

ANDREWS SAYS HE NEEDS HELP

PROHIBITION OFFICER DECLARES THAT MACHINERY IS INADEQUATE.

New York.—Two of the men most involved in the enforcement of prohibition in this country told more than 200 ministers, the majority of them members of the Anti-Saloon league, that the present enforcement machinery is utterly inadequate. Both the speakers, Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury, and Emory E. Buckner, U. S. district attorney, are the sons of ministers. They spoke at the annual union ministers' meeting of the Anti-Saloon league.

Mr. Andrews said a gradual breakdown in the morale of prohibition agents and the coast guard had resulted from the failure of the courts to function properly. Mr. Buckner said that only radical changes in the judicial machinery, at a great expenditure, could make prohibition successful. He charged that the "hired men" of the Anti-Saloon league at Washington were afraid to tell the truth about the situation.

Turning from the Anti-Saloon league's "hired men" the federal prosecutor told of a conference, soon after he took office, with "one of the highest officials having to do with prohibition enforcement."

"This official," he told the ministers, "said it was never intended that the federal government should enforce the prohibition laws. I received not the slightest support from any federal authority."

Mr. Andrews in telling of the morale among agencies, said members of the coast guard were "growing weary of arresting the same violators and seizing the same rum boats over and over again, and they are beginning to suspect that they are the only ones trying to enforce prohibition."

House Passes Navy Bill.

Washington.—The house passed the annual navy department appropriation bill after eliminating one and modifying another of its sections dealing with new aircraft construction. The naval committee immediately took steps to draft a building program for the naval air service.

Chairman Butler of this committee led the fight against the two sections on the ground that they proposed expenditures not authorized by his group, which has original jurisdiction in naval matters.

The section eliminated recommended expenditures of \$9,000,000 for new aircraft during the next fiscal year. The other section, to make \$300,000 available immediately for the navy to contract for an all metal dirigible with the aircraft development corporation backed by Ford interests, was modified to withhold the proposed appropriation for six months.

Action on the latter provision was taken after Mr. Butler had informed the house his committee already had asked the navy department for correspondence with the aircraft corporation and proposed to inquire into the advisability of constructing such a craft.

Entry Into World Court Aforeseen.

Washington.—Entry of the United States into the world court was made certain by a senate vote of 68 to 26 to limit debate on the issue.

It was conceded generally that the vote for adoption of the much modified Swanson resolution of adherence would be even more overwhelming than was that to apply to drastic closure rule for the second time since its adoption in 1917.

Culture came to the test amid colorful scenes after last minute efforts to hold out the olive branch of an unanimous consent agreement to limit discussion had been swept brusquely aside.

Every senator, save two, was in his seat; the floor was crowded by members of the house and the galleries were overflowing. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the war President, sat with Mrs. Swanson, wife of the senior senator from Virginia, in the President's row, and many other notables were in the private galleries.

An hour of debate with many barbed exchanges preceded the vote and as this went forward scouts for both sides were busy here and there trying to keep their forces in line. There was much shifting about and the strength rolled up by the opposition was somewhat surprising.

Father and Son Lose Appeal.

Columbia, S. C.—Greenville county's Dark Corner, father and son, must go to the electric chair for the murder of J. H. Howard, slain at a still raid on Hog Back mountain, under an opinion of the state supreme court handed down here. The opinion affirms the lower court, presided over by Judge Mauldin, and also a decision by Judge H. F. Rice, in refusing a new trial.

HOSPITAL FIRE TAKES BIG TOLL.

Rock Hill, S. C.—Sumner hospital was almost completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

The loss was roughly estimated by Dr. Roy D. Sumner in the absence of his brother, Dr. Robert E. Sumner, owner of the hospital, at approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000.

The building and equipment was partially insured.

The heaviest loss was probably incurred in the operating room where all equipment was a total loss.

COMPANY ANNOUNCED MERGER

AGREEMENT BRINGS UNDER ONE CONTROL TWO LARGE HOLDINGS.

Atlanta, Ga.—Merger of the Georgia Railway and Power company with the Southern Power and Light company of New York, was announced here by H. M. Atkinson, of the Georgia company.

Individual shareholders of the Georgia Railway and Power company will receive in exchange 1,633 shares of cumulative participating preferred stock and one share of non par value common stock of the Southeastern Power and Light company for each share of Georgia Railway and Power company common stock owned by them.

