FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1922.

PROMINENT JUDGE OPPOSES CAPITAL **PUNISHMENT HERE**

Judge C. C. Lyon, Well Known Throughout the State, Opposes Capital Punishment

GAVE FIRST DEATH SENTENCE IN STATE

Also Has Passed Death Sentence on Five Oththers During His 16 Years on Bench

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—(By Associated Press.)—"After sixteep years on the bench, during which sentenced the first man to die in North Carolina's electric chair and have passed the death sentence or five others who were executed, am more than ever opposed to cap ital punishment."

Judge C. C. Lyon, now in Ral-eigh presiding over his last term of Superior Court, today made this statement to the Associated Press while discussing his experiences and the impressions he had gained while serving as a jurist.

"I would be more active in my opposition to capital punishment, he said, "if it were not for the fact that a majority of persons convict ed of crimes carrying long terms of imprisonment either escape or are granted ciemency within a few years. Very few of them ever serve their complete sentences. "Still, I believe capital punish-

ment has failed of its purpose and

of my ambition. As a youngster, duct business.

is a member of Congress from the Fla. He was never married. sixth North Carolina district, having been nominated over H. L. God- services has not yet been fixed. win, incumbent, in 1920, elected and re-elected in 1922. Before being elected to this office, he was appointed solicitor-general of the Enforcing New eighth judicial district and served for six years.

Preliminary Plans for Meeting of Odd

Past Grand Master, will confer want to pass ordinances and then with the committee of Cross Creek just drift along without anforcing

Plans will be made and details not drift worked out for the meeting here next month at which time the Cold Snap Keeps Farmer

Grand. Sire, Lucian J. Eastan, of St. Joseph, Mo., will present the veterans' jewels to four members of the Cross Creek Lodge.

The cold snap today kept the farmers at home, with the result that business has been rather on the cutet order. It is quite likely



Wanamaker's First Office Boy Pays Him Unique Tribute Today

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13. -(By the Associated Press) -Among the hosts of tributes to the memory of John Wanamaker, merchant prince, religious leader and philanthropist, which continue to pour into this city today from all sections of the country, this one stands out as unique:

"He was always at work on

With these seven words, Mr Wanamaker's first office boy, George W. Stull, summarizes the secret of the world renowned merchant's success. The one time office boy, who swept out. ran errands, delivered parcels and gradually learned to do important routine work for his employer, now is superintendent of the store.

Since the death of Mr. Wanamaker yesterday, thousands of telegrams and letters of condol ence have been received by his

ESTEEMED CITIZEN OF FAYETTEVILLE

of Paralysis This Afternoon

Alexander Johnson Cook, a prom of Fayetteville, died at his home candies. These boxes will cost ap turn again, "but only as a ghost." is not humane."

Although seventy-two years of age, Judge Lyon is very active. His face and figure give him an appearance typical of a jurist. His hair and mustache are white, but the him array was that peer at one. blue-grey eyes that peer at one from behind shell rimmed glasse. The hope for his recovery dies, and raisins, (3 pounds each place on the upper deck to watch was entertained. This was the to the box) and oranges and ap third stroke of paralysis which he ples have already been given by suffered, the cause of them being, patriotic merchants of the city. It for a man to spend on one job."

It is thought, a severe attack of the was given in the form of the smillingly replied when asked why he was retiring.

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Mr. Cook's health recently had and there I invariably wound my been better than usual, and yester way to the courthouse, where I lis-tened to the trial of cases. I re-its and remarked that he was feel-solved then that my goal in life was to become a superior courf while he was attending to business who offered their all to make the while he was attending to business who offered their all to make the while he was attending to business who offered their all to make the while he was attending to business who offered their all to make the world safe for democracy. During

was interrupted by the war between the states and the resulting conditions, but later he attended the Maysville high school in Bladen county and then studied law in the offices of his older brother, the late Robert H. Lyon, at Elizabethtown. He was admitted to the bar in 1872.

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eloquent and oratorical as those ed and learned. At one time he of olden times.

