

## MANY EMPLOYEES IN CIVIL SERVICE

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## MAXIMUM NEARLY A MILLION

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Washington.—One person out of every 159 in the entire country was on the government civil service pay roll last July 31, the civil service commission declared in its annual report. The commission adds that of those estimated by the census as employed in gainful occupations in the country, one in every 68 was a government worker.

The total number of civil service employees last July, the commission says, was 691,116 and the government was using them in approximately 1,700 different kinds and grades of work.

There are almost a million government employees at the height of the world war, the commission asserts and adds that pre-war figures of some 480,000 in 1916 probably never again will be reached. The commission declares that an "altogether rosy picture can not be painted" of the government's personnel situation.

A partial tabulation of the great army of government employees fixes the average age at 28.4 years and the average salary at \$1,176 a year, exclusive of the \$240 yearly bonus which many of the employees receive.

**Woodmen to Disburse Fund.**  
Omaha.—Woodmen of the World in all parts of America will share in the distribution of \$1,260,000 during the month of January. Announcement has been made that each policy holder will be credited with an amount equal to one month's premium. Fraternal orders having insurance features are not permitted by law to declare dividends, but they are allowed to disburse a portion of the surplus fund. Notices from headquarters at Omaha point to a substantial growth of the Woodmen insurance feature.

**Anti-Constantine Demonstration.**  
Constantinople.—As a result of anti-Constantine demonstrations, which have culminated in disturbances, the allied police have forbidden the playing of the Venizelist anthem in theaters and other public places in Constantinople.

**Motorcycle Kills Two.**  
Freeport, N. Y.—When their motorcycle ran over an embankment near here William Cameron, 25 of Miami, Fla., was instantly killed and his fiancée's brother, Lester Smith, so badly injured that he died in a Mineola hospital.

**Ireland in a State of War.**  
Dublin.—A proclamation declaring that "the public must at once realize that Ireland is in a state of war with forces of the British crown," has been issued over the signature of the officer commanding troops of the Irish Republican army at County Monaghan.

**Japs Hold Mass Meeting.**  
Tokio.—A large mass meeting of students, members of the Students' League of Japan, was held here. A resolution protesting to the world in the name of "justice and humanity" against the anti-Japanese law in California was adopted.

**Bank Robbery in Oklahoma.**  
Tulsa, Okla.—Robbers smashed the vault of the First State bank of Shamrock and escaped with approximately \$50,000 in cash without leaving a clue.

**German Ex-Express Is Better.**  
Doorn, Holland.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria, of Germany, continues to improve in health, but her condition still is critical.

**To Resist Wage Reduction.**  
New York.—Reports from mill centers give every indication that wage reductions announced for December 20 by large cloth manufacturing plants will be resisted.

**National Baseball Agreement.**  
New York.—The tentative draft of the proposed new national baseball agreement which is to be the government of the sport, was accepted by the major and minor league committees which have been working on the document.

**Constantine Is On His Way.**  
Lucerne.—Preparations have been completed for the departure of King Constantine and his family for Venice on the first stage of their journey to Athens.

**Fall of Aintab Expected.**  
Constantinople.—The French have gained a foothold in Aintab, Asiatic Turkey, surrounding the town in the hope of starting out the Turks, who are fighting from behind barricades. The fall of the town is expected almost momentarily.



RALPH H. CAMERON  
Ralph T. Cameron, Republican, elected senator from Arizona, formerly represented Arizona in the lower house.

## IF WE DO NOT ENTER LEAGUE

Three-Year Program Recommended Includes Building of One Cruiser and Three Battleships.

Washington.—Approval of another three-year naval building program, involving the construction of 88 vessels, if the United States does not enter the league of nations or a similar world organization, is given by Secretary Daniels in his annual report to President Wilson.

"If the United States is not to enter into any agreement with the other powers of the earth, which are now bound together in the league of nations," says the naval secretary, "I feel compelled to approve the recommendation of the general board that Congress authorize three-year program to be begun as soon as the capital ships now under construction are launched."

