

# PLAN MAMMOTH POWER SYSTEM

### TO TIE TOGETHER ALL POWER SITES IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

Charlotte, N. C. — A stupendous hydro-electric power development, consisting of probably five projects, developing a total of approximately 250,000 horsepower, and a super-power system tying together in one organization virtually all of the developed and potential waterpower sites in five counties, which will result in furnishing power to several large cities and many smaller ones and probably dotting the entire section with factories and industries, is to be instituted in western North Carolina, in the district in which Asheville and Waynesville are located, according to information gathered over a period of several weeks. The development involves investments of millions of dollars.

A big New York corporation which specializes in electric developments and is said to be the largest of its kind in the country is promoting the vast project, and, it is understood, has secured or is securing power rights and franchises in Haywood, Jackson and Sawin counties to be connected with the holdings of the company in Buncombe and Madison counties. The New York corporation is said to own several power companies in the western part of the state and to own, control or have under option power rights on a number of streams in western North Carolina.

The development has been under way, quietly, for several years, a company organized in 1916 having been interested in the project first. The world war, or rather the entrance of the United States into the conflict in 1917, temporarily halted the development, and lack of sufficient capital, for which millions of dollars is required, prevented its promotion until the New York corporation, owning already vast power holdings in the section, became interested.

### Manufacturers Kill Self.

Greensboro, Pa.—Seneca G. Lewis, vice-president and general manager of the Pennsylvania Rubber Company, shot and killed himself at his home on Jack's Hill near here. Mr. Lewis, 45, was said, left three letters addressed but gave no reason for taking his life. The family physician, reported that Mr. Lewis, who was well known in the rubber industry throughout the country, had been ill for some time. He was 47 years old.

### Clean-Up At Cleveland.

Cleveland. — Arresting fifty café proprietors, bar tenders and bootleggers over the week-end of charges of illegal possession of liquor, police joined forces with county and federal agencies in "mopping up" prohibition law violators here. Thirty-six other persons, charged with violating the national prohibition act, were to be arraigned before Federal Judge John M. Killitson.

### Three Airmen Killed.

Lawton, Okla.—One lieutenant and two non-commissioned officers were killed and their bodies burned beyond recognition when the De Havilland plane in which they were cruising side slipped at an altitude of 200 feet and crashed to the ground on the outskirts of Leon, Oklahoma, twenty miles from Marietta, Okla.

### Two Killed, Two Hurt.

Fredericksburg, Va.—Two persons were killed and two others were so badly injured little hope is held out for their recovery when a South-bound freight train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad struck an automobile at Collins Crossing, fourteen miles from here.

### One Dead, Two Hurt in Auto Crash.

Rocky Mount.—Mrs. Charles Stahl received fatal injuries and Ernest Davis and James Edmundson, all of Hamilton, in Martin county, were painfully but not seriously injured when a car in which they were riding collided head-on with another machine driven by R. Y. McPherson, an insurance man, of Raleigh, on the Tarboro highway several miles out from this city. The car was driven by Davis, a youth in the teens.

Mrs. Etahli died just as she reached a local hospital. At the hospital it was stated that the injuries of the other two wreck victims were not serious. The Davis youth has a lacerated neck and other cuts and abrasions, while Mr. Edmundson received a badly cut leg and other minor hurts.

### Counterfeiters Land in Law.

New York.—Simultaneous raids in New York, Bayport, Long Island and New Britain, Conn., by United States secret service men under Joseph A. Palma, operative in charge, resulted in the capture of an entire gang of alleged counterfeiters of 11 men and two women and the seizure of \$40,000 in suprious \$20 Federal reserve notes. The arrests were made, the agents said, just as the band was about to circulate the counterfeit money.

## TWO ARE KILLED BY SEABOARD FREIGHT.

Savannah, Ga.—Two men were killed when a through freight on the Seaboard Air Line Railway struck an automobile at Ways Station in Bryan County. William Duncan Bates, an employe of The Morning News, died as he was taken from beneath the wreckage, and James H. Fitzgerald, of the Savannah Radiator Company, lived for a few minutes after reaching a sanatorium.

## WILBUR AND STONE SPEAK

### ADDRESSES LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE FROM PORTICO OF WHITE HOUSE.

### Coolidge Wishes More Emphasis Was Placed on Law "Observance" Than "Enforcement."

Washington. — President Coolidge, addressing the members of the women's national committee for law enforcement from the south portico of the White House told them successful law enforcement depended primarily upon measure of public sentiment for observance of the law.