"There also has been another Prior & Cook, conducting business have found it advisable that all

profession. One daughter, Mrs. J Nellie Cook of Wilmington, Mrs. M. Clark, resides at Elizabethtown. Emma C. Owen of Fayetteville Homer L. Lyon, the oldest son, and Mrs. Lilla C. Smith of Arcadia,

Enforcing New Laws and are Kept Busy

Mayor MacKethan has had traffic cops stationed at two points where side streets intersect with Hay street. These cops are making auto Fellows to Be Made drivers come to a full stop before First steps for the meeting of ing cars which have been parked five airplanes which left San Anthe Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which constant, but the Mayor is handicapped for the missing aviators, Colonel by not having a sufficient number Marshall and Lieutenant Webber, be taken tomorrow night at a of men to enforce the traffic ordinarrived here yesterday afternoon, meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. Several Grand Lodge offinent citizen, said this morning that their way here, it was announced the merce. merce. Several Grand Lodge offinent citizen, said this morning that cers, among them Rev. W. R. Copthe men should be employed at today at headquarters of the 12th pendage, Grand Master of North once. This is specially a time of Observation Squadron, year when auto travel is heavy. Fayetteville, he said, does not the said of the Fayetteville should drive,

the quiet order. It is quite likely also that they are bolding cotton off the market, with the confident expectation of getting better prices later on.

DEEDS FILED

But one deed was filed for regis tration in the office of the Regis-ter of Deeds yesterday: Thomas A. Geddie and wife to P. W. Guy and wife, two acres in Flea Hill Township, consideration \$150.

FAYETTEVILLE IS ASKED TO BRING CHEER TO OTEEN

Fourteen Patients at Gov ernment Hospital are Assigned This City for Xmas

CHRISTMAS BOXES WILL BE SENT THEM

Lads Who Fought Sc Bravely During War, are Fighting Even Braver Fight Now

Fayetteville is to be given anoher opportunity to show her gen-This time it is not for fire suffers, nor for the poor and needy, but for soldiers at the Govrnment Hospital at Oteen, N. C. miles east of Asheville, by send TIGER TO RETURN

Fourteen boxes, to fourteen boys who while fighting the Germans went down under the hammer lows of that scourge of mantuberculosis. And are even now the grim reaper. Fayetteville peo-ple are called upon to send a Christmas box that will in some Alexander Johnson Cook, way cheer these men a bit that way cheer these men a bit that 57. Succumbs to Stroke harder toward their goal-ultimate ecovery.

ment and highly esteemed citizen zors, pencils, oranges, nuts and Paris today, declaring he would re-

Amount Needed

Ninety six dollars is very ple as those who live here to con- late you on the admiration yo was to become a superior court fudge."

Admitted to Bar 1872

Judge Lyon's early education was interrupted by the war believe b

Any person in the city that Wilson. was elected for a term. He was a blessing to his family, friends and his community. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, this city, and of Cumber may place his or her name in it and Lodge, Knights of Pythias. said Judge Lyon in replying to a question, "as a whole are not as eloquent and oratorical as those eloquent and oratorical as those

to raise this amount and has nam- Attorney General Daugherty.

Three of Five Airplanes Searching for Missing Aviators Land: 2 Crash

entering Hay street, and also moving cars which have been parked.

LITTLE BRUIN SEZ



fine day, although somewhat cloudy. Crisp, bracing at-mosphere, which induces to quick novement and hustle. Thermometer 48 at 1:00 o'clock this after

Probably rain to-night or Thurs-day. Warmer.

Mostly cloudy tonight; Thursday

Satisfied With His Tour, France's Tiger Sets Sail for Home

NEW YORK, Dec. 13,-(By he Associated Press.)-Satisfied that he has accomplished his mission in America, Georges Clemenceau sails for home on the French liner, Paris. He was up today, as usual, ready to find a place on the steamer's deck and wave farewell to the country he wishes to join with France in working out Europe's after the war problems.

Last night he delivered his

final address in America—the briefest of all his American speeches-at a dinner arranged by the committee for devastated

He spoke only fifteen minutes, repeating his plea for American co-operation.