The three-year program recommended by the general board to be under way by 1924 includes the construction of three battleships, one battle cruiser, 30 light cruisers, eight gunboats, 18 destroyer leaders, 12 mine laying submarines, 6 cruiser submarines, a torpedo carrier, 2 destroyer tenders and 3 submarine tenders.

No specific recommendations for appropriations for new construction during the next fiscal year are included in the secretary's report.

**Scramble For Concessions.**  
New York.—A mad scramble among the world powers for industrial and commercial concessions in Russia were forecast by Washington G. Vanderbilt, American mining engineer, who landed here bearing documents involving \$3,000,000 worth of Kamchatka oil and coal lands and fisheries.

**Rumanian Senate Bombed.**  
London.—A bomb was thrown among members of the Rumanian senate shortly after it had assembled, and M. Grecanu, a member of the ministry, and Bishop Radu, were killed, says a Central News dispatch.

**Accept Reduction in Wages.**  
Chicago.—More than 70,000 negro laborers of Chicago and vicinity have agreed to accept a reduction in wages rather than lose their jobs on account of reduced production, R. E. Parker, president of the American Unity Labor union, announced.

**Suspend Students For Hazing.**  
Gainesville, Fla.—Forty-five students of the University of Florida were indefinitely suspended as a result of a faculty investigation of the shaving of heads of lower classmen by members of the upper classes.

**Long Range Machine Gun.**  
Washington.—Development of a new machine gun, with an effective range said to be twice as great as that of the Browning machine gun, was announced by the war department.

**Smith Opposes Blue Sunday.**  
New York.—The Motion Picture Theatrical association made public a telegram from Governor Smith expressing opposition to any movement which would forbid "wholesome amusement" on Sunday.

**Ex-Congressman Commits Suicide.**  
Montezuma, Ga.—Former Congressman E. B. Lewis, 65, president of the First National Bank of Montezuma and also president of the Lewis Banking company, of this city, shot and killed himself here.

**Board Assumes Jurisdiction.**  
Roanoke, Va.—The United States railroad labor board has assumed jurisdiction over the differences between the Norfolk & Western Railway company and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen now taking a vote on a proposed strike.

**Bank Reserves Lower.**  
New York.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows they hold \$11,247,910 reserve in excess of legal requirements.

## AMEND JOHNSON'S IMMIGRATION BILL

ADOPTION OF THE MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE MANN IS SURPRISING TO HOUSE.

## PROponents NOT DISMAYED

The Actual Result of the Projected Amendment Will be a Restriction Period of Only One Year.

Washington.—Amendment of the Johnson bill to reduce the two-year prohibition against immigration to the United States to 14 months and charges that foreign governments are "financing the movement of radicals to the United States" marked another day of debate in the house on immigration legislation.

Adoption by a vote of 87 to 25 of the amendment offered by Representative Mann, republican, of Illinois, to reduce the embargo period was a surprise to the advocates of the legislation and constituted the first victory for Representatives Siegel, republican, New York, and Sabath, democrat, Illinois, leaders of the opposition. Proponents of the bill, however, were not dismayed and said they were confident of favorable disposition of the measure.

The Mann amendment actually limits the restriction period to one year, reducing by one-half the period originally proposed.

**Contest Seat in Congress.**  
Washington.—Dr. J. I. Campbell, republican opponent of Congressman Doughton, will contest the election of the eighth North Carolina district congressman. This was decided upon at a meeting of the republican congressional committee which met to consider the evidence.

**Southern Would Issue Bonds.**  
Washington.—The Southern Railway company asked permission of the interstate commerce commission to issue \$5,900,000 of development and guarantee mortgage bonds at 4 per cent, payable April 1, 1926, to be pledged as security in part for government bonds of \$3,325,000 to be expended for equipment.

