

ANNUAL REUNION OF C. S. VETERANS

HOUSTON PREPARING TO TURN THE CITY INTO ONE GREAT HOSPITABLE HOTEL

VETERANS NEED NO HOUSING

Members of Two Allied Organizations With Their Families and Friends Will Swell the Visiting Tide.

Houston, Texas.—With the 1920 reunion of Confederate veterans only a few weeks off, Houston is preparing to turn itself into one great hospitable hotel for the accommodation of the 75,000 visitors expected here during the week of October 5 to 8.

The veterans themselves need no housing in the city. Soldiers to the end, they will live in tents and mess at the call of the bugle. A great tent city is to be erected in one of the city's wooded parks for them.

But the other visitors, who may outnumber the veterans six to one, must be accommodated, so a house to house canvass of all Houston and its suburbs is being made and pledges taken for so many beds and so many places at table.

These other visitors will include not only the families of the veterans, but the members of two allied organizations, and their families and friends, for this is a triple reunion; the thirtieth for the United Confederate Veterans, the twenty-fifth for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the twenty-first annual convention of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association.

Filibustering Tennessee Solons Decide to Return to Nashville

Decatur, Ala.—With the departure of eight members of the Tennessee house, who left here for Nashville, the sudden visit of the filibustering lawmakers came to a close.

Steamship Owners and Brokers are Indicted on Charge of Conspiracy

New York.—Forty-two steamship companies and freight brokers, including virtually all the big trans-Atlantic lines were indicted by the federal grand jury here on charges of conspiracy and restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

For the First Time in History a Pope Poses for the Movies

Rome.—For the first time in history a Pope has posed for the motion picture camera. Not only was permission granted for the filming of scenes in the Lourdes Chapel grounds but Pope Benedict took a leading part posing first with various groups and then for "close ups", and expressing much amusement at the persistence of the American photographers.

Florida Citrus Fruit Growers are Alarmed over Cuban Importations

Tampa, Fla.—Alarmed over the amount of fruit being brought into this state from districts of Cuba where the black fly is prevalent, citrus fruit growers of this state have called a mass meeting to be held at Orlando September 6 when action will be taken through the state plant board to interest the federal horticultural board in giving protection to Florida.

Holders of Bonds With Coupons Clipped May Now Exchange them

Richmond.—Liberty bonds from which all coupons have been clipped may be deposited in banks for transmission to the Richmond federal reserve bank, where they will be exchanged for bonds with interest coupons attached for remainder of life of bond.

Whenever liberty bonds paying 4 per cent interest are sent in new bonds paying 4 1/2 per cent interest will be issued. Thus the interest of the bond is increased by one half cent.

Combined Expenditures for Road Building May Reach \$250,000,000

Washington.—Combined federal and state expenditures for road building may reach a total of \$250,000,000 during the current fiscal year according to Thomas H. MacDonald chief of the bureau of public roads department of agriculture.

The last installment of federal aid funds totaling \$10,000,000 became available last July 1. Three-quarters of this apportionment was derived from the 1919 appropriation.

The President Approves Report of the Anthracite Coal Commission

Washington.—President Wilson approved the majority report of the anthracite coal commission increasing wages of contract miners 20 per cent over the present rates.

The president struck out of the report a provision fixing the terms of retroactive payments under the award which he said was outside the commission's jurisdiction. Thomas Kennedy, chairman of the miners' scale committee, had protested this feature.

MANNIX MATTER IS INVOLVED

Irish Sympathizers Working on Belgian, American and French Ships Have Also Quit Work.

New York.—Elated by their tie-up of virtually every British ship in New York, the 2,000 or more longshoremen who suddenly quit work expect to spread their walkout to every port in the United States in the hope of forcing Great Britain to release from jail Terence MacSweney, the lord mayor of Cork, and permit Archbishop Mannix to land on Irish soil.

The women pickets who inspired the unexpected walkout of longshoremen and the marine firemen, water tenders and oilers who joined them, feel the same way about it. They are not going back to work on British ships, they said, until Great Britain meets their wishes.

Irish sympathizers working on American, French and Belgian steamships also quit work during the whirlwind campaign the strikers waged.

Munitions and Hydro-Airplanes Are Destroyed by Communist Workers.

London.—Munitions and hydroairplanes, valued at nearly \$2,000,000 which recently were confiscated by the entente commission in the Pintersche works on the Spree river were destroyed by the 3,000 employes of the plant, most of whom are communists, said a Berlin dispatch.

