

ASHEVILLE SELECTED AS PERMANENT MEETING PLACE OF PUBLISHERS

Members of Southern Publishers Association Voted Unanimously to Meet Here Each Year.

WILL BE GUESTS OF GROVE PARK INN Thirteenth Annual Meeting Comes to a Close at 1 O'clock This Afternoon—Delegates Leave.

By a unanimous vote the members of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association at 1 o'clock voted to make Asheville the permanent meeting place of the association. The invitation to be the guests of Grove Park Inn was extended personally by Mr. Seely, and the members at once voted to accept. The association adjourned at 10 o'clock.

HEALTH OFFICERS HAVE A BUSY DAY

Hold Three Sessions in Greensboro—Interesting Addresses Delivered.

Greensboro, June 15.—The fifth annual meeting of the North Carolina Health Officers assembled in this city yesterday with a larger attendance than ever before in its history. As the health work of the state is closely allied to the medical profession, this meeting had been arranged for the day preceding the three-day session of the State Medical Society, which began today.

The first session was devoted largely to the address of the president, Dr. W. M. Jones. In this address Dr. Jones pointed out, among other things, the difference in health work in rural and urban communities. The difference, according to Dr. Jones, is the difference between a republic and a monarchy; in the cities, health laws can be enacted and rigidly enforced, but in the country the health officer must educate, coach, lead the way and finally wait for public sentiment to crystallize and demand a law. Dr. Jones also called attention to the race improvement as a result of health work, and to certain unfortunate tendencies on the other hand, particularly to the unsolved problems of insanity and feeble-mindedness.

MANY DELEGATES AT CONVENTION OF EAGLES

Columbia, S. C., June 15.—Several hundred delegates are attending the annual convention of the Southeastern Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles which began today and which will continue through Thursday. The Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama are represented.

BRYAN TO ISSUE THREE ARTICLES

On War as Is, Injury to Neutrals; Causes of the War; and Means Which May Bring Peace.

THEY WILL BE SENT EVERY NEWSPAPER

President Encouraged by Reports of Possible Peaceful Settlement Between U. S. and Germany.

Washington, June 15.—Former Secretary of State Bryan did not issue his promised statement on the "Causeless War and Its Lessons for Us" today, but announced that he was preparing it in three parts.

"Tomorrow," said Mr. Bryan, "I shall submit the first part dealing with the war as it is and its injury to neutral nations. Next day I shall consider the origin of the war and the influences which caused it."

The third and concluding section will treat of the means that may be employed to restore permanent peace. "As the articles will be furnished all the newspapers without partiality," Mr. Bryan said, "it will not be my fault if any of the papers fail to present them to their readers."

President Wilson feels encouraged by reports that the pending negotiations between Germany and the United States most likely will have a peaceful outcome.

Those who have discussed the situation with the president and other officials in the last day or two have found a belief prevalent that chances for an amicable understanding with Germany are much brighter than they have been at any time since the Lusitania tragedy.

This feeling is understood to be based on both official and unofficial reports from Berlin and on the hope, too, that dispatches carried by Dr. Anton Meyer-Berhard for German Ambassador Bernstorff will impress German officials with the American point of view.

Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, who saw the president during the evening and who has been talking with other officials about the situation spoke last night of finding a general feeling of optimism.

It was learned that the president does not plan to send another note to Great Britain protesting against interference with commerce between the United States and neutral countries of Europe until the discussion with Germany has shaped itself more clearly.

THE WEATHER

Lowest Last Night	Highest Yesterday	Precipitation Last 24 Hours
Asheville 64	80	.08
Atlanta 60	83	.00
Atlanta City 60	80	.00
Augusta 63	80	.00
Boston 64	84	.00
Charlotte 66	86	.00
Charlotte 66	86	.00
Chicago 62	86	1.02
Denver 48	74	.00
Jacksonville 74	86	.00
Knoxville 66	82	.40
Louisville 70	82	.05
Mobile 78	88	.00
New Orleans 68	85	2.14
New York 66	85	.00
Raleigh 70	84	.08
St. Louis 74	80	.00
Savannah 74	80	.01
Tampa 72	80	.00
Washington 72	80	.00
Wilmington 72	80	.00

Normals for this date: Temperature 69 degrees; precipitation .14 inch. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Probably showers tonight and Wednesday. For North Carolina: Probably showers tonight and Wednesday, gentle west winds. General Conditions Last 24 Hours. Rains have occurred in the Gulf states, the Mississippi valley, the lake region, the Ohio valley and the middle Atlantic states in connection with a disturbance that is centered over the eastern lake region. Another slight disturbance is central over Mon-

FULLMAN ASKED TO STOP TAMPERING

Told to Keep "Hands Off" of Witnesses Summoned by Naval Court.