The agreement was consummated on January 16. This will bring under one control the Georgia Railway and Power company and the Alabama Power company, which is a subsidiary of the Southeastern Power and Light company.

The Georgia Railway and Power company has outstanding \$25,000,000 of common stock and \$15,400,000 of preferred stock. Its bonded indebtedness is \$47,432,000. It owns and operates the Atlanta Street railway and the gas and electric light company of Atlanta. Its investment is estimated at \$110,000,000. The investment is estimated at \$110,000,000. The company owns larger power developments in north Georgia and is now engaged on a building program of five years, covering an expenditure of approximately \$4,000,000 per year. It has developed water power of 298,000 horsepower and developed steam power of 80,800 horse power.

Suit Against Former War Secretary.

Washington.—A suit against John W. Weeks, former secretary of war for \$1,102,000 alleged to be involved in a claim settled in 1921 in connection with the purchase by the United States of Austrian ships, was filed here by Charles B. Brewer, former department of justice employe.

Brewer, who figured prominently in the investigation of bond duplication in the bureau of engraving and printing several years ago, declared in his suit that the claim approved by Mr. Weeks when he was secretary of war was false and, on behalf of the United States and himself individually, asked recovery of the amount allowed.

The claim, he alleged, was for \$550,000 and was awarded George A. Gardner and Anderson Herd. Brewer said he acted under authority of the Dent act which authorized filing of suits in such cases for double the amount of the claim, plus \$2,000.

Messenger Shot and Robbed.

Hackensack, N. J.—An American Railway Express company messenger was mortally wounded by two young gunmen who looted the express office of \$6,300 and escaped.

Police were practically without clues.

The express company office is in the heart of the city. A traffic policeman was on duty nearby and there were many witnesses of the affair.

The messenger, Frank Brannon, of Paterson, had brought the money from the Peoples Trust and Guaranty company, and from the office of the New York Telephone company for shipment.

Two men followed him into the express office and shot him down as he stepped toward the cashier's cage.

Mother and Children Perish.

Alliance, Ohio.—Mrs. Mary Karovich and three of her children, Dorothy, 10; Mary, four, and Anna, three, were burned to death when their farm home ten miles west of here was destroyed by fire. The father and four other children escaped. The fire started when Mrs. Karovich attempted to start a fire in the kitchen stove by using kerosene.

Birmingham Firm Denied Contract.

Washington.—Postmaster-General New rejected the bid of the Roscoe-Turner Airway, Incorporated, of Birmingham and Sheffield, Ala., for the contract air mail route between Birmingham, Nashville, Louisville, Indianapolis, and Chicago. The corporation was not able to successfully complete its arrangements. The bid was the only one received for the service and air mail officials said that unless there were strong demands it would not be advertised again.

ELEVEN PERISH IN HOTEL FIRE

TWELVE OR MORE PERSONS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR; EIGHT IDENTIFIED.

Allentown, N. J.—Eleven bodies had been recovered from the ruins of the Lafayette hotel, the city's oldest hotel, which was destroyed by flames. Twelve or more persons were still unaccounted for and were thought to be in the ruins. The walls, still standing, will be dynamited to make the task of the searchers less dangerous.

Eight of the bodies were identified. They were:

Alexander Troup, Clearfield county, Pa.

William Shanahan, Victor, N. J.

James McKeever, Allentown.

James M. Wells, Allentown.

Mrs. Anna Novotnak, Beaver Meadows.

George Levan, Allentown.

John Pelchan, Allentown.

Mrs. Ida Hansen, Schnecksville.

Thirteen persons are in hospitals.

The cause of the blaze still was undetermined. Herbert W. Guth, director of public safety, said there would be a thorough investigation of a report that just before the first cry of fire there was an explosion in a room on the upper floor. This report was somewhat discredited by Ralph Lenman, the night clerk, and Melancthon Usaw, a newspaper worker and lodger at the hotel.

Usaw had just reached the hotel after his night's work, stopped to talk with the night clerk.

Their conversation was interrupted by a terrifying cry "fire" from upstairs. Both came from the second floor and aroused those roomers there, but the spread of the flames was so rapid they had to flee to save their lives. Neither heard any explosion preceding the first alarm, they said.