"I sometimes wish," the President said, "that people would put a little more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement. It is a maxim of our institutions that the government does not make the people, but the people make the government. That is why a gathering of this kind is so encouraging to me."

The President, who received the committee after they had heard addresses on the subject by the two new members of his cabinet, Attorney General Stone and Secretary Wilbur, and other speakers, emphasized that the only practical course for stimulating respect for law was a ceaseless "awakening of the conscience through movements such as come from our activities and through a denunciation that shall be a new order of things."

Attorney General Stone declared the vital principles of respect for and enforcement of law must be held to apply equally to the "enemies of society" and to all the "enforcement agencies of the government." Prohibition Commissioner Haynes called the committee members to a "second crusade in behalf of prohibition" and Secretary Hughes in a message read to the gathering, declared the "test of devotion to our institutions is respect for law itself."

Secretary Wilbur held up as a greater enemy of society than the robber or murderer the man who "violates the law, because he does not like it or because he feels that he can avoid penalties."

"Some people think the Volstead act and the 18th amendment a joke, but they are laughing at the stars and stripes," he said. "Law enforcement in its last analysis is a matter of patriotism."

In a letter read to the gathering, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., asked whether "we have not come to the time when we just honestly enforce our prohibition law or honestly try to change it?"

### From Messenger Boy to President.

New York.—Patrick E. Crowley, who half a century ago quit his father's little farm, to become a railroad messenger boy, was elected president of the New York Central lines, one of America's wealthiest and biggest transit systems.

He was chosen by the board of directors to fill the vacancy created a month ago when a fall from a horse killed A. H. Smith.

Mr. Crowley's salary, it was understood, would be \$100,000 a year. Prior to his elevation Mr. Crowley was vice president in charge of operations.

Raymond D. Starbuck was named vice president to succeed Mr. Crowley. Albert H. Harris, who had been prominently mentioned for the presidency, was elected to a newly created chairmanship of the finance committee, retaining also his post as vice president in charge of finances and corporate relations. George E. Harwood was elected vice president in charge of improvements and developments.

### Train Strikes Passenger Bus.

Gastonia.—Paul Davis, Gastonia, is dead, and three others, bus passengers, are more or less seriously injured, as a result of an accident at Kings Mountain when an automobile bus plying between Spartanburg and Gastonia, was struck by Southern train No. 38, known as the New Orleans Limited, at the Gold street crossing, just out of the station at Kings Mountain.

### Bill Introduced to Make Park.

Washington.—Yorktown battlefield would become a national memorial park under a bill introduced by Representative Newton, Republican, Minnesota. The bill provides for the erection of suitable monuments and markers depicting the more important engagements on the battlefield. Under the measure 1,147 acres of land would be acquired.

Representative Newton acted on a suggestion made by Secretary Weeks and the memorial would be under the control of a commission.

# GREEKS VOTE TO FORM REPUBLIC

### GOVERNMENT MAKES IT KNOWN MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ARE FOR IT.

Athens.—The Greek people voted for the establishment of a republic. The government made it known that a big majority in the plebiscite held throughout the country favored a republic.

The Greek national assembly on March 25 passed a resolution in favor of the overthrow of the Glücksburg dynasty and the establishment of a Greek republic.

On December 18 last, King George II was ordered to leave Greece by the government, pending the decision of the national assembly as to the form of the future government. He proceeded to Bucharest, and later took up his residence at Bresov, Transylvania, where on April 8 he issued a proclamation to the Hellenic people protesting against recent event in Greece and claiming the right to reign in accordance with the constitution of the country.

The national assembly's action in overthrowing the dynasty was taken by virtually an unanimous vote, and in celebration of the coming republic, Athens displayed much enthusiasm. Preparations were begun immediately for the holding of a plebiscite, upon which the assembly had based its decision.

From the opening of the newly elected assembly on January 1 last, there was demand for a Greek republic. On January 2 amid shouts from the deputies and the galleries of "long live the republic; down with the king." Control of the government was turned over to the assembly by Colonel Plasterias, head of the revolutionary committee.

Eloutheios Venizelos returned as premier, and promptly announced that he disapproved of the sending away of the king. At the same time he informed the Greeks he had decided on a plebiscite as the best method for giving the people an opportunity to choose between a monarchy and a republic. It was his intention to delay the plebiscite two or three months, but in the meantime ill health overcame him and he withdrew.

### Stock Market Improves.

New York.—With bond prices last week following a downward trend in line with stock market reaction, bond circles welcomed the ready absorption of new financing as indicating the sound underlying position of the investment market. For the fifth week this year, new bond issues totaled more than \$100,000,000. Despite the large volume of offerings were quickly sold.

