a maximum of 40 per cent, cutting off a revenue of \$890,000,000 from these sources. As a substitute he looks to a protective Rockingham citizens in the western corporations to make up the amount lost. His measure provides a way for settlement definitely of \$1,250,

sion, now rapidly nearing an end vened at 11 o'clock, it was evident but for the purpose of getting the matter before Here are the amounts that Mr.

000.00 of disputed taxes.

Longworth would knock out of existing revenue laws, in force since 1917: Reduction of income surtaxes to 000,000; repeal of the excess profits tax, \$450,000,000; transportation of freight at three per cent, \$156,000. 000; transportation of persons at 8 per cent, \$120,000,000; seats, berths and state rooms at eight per cent. \$6,000,000; fountain drinks waters and ice creams, etc.) \$40. OF THE SHERMAN LAW 000,000. The sources of revenue to replace these revenues are

Suit Filed by Government ed by Mr. Longworth as follows: sociation, 61 Companies and tive principle which will no doubt be passed before the adjournment of the next Congress will produce a evenue in addition to that now re ceived from the customs houses of, in round numbers, \$350,000,000. "It will therefore be necessary to

"It will therefore be necessary to provide additional revenue to the extent of something like \$540,000.-000. I propose in this bill to repeal the present exemption of \$2,000 for the income of corporations and to place an additional tax on corporaury estimate will produce a revenu

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JO JO SAYS



Fair today and Friday

It doesn't take a dressmaker to

Mandates Message Discussed in Strictest Privacy.

SUMMARY IS HANDED OUT

S. Government Never Consented That Island of Yap be Under Japanese Mandate.

and the council decided this evening to issue only a brief summary for publication.

The note deals specifically with the mandate attributed to the emperor of Japan over all former German islands in the Pacific north of the fact that the United States gov ernment has never given its consent that the island of Yap be included in the territory under Japanese man-date. The reservation is taken on the ground that Yap has a very important bearing in the matter of cable communications and that no power can limit or control its use. not bound by the terms of the man-date and asks that the question be submitted to a new investigation.

Members of the council consider ! ernments regarding the Americas note, and, with this in view, they forwarded the text today. 'It is Report From Committees. 'to New York in 34 Hours. necessary to confer with their gov therefore considered unlikely that any decision will be reached at this session. It was suggested this afbe referred to the supreme council and it is declared that it was in reality that body which attributed Yap, along with other northern Pa-cific islands, to Japan, and this was the principal point raised in Secre Colby's nate.

Further than this it is expected that the council will merely ac-knowledge receipt of the note and give assurance that it will be dealt with through the proper channels.

The summary of the American
more follows:

The government of the United
States declares it selzes the occasion to send the council of the league a copy of a note addressed to Earl Curson (British foreign minister) on

November 20, setting forth in detail the views of the United States on the nsibilities of mandatory pow-"A copy of the note has been sent to the French and Italian govern-ments. The United States government draws the attention of the council to the req nonte that the projects of mandate intended for the society of nations, before they were submitted to the council be communicated to the United States government, and that

"The United States government has received the text of the mandata attributed to the emperor of Japan over all former German islands situated in the Pacific ocean north of the equator, which text was approved by the council of the league De-

ember 17 in Geneva. "The United States government declares it has never given its con-sent that the island of Yap be included in territories subjected to the

mandate of Japan. "It recalls that it has already so informed the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, in-forming them at the same time that its reservation rested upon the opin-ion that Yap enters necessarily into any project or system of practical communication by cable in the Pa-cific and that no power can limit or

control its use.
"Consequently, the United States government is moved to declare respectfully that it cannot regard itself as bound by the terms mandate and desires particularly that note be taken of its protest against the decision of the league council of Deceember 17 upon this

question "At the same time it asks the council, whose action resulted evidently from an inexact representation of the facts, to submit the question to a new investigation, which an equitable solution requires.

DRUGS SEIZED IN A

Value of Seizure Placed at \$6.000: S. Epstein, Occu- Meeting March 9 to Organize pant of Room, Arrested.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 23.— Forty-nine and a half ounces of narcotic drugs, valued at over \$6,000 was seized and a man giving his name as S. Epstein, of Washington. was arrested at a local hotel here this afternoon by the city police and turned over to the federal authorities. State Internal Revenue Inspector W. R. Bradley of Columbia has been notified and is expected here tomorrow in connection dred prominent citizens throughout

with the seizure.