Legal Aid Bureaus Recommended to Furnish Legal Advice to the Poor.

St. Louis.—Establishment of legal aid bureaus throughout the United States to give free legal advice to the poor, was recommended as a means of checking the spread of radicalism, by speakers at the convention of the American Bar Association in session here.

The "Cat Step" and "Camel Walk" Have Been Tabooed in New York.

New York.—The "cat step" and the "camel walk" two of the most advanced variations of the modern dance, were tabooed in a resolution unanimously adopted by the American National Association of Masters of Dancing.

Governor Bickett Makes First Appointment Under 19th Amendment.

Raleigh, N. C.—Governor Bickett has performed his first official act under the nineteenth amendment to the federal constitution when he appointed Mrs. Nolan Knight, of Asheville, a notary public.

Serbia Wants Albania-Jugo-Slav Conflict Looked into by Allies.

Washington.—The United States has been requested by the Serbian government to appoint representatives to an allied commission to investigate the conflict between Albania and Jugo-Slavia.

The Anthracite Coal Commission Report in Hands of President.

Washington.—The report of the anthracite coal commission, appointed by President Wilson to settle the wage controversy in the anthracite field is in the hands of the President.

An Electric Power Plant to Cost \$100,000,000 Planned on St. Gothard

Berne, Switzerland.—An electric power plant to develop 350,000 horsepower is planned on Saint Gothard mountain. The cost is estimated at about \$100,000,000.

Coal Commission Award Characterized as Reactionary Decision

Washington.—The award of the anthracite coal commission, approved by President Wilson is characterized as "the most reactionary decision that has been made by an industrial tribunal during the reconstruction period," by W. Jett Lauck consulting economist for the United Mine Workers in a statement made public predicting "trouble in the anthracite field" as a result of the findings.

Bolshevik Reaction Against the Polish Armies Not Expected Now.

Paris.—Bolshevik reaction against Polish armies along the front east of Warsaw is not expected, at least for the present, by General Weygand, who is credited with having directed the defense of the Polish capital and hurled the soviet armies back from that city, according to the Warsaw correspondent of The Petit Parisien.

Former King Constantine Still in Hopes of Regaining Greek Throne.

Paris.—Former King Constantine of Greece, still hopes to regain his throne, claiming he never abdicated and that he is still considered the Greek sovereign by a majority of the people of that country, says the Lucerne correspondent of the Excelsior.

Consumption of Gas in Country is 15 Per Cent Greater Than Supply.

Washington.—Although production of gasoline for the first six months of this year was 13 per cent greater than for the corresponding period of 1919, the increase in consumption was 32 per cent, it was reported by the bureau of mines. Gasoline stocks at end of June were \$9,841,000 gallons or 15 per cent less than the amount on hand on June 30, 1919.

Gas and Fuel oils showed an increase in both production and stocks.

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BAD SETBACK FOR ROADS OF NATION

PARSIMONY OF THE CONGRESS HAS SERIOUS RESULT IN EVERY SECTION.

NO PROVISION MADE FOR AID

is Danger of Great Deterioration in Road Equipment and Other Damage if Work is Not Carried On.

Washington.—Road building in North Carolina will be badly handicapped unless a way is found to remedy a situation caused by negligence of the last Congress, the department of agriculture announced. The state drew \$1,709,290.35 as federal aid for the year from July 1, 1920, to June 30, 1921.

Congress made no provision for 1922. As soon as this money is used up plans to make new projects will have to drop unless new money is found. It takes a year to plan projects. Congress does not meet until December. If it appropriated money the law would scarcely be enacted before January or February, cutting down further the plans for a program.

What is true of North Carolina is true of every other state. There is danger of great deterioration in equipment and delay if the road work cannot be carried on.

Secretary Daniels Has Ordered An Armored Cruiser to Danzig.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels announced that he had ordered the armored cruiser Pittsburgh to proceed from Reval to Danzig for the protection of Americans at that port.

Earnings of Federal Land Banks For Month of July Were \$257,203

Washington.—Earnings of the federal land banks established a new record in July, their net return totalling \$257,203, or approximately \$18,000 more than in the previous record month—last February.

First Effect of Suffrage Amendment is Seen in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C.—First effects of the promulgation of the 19th amendment were felt in South Carolina when Governor Cooper commissioned as notaries public five women of South Carolina.

