

### TRE GOVERNMENT RESTS

#### Argument Begins in White Slave Case At Greensboro

### MANY WITNESSES EXAMINED

#### Judge Asks Attorneys To Present Case Thoroughly As Supreme Court Has Not Passed Upon Law

Special to The Observer.  
Greensboro, Dec. 9.—Shortly after court reconvened this afternoon District Attorney Holton announced that the government would rest its case in the trial of Joseph W. Napier, and E. Charles Quaster, charged with violations of the recent act of Congress entitled the "White Slave Act." Counsel for the defendants immediately returned a verdict of not guilty. Judge Bynum of defendants' counsel, led off with an able argument of more than an hour, in which he attacked the constitutionality of the law, and contended further that even though the act be validly enacted by Congress of its power to regulate interstate commerce, that the defendants are not guilty under the evidence. It was argued that at the time the two girls were induced to come to North Carolina defendants had in mind that the young women would engage in vaudeville, which is legitimate, and that, if after coming here they engaged in immoral practices that it was not originally contemplated, and therefore, no violation of the law. If any crime was committed, Judge Bynum contended, only the State could try the case. He also said that Congress exceeded its power when the law was enacted; that human beings were not a subject of commerce, and that the framers of the constitution never granted that the interstate commerce clause was to be construed to give Congress such power as to pass the act in question, which became law last spring.

### COURT WANTS FULL ARGUMENT.

At the conclusion of Judge Bynum's speech, Judge Boyd said that this was a recent act of Congress, that no cases under it had been tried by the Supreme Court and he wished to give counsel time to prepare and present argument fully on all phases of the case.

### WITNESSES GIVE DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

Splendid progress was made in the case today. A large number of witnesses testified for the government. This morning when court reconvened Mr. Newsome, of King, was cross-examined, and W. B. Kiger, secretary of the King firm, was on the stand next. He testified to details of the advertisement in the "girl show" at Kings and paying some of the fees. Mr. Williams and a Mrs. Williams were also introduced to show that Quaster and the Von Newendorf girl roomed together and that Quaster represented them to the women and that Williams testified that Quaster and the girl quarreled while there, that the girl was crying often and that she told Mrs. Williams she was going home as soon as she could write her mother and get the money.

### MELELAN GIRL TESTIFIES.

Maud McClellan was the next witness. She is one of the two girls who are alleged to have been brought here in violation of law. She told of seeing the advertisement in the newspaper and going to Quaster's place on Saturday, October 1. On the next Monday they started and went first to Winston-Salem, where she and Quaster and the other girl spent the night in the same room. She admitted on cross-examination that at the hearing before the commissioner she had said she was an innocent woman. She is 21 years old and her home is in Baltimore.

### FOR NORTH CAROLINA WORK.

Rivers and Harbor Bill Makes Several Appropriations For Work To Be Done in Waters of the Old North State.  
Observer Bureau.  
Washington, Dec. 9.—The following are the North Carolina items in this year's river and harbor bill reported to the House today:  
Beaufort Harbor \$5,000; inland water routes from Norfolk, Va., to Albemarle sound through Currituck sound \$2,000; Pamlico and Tar rivers \$5,000; Contentnea creek \$1,000; Neuse and Trent rivers \$5,000; New river, including inland waterways between Beaufort harbor and New river and between New river and Swansboro \$5,000; Northwest and Black rivers and Cape Fear river above Wilmington open channel work \$5,000; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington \$10,000.

### Will Add Much to Asheville's Golf Links

Special to The Observer.  
Asheville, Dec. 9.—After several days of hard work by committee and with failure at times starting the committee in the face, the necessary funds to supplement money already subscribed for in this project, were here, was raised late yesterday afternoon. The committee sought to raise \$15,000 by public subscription to add to about \$40,000 already donated, \$25,000 of which was given by Mr. E. W. Grove of Groves park. It is the purpose of those interested to purchase additional lands near the present links and to provide an 18-hole golf course. The entire outlay will cost about \$80,000 to \$90,000.