Epstein denied knowledge of the norphine and cocaine and declared that the handbag in which they were found belonged to another man who shared his room, and who was registered as J. Morton. The police watched the hotel all the afternoon but Morton did not return.

ONE MAN CARS. SPARTANBURG, S. C., Feb. 23.

-The local traction company, in adopting the one-man type of street cars and thereby reducing its operating force, today announced that preference would be given to married men in employment. Single operate with all commercial assomen were thrown out of employ- ciations already existing within the ment today as a result,

U.S. Navy Second To None Is Where Congress Stands

Washington Officialdom is Aga inst Any Let, Up in Construction Program-America Will Not Take Lead in Disarmament, Expecting Other Natio ns-to Follow Example.

ment on disarmament or restriction other great nations in an agreement to end the competitive piling up of armaments. It will accept the utmost limitation that can be agreed

PARIS, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American note respecting mandates occupied the council of the league of nations throughout the day. The note was discussed in the strictest privacy discussed in the strictest privacy of the navel committees of both house and senate and known of the privacy of to be in accord with the views of President-elect Harding, furnishes President-elect Harding, furnishes the keynote to the incoming adminstration's naval and foreign poli-

Cles.

There is a general sympathy in Congress with the proposals for a dent Harding may be with respect limitation of armaments. The desirability of reducing naval expendi-

BY H. B. HUNT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The United States will not take the lead in naval disarmament, expecting other nations to follow a good example and do likewise.

Neither will be grace to a "naval thing he done to relieve the fax t Neither will it agree to a "naval thing be done to relieve the tax holiday" in lieu of a general agree-burden.

Naval Conclusions Congressional This nation will go along with after serious study of the whole disarmament proposition have con-

way to promote an agreement limit States to go ahead on her scheduled building program, which, if continued, will give her the most pow-erful fleet of capital ships in the world by 1924. Second: Tha That under any agree

ment limiting naval forces the United States must have, relatively, the same position which her presprogram assures -a force at least equal to that any other nation.
Whatever the decision of Presi-

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Tom Dixon and Colonel Meekins and Mr. Barber Clash in Joint Hearing.

Charlotte Observer Bureau Yarborough Hotel BY R. E. POWELL.

RALEIGH, Feb. 23,-Prope of a state censorship of moving pic-tures won the initial skirmish bu-fore the legislature this afternoon seven to six and the house commit-

tee 14 to 11, reported favorably the McCoin-Varser-Matthews bill. The result was surprising but it dered by the postoffice department is not believed by friends of the bill to establish a new cross-continent that it foreshadows the final result mall plane record. The plane which when the measure comes to the when the measure comes to the by E. M. Allison, a member of one warmest fight.

For dramatics the hearing sursession. Dr. Thomas Dixon tackled of women's clubs and won & spectacular intellectual battle in spite of a temporary defeat of his program. It was Dixon against Colonel Ike Meekins, Mrs. Charles C. Hook, of it have precise indications on the principles on which the United States conditioned its approbation. rector of Christ church, this city. In combat with the ladies Mr. Dixon was nothing if not gallant but in debate with the species of the male

he was deadly. 'He pounced upon Meekins at the outset and left that silver-tongued nan of the east so befuddled that he had Moses initiating the decalogue instead of serving as the human conduit for the transmission of the Commandments to the peo-

In his tilt with the Rev. Mr Barber Dr. Dixon was eminently in his own element. It would have been difficult for him to have picked a more inviting field for slapping the high church.

He wrung from the Raleigh recon the movies came from information supplied him by other people and not from personal observation

The argument of the ladies was altogether entertaining and to some degree threatening. Mrs. Hook informed the solons that she spoke for 20,000 organized women in the state, and left with them the thought of an army of female voters aroused over the newest reform. The club women, she said, have joined hands with the W. C. T. U. women and the battle is on. If this general assembly doesn't provide for the censorship, she warned, the

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HOTEL IN GREENVILLE WESTERN COUNTIES TO ORGANIZE BUSINESS BODY

ecial to The Obs ASHEVILLE, Feb. 23. - First steps were taken here today for organization of the Western North be composed of representatives of each of the 21 countles from Watauga to Cherokee.