Good Roads Association of the Argentine Republic is Organized.

Buenos Aires.—Stimulated by North Americans, "The Good Roads Association of the Argentine Republic" has just been organized and plans an active moving picture, newspaper and public speaking propaganda.

Marshal Foch Denies Planning to Visit the United States in April.

Strasbourg.—Dr. Marcel Knecht, formerly of the French high commission to the United States, denied on behalf of Marshal Foch that the latter plans to visit the United States in April.

Posts of the American Legion Have Been Formed in Japan and Belgium

Indianapolis.—Announcement has been made at national headquarters of the American Legion here of the formation of new foreign posts of the organization in Japan and Belgium.

Governor of West Virginia Asks for Detachment United States Troops.

Charleston, W. Va.—Gov. John J. Cornwell announced here that he had requested the commander of the Central department, United States army, to send a detachment of troops into Mingo county, W. Va., to take charge of the situation there.

Tennessee Anti-Suffragists Request Governor Roberts to Resign.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Citizens of Rutherford county in mass meeting here in protest against ratification of the woman suffrage amendment adopted resolutions which after expressing the belief that the suffrage issue had permanently divided the Democratic party in Tennessee under the present party leaders, called upon Governor Roberts to resign.

Air Mail Service in Mexico Has Been Determined Upon by Huerta.

Mexico City.—Establishment of air mail service between Mexico City and Tampico has been determined by the government according to Cosme Hinojosa, postmaster general.

Modification of Priority Orders Relating to Coal, an Urgent Need

Washington.—Modification of priority orders for cars transporting coal to lake ports and "certain limitations on exposition of coal" were suggested to the interstate commerce commission as means of relieving the coal situation in North Carolina.

Oil Supply of Country Will be Exhausted in Thirty-five Years

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SEAL OF THE U. S. ATTACHED

Congratulations Are Extended by the Secretary on Successful Culmination of Many Efforts.

Washington.—Secretary Colby signed the proclamation declaring the woman suffrage amendment "to all intents and purposes a part of the constitution of the United States."

The secretary's signature was affixed to the proclamation at his home a few hours after he had received from Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, the certificate that final favorable action on the amendment had been taken by the legislature of that state completing the required thirty-six.

"The seal of the United States has been duly affixed to the certificate and the suffrage amendment is now the nineteenth amendment to the constitution," Secretary Colby announced on reaching his office two hours after he had placed the signature to the proclamation.

Secretary Colby's statement follows in part:

"The certified record of the action of the legislature of the state of Tennessee on the suffrage amendment was received by mail.

"I congratulate the women of the country upon the successful culmination of their efforts which have been sustained in the face of many discouragements and which have now conducted them to the achievement of that great object.

Former Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, died at His Iowa Home

Traer, Iowa.—James Wilson, former secretary of agriculture, died at his home here.

Governor of Florida Will Request Court Opinion on Special Session

Tampa, Fla.—Governor Catts said he would ask the state supreme court for an opinion deciding the necessity for a special session of the legislature to make Florida laws correspond with the suffrage amendment.

Russian Soviet Reserves Being Rushed to Front in Large Numbers.

Warsaw.—Russian soviet reserves are reported being brought up on the southern front in great numbers. According to information in the hands of the Polish general, Haller, reserves some distance behind the bolshevist north also are being brought up.

British Government is Risking no Weak Points in MacSweney Affair

Lucerne Switzerland.—Premier Lloyd-George, in a statement concerning the case of Lord Mayor MacSweney, of Cork, who condition is grave because of his hunger strike in Brixton jail, London, said in substance that, whatever the consequences, the government could not take the responsibility of releasing MacSweney.

Destruction of Bolshevik Armies May Now be Considered Complete

Paris.—The destruction of the bolshevik armies now may be considered complete, according to advices received here. Of the host which swept down on Warsaw nothing is left but 30,000 fugitives. The Poles have taken 80,000 prisoners thus far, but what is more important they have captured great quantities of guns and materials.

Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures are at Work

Chicago.—Senate investigation of republication and democratic presidential campaign expenditures has started here. The senatorial committee opened its inquiry by delving into the national campaign chests, both the sums already raised and the amounts which the party leaders seek. The inquiry, for the time being at least has become one of the paramount issues of the campaign.