"If you think you are not quite at the end of your duty, it is for you to decide," he said.

HERE AGAIN, BUT **ONLY AS A GHOST**

He Embarks for France After Whirlwind Tour of U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 .- (By Associated Press.) -- His speaking These boxes will each contain mission ended, Georges Clemenuseful articles, such as handker ceau, war-time premier of France, hiefs, socks, neckties, safety ra sailed for home on the steamship

tollow:

"Georges Clemencesu:
"Allow me to bid you an affeclittle for so generous hearted peo tionate farewell and to congratu-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-(By change; years ago, lawyers were at the corner now occupied by the forced to take all the cases that came to them in order to make a case that came to them in order to make a case that came to them in order to make a case that came to them in order to make a case that case that case that case that case that case that will be useful and pers, President of the American articles that will be useful and pers, President of Labor fembles to the contributions be in money in or described as a contribution of the American articles that will be useful and pers, President of the American articles that will be useful and pers, President of the American articles that will be useful and pers, President of the American articles that will be useful and personal transfer to the contributions be in money in or described to take all the cases that case t a living. Today they are specialize moved to the present stand in the that there will be no duplications. Federation of Labor, frankly told ing in the different phases of law McDonald building on Hay street. The boxes are to be seat from the House Judiciary Committee toand handling only certain kind of cases," he said.

Judge Lyon is the father of four children, three of whom are boys and have followed their father's Fayetteville, and three sisters, Miss The Observer has undertaken on publican, Minnesota, in prosecuting behalf of the Woman's Auxiliary impeachment proceedings against

ed T. J. Revell, Chairman, and N. Notice was served on the commit The date for holding the funeral B. Jones, Secretary and Treasur-tee today by Jackson H. Raiston, er. All contributions should be counsel for Representative Keller, sent to The Observer office, checks Republican, Minnesota, in the imbeing made payable to N. B. Jones, peachment proceedings that he would insist on his "rights" before the committee, even if he had to go to the House of Representa-

Xmas Cheer Committee Will Meet Tonight at

collection of Christmas cheer boxes for distribution among the poor of the city. It will be remembered that this same thing was done last the more elaborate are the displays year and brought much real cheer by Fayetteville merchants of their Many Endorse Plan to to many a family that otherwise splendid stocks of holiday goods. is urgently requested.

ACTION OBSOLETE, POINCARE ASSERTS

France's Premier Definitely Answers Critics of His Reparations Stand

NOT A SINGLE MAN WILL BE CALLED UP

Commission

PARIS, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare, in the resumption of the parlia mentary debate on the French for eign policy, will announce that the 11:00 o'clock last night Deputy in peace. On the contrary he conseived by prohibition officers in government retains the right to use Sheriff W. J. Underwood and cluded that the best place for them Ocracoke Inlet nearly a year ago

would speak either spontaneously, able time, that they were not go or in reply to the interpellations ing to be given admittance, so fighting back with all their might So Asserts Clemenceau as on the "fresh" postponement of the "occupation of the Ruhr" of which Leon Daudet and others have given asleep, or pretending to be asleep, notice.

"I never said I thought of occupying the Ruhr," he told his questioners. "I did not know exactly which we would choose. If we did, into raw liquor. They also found we should be very careful not to three gallons of white corn liquor.

Whisky, held by cust in Wilmington, is to be the charge being about converted about the charge being about converted which we should be very careful not to three gallons of white corn liquor. cry it from the housetops.

This is Certain!

"This, however, is certain:

"In any case, we cannot take any step before January 15. That is why it is wrong to speak of postponement. We postponed nothing and the fact that we are adjourning continuation of our discussions to the beginning of next month in volves no loss of time.'

LAUSANNE, Dec. 13 .- (By the Associated Press)-Turkey refused at today's session of the Near East Conference to assign any special part of Turkey as a national home for the Armenians, Ismet Pasha declared this would mean a new attempt to dismember Turkey.

Ismet Pasha was irreconcilable on other points concerning the treatment of minorlties in Turkey. Besides declaring Turkey would not set aside an inch of Turkish soll for an Armenian national home, he sald she would not accept the regulation of the minorities by an international commission in Constantinople, or elsewhere.