### Youth Shoots Compeh White Hunt.

Special to The Observer.  
Hendersonville, Dec. 9.—While hunting near Southernland's quarry this morning at 5 o'clock, Henry Bailey, aged 15 years accidentally shot his compeh, David Moore, with a 12-gauge rifle. The ball entering the right side of the chest, the bird was extracted from the left breast. Dr. Finney was called to see the patient. While painful the wound is not considered dangerous.

### DIES SUDDENLY IN HOTEL.

Mr. C. E. Stinson, an electrical engineer of Buffalo, is Found Dead in His Room by a Clerk—Had Been Ill a Day or Two But Death Was Unexpected.  
Special to The Observer.  
Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 9.—C. E. Stinson, an electrical engineer of Buffalo, N. Y., was found dead in Hotel Finch this morning by the day clerk who went to wake him. Stinson came here about a week ago to appraise the value of the Spartanburg Telephone Company's equipment. Yesterday he was not feeling well and a physician was called in. He grew better towards night and when the doctor left him about 8 o'clock he was apparently much better. When P. D. Smith, the clerk, came on duty he went to Stinson's room. Stinson had been dead several hours.

### REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES EXCEEDED THOSE OF DEMOCRATS.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Republican Congressional committee received \$7,414,412, while the Democratic Congressional committee received \$27,770 and disbursed \$27,771 during the recent campaign, according to reports filed yesterday with the clerk of the House of Representatives. These reports were made in accordance with the act of June 25, 1910, providing for publicity of contributions made for the purpose of influencing elections at the next Congress in Congress to elect Representatives. These reports were made in accordance with the act of June 25, 1910, providing for publicity of contributions made for the purpose of influencing elections at the next Congress in Congress to elect Representatives. These reports were made in accordance with the act of June 25, 1910, providing for publicity of contributions made for the purpose of influencing elections at the next Congress in Congress to elect Representatives.

### FIRE DESTROYS WOODARD HOTEL AT ROCKY MOUNT

Structure Which Has Served as Hostelry For Fifteen Years Goes Up in Flames, Entailing a Loss of Something Like \$7,000, Partially Covered by Insurance—Two Guests Have Narrow Escape.  
Special to The Observer.  
Rocky Mount, Dec. 9.—Where yesterday stood the Woodard hotel there is today only the charred uprights and the evidence of the worst fire loss of the present winter, so far as this city is concerned, is manifest. The alarm came in this morning about 9 o'clock when the flames having first been discovered on the roof of the building by a member of the night police force. The city fire departments, aided by the Gibson Hill department, did good service, but the fire had gained such a headway before it was discovered that it was impossible for the department to save the building, it having fallen in within a few minutes after the alarm was given. The building was an immense two-story frame structure and for the past 15 years has done a large business as the hotel of the city. Due to the fact that the hotel was not crowded, there being about fifteen or twenty guests, the policemen were able to wake up every one in the building and get them to a point of safety, though with several exceptions. The only narrow escape was lost. The only narrow escape reported was of two young men in one room, who could not get the lock on the door to unlock and the key was broken off in the lock and it looked for a minute as though they would have a narrow escape. They were saved by a second-story window. However, they gave the alarm and an axe was brought into play just in time to allow them a hasty exit from the building before the stairway was cut off and no one was hurt. The building has been managed for the last 13 months by Mrs. A. Grantham, who secured it after having been burned out in the Hammond hotel fire, which destroyed this hotel about two years ago. The hotel had a capacity of about forty rooms, having been built about 1895 and was one of the best of its kind in this city. It was built by Mr. C. Woodard of this city, who for a number of years was engaged in the hotel business. The hotel was later purchased by Mrs. M. C. Winted, who was the proprietress for possibly half a dozen years and it is believed that the loss on the building will amount to about \$7,000, with \$5,000 insurance. The loss in furnishings, which falls upon Mrs. Grantham, will amount to about \$1,300, with \$500 insurance.