Annapolis, Md., June 15.—A virtual charge of tampering with the evidence of witnesses before the court of inquiry investigating the irregularities in examination papers at the Naval academy, has been made against Admiral Fullman, superintendent of the academy, by Congressman James Hay, counsel for seven of the midshipmen defendants.

Hay said that the evidence of midshipmen "that they have been taken to the office of the superintendent of the academy and that either the superintendent or his aide had told them if they took a certain position in this case what would happen to them." Indicated tampering with the evidence of the witnesses.

"It may be proper," Hay continued, "when these young gentlemen are ordered up here from the ship that they should report to the superintendent. But it is not proper, in my judgment, that the superintendent should be allowed to give them his opinion of what they ought to say, or what they ought to do, or in what category they are to place themselves."

"I say it shocks the decency of the whole country that these young men should have to undergo a lecture by the man who is over them and in whose hands rests their fortune as long as he occupies the position he does. It seems to me that the court, in order to protect the witnesses and in order to protect itself, will take some step to prevent that sort of thing going on."

After considering Hay's request behind closed doors for nearly an hour, Captain Robert L. Russell, president of the court, announced that he had decided that the following letter be sent to the superintendent of the academy:

"The question has been raised in this court in regard to persons already summoned for appearance as witnesses before the court being seen at the superintendent's office, either by himself or by his aide, and instructed as to their status as witnesses or possible defendants. This might influence their testimony. Therefore it is requested that prior to the completion of their testimony before the court and prior to their being regularly designated as defendants, witnesses or possible defendants summoned through the superintendent's office be not instructed at any time or place as to possible status in which they will be placed by virtue of any action they might take as witnesses or defendants."

URGE ENROLLMENT OF ABLE PERSONS

Peace and Preparation Conference Considers General Military Instruction.

New York, June 15.—An executive session of the Peace Preparation conference was called for the afternoon at which it is expected recommendations will be submitted. The purpose of the session is to "inquire into the necessary steps to be taken for adequate defense and if necessary to urge on the president of the United States the need of calling an extra session of congress."

One suggestion before the delegates was contained in the report of the militia committee of the National Security league which proposed the enrollment and instruction of every able-bodied man in the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years. Today was designated as "navy day." Two former secretaries of the navy were present, Charles J. Bonaparte and George Von L Meyer were among the speakers.

Washington, June 15.—Secretary Daniels said today that he was not in position to endorse such organizations as the National Security league and Navy league, because he must base his estimates as to the development of the navy on the counsel of his official advisers rather than from outside information. He said he would welcome suggestions from all sources.

ASHEVILLE MEN OFFER TO FLY TO END STRIKE

Henry K. Crowell and Harry K. Noland Willing to Do Aviation Work for N. C. National Guard.

NECESSARY TO RAISE FUND BY SUBSCRIPTION

No State Appropriation For Aviation Equipment—Hendersonville Wants Farm Life Schools.

(By W. T. Bost.) Raleigh, June 15.—Prof. W. C. Crosby, education secretary of the North Carolina Farmers' union, left today for Nash county to introduce the Mecklenburg idea of co-operation among farmers in Nash.

Mecklenburg county is the first and only one to try the plan of confining all the agencies that enter into the bartering of cottonseed to the farmers themselves.

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young has offers from Henry K. Crowell and Harry K. Noland of Asheville, to do flying for the North Carolina National guard in its efforts to put aeroplanes into the military work.

Mr. Cromwell writes of a plan to raise the money for such machines and says: "It is my idea that if the state cannot afford to bear the expense of the same, (referring to the machines), the money might be raised by statewide public subscriptions in the same manner as the French and German aeroplane fleets were built."