Lord Curzon warned Ismet that there would be no sympathy anywhere in the world for Turkey, If the conference broke down on the question of the treatment of minorities. After a long and unsatisfactory discussion, the entire question of minorities was referred to a sub-commission.

Much Complaint Heard on the Country Roads There is some complaint by the

people of the country about the City Hall to Organize condition of the roads. In some the Mayors had constructed for The "Christmas Cheer" Commit-very bad, but it must be borne in tion, with a constitution, by-laws, tees of the Kiwania, Elks, Rotary, mind that it takes some little time and membership fees that puts the

Plans are to be formed for the Plenty of Christmas Goods in Fayetteville

The nearer we get to Christmas would have had nothing. A full There is absolutely no use for a attendance of all members of the Fayetteville person or for any committees from the several clubs shopper within this trading area to go outside of the city to buy a majority of the citizens heartily Christmas goods.

HARDING HAS PLAN TO CONSOLIDATE

ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS INTO

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Fishy and They are in Jail Pete Bell and Nelson Ray, col-|Whereupon these worthles expresored citizens of Carver's Creek sed great astonishment, one of township, were utterly astonished them exclaiming: "Land sakes, SHIP SEIZED YEAR last night to find that a 30-gallon Mr. Underwood, we don't know

The story runneth thus: About ment to bid Pete and Nelson to go sage of Peace, British schooner

Limit Number of Types

of Smaller Ships,

Bill Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.-(By

President Harding seek to broaden

he scope of the naval limitation

greement, so as to include a lim-

"In other words." the report con

MAYOR'S COURT

THE CAPITOL TO

YOU

Are you keeping posted on the

It's easy, if you read the week-

ly letter from Harry Hunt, NEA

Service staff writer and Obser-

ver's Washington correspondent.

Hunt gives you an impartial in-

sight into the doing of our rep-

resentatvies in Congress, as

well as other of the country's

leaders in Washington. His let-

ters will bring the capitol home

Read His Letter

doings of Congress?

to you.

The Mayor's Court was occupied

a free hand in issuing securities posse went to the house, which is was in jail. The still, two galvawith more than one thousand for the German debt. However, he located near Slocumb, about 12 nized washtubs welded together, cases of liquor aboard, was stopwill not specify what this security will be, nor will he give a detailed account of his plans.

Slocumb, about 12 nized washtubs weided together, miles north of Fayetteville. They was turned over to Deputy W. P. knocked on the door, but received West. d account of his plans.

no response, a stillness suddenly

The Premier made this clear to falling on the household. The posterm of criminal court for making coleman and asked for a nol pross interviewers last night, saying he se found, after waiting a reason liquor, but was found not guilty. able time, that they were not go they forced an entrance, to find Pete Bell and Nelson Ray in bed WIDER SCOPE IN

> The efficers then went into an NAVAL AGREEMENT two gallons in a jug and one in Arms Conference Did Not Message of Peace, charging the big pan. They went into the sleeping room again and informed Pete and Nelson of their find.

NORTH CAROLINA

Clark and J. R. Harrison Attend

Bayard Clark, city attorney and surface and submersible types of prohibition director for North Car-Alderman J. R. Harrison yester warcraft having a tonnage of ten olina, stated today. day attended the annual conference thousand or less and on classes of the North Carolina Municipal army and naval aircraft.

tentative program which was adop-again be relaxed and this govern-

ted at the meeting yesterday.

No formal action was taken on the legislative program. It goes from the Association, to its legis. to keep us, at least, abreast of any of the other powers." lative committee, with their judg of the other powers. ment to be final as to what part of program is to be laid before the General Assembly in the form of proposed legislation. The commit-this morning adjusting a number tee will meet between now and of violations of the parking regula-January 1 to formulate some defi-tions. One case of concealed weanite plan of action.