As an actual market factor the long-awaited Dawes report exerted little influence. Prices made feeble response to its constructive features, universally praised by Wall street bankers, until late in the week, when its acceptance by the reparations commission improved the market's tone.

Suggestions for the floating of a \$200,000,000 international loan to Germany, foreshadowing the sale of perhaps half of the securities in this country, aroused the greatest interest in investment quarters. International bankers intimated that the inevitable delays in putting the Dawes plan into execution might defer offer of the German bonds until next fall.

### Exports Out of Egypt Decreasing.

Washington.—March cotton exports out of Egypt totaled 41,539,000 pounds against 57,576,000 pounds for February.

The figures were announced in a cable from Consul Elives, at Alexandria, Egypt, to the commerce department.

March arrivals totaled 19,591,000 pounds, and stocks were 145,411,000, the respective figures for February being 42,631,000, and 167,359,000.

### Red Cross Workers to Meet.

New York.—Red Cross workers will convene here in the largest gathering held on the Atlantic coast since the war. The meeting, which will last two days, will be attended by members of the army, navy and veterans' bureau.

The chief subject considered will be the responsibility of the Red Cross for the disabled war veteran.

### Modoc Is Trailing Giant Iceberg.

New York.—Passengers on the liner Nieuw Amsterdam which arrived from Rotterdam, told of having sighted off Cape Race, an iceberg more than a mile long and with two towering pinnacles 200 feet high. The United States Coast Cutter Modoc, of the international ice patrol, was trailing the berg and regularly reporting its position to ships.

### Titanic Victims Honored.

New York.—Memorial services for those who died in the wreck of the Steamship Titanic were held at the scene of the disaster on board the United States Coast Guard Modoc, according to a wireless dispatch received here. Full military honors were accorded the dead in the sea which commemorated the twelfth anniversary of the sinking. The Titanic went down early in the morning of April 15, 1912. In contrast to the condition at the time of the sinking, the sea was clear.

## CALIFORNIA JAPS MAY EMIGRATE TO MEXICO.

Mexico City.—More than 32,000 Japanese agriculturists are ready to emigrate from California and settle in various Mexican states, according to information received by the department of Interior. A statement published by that department says: "Arturo J. Braniff, a Mexican financier, personally interested in the matter, reports that more than 32,000 Japanese agriculturists with ample means, are ready to emigrate from California, where they are residing because of prohibition against continuing leases or buying lands in the United States."

## GIVE GERMANY FREE HAND

### FILE REPORT ON GERMAN RELIEF SCHEME WITH REPARATION COMMISSION.

### Representative of U. S. Slated For an Important Role in Execution of Experts' Plan.

Paris.—The report of the experts who have been engaged for the past three months in the task of ascertaining Germany's capacity to pay reparations was handed to the Reparation Commission. The two committees were under the chairmanship of Brigadier General Charles Dawes and Reginald McKenna, respectively.

The League of Nations is drawn into the reparations problem by the Dawes report, while an unofficial representative of the United States is slated for an important role in the execution of the experts' plan. An American member of the general board of control for the proposed new gold bank of issue is quite likely to fill the important post of "commissioner." His duty will be to decide when Germany's capacity to pay has been reached, while the League finance committee will be asked to arbitrate if the commissioner's decisions in applying the "index of prosperity" are disputed by either Germany or the Allies.

Recognizing the obligation of Germany to pay, and declaring that she has resources with which to pay, the experts insist that if Germany does pay she must have her hands free to exploit her economic resources.

The experts carefully omit in their report mention of the Ruhr, but make it plain that the French and Belgians must satisfy themselves by leaving garrisons in the Ruhr, if they see fit, but taking their hands off the Ruhr and Rhineland Railroad and the Ruhr industries.

The first prerequisite to the payment of reparations, the experts assert, is sound money in Germany. They propose to this end the establishment of a new gold bank of issue with 400,000,000 gold marks capital, in the organization of which they make it to the interest and profit of Germany, as well as to the advantage of the Allies, to co-operate.

In order to prevent these payments from affecting adversely Germany's financial stability, an index of prosperity has been fixed, making it possible to judge whether the amounts of the scheduled payments are or are not beyond Germany's capacity.

### Punish Women as Severely as Men.

Nashville, Tenn.—Women are entitled to just as severe punishment as men now that they have taken upon themselves full rights of citizenship. Federal Judge John Gore here told Mrs. Valley French, who appeared in court here on a charge of "moonshining."

"Three times as many women appear in court now as did a year ago," the judge asserted, "because they depend on the court to be clement. But that was in the days before women took on themselves all the privileges of citizenship. Now they must bear the same punishment as men."