Women of Georgia Will Vote in Coming State Primary Election

Atlanta, Ga.—Women of Georgia are given the right to vote in the coming state-wide primary on September 8, as well as the general election, according to an opinion submitted to Governor Dorsey by R. A. Denny, state's attorney general. The opinion is also signed by Graham Wright, assistant attorney general.

Jap Legation at Peking Refuse Request of Chinese Foreign Office.

Peking.—The Japanese legation here, replying to the request of the Chinese foreign office for the extradition of members of the Aifu, or military group, who have taken refuge in the Japanese legation, refuses to surrender the men.

Sarah Bernhardt is Suffering of Severe Congestion of the Lungs

Paris.—Sarah Bernhardt is suffering from congestion of the lungs and an inflammation of the kidneys and is confined to her bed. Her illness is due to a motor trip which she took a few days ago from her summer home at Belle Isle to Paris. The attending physicians are not apprehensive of serious developments, but the start of Mme. Bernhardt's English farewell engagement will be delayed for several weeks at least.

SUFFRAGE AGAIN UP IN TENNESSEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WITH A QUORUM PRESENT REVERSES ACTION.

GOVERNOR ROBERTS IS MUTE

Attorney General of the State Says That Reconstruction of Question is Impossible and Illegal.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Tennessee house of representatives, with a quorum present for the first time since August 20, expunged from its journal all record of ratification of the suffrage amendment and voted 47 to 24 with 20 not voting, to non-concur in the action of the senate in ratifying.

In the course of the discussion Representative Riddick read a letter from State's Attorney General Thompson, in which the latter expressed the opinion that reconsideration of the resolution was impossible, since the house had already ratified it and Governor Roberts had certified to Secretary Colby this action by both house and senate.

Governor Roberts declined to make any statement as to the effect of the house's action, saying that the matter was a legal one.

Action of the house is not taken seriously here, as the general opinion prevails that legality or illegality of ratification will be decided upon the record certified to Washington by Governor Roberts.

The Labor Problem is No Problem at All to Copenhagen Emigrant

New York.—The labor problem is no problem at all to Carl Paulson, who has just arrived here from Copenhagen with his wife and 15 children to operate a farm in Minnesota.

100,000 American Farmers Purchase 3,000,000 Acres of Land in Canada

Winnipeg, Man.—One hundred thousand American farmers have purchased approximately 3,000,000 acres of land in western Canada, since the first of the year, according to an estimate of L. A. Welch, of Winnipeg, a dealer in farm lands.

Germany is Dumping its Surplus Inferior Goods on United States

Washington.—Germany is dumping its surplus of inferior goods in the United States and England and is marking its exports to Great Britain "Made in America" and its exports to the United States "Made in England," official advices received here stated.

Railroads of County Have Begun Operations on Their Own Account

Washington.—Railroads of the country have begun operations on their own resources after having cost the government approximately \$100,000,000 monthly for the six months in which their earnings were guaranteed by the transportation act.

Bailey of Texas is Snowed Under in His Recent Race for Governor

Dallas Tex.—Pat M. Neff, of Waco, led Jos. W. Bailey, former United States senator from Texas, by 77,383 votes for the democratic gubernatorial nomination according to the final telegraphic report of the Texas election bureau. The figures were Neff, 244,445; Bailey 167,062.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SENATE REFERS QUESTION OF REPEALING PRIMARY LAW TO REFERENDUM VOTE.

PENSIONS PAID ONCE A YEAR

Before Adjournment the House Voted to Table Bill Increasing Salaries of State Officers and Employees

Raleigh.

Aug. 24.—Senator Gray, of Forsyth, when the vote stood 21 to 21, broke the tie tonight that prevented the passage of a bill making divorce easier in North Carolina. The measure was designed to reduce the numbers of years of separation necessary for divorce from 10 to seven.

The house killed the salary bills during the night session and voted for joint resolution to adjourn the special session sine die Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The senate, by a vote of 38 to 6, passed the revenue act, which now becomes law, fulfilling the pledge of the democratic legislature to uphold the revaluation act.

The bill to raise the legal rate of interest in North Carolina was reported unfavorably and the senate has voted to put the question of repealing the state-wide primary law to a referendum vote.