Ballots were sent to several hun-

the section. Three directors will be

named from each county, and these meet here March 9, to perfect the organization. Promotion of the general interests, development of the natural resources and assisting in extending the trade and commerce of western North Carolina, is stated by W. M. Peyton, one of the organizers, as the objects of the chamber. An all time secretary will be employed and permanent headquarters will be opened in this city. A membership cam-paign will be held the latter part of The association plans to co-

territory.

New Trans - Continental Air Mail Record of 33 Hours and 20 Minutes is Made.

HAZELHURST, N. Y., Feb. 23. Hight bags of mail, dispatched from San Francisco by airplane at 4:30 vesterday morning, arrived at Hazel Hurst Field here today at 4:50 p. m., establishing a cross country mail record of \$3 hours and 26 minutes, with allowance for time sone manages

coast-to-coast flight.
The mail was trans erred from plane to plane in a relay flight arrived at Hazel Hurst was piloted in the trans-continental race, two planes leaving Hazel Hurst Field and two starting from San Francisco at the same time yesterday morning. came to grief when P!lot Er M. Leonard was 'orced to descend yester-day at Dubois, Pa., on account of bad weather. The second west-bound plane reached Chicago yesterday and was unable to get away

The other eastbound plane crashed to earth at Elko, Nev., yesterday killing the pilo,t Capt. W. F. Lewis Captain Allison piloted one westward bound plane as far as Clev land, where it was taken over by another pilot on the second lap of the relay which ended at Chicago. He then took the winning plane in charge at Cleveland and returned to bettering the time set forth for the flight by the posto fice department by a margin of two hours and forty

WASHINGTON, Feb. office department officials, while gratified at the achievement of the air mail service in delivering at New York tonight mail which left San Francisco yesterday morning, said the most remarkable part of the en-

tire performance was the all-night flight from Cheyenne, Wyo., to Chi-cago, a distance of \$39 miles. The all-night flight, made by Pilots The all-night flight, made by Pilots Frank Yager and Jack Knight, dem-onstrated the feasibility of night flying, officials said. With this state-ment they coupled the announce-ment that orders had been issued to prepare for regular night flying on the New York and San Francisco route, probably about May 1. Otto Praeger, assistant postmaster eneral, described kast night's flight between Cheyenne and Chicago as "the most momentous step in

LANDIS WOULD OUTLAW

Western North Carolina
Chamber of Commerce.

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—The arm of
the law should be long enough to
permit it to reach to the bleachcrs and stands at baseball parks and call to account all who bet games, in the opinion of Judge K. M. Landis, basebull's supreme arbi-

> Judge Landis, in a letter received today by Representative Hugh J. Lacey, of Holyoke, commenting on the latter's bill in the legislature to penalize players or others partici-pating in the throwing of games, said he thought the offense should two to five years imprisonm

WILMINGTON CHAMBER IS OPPOSED TO 5 CENT TAX

WILMINGTON, Feb. 28 .- Incorporation of an ad valorem tax of five cents for state purposes in the revenue act ppending before the legislature is in direct contravention of the pledges made by the Democratic party during the recent campaign, the executive committee the Wilmington chamber of co merce declared tonight, in a strongly worded petition of the house and senate finance committees and to Governor Morrison.

Refusal to Recognize Certain Injunctions Called For.

EGISLATION IS URGED Law Declaring Labor Organi-

zations Are Not Co-Partnerships is Wanted. WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- Enact-

ment by Congress of a law declaring that labor organizations are not copartnerships and "shall not be so treated in law or in equity," is demanded by organized labor in a declaration of principles adopted tonight by representatives of national and international unions affiliated in the American Federation of Labor

The declaration, which was ap-proved after an all-day conference here at which Samuel Gompers. president of the federation, presided, also called for the "immediate restoration of exemption from or the epeal of all anti-combination o-called conspiracy laws."

Condemning the use of the injunction under present laws, the declara-tion asserted that the "only immed-iate course" through which labor could find relief "lies in a flat refusal on the part of labor to recognize or abide by the terms of injunctions which seek to prohibit the doing of acts which the workers have a lawful and guaranteed right to do."
"Labor realizes fully the consequences of such a course," it was added, "but in the defense of American freedom and of American insti-

tutions it is compelled to adopt this course, be the consequences they may." Institutions "Imperilled." Organized labor in the declaration sets forth at length the principles for which it stands and calls upon the people of the United States to people of the United States to

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our imperilled American institu-Employers are warned in the dec-laration that labor "not only insists upon maintaining the present standards of wages and working condi-tions but decigres its scient pur-pose to continue its struggle to fur-ther improve those standards.

with supporting "at times in secret" some of the "insidious propaganda of radical European fanaticism" be-cause of their "common antagonism sembly for its failure to vacate the to the trade union movement." prison property and turn it over o the trade union movement." natural aptitude for intrigue in this anatical propaganda," the statement on the Vance senator's resolution said, "which makes it a most subtle and acted favorably on the one to

Repeal by the states of all industrial court laws and all restrictive and coercive laws, including the and coercive laws, including the ficient explanation for the board and commonly known open port law of Texas, was demanded, together with fire today it did not offer to add to the Collie accounting.