**Want Division of Cables.**  
Washington.—Co-operation between the State Department and the senate foreign relations committee to obtain recognition of the United States in distribution of German cables ceded to the allied and associated powers under the treaty of Versailles was arranged for at a conference between the committee and Acting Secretary Davis.

**Martial Law for Ireland.**  
London.—The martial law to be instituted in Ireland, as announced by Premier Lloyd-George in the house of commons will be applied to a limited area in the southwest of Ireland, where the government states that lawlessness and outrage are especially prevalent.

**Harding and Hughes Confer.**  
Marion, O.—President-elect Harding began his conferences here on the plan for an association of nations by a long talk with Charles Evans Hughes, the republican presidential nominee four years ago, in which the whole question of American relations with Europe was surveyed in detail.

**Destroyer Joins D'Annunzio.**  
Trieste.—Drastic action on the part of the Italian naval authorities is expected as a result of the desertion of the destroyer Espero, which joined Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio's forces in Fiume. The incident has created a deep impression in all ranks of the navy.

**Preparing for Blockade.**  
Geneva.—Machinery for putting the economic blockade into effect, when occasion should call for such action was discussed by the assembly of the league of nations at the morning session.

**Bridge Across the Hudson.**  
New York.—Plans for a double decked bridge, across the Hudson river were discussed by Gustav Lindenthal, builder of the Hell Gate bridge, before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

**State Dinner for Colby.**  
Rio de Janeiro.—A dinner to honor bridge Colby, the American secretary of state, during his forthcoming visit, will be given by President Pessoa on the evening of Mr. Colby's arrival here.

**Preferential Rates Suspended.**  
Washington.—Operation of the provision in the merchant marine act allowing preferential rail rates on goods destined for export in American ships indefinitely suspended.

**Wilson and Bourgeois Honored.**  
Christiania, Norway.—Presentation of the Nobel peace prizes for 1919 and 1920, which have been awarded, respectively, to Leon Bourgeois, of France, and Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, took place here.



KIJURO SHIDEHARA  
Kijuro Shidehara is the new Japanese ambassador to the United States. He is only forty-seven years old.

## INTENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Would Put Great Burden of Taxation Upon the Backs of the Victims of The Plunderers and Profiteers.

Washington.—Secretary Houston's recommendations in his annual report that excess profits taxes be repealed and the higher brackets of income surtaxes be reduced were attacked by Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, ranking democratic member of the house ways and means committee as "the most unjust, un-democratic and pro-republican that ever emanated from any department of the government since its beginning."

"The whole intent and policy of his recommendations" Mr. Kitchin continued, "are to relieve the corporate interests and millionaires, who for the last four years have plundered and profited upon the people to the extent of fifty billions of dollars, of a billion and a half or two billions of dollars of taxes annually and place that amount upon the backs of the people that are the victims of such plunderers and profiteers."

"I cannot understand how any man who claims to have a single impulse for the masses or who claims to be a democrat, could make such recommendations."

**New President of Austria.**  
Vienna.—Dr. Michael Hainisch was elected president of Austria by the national assembly.

The election of Dr. Hainisch came after three days of balloting, the assembly compromising on his name as the federal president and the Pan-German finally combining with the Christian Socialists. Dr. Hainisch who is known as a Socialist writer stands between the Pan-German and the Socialist Democratic party.

**\$312,000,000 to Railroads.**  
Washington.—More than \$312,000,000 was turned over to the railroads by the government in the form of advances on the guaranty provisions of the transportation act and in loans between the last of March and first part of November.

**Much Insurance Being Written.**  
New York.—Despite the fact that the people of the United States have entered upon a period of retrenchment, they are buying more than \$10,000,000,000 of new life insurance this year, according to original statistics.

**Hasten Newberry Investigation.**  
Washington.—Agreements for expediting the investigation of Henry Ford's contest for the Michigan senate seat held by Truman H. Newberry were reached by the senate elections sub-committee.