General Young and all the guard understand that the money must be raised by popular subscription. There is no appropriation for such equipment now. North Carolina is undertaking now to raise this plan, several states having tried it with success. The state is merely trying to keep pace.

Both young men offering to aid in the raising of money by giving exhibitions or by any other plan, have had training with the Curtiss company and understand the flying business.

The state council of the Farmers' union will meet here June 30 to name the place and the date for the next Farmers' union convention.

The long and short haul controversy which has had a noble rest for three months, again occupies the attention of the corporation commission with numerous traffic officials of the larger roads attending the conference.

The humbly stated object of the road is "to restore the competition which the Justice act destroyed." What that really means is understood in the light of many complaints during the winter months that the short lines could build no more roads and could gain no business which is in competition with the interstate business done by larger roads.

The little lines were not here conspicuously. Until the Justice act was passed things were "wide open" in the railroad business and the big and little fellows did business. What is planned now is to return in some measure to the easy conditions of former years. The larger roads declared their purpose to meet the short lines in a reasonable way. The direct, or shortest route caused some of the trouble both in delays and in rates and these details will be altered.

The men present were: J. W. Perrin, general freight agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington; L. E. Chadenor, freight traffic manager of the Seaboard, Norfolk; S. S. Bridges, assistant general freight agent of the Norfolk and Western, Roanoke; J. F. Dalton, assistant general freight agent of the Norfolk Southern, Norfolk; T. O. Goehagen, chief clerk in the traffic department of the Southern Railway, Washington; J. A. Smith, division freight agent of the Southern, Washington; H. A. Parker, commercial agent of the Southern Railway, Charlotte; A. W. Sanders, chief clerk of the C. C. & O., Johnson City, Tenn. All members of the commission were present.

New York Stocks. Chicago, June 15.—Speculation again centered around the war specialties at the opening of today's stock market. The better known shares showed little if any changes. Westinghouse was the feature of the early trading, its first sale consisting of 4,500 shares at 95 3/4 to 95 1/2, soon advancing to 100 1/4, a maximum gain of 2 1/2. New York Airbrake rose 1/2 and General Electric rose two points after an initial decline. American Locomotive and Baldwin were up a point or more. Minor industrials and metal shares recorded early gains. Reading, Missouri Pacific and Chesapeake & Ohio were inclined to sag.

WEATHER FORECAST

PROBABLY SHOWERS.

WAR PARTY IN GREECE CHOSEN

DORSEY FIGHTS FRANK APPEAL

Prosecutor of Defendant Makes Strong Argument Against Application for Clemency.

ATTEMPTS TO REFUTE FRANK'S ALLEGATIONS

Denies There Was Mob Violence or That Frank Was Not Given a Fair Trial.

Atlanta, June 15.—After hearing reviews of the testimony for and against Leo M. Frank, which was presented at his trial on the charge of murdering Mary Phagan and in subsequent court proceedings Governor Slaton last night adjourned the hearing until next Wednesday. When it is resumed W. M. Howard will complete his argument in behalf of Frank and the case then finally will be submitted to the governor.

Solicitor Dorsey, in a four hour argument against commutation, undertook to convince the executive of Frank's guilt on the testimony of other witnesses than Jim Conley, the negro who was convicted as an accessory after the murder. Eliminating Conley's evidence Mr. Dorsey sought to show how incidents and circumstances surrounding the crime as testified to pointed to Frank as the perpetrator.

In his brief which Mr. Dorsey read to the governor he said he would discuss the case on three points raised by Frank's attorneys. First, that Frank had not had a fair trial; second that the evidence did not show that the defendant was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt; third, that Judge L. S. Roan, the trial judge, had not been convinced of the prisoner's guilt.

Regarding the first Mr. Dorsey declared that Frank's counsel had never moved for a change of venue and that there was no antagonism toward Frank prior to his trial; developments at the trial might have incensed the people against him because of the harrowing nature of some of the evidence, he said; and the state Supreme court had ruled on this point that it had not been shown by the defense that there had been any demonstration which might have deprived the defendants of a fair trial.

Dr. Dorsey said that Judge Roan himself had held that Frank had had a fair trial, and that the records of the case showed that the demonstration by the crowd outside the court room had not been heard by the jurors.