"freedom from decisions of courts and institution in our country. for the unlawful acts of others."

Prohibition of immigration for a eriod of not less than two years.

More general application of the initiative and referendum in the po-litical affairs of the United States before the house and senate comand of the states. Removal of the power of courts to eclare unconstitutional laws enacted by Congress.

Election of judges. Restoration of an adequate federal mployment service.

Administration of credit as a pub-He trust in the interest of all the pople.

Investigation by Congress of the ferent kind of legislation, provides activities of private detective agen-cles in the field of industrial rela-

The declaration also called upon The decaration and the efforts to the workers to "resist the efforts to destroy the trade unions, whether by the false pretense of the "open the false pretense of the "shop," the usurped authority courts through writs of injunction, or

otherwise.
Gomners Makes Statement. "We call for united support in the protection of standards of wages

and conditions already gained," the declaration added, "and. mon the workers to continued efforts to increase the power, raise the standards and Ime prove the conditions of life and work." Issues of the "most serious char-

mean "the speedy revolutionizing or acter affecting our people and ou the letter transportation methods republic are faced by organized la-and practices throughout the world." bor. Mr. Gompers declared in a statement onening the conference "It is not nossible to forecast the manner in which the conference will

BETTING ON BALL GAMES deal with these issues." "but it is certain that the thought expressed would be for the benefit of our country and for the benefit of our country and for the advance-ment of the interests, standards and freedom of our people." The issues "in the main are known to all though not understood by all."

said Mr. Gompers, adding that "our concern is for the democratic tions of our country, and for the safeguarding of our freedom wherever those things may be attacked, whether the attacks are made by plutocratic reaction or by the

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AGRICULTURAL BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 .- Over running fire from senators who pre-sented detailed objections to its proposals for increased expenditures, the senate tonight passed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$41,000,000, for the approximately operation of that department for the year beginning next July. This amount is nearly \$9,000,000 in excess of appropriations for the current year, and almost \$6,000,000 in excess of amounts allowed by the ference after the senate's action

CARUSO PLANS TO GO

isy, said tonight that the tenor will sail for Europe about the end of March if his condition continues to improve. A trip to At-lantic City h s been planned dur-ing his convalescence. Mr. Causo's condition was reported

Train Loads of Educators Before Committees.

McCoin Resolution Loses and Will be Reported Unfavorably to Senate.

Yarborough

BY R. E. POWELL. RALEIGH, Feb. 28.—Train loads of educators from Charlotte, Greens-boro, Asheville, Wilmington and other big towns in the state swamped down upon a legislative com-mittee tonight and made an impressive plea for twenty millions for

higher education. Captain Bob Williams, of Asheville, and Mrs. Chas. C. Hook, of Charlotte, were easily the strongest proponents of the bigger program. The hall of the house was packed almost as tight as it was during the censorship fight of the afternoon and it gave Mrs. Hook a demonstration

spital for the insane In double quick time it sat down menace to every democratic ideal repeal the 1919 law which directed and institution in our country."

newspapermen tonight that he would continue his fight on the floor al-Other Recommendations.

Other recommendations made by his move and the prevalence of the from the time Fred O. Sink had the conference in the declaration in- governor's views about the prison No serious attack will be made on

the board, it appeared tonight. Transcending in importance to the industrial life of the state is the mittees on the Parham and Long bills affecting the Southern Power

company.

The Long bill seeks to force the Southern Power company to con-tinue its contracts irrespective of the views the corporation commission takes of its application ncrease in power rates.

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"What's the News?"

The feeling of those close to Hard-ing is that the whole question of cabinet personnel is as good a set-tled, although formal acceptances re still to be received from three

William Porter and Charles Wilkes

are sentenced to 20 years each in the penitentiary for robbery of the Bank of Glasgow, Vb. Eight bags of mail are taken from San Francisco to New York within 34 hours by airply ne, making a new cross-continent record for the post-

office department.