**To "Dry Out" Mine District.**  
Santiago.—Coal fields in Southern Chile will become "dry" soon if a provision of an agreement just signed between the miners and operators is enacted into law.

**Pension Angeles' Children.**  
Mexico City.—The senate after authorizing General Felipe Angeles, former Villa leader, as one of the republic's most brilliant patriots, adopted a bill providing for a pension of six pesos daily for his daughters and two sons until they become of age.

**To Be Bitter Controversy.**  
Buenos Aires.—The question of the withdrawal of Argentine from the league of nations assembly appears likely to become the subject of a bitter political controversy.

**Thirty Moros Killed.**  
Manila, P. I.—Thirty Moros were killed in the Sula islands in a battle with the Philippine constabulary growing out of efforts to encourage education of children, it was learned here in official advices.

**Gets Life Imprisonment.**  
Wheeling, W. Va.—Life imprisonment was the sentence passed upon 16-year-old Samuel Blevens, formerly of Little Rock Ark., in court here after the lad had pleaded guilty to a charge of murder.

## IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF WAR TIME LAWS

VOTE TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS WAS UNANIMOUS, 323 FOR AND NONE AGAINST.

## THE LEVER ACT IS INCLUDED

The Measure as Adopted, Practically Same as That Voted by President at Last Session of Congress.

Washington.—Repeal of most of the war time laws, including the Lever act, was voted by the house which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours of debate. The vote on adoption of the resolution was unanimous, 323 votes being recorded favoring it with none opposed.

The amendment, which covers all provisions of the food control act, with the exception of the section relating to rents in the District of Columbia, was offered by Representative Bland republican, of Indiana. It was carried by a vote of 179 to 137.

The resolution exempts from repeal only the trading with the enemy act, the war finance corporation act and its amendments and measures dealing with the issuance of Liberty and Victory bonds.

The resolution declares "any act of congress that by its terms is in force only during the existence of a state of war and a limited time thereafter shall be construed and administered as if the present war terminated on the date which this resolution becomes effective."

The measure, as adopted is practically identical with that passed by congress just before the adjournment of the last session and vetoed by President Wilson.

**A League Accomplishment.**  
Geneva.—The assembly has accomplished the first important constructive act in the work of the league of nations in adopting a statute for a permanent international court of justice. The organization, as planned, still lacks the obligatory appearance of both parties to a dispute an provides no penalty for non-compliance with the decisions of the court.

**To Revive War Corporation.**  
Washington.—The senate has passed the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of war finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers. The second section of the resolution which as introduced would have directed the extension of liberal credits to farmers by the federal system was amended to make the desirability of such a course only an expression of opinion of the congress.

**Railroad Earnings Increased.**  
Washington.—Net operating income of all except 12 of the principal railroads of the country in October was \$22,947,374, according to a statement issued by the interstate commerce commission. This compared with a net operating income of \$79,876,655, for all of the principal roads in September.

**New England Cuts Wages.**  
Boston.—A reduction of about 22 1/2 per cent in the wages of approximately one-third of the 300,000 textile workers in New England was announced. The notices were posted in Lawrence, Lowell, New Bedford and other centers of the industry in Maine and Rhode Island.

**Recommendations of Navy Board.**  
Washington.—Proposing a new three year building program of 88 ships, the general board of the navy in its annual report reiterates its recommendation that the American navy be made the equal of any other nation in the world.

**Farm Values Shrink.**  
Washington.—Shrinkage of values of the country's farm crops has placed their total worth this year at almost \$5,000,000,000 less than last year.

**Kitchin to Leave Committee.**  
Washington.—Representative Kitchin, democrat, of North Carolina has informed the ways and means committee of his intention to resign at an early date because of ill health, Chairman Fordney said.

**New President of League.**  
New York.—John Conway Toole, attorney for the National league, was elected president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, the new name adopted by the new international league.