State, federal and the United States Supreme courts, Mr. Dorsey continued, had held that Frank had not been deprived of any right in that he had been absent from the court room when the verdict was rendered; and had also held that the allegation of mob violence had not been sustained.

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Berlin yesterday reported another decided success along the eastern line, Northwest of Moeckiska, in the region of Sienlawa, the German report says that along a line extended over 43 miles the entire positions of the Russians were taken and that 16,000 prisoners fell into their hands. The Russian official report, however, only mentioned the locality where this action is said to have taken place in a paragraph declaring the Austro-Germans, after heavy losses in the region of Moeckiska Friday and Saturday, did not resume the offensive.

According to Petrograd, the Austro-Germans again have crossed the Dnieper, where a brilliant cavalry charge at Zde Szezyky resulted in a local Russian success, but no claim is made that the invaders were pushed back across the river. A crossing of the river at this place may not be a serious affair for the Russians as it is remote from Lemberg and an advance from it might expose the Austro-German flank.

In the west the French continue their battering tactics against formidable German positions, with some assistance from the Belgians, who have thrown a battalion across the Yser to the east bank, where south of the Dixmude railway bridge they destroyed a German blockhouse. They claim to have retained this position against German counter attacks.

Washington, June 15.—The general condition of King Constantine of Greece continued satisfactory, according to information received by the legation today.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Report Filed up to the Close of Business on June 4.

The report of the condition of the Federal Reserve bank of Richmond, which includes this section of North Carolina in its territory, will be of interest to many people throughout western North Carolina.

According to the report just received here, the condition of the bank at the close of business on June 4, follows:

Resources.	Amount
Gold Coin and Certificates	\$7,584,102.50
Legal tender notes, silver certificates, and subsidiary coin	94,124.80
Federal Reserve notes on hand	333,895.00
Total	\$8,012,122.30

Liabilities.	Amount
Due from Federal Reserve Banks	\$1,089,764.13
Bills discounted	7,187,403.21
Investments	1,000.00
All other resources	55,262.49
Total resources	\$16,343,552.13

Liabilities.	Amount
Reserve deposits	\$7,508,007.47
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	5,100,000.00
Capital paid in	3,258,150.02
All other liabilities	77,394.64
Total liabilities	\$16,343,552.13

Gold reserve against all liabilities, 66 per cent.

Cash reserve against all liabilities after setting aside 40 per cent gold reserve for Federal Reserve notes in circulation, 84 per cent.

Total amount of bills discounted for one week ending June fourth, 1915, \$867,622.79.

Additional reserve notes outstanding for which gold is held by the Federal Reserve agent, \$3,300,000.00.

NEGRO SLAYER TAKEN BY ARKANSAS MOB

Litty Rock, Ark., June 15.—Loy Haley, the negro who shot and killed Roy Lester, a well known young planter of La Fayette county several days ago, was today taken from Sheriff Hayes of Hempstead county by a mob, and it is believed, that he was lynched somewhere in the woods between Hope and Lewisville early today. The mob numbered about 200. The body of the negro has not been found.

Venizelos and His Followers Win Overwhelming Victory in General Elections in Greece.

IS TAKEN TO MEAN GREECE WILL FIGHT

General Mackensen Has Won Another Great Victory Over Russians on Dneister River.

London, June 15.—It is apparent that Former Premier Venizelos of Greece and his followers have won an overwhelming victory in the Grecian general elections. The latest news claims a majority of two-thirds for the war party in parliament. In the opinion of the British press this means a deliberate choice of the people of Greece to cast their lot with Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy.

Reports from Paris make mention of slight progress all along the line, but say nothing of the situation north of Arras, where the Germans rallied and recaptured some of the trenches they had lost.

Germany official reports represent the recent fighting along the River San in Galicia as having resulted in a great victory for General Mackensen, who effectively countered a Russian blow at Zurawana on the Dneister river.

Italian heavy artillery has begun the bombardment of Malborgeth, one of the pivots of the Austrian defenses between the Carni Alps and the upper Isonzo river. Tarvis, an important railway junction 12 miles further to the east is also threatened.

Inquiry into the loss of the Cunard liner Lusitania opened in London this morning. Nothing will be made public concerning the order issued to the officers of the steamer by the British admiralty but testimony showing the action of those who had charge of the steamer after she was torpedoed will be permitted.

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