Suffragists are charging that the antis are now busy at the task of polling the members of the regular session on the speakership. They are said to be advocating Representative Greer. It is also understood that the suffragists are equally as lively in their arguments that he should not be elected speaker and it is hinted that this question may be an "issue" on which the women, if they are allowed to vote this fall will cast their ballots for members of the legislature.

Aug. 25.—The senate adopted the measure providing the machinery for the registration and voting of women upon the ratification of the nineteenth amendment, passed the bill fixing the intrastate passenger rates in North Carolina at three cents per mile.

A bill passed in the house provides that pensions of Confederate veterans shall be paid in December for the ensuing year instead of twice a year as under the provisions of a bill enacted at the 1919 session. The bill now goes to the upper house for consideration.

May Defeat Salary Bill

The fight which broke out in the House over the bill to increase the fees of the several solicitors in the State has threatened to defeat the salary bills for State officials and clerks in the State departments. Governor Rufe Doughton head of the finance committee, holds to the opinion that the salary increase measures ought to be deferred also.

Revaluation is About Completed

Revaluation, with almost negligible changes in the Bickett-Maxwell program is about completed. The sentiment seems to be firm that it will prove popular at the polls and that an overwhelming majority will vote to ratify the amendment this fall. This done, the General Assembly meeting in 1921 will be able to deal with State needs in a generous manner.

Some doubt exists as to the wisdom of providing machinery for the new voters this fall. The antis, as a general proposition, are against it. The official opinion is that legislation is unnecessary. The disposition, however, among many democrats is to grapple with this problem now.

Objections to School Bill

Objection to the school bill on the ground that it will not provide sufficient funds for some counties and in others, where the valuation of tax property has jumped five or six times, allow the counties to levy a tax in excess of the ten per cent limit pledged under the revaluation of property caused the House to adopt the following committee amendment to the bill:

"Provided that no county shall participate in the equalizing fund until it shall have provided by tax levy ten per cent more for the school year 1920-1921 that it provided in the school year 1919-1920."

Under the bill, the total authorized levy will be thirty-one cents on the hundred dollars, as contrasted with the present levy of eighty three and three-quarter cents.

Three Cent Passenger Rate

The house of representatives, adopting a substitute bill on rate fixing, which was reported by the committee having the matter in charge, fixed intrastate passenger rates, effective August 26, at 3 cents a mile. The original bill took from the legislature the prerogative of fixing rates. The substitute bill as passed gives to the legislature that right, which it was pointed out belongs to that body. Independent roads of one hundred miles or less may charge higher than 2 cents.

Late Census Reports

Washington, (Special).—Madison county lost population and Union county gained in the 10 years from 1910-1920, the census bureau announced.

Madison county had 20,644 people in 1900; in 1910 the number was 20,122. The new census gives it 20,053.

Union county had 27,156 people in 1900 and 33,277 in 1910, this year it was 34,929.

Census of New Hanover county, 46,620; increase 1,553 or 3.3 per cent.

Message to The Legislature

Governor Bickett sent to the legislature a special message on roads. He said:

"This general assembly at its regular session created a state highway commission."

"As I have repeatedly said, the blunder that we have made in North Carolina is not that we have failed to build good roads, but that we have been criminally negligent in keeping them up. I have a profound conviction that it would be an economic crime for North Carolina to issue bonds or to permit the counties to issue bonds to build an more roads in this state until we have devised and thoroughly tested out an adequate system of maintenance.

"Therefore, I recommend that this general assembly authorize the state highway commission to test out on a number of roads, selected by the commission, the best systems of maintenance now in force in any of the states in the union and submit the result of their experience to the general assembly of 1921. It is simply throwing away money to build roads of any type until we provide and enforce a system of maintenance that will insure the roads from going to pieces."

Manning Says Women Can Vote

"While there would be no objection to the North Carolina legislature passing laws providing for women to vote under the Susan B. Anthony amendment," Attorney General James S. Manning said, "it is not at all necessary."

"The amendment to the constitution in this instance, which, in reality, is but an amendment to the fifteenth amendment, automatically changes the constitution of North Carolina. The fifteenth amendment changed it by striking out the word 'white' before 'males.' The Anthony amendment will strike out the word 'males' and franchise will be extended to all 'persons' regardless of sex."

"The status of a woman under the amendment is the same as the status of a man reaching his majority. All she will have to do will be to present herself for registration. She will be required to pay no poll tax this year because she has, in essence, reached her 'majority' as far as voting is concerned, since the time for fixing taxes."

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