**Raw Sugar Hits Bottom.**  
New York.—New low records for the year were made again in the market for raw sugar, 12,000 bags of Porto Rican sugar being sold at 4.63 cents a pound for centrifugal.

**Ways to Raise Revenue.**  
Washington.—Methods of raising sufficient revenues to offset losses through the prospective repeal of the excess profits tax were considered by the house ways and means committee as the second step toward tax revision.

## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

N. C. B. FOUR DEC. 9.  
Burlington.—The Burlington tobacco market has been flooded with tobacco during the past week.

Winston-Salem.—The first snow storm of the season visited this section following a severe all-day rain.

Charlotte.—Brought to the city hall by his father, Detective Alex West, on a liquor count, C. M. West, was fined \$25 and costs for receiving liquor, in the recorder's court.

Concord.—The first annual meeting of the North Carolina War Mothers was held here. Delegates from all of the five chapters in the state were present.

Salisbury.—Rev. Dr. George H. Cox, retiring from the active ministry of the Lutheran church, has moved to Salisbury to live and has purchased a home.

Hickory.—The handsome new pipe organ of the Church of the Ascension installed during the last two weeks was used and its music enjoyed by the congregation and friends.

Raleigh.—Mr. C. T. Bailey, former newspaper man and at one time postmaster of the city of Raleigh, died at Rex Hospital from pneumonia, which set in after a fall in which Mr. Bailey broke his shoulder.

High Point.—Deputy Sheriff J. E. Wagner and three revenue officers captured two copper stills near a branch several miles from this city. Harry D. Smith, one of the alleged operators, was arrested and released under a \$500 bond.

Greensboro.—Two young boys, one white, one negro, who are serving sentences for larceny in the Guilford county jail, returned to the jail after a brief period of liberty. They got hungry, they said, was the reason for coming back after having escaped.

Rich Square.—Six years ago Northampton county abolished the office of county treasurer and appointed the Farmers bank of Woodland as financial agent of the county, to serve without compensation. The service has been entirely satisfactory, saving the county about \$2,500 a year.

Winston-Salem.—Matthew C. Clayton, aged 90 years died at his home near Rural Hall.

Charlotte.—An automobile, a Buick, and half a gallon of liquor, were captured by Jim Paxton and other officers who were answering another call in Dilworth.

Salisbury.—The 8th, 9th and 10th of this month are days that will mean much to North Carolina, for her poultry raising industry is to be boosted mightily.

Durham.—County Officers Belvin Morgan and Hall made a visit to Lebanon township about eight miles from the city and bagged two stills.

Washington.—Joe L. Baker, formerly managing editor of The Charlotte Observer and now holding the same position with the Asheville Citizen, was married in Philadelphia to Miss Edna May Cox.

Mooreville.—E. Martin Hudgins of O'd Fort, was crushed to death in a sewer ditch at the Mooreville cotton mills when the walls caved in and caught him underneath.

Cope.—Robbers entered the Bank of Cope but it is not known whether they secured any money or valuables. The vault was found locked with the combination blown off.

Asheville.—Local grocers announce reductions averaging 10 per cent on vegetable and many staples, following an announcement by wholesale men that reductions averaging 35 per cent had been made.

Lenoir.—Burglars entered Edird's department store here and made a complete getaway with a bunch of clothing and shoes. The entrance was made from the front by smashing the plate glass window.

Fayetteville.—A mass meeting of several hundred cotton farmers here adopted resolutions severely condemning the federal reserve board for its handling of the present crop situation and censuring Governor Harding for "his criticism of farmers for holding their cotton for higher prices."

Tarboro.—At his home in this city Mr. C. J. Austin, an old and faithful Confederate veteran, passed away at the age of 78, following an attack of pneumonia.

Chapel Hill.—After three quarters of desperately hard playing with both teams gaining frequently but neither able to score, Chapel Hill surged forward in the fourth quarter, scored two touchdowns, and won the high school championship of North Carolina for the second year in succession by defeating Monroe here, 14 to 0.

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