Guests on the fourth and fifth (top) floors unable to escape through the hallways when the firemen arrived. Nets were of little use because of an old-time narrow roofed porch that extended the whole width of the first floor.

William D. Casson, owner of the hotel, estimated the property as being worth \$200,000.

Egypt to Reduce Cotton Acreage.

Washington.—Information that Egypt is to reduce cotton acreage by a royal decree has been received by the department of agriculture. The decree is said to prohibit all persons to cultivate in cotton more than one-third of their land in 1926. Violation is to be punished by uprooting of the crop and a small penalty. It is estimated in Egypt that the reduction in acreage to be affected will amount to 180,000 acres.

The department of agriculture also announces that Australia has removed its quarantine order prohibiting the import of cottonseed and lint. Regulation providing that all seed shall be unloaded at Brisbane and all raw cotton at Melbourne and that both shall be disinfectant, have been promulgated.

Would Make Beaufort Great Port.

Washington.—Representative Abernethy has a scheme to deepen Beaufort harbor to 30 feet and make it a great port of entry for commerce on its way to New Bern and from there to all parts of North Carolina. He says the effect of this proposition, if it succeeds will extend clear across the state.

It was pointed out by Mr. Abernethy that New Bern has become a port for heavy articles like sugar. Boats carry the commerce to New Bern and they are distributed there at rail and water rates.

It would take \$300,000 to clear the sand out of Beaufort harbor and \$25,000 a year to keep it out.

Traveling salesmen and others are behind this proposition. Mr. Abernethy and W. L. Thornton took it up with government officials here.

Army Flier Sets New Speed Mark.

Washington.—What is claimed by the War Department to be a new world's record was set by Lieutenant George C. McDonald, in an amphibian plane at Langley Field, Va., when he covered 200 kilometers with a 500-kilogram load at the rate of 111.2 miles per hour.

The previous record, the War Department said, was held by Guido Quindì, Italian aviator, with 104.7 miles per hour.

Seaplane Sunk; Crew Rescued.

Miami, Fla.—Official confirmation of reports that the navy seaplane S-13 had been forced down and sunk 12 miles north of St. Augustine, Fla., by navy officers following arrival of ten seaplanes in Biscayne bay. The plane carried three occupants, Lieutenant J. G. Johnson, A. E. Laporte, aviation pilot, and J. T. McLean, aviation machinist's mate, first class, all of whom were believed to have been rescued by another seaplane, which was ordered to stand by.

EPIDEMIC HITS SMALL VILLAGE.

Dewar, Iowa.—Over half the population of this community is in quarantine as the result of a severe epidemic of smallpox. Twenty-five cases have been reported. The town has a population of 40.

FRANCE TO PAY ITS WAR DEBTS

PROPOSES TO PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SAYS AMBASSADOR.

Washington.—Henry Berenger, the new French ambassador, told President Coolidge that "France is resolved to settle the debts contracted for her defense as promptly and as fully as her present and future possibilities will allow."

Presenting his letters of credence to the president, the ambassador said:

"With especial regard to the financial settlement of the obligations contracted in connection with the late war of 1914-1918, France again declares herself true to the people of the sanctity of international contracts. Even in the midst of the difficulties of restoration which the ravages of the late invasion still cause her, France is resolved to settle the debts contracted for her defense and for that of civilization, as promptly and as fully as her present and future possibilities will allow."

"France knows that the economic world can not be brought back into equilibrium unless everyone in the world meets internal and external obligations by a strict restoration of credit and of confidence.

"We are convinced that the traditional friendship of the United States of America will make easier for France a progressive and orderly liquidation of the obligations bequeathed to her by the last war."

In accepting the letters of credence, President Coolidge took occasion in his reply to the ambassador's remarks to say it was the "honest hope that a fair and honorable adjustment" of the Franco-American war debt "will be reached in the near future."

"There should be no insuperable difficulty in arriving at such an adjustment," the President said, "since you have only now reiterated the fidelity of your government to the sanctity of contract and since you know the spirit of loyal friendship in which the American debt funding commission is prepared to discuss the matter."

Facts on Tobacco.

Washington.—Increased production of new belt flue cured tobacco in 1925 as compared with 1924; decreases in Burley and most of the dark flue types and a lower average price to farmers for all except a few types were reported by the department of agriculture.