A "declaration of principles" is adopted by representatives of national and international unions affiliated in the American Federation.

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Winslow bill is telegraphed to President Wilson by B. M. Jewell, sp man for the railway employes' or-

on Mr. Varner's side and one on driver of a touring car, in wh Mrs. Varner's side are heard. Several more are to be made.

An impressive plea for \$20,000,000 practically all the loot taken for higher education is made by trainloads of adve-sates from variant in the automobile was for ous sections of the state appearing before the legislative committee in th

The entire student body of the college department of Biddle university in Charlotte is "on strike."

Bishop Darlingto assesses to a Bishop Darlingto aspeaks to a large audience in Charlotte on

Christian Education."

Col. F. W. Galbraith, national commander of the American Legion.

Ch. riotte's distinguished guest

Three Speeches Made for Defendant; One for Plaintiff.

JURY GETS THE CASE TODAY

Case Reviewed, Defense Claim ing Guilt is Proven, Plaintiff Declaring Charges Impossible:

BY JOHN G. DICKSON.

UREENSBORO, Feb. 23.-Jurors in the Varner case, now sweep! swiftly on to their hands for a verdict, today heard four powerful arguments of attorneys, three of them trying to persuade the jury that Mrs. Florence C. Varner is guilty of having committed adultery with Baxter McRary, a negro; the other, using every resource of his argumentative powers to get them to

The eighth day of the trial today saw no abatement of interest in the suit of Mrs. Varner for subsistence against her husband, Henry B. Var ner, of Lexington. Rather, the jam of spectators in the Federal court-toom here, the record crowd of the trial, testified to an intensification of J. C. Bowers, of Lexington, opens for the defendant, Varner. followed by E. E. Raper, collowed by E. E. Raper, also of Lexington, also for the defendant

T. C. Guthrie, of Charjotte, cam next for Mrs. Varner. E. T. Cansier of Charlotte, ended today's argu it gave Mrs. Hook a demonstration when she concluded her talk.

Most of the arguments have been advanced. It was a pleasant sort of meeting, but one bit of friction, and this from a ruralite who wanted the big fund. Former Senator Aif Scales was willing for a part of it to go this way.

C. P. Wharton, of Greensboro; Dorman Thompson, of Statesville, Dr. Howard Rondthaler, of Winston-Saleshm, former Senator Stable, of Salisbury, C. B. Newcomb, of Wilmington; F. B. Hobgood, of Oxford; and Mrs. W. P. Swift, of Greensboro, were the other speakars.

The penal institutions committee

the part of Mrs. Varner seems un-natural, but reminding the jury that the unnatural is often the true. They cautioned the jury against render-ing a verdict in favor of Mrs. Varshe has enjoyed a high social posi-tion, because she had the advant

of wealth against a have shown without a sunly, and doubt that this woman is guilty, and doubt that this woman is guilty, and warned Mrs. Varner five years ago He stressed the evidence that Mrs Varner had been unwilling to her home searched on the night the negro McRary was found under the house. Had she been an innocen woman, he declared, she would have

mediately, stating that she had de-(Continued on Page Thirteen, PORTER AND WILKES TO

SERVE TWENTY YEARS IN VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY Convicted of Robbery of Bank of Glasgow; 20 Years Added to Long Terms Previously

LEXINGTON, Va., Peb. 28,-Wilwere convicted by a jury in ci court here today of robbing the Bank of Glasgow, Va., last November of nearly \$100,000 in Liberty bonds and securities, and sentenced to twenty years each in the pen tentiary. Following the arraignment of Porter and Wilkes Monday, th

former was placed on trial, and agreement between attorn agreement Wilkes was to receive the verdict against Porter. A mot for a new trial was over-ruled

Petitions signed by "land owners, coming from about one-fifth of the counties of the state, asking the legislature to correct the "injustices of revaluation", are laid before the sentences of 12 and 15 years respectively against them, following spectively against them, felli convictions in the corporation at Roanoke of having bur

tools in the r possession.
The convicted men were The American note regarding mandates occupies the council of the league of nations. It is discussed in strictest privacy.

The Varner case is expected to go to the jury today. Three addresses of a town of a town police. James B. Rodgers, deed as being from Philade tured in the outskirts of Ro

from there back to the state tentiary where they were i following their convictions Roanoke.