### Crop and Weather Conditions.

Washington.—Crop and weather conditions in Southern States during the week ending were summarized by the Department of Agriculture as follows:

Considerably cooler weather over-spread the East and Southeast at the beginning of the week, but the latter part had much warmer weather in the South and Southeast. There was adequate sunshine in most of the south, especially in the Southeast. In the Southeast the line of freezing weather extended early in the week to the north-central portions of Georgia and Alabama and to northern South Carolina.

In general the week was favorable for field work in the South. It was mostly too wet for field work in the northwestern cotton belt.

### Was at Early Vote on Ford's Offer.

Washington.—Senators favoring acceptance of Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals bid plan to make an attempt to force early action on the measure.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, served notice on the Senate agriculture committee that unless the committee started final consideration of Ford's bid by Tuesday, April 22, he would move on the floor that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the bill and the bill placed on the Senate calendar.

# JAPANESE NOTE OF UNUSUAL GRAVITY

### IMMIGRATION QUESTION ASSUMES STATUS OF INTERNATIONAL ISSUE.

Washington.—Japanese exclusion sections in the immigration bill pending before the house and proposed as amendments to the similar bill before the senate suddenly assumed the status of an international issue of first importance.

In a communication unusual in gravity of expression the Japanese government, through Ambassador Hanbihara, reiterated its formal protest against the exclusion of that country from nations entitled to a definite quota and warned of "the grave consequences" which enactment of the measure "would inevitably bring."

The Japanese note, conveyed in a letter to Secretary Hughes and transmitted by him at once to Chairman Coint, of the senate immigration committee, gave for the first time concrete form the terms of the gentlemen's agreement of 1907, asserted formally that Japan had scrupulously observed that covenant and declared the very honor of the Japanese government was being attacked by those who contended to the contrary.

"To Japan the question is not one of expediency, but of principle," Ambassador Hanbihara said. "The important question is whether Japan as a nation is or is not entitled to the proper respect and consideration of other nations."

"It is difficult to believe that it is the intention of the people of your great country to resort to a measure which would not only seriously offend the just pride of a friendly nation x x x but would also seem to involve the question of good faith and therefore of the honor of your government."

In transmitting the letter to Senator Coint, Secretary Hughes stated merely that it was for his consideration in connection with presentation of the senate immigration bill which the Rhode Island senator has in charge. The secretary added only that the view of the agreement held by the Japanese embassy "corresponds with my own understanding of that agreement."

### Cotton Group to Fight Report.

Washington.—The senate cotton group plans to make a fight on the floor of the senate of the amendments of laws controlling cotton reports to the department of agriculture.

Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, recognized as spokesman for the cotton group, said that they would offer an amendment to the joint resolution introduced by Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, which would order the director of the census to make an immediate census of the amount and grades of cotton held in the warehouses, mills and on the farm.

The amendment would provide that a new census report be issued separately from others showing the amount grade and staple of foreign cotton in this country, and linters and old cotton on hand up to and including July 25. This would confine the other reports to production and consumption. The amendment further would provide that the cotton ginning report be issued by the department of agriculture instead of the bureau of census of the department of commerce.

### Students After Drink Problem.

Chapel Hill.—Fifteen of 21 southern institutions represented at the annual meeting in the southern federation of college students here at the University of North Carolina went on record as favoring the plan whereby student government takes cognizance of the drinking problem.

### Disabled Men's Claims May Be Paid.

Washington.—The national rehabilitation committee of the American Legion announced at the conclusion of a four day conference here that Director Hines of the veterans' bureau had revoked bureau regulation No. 36, which meant the committee said, "hundreds of claims of disabled men will now be paid immediately after award by the 14 district offices."

Under withdrawal of the regulation the committee said, immediate payment of claim awards will be possible "instead of awaiting affirmative action by the central board of appeals here, a procedure which has heretofore delayed relief for thousands for months at a time."

### Two Murderers Hanged.

London, Ontario.—Ernest Sidney Murrill and Clarence Topping, convicted murderers, were hanged simultaneously in the Hildesex county jail yard. They were pronounced dead seven minutes after the bolt was shot.

### Boy Is Electrocuted by Wire.

Winston-Salem.—Dymon Carter, son of M. M. Carter, of Southside, was instantly killed, being electrocuted by coming in contact with an electric wire which had broken and was hanging near the ground. The boy, with his brother, Ralph Carter, were delivering papers and it was at the intersection of Church and Centerville streets that the accident occurred. It is said 2,300 volts were carried by the wire.