"Excellent yields in the new belt district of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, where there was a short crop last year, more than offset low yields in the old belt parts of North Carolina and Virginia," the report says.

"Production of all bright flue cured tobacco in both the old and new belts is estimated at approximately 552,575,000 pounds, compared with 436,801,000 pounds in 1924. Last year's figures were exceeded only in 1920 and 1923.

Mexican Bandits Nabbed, Executed.

Mexico City.—The War Department announces that it has received a dispatch from the military commandant in the State of Jalisco, saying that five additional bandits connected with the train massacre near Guadalajara had been captured at Yurecuaro and executed. Ten bars of silver were recovered by the capturing force.

Moving Florida's Traffic.

Chicago.—Wartime measures applied to an entire state for the first time since 1918 are solving Florida's freight traffic congestion. A. W. Wilkins, secretary of the Midwest shippers' regional advisory board, reported on his return from Florida, where he made a study of conditions for shippers of the Central West.

Boasts Largest University.

Berkeley, Calif.—The University of California, with an attendance of 16,282 full time students, now is acclaimed the largest school of its kind in the United States. These attendance figures were compiled on the basis of students enrolled for the first semester of the present academic year.

Will Refuse to Reduce Forces.

Paris.—There is little prospect for a favorable reply to Germany's request for a decrease in the number of allied troops of occupation in the Rhineland, it was said in official circles.

There are now about 60,000 French troops in the occupied territory, including service of supplies, guards and line communications. It was stated, while the British and Belgians have about 8,000 each. The French require many more men than their allies because they have far greater ground to cover.

NORTH CAROLINA LEAPS TO FRONT

LEADS MASSACHUSETTS IN NUMBER OF ACTIVE SPINDLE HOURS.

Raleigh, N. C.—During December North Carolina again led Massachusetts—until November the leader—in the number of active cotton spindles hours during the month. Although this state's margin over Massachusetts was very slight last month, North Carolina led the entire union in this particular.

North Carolina maintained its lead over the Bay state despite the fact that the latter had almost twice as many spinning spindles in place on December 31 and that Massachusetts had more than a third more spindles active during December than this state.

Out of a total of 8,271,676,487 active spindle hours for December in the entire United States, according to figures compiled by the United States Department of Commerce, North Carolina's total was 1,699,223,955, as compared with 1,698,629,281 for Massachusetts. North Carolina's average hours per spindle in place was 281, as compared with 147 for the Bay state.

This lead over Massachusetts was maintained during December, in spite of the fact that Massachusetts had 11,585,854 spindles in place on December 31, as compared with only 6,105,760 for North Carolina; and that the Bay state had \$6,352,228 spindles active during December, as compared with 5,806,178 in North Carolina.

The department announces, according to preliminary figures, that 37,885,488 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on December 31, of which 33,000,884 were operated at sometime during the month compared with 32,892,324 for November and 32,720,568 for December, 1924.

Giant Rail Combine.

New York.—Creation of a new southwestern railroad system, uniting the St. Louis-San Francisco and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway companies with combined assets of \$875,000,000 and total trackage of more than 12,000 miles, was foreshadowed with the announcement that the Frisco had purchased a large stock interest in the Rock Island.

E. N. Brown, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway company, issued a formal statement after meeting, which read:

"The St. Louis-San Francisco railway has purchased a substantial amount of stock of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company. It is believed that this purchase should be of material benefit to both companies."

Bank of Macon Robbed.

Henderson, N. C.—The sheriff of Vance county received a telegram to the effect that the Bank of Macon, at Macon, in Warren county, was robbed of a considerable amount of currency. The telegram requested local officials to be on the lookout for suspicious characters.

Details of the robbery were lacking here, but it was said that Warren county officers had gone to the scene and were investigating.

Clean Bill on Some Charges.

Washington.—Federal Judge Harry E. Anderson, of the western Tennessee district, was declared innocent of the charges made against him in a department of justice report submitted to the senate judiciary committee, which is hearing protests against confirmation of his appointment.

The report, presented by J. M. Tweller, of Nashville, who had charge of a department investigation of Judge Anderson, said his agents were unable to find any facts to substantiate "rumors that the father of Judge Anderson had given Robert Church \$10,000 to secure influence." Church is affiliated with the republican state organization of Tennessee.