### MEMBERS ARE WRATHY

#### Congressmen Threaten Demonstration Against Official

### THEY WANT ESTIMATES MADE

#### The Secretary Of The Treasury Has Appropriations For Public Buildings Badly Tied Up

Observer Bureau.  
Washington, Dec. 9.—Because Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh failed to include in his estimates for the next fiscal year the amount that will be needed for the construction of new Federal buildings all over the United States, authorization for which were approved at the last session of Congress, much apprehension exists here on the subject. Members of the House, including almost the entire body, are threatening to march to the Treasury Department and request of the Secretary that he make an additional recommendation for this purpose. They say that unless this is done it will be impossible for any of the buildings authorized by the last session of Congress to be erected to be provided for this session. The matter is considered seriously here, according to what is said tonight.

### NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS AFFECTED.

The North Carolina cities that will be affected unless this additional recommendation is made are as follows: Charlotte, Raleigh, Washington, Reidsville, Greenville, Hickory, Monroe, Oxford, Hendersonville, Rocky Mount, Wilkesboro, Tarboro, Winston-Salem. In the case of the Charlotte building it was provided that the limit of costs should be \$250,000, of which amount not more than \$50,000 could be expended prior to June 30, 1911.

### MAY MAKE DEMONSTRATION.

Members of Congress who have asked the Secretary for his views on the subject have come away from his office with the firm impression that he is going to stand pat and that he will not estimate for any of the structures authorized by the Senate and House. He does not think, these Representatives say, that the Treasury is in any shape just now to stand an additional drain of almost \$30,000,000.

### ASHVILLE HOLDS ANNUAL POULTRY MEET.

Special to The Observer.  
Asheville, Dec. 9.—The fourth annual show of the Asheville poultry and pet stock association is being held here today. Yesterday afternoon more than 2,000 school children and other visitors the show garden to admire the fine display. The exhibits were all in by yesterday afternoon and Mr. J. H. Drenstedt of New York and his wife, who are in the city on exhibition. There are between 900 and 1,000 birds cooped and the birds as a whole are finer than any ever before exhibited here. In the Rhode Island Red class there are about 200 birds and Mr. Drenstedt declares that he has seldom judged a finer showing. At a meeting of the North Carolina branch of the American Poultry Association, held last night, Mr. Jeffrey of Raleigh was elected president; Mr. Harry Cain of Asheville vice president, and Mrs. C. B. Campbell of Asheville secretary.

### TO ISSUE CANAL BONDS.

#### Machinery Set in Motion to Issue Panama Canal Bonds With a View to End a Drain Upon Working Balance of Treasury.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Machinery was set in motion today to provide for an issue of Panama canal bonds with a design to end a drain upon the working balance of the Treasury, which now threatens a deficit. Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh had a long conference on the subject with Senator Aldrich, chairman of the Senate committee on finance. It appeared that several complications had arisen and the further legislation would be necessary if the proposed new securities are to find a market without depressing the upward of seven hundred millions of 2 per cent bonds now outstanding.

### SUFFERS HEAVY FIRE LOSS.

Superintendent of Line Company at Gaffney Loses Horses and Feed in Fire—Odd Fellows Hold District Meeting.  
Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 9.—Mr. H. L. Spears, superintendent of the Limestone Lime Works in this city, lost a large quantity of feed stuff, several hundred bushels of corn, a blooded horse and two fine mules by fire tonight. The barn in which they were housed was also destroyed. The cause is a mystery.

### POPULATION OF THE NATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

Census Bureau Will Announce Population of the United States at Noon Today—Will Approximate 91,500,000—Figures For Wyoming, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.  
Washington, Dec. 9.—When announced by the census bureau at noon tomorrow the total population of the United States will be shown to approximate 91,500,000. This computation covers all the States and territories and Wyoming, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

### G. W. PERKINS WILL RETIRE FROM J. P. MORGAN & CO.

Will Devote His Time to Extending the Principles of Profit-Sharing and Other Benefit Plans For Solving Conflict Between Capital and Labor—Whitney Also Retires.  
New York, Dec. 9.—George W. Perkins announced today his retirement on January 1 next from the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. in order to devote his time to extending the principles of profit-sharing and other benefit plans for solving the conflict between capital and labor. It is announced by J. P. Morgan & Co. that Edward E. Whitney also will retire on January 1, and that William H. Porter, president of the Chemical National bank, and Thomas W. Lamont, vice president of the First National bank, will become partners in the firm. In his announcement Mr. Perkins says he is withdrawing to devote more time to his own work and to the public nature in which he is deeply interested.