Young Carter was 15 years old.

# DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

### NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Greensboro.—Three negro children were burned to death in their home during a brief absence of their mother, Bessie Dunbar.

Ahoskie.—May Day will be celebrated by the Ahoskie High School in the form of an outdoor pageant which will be presented under the direction of Miss Grace Oliver, head of the department of public school music.

Fayetteville.—An all-day celebration of the Fourth of July will be held here on the nation's birthday, according to plans being worked out by officials of the Cape Fear Association, Fort Bragg.

Winston-Salem.—Fred J. Woodworth, aged 46 and unmarried, died at a local hospital from injuries sustained March 24th last when he jumped from a southbound train near Bald Mountain, Davidson county.

Asheville.—The annual meeting of the American Business Clubs of the United States will be held in Asheville June 17, 18, and 19. Delegates are expected from all parts of the United States. Local committees have been appointed to have charge of the entertainment.

Henderson.—Henderson at this time enjoys a distinction not held by any other town or community in the State in that it has three units of the North Carolina National Guard located here. Two of these have only recently been formed, bringing the total strength to eleven officers and approximately 100 enlisted men in the three units.

Kinston.—Miss Mary Alice Smith, little brunette of Ayden, was awarded honors at the Sectional Exposition here as Eastern Carolina's most beautiful girl. She won over 20-odd competitors. Miss Elizabeth White, of Greenville, was second, and Miss Alleen Jones, of Snow Hill, third. Miss Edna Spencer, a blonde, won over other contestants in a local competition.

Gastonia.—E. Levin, a shoe merchant, was held in \$500 bond in municipal court here charged with arson in connection with the burning of his store six weeks ago.

Wilson.—Mrs. J. C. Pitt, while attending devotional service in the graded school building at Sharpburg, near the Nash county line, suffered an attack of the heart while kneeling at prayer and died almost instantly.

Wilmington.—There is an unusual scarcity of edible fish in Wilmington and at all points along the Atlantic Coast as far south as Florida, due to the fact that cannibal fish are feeding upon the edible fish to such an extent that there are practically none to be caught by the fishermen, according to D. J. Ferguson, one of the city's most experienced fish dealers.

Asheville.—Joe Rice, a special deputy sheriff, was held in \$10,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter as a result of the death at Woodfin, N. C. of Garfield Haney, age 35 years, a bystander, who was shot when the deputy attempted to arrest a man.

Gastonia.—Graham Hawkins, 9 year old, of Crameron, was drowned in a creek near his home. He and two other boys had constructed a dam in the creek and were in swimming. He got beyond his depth and sank in six feet of water before aid could reach him.

New Bern.—Charged with setting fire to her husband's clothing, Donia Pollock, negro, and Will Henderson, negro, are in jail here. Sam Pollock, the victim, is in St. Luke's hospital with his sight entirely destroyed, and his body horribly burned. He has no chance for recovery, a hospital report says.

Fayetteville.—A temporary restraining order signed by Judge Henry A. Grady of Clinton, enjoining the commissioners of Cumberland county from selling \$300,000 of courthouse bonds was filed here by Oates and Herring, and Shaw and Shaw, attorneys for S. H. McPherson, a taxpayer of this county.

Clarkton.—S. G. Wooten, prominent Clarkton citizen, was badly burned and is in a serious condition as a result of an explosion of a carbide lighting plant tank while he was assisting a church sexton, Charlie Brown, negro, and his small son in making some adjustments to the plant. The aged negro and his step son were both badly scorched.

Henderson.—Post office receipts at the Henderson office for the first quarter of 1924, ending March 31, last, show an increase over the same period of 1923 of \$154.74, as shown by comparison with the totals announced by the post office last year. Receipts for the first quarter of 1924 were \$5,612.78 for the first quarter of 1923.

Reidsville.—John Hickman, 70 years of age, committed suicide at his home near Ayersville, 23 miles west of Reidsville. Hickman rigged up a forked stick to which with a string he tied his shotgun and sprung the trigger, the contents of the shell going through his heart.

Oxford.—Twelve cases of small-pox developed at the Colored Orphanage Asylum about two miles from Oxford. The disease is believed to have been brought into the institution by a child who came to the orphanage from Charlotte recently, who was just getting over an attack of smallpox.

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## Traffic Fines for Streets

About \$750,000 worth of street construction and repairs will be done in Los Angeles, Cal., next year as a result of violations of the motor vehicle law by speeders and others. The law now in effect provides that all traffic fines collected must go into a special fund to be used for street work and nothing else.

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## Tree to Decorate

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