Reports that Judge Anderson, who is serving under a recess appointment, had used liquor at a banquet held in Memphis last November, also were declared untrue, but with respect to allegations that he was not a resident of Tennessee when he was placed on the bench the report stated that in 1924 he paid a poll tax in Plaquemine, La., and in 1925 paid taxes there on property, automobile and for the schools and levees. It added that, in 1925, he "also was duly registered and voted at Memphis, Tenn."

Jailer Unconscious, Wife Takes Hard Lancaster, S. C.—Mrs. Rodgers, wife of the county jailer, thwarted an attempt at jail breaking, by her quick exercise of good wits.

Brown brothers, prisoners, attempting to break out of jail and escape, attacked Jailer Rodgers, strangled him into insensibility, took his keys and gun and made him a prisoner.

Mrs. Rodgers fired through a door, frightening the prisoners back and gave an alarm, bringing Deputy Sheriff Montgomery on the scene, whereupon the jailer was released.

76 PEOPLE KILLED IN MOTOR MISHAPS

MANY INJURED ON STATE HIGHWAYS DURING LAST SIX MONTHS.

Raleigh.—Seventy-six deaths and 886 injuries during the last six months of 1925 are blamed by the state highway commission on speeding, careless and drunken drivers, grade crossings and jaywalking pedestrians.

The accidents for the latter half of the year were more than double those for the first half, the commission listing 477 accidents between January 1 and July 1, 1925, with 54 resulting deaths and 469 injuries.

The commission's figures do not account for the 365 deaths from motor accidents reported by the state board of health recently, but it is reporting only on accidents on the state highways. Its figures of 130 fatalities on state roads leaves 235 deaths to be charged to motor accidents on city streets.

The report of accidents, injuries and deaths by districts for the last six months of 1925, follows:

District	Accidents	Injuries	Deaths
1	155	120	6
2	124	92	6
3	61	54	12
4	108	89	8
5	172	122	7
6	139	107	15
7	113	125	7
8	90	92	6
9	110	85	9
Total	1,072	886	76

Speeding automobiles caused 23 deaths, careless driving caused 9, gradecrossing accidents caused six deaths and 13 injuries, eight persons, including three children, were killed while walking on the highways, cars parked on the highways were responsible for accidents that caused two deaths, reckless driving, which the report distinguishes from careless driving, caused six deaths, two deaths were caused by faulty equipment on cars, six were listed as unavoidable and the cause of five deaths was not determined.

Hart Elected Head of State Fair.

State highway Commissioner W. A. Hart was elected president of the state fair which may close up its grounds, mark off its 69 acres into 300 lots, sell them for \$1,500 each and then provide materials for a great new plant.

So probable is the closing up that Manager E. V. Walborn was not re-elected and no provision was made for continuation of the institution. There is no suggestion as yet where the directors will go to get their new acres. The efforts is to hold down the values of the acres near Raleigh.

High School Tourney at State.

The first annual North Carolina State college invitational high school basketball tournament, which will be open to any high school in the state, will be held at the Frank Thompson gymnasium on Friday and Saturday.

Any special charter or rural high school, according to Director Miller's preliminary announcement, may enter a team, and team trophy cups will be awarded to the first two teams finishing in each class. In addition, eight players of each of the two ranking teams in each division will be given handsome individual gold and silver basketball watch fobs.

Charters Issued to Enterprises.

The following certificates of incorporation were issued from the office of W. N. Everett, secretary of state.

S. and W. Cafeteria of Raleigh, Inc., Charlotte, with authorized capital stock of \$50,000 and \$300 subscribed by F. O. Sherrill and Ruth J. Sherrill, both of Charlotte, and J. D. Lineberger, of Shelby.

The Blue Front Store, Inc., Gastonia, with authorized capital of \$25,000 and \$9,000 subscribed by Moe Schultz, M. Schultz and Lawrence Newton, all of Gastonia.

Jacksonville Tobacco Warehouse Company, Jacksonville, with authorized capital of 165 shares without par value and eight shares subscribed by F. W. Hargett, Jr., S. S. Ambrose, R. F. Hinton, G. F. Phillips, J. H. Aman, George H. Bender and N. E. Day, all of Jacksonville.