### LYNCHBURG AGAIN GOES WET.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 9.—Lynchburg today turned from the no-license policy, which has prevailed since March 1903, and favored the return of the open saloon by a majority of 86 in a total vote of 2,653 votes. The result was a great surprise to the "dry" for they were confident of victory. The "wets" are jubilant tonight over their victory. The Anti-Saloon League, it was stated tonight, will contest the election, charging unconstitutional registration in that prospective voters were not required to make written application for registration as provided by statute.

### TO ARGUE ASHEVILLE BANK CASE DECEMBER 15.

Special to The Observer.  
Asheville, Dec. 9.—It is learned here that the bank case involving a charge of conspiracy against Maj. W. E. Brees and J. E. Dickerson, to wreck the First National bank of Asheville, will be argued on appeal in the United States circuit court of appeals December 15. Judge G. A. Moore will argue the case for the defendants and District Attorney Holton for the government. Brees and Dickerson were tried before Judge Newman in the summer of 1909 and found guilty. They were sentenced to 2 years each imprisonment and fined \$1,000 each.

### CUSTOM DUTIES IN GOLD.

London, Dec. 9.—The ministry of finance will issue a decree on December 15 calling for the payment of one-third of all customs duties in gold.

### AGUSTA CENSUS REPORT REVISED.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A revision of the 1910 population figures for Augusta, Ga., announced tonight by Director Dummer, show that after a preliminary count of 45,046, an increase of 1,199, or 4.1 per cent over 43,847, in 1900. The first announcement of the thirtieth census population of Augusta was 47,246, a decrease of 1,912 from the 1900 figures.

### THE CONVENTION OVER

#### North Carolina Baptists Finish Work Of Annual Session

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#### After Profitable Meeting, Resolutions Of Thanks Adopted And Delegates Start For Home

Special by Staff Correspondent.  
Hendersonville, Dec. 9.—The feature of the closing day of The Baptist State convention was the splendid address of J. H. Tucker, of Asheville. Mr. Tucker, an enthusiastic and consecrated layman and is a leader in the laymen's movement in the State. Mr. Tucker, in his address, pleaded for consecrated men and women in the church and stated that the cancer which confronted the State and nation was not commercialism, industrialism, the enlargement of the Southern Power Company or any other like interest but was rather the indifference of the church members. Following Mr. Tucker, Prof. F. P. Hogwood of Oxford delivered a telling address on the same subject. The convention then adopted resolutions strongly endorsing the laymen's movement and calling for a mass-meeting of Baptist laymen to be held in the early spring.

### ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY

Maxwell Thirty Makes Trip With President Alexander and is Received Pleasantly by Many Along the Line—First Night Spent at Morganton—To Asheville Today.  
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Morganton, Dec. 9.—With President R. O. Alexander, of the Salisbury, Asheville Highway Company, preaching from the gospel of better roads to assembled groups at eight points along the route, Mr. J. H. Ham's Maxwell "50" car journeyed from Salisbury to Morganton today. Despite the day-long grilling full of heavy traveling roads the trip was made without the slightest mechanical mishap.

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Meeting of School Superintendents Adjourns After Pleasant Session When Delegates Go to Hear Sousa's Band.  
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Wilmington, Dec. 9.—The second and final day of the annual meeting of the southeastern division of the county Superintendents of education was featured by a visit to the city graded schools in the morning, addresses by State Superintendent Joyner in the afternoon, followed by a delightful outing at Wrightsville Beach where an oyster roast was served, given complimentary by the chamber of commerce.

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### TO OBTAIN CLERGYMAN.

Service of Ordination and Installation of Presbyterian Minister of Asheville Is Set For December 15.  
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