Jacksonville investment company, Asheville, with authorized capital of \$50,000 and \$1,000 subscribed by L. B. Jackson, E. W. Truitt and L. E. Jackson, all of Asheville.

Exports From State Millions.

Merchandise amounting in value to \$8,468,244 was shipped from North Carolina to foreign markets during the three months ended September 30, 1925, according to statistics released for publication by the United States department of commerce.

That figure represents an increase of nearly \$500,000 over the export from the state for the corresponding period in 1924, when they totalled \$8,023,298, and gave North Carolina twenty-sixth place in the export race for the states of the union.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Raleigh.—Will Rogers, America's funny man, the very funniest he is advertised, will entertain Raleigh on the night of February 5, and the outside territory is getting excited about it.

Mt. Airy.—The records of the Mount Airy fire department, show only seven fires during 1925 with a total damage of \$3,500. The firemen responded to four other calls which proved to be false alarms.

Raleigh.—State highway experimentation for 1925 with the use of asphaltic oil covered only 300 miles, but Chairman Frank Page, of the commission, says the results are so satisfactory that he will try 500 miles in 1926.

Rocky Mount.—Wilmington was chosen as the next meeting place of the Fifth District Dental society, composed of dentists of 31 eastern Carolina counties, at the annual session of that body in Wilson.

Enfield.—Members of the Masonic fraternity will gather here for a reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of the valley of Enfield, on March 11, according to notices received by members of the order.

Chapel Hill.—Two of the 12 books published by the University of North Carolina press during the last year have been placed on a world list for the year of best books from all countries, according to information which has just reached Dr. Louis R. Wilson, director of the press.

Rocky Mount.—Rocky Mount's sole chance to secure Atlantic Christian college, Dr. Howard S. Hiley, president of that institution, told the members of the Current Topics club, led in Wilson's inability to raise \$150,000, the amount previously designated as necessary for the retention of the college.

Fayetteville.—With Judge Neil A. Sinclair, as the presiding judge and the principal speaker, the new Cumberland county courthouse will be dedicated on March 15. A long line of distinguished guests, headed by Governor A. W. McLean and Chief Justice Stacy, will be invited.

Rocky Mount.—Clarence Willey, high school student of Enfield, is dead as the result of a motor ride in a borrowed automobile.

High Point.—The best sanitation and health condition ever in the history of the city was reported by Dr. S. S. Coe, city physician, before the city council at its semi-monthly meeting. As evidence of the healthful conditions existing here, he cited the low mortality rate for 1925.

Gulford College.—The missionary committee of the New Garden meeting of friends, together with the mission study committee of the Christian association of Gulford college, is completing plans for its fifth annual school of missions, which will be in session from February 7 to March 14. The classes will meet on Sunday evenings and are open to all the people of the community as well as the college students.

Greensboro.—Over \$50,000 was pledged for a Masonic building here in the first two days drive, it was announced. The sum sought is \$200,000.

Fayetteville.—An airplane photograph of the entire Southern air route from Langley Field, Va., to New Orleans is being projected by the Army Air service, according to rumors reaching Pope Field. This unique photograph would be in the form of a long strip developed into a single picture from separate films taken from photographic planes.

Raleigh.—Following a conference with officials of the Southeastern Underwriters association here, Stacey W. Wade, state insurance commissioner, announced that all the insurance policies written for school buildings at an increased rate established by the association in this state would be recorded, to give the schools claim for rebate in case the association rescinds its action raising the premium rates.

New Bern.—What is probably the largest contract ever let by private interests for grading in the state was given to J. F. Mulligan and company, of Cleveland, for the grading, building culverts and excavating of the entire development of Morehead Bluffs, which will eventually have more paved streets and sidewalks than the ordinary city of 10,000 inhabitants. Around \$100,000 is involved in the grading contracts.

Greenville.—Harry W. Whedbee, 53, of this city, lawyer of state-wide reputation and former judge of the Superior court of the fifth judicial district, died in a local hospital as a result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Asheville.—The campaign to raise funds for the purchase of land to establish a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains got off to a fine start in Henderson county with a meeting of some 30 prominent citizens held at the Old Kentucky Home, Hendersonville. The quota to be raised in this county is \$25,000.