Gallitan Roberts, mayor of Asheville, was re-elected president of red to the Recorder. he North Carolina Municipal Association, with Mayor D. M. Clark, Greenville; T. B. Eldridge, of Raleigh, and R. W. Rigsby, of Durham, first, second and third vice-presidents, and Willard L. Dowell, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer. These officers, with Lionel Well, of Goldsboro, P. C. Painter, Greens-boro, and W. H. Holcomb, Winston-Salem, comprise the executive committee.

Before they adjourned yesterday sections the roads are reported as themselves a full fledged organiza-Moose and Lions will meet tonight for the road workers to get around. Association on a permanent basis at 7:30 o'clock in the city hall. thing for mujual advice that has

Enforce Regulations

Expressions of opinion to an Ob server reporter reveal the fact that endorse the action of the Board of Aldermen in plans to rigidly en force the automobile laws. they say that all should be enforc ed-as to speeding, parking, driving without lights, minors driving cars,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Consolidation of the War and Navy Departments into a Department of National Defense, designed to function under a cabinet member, with assistants in charge of the Army and Navy, respectively, has been definitely recommended to President Harding by Walter F. Brown, head of the commission appointed to prepare a plan of governmental reorganization.

The President is giving serious consideration to this and other recommendations submitted by Mr. Brown and may lay them before Congress within a week or two, accompanied by a special message, expressing an opinion of the administration on each of the changes suggested. E. J. Wells, cotton merchant, reported today's New York closins otton as follows: January 25.36 May 25.57 .,..... December 25,32

THREATS WITHOUT NEGROES SLEEP ON AS SOME PERSON PLANTS STILL IN NEXT ROOM

At Least That's the Wild Story They Told the Officers When the Two are Induced to Forsake Slumber to Face Facts; Their Story Sounds

blockade liquor still was running nothin' bout no still. But what at full blast in a room next to the zits me is, how it ever was got in Says There Has Been No one in which they were sleeping, here and we not know nothin' bout one in which they were sleeping. At it. We lys down and goes to sleep least that's what they said, but the and somebody creeps in, unbedient that's what they said, but the and somebody creeps in unbediencers of the law did not believe knownest to us, sets up a likker officers of the law did not believe knownest to us, sets up a likker officers of the law did not believe knownest to us, sets up a likker of the law did not believe knownest to us a likker of the law did not believe knownest to us a likker of the law did not believe knownest to us a likker of the law did no in town and lodged them in jail, still and begins makin' the awfur their story, so they brought them stuff, which we sure do hate. No to town and lodged tehm in jail, sir, Mr. Underwood, we don't know where they now are being protect nothin' 'bout no blockade still." ed from the winter's blast,

MAYORS ORGANIZE AT RALEIGH MEET

Mayor MacKethan, J. S in the annual naval bill as report accused by a witness in the trial McNeill, J. Bayard

fines and penalties assessed in municipal courts instead of paying them over to the public school fund, the correction of "thirty dis-

been for several years,

CLOSING COTTON

Spot cotton brought 25 1-2 cents on the local market today, approxi-mately 50 bales changing hands.

COLEMAN CASE IS **COMPROMISED AND** ACTION DISMISSED

Captain Coleman Will Get His Ship and Government the Liquor, Is Announcement

AGO BY DRY AGENTS

Cases Against Three Other Defendants in Case are to Be Dismissed as Result

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13 .- (By Associated Press. |-All federal Deputy Underwood was not im- prosecution of Captain Arthur Colepressed sufficiently with the state man and his shipmates on the Mesped here today, when District At-

of the indictments. By the terms of the compromise announced through attorneys, the Message of Peace, now tied up in he port of Wilmington, is to be released at once to Captain Colenan, the owner, and the cargo of whisky, held by customs officials n Wilmington, is to be confiscated

The cases against Coleman and Claude Graham, super-cargo on the two, along with three other defendants who failed to show up, with conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws and with perjury, are to be squashed under the compromise with government attor ssociated Press.)—A request that neys.

Another Dismissed

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13 .- (By Associated Press.)-No action wi'll tation of construction of smaller be taken against Captain Walter types of war vessels and on mill- Yeomans of the coast guard statary and naval aircraft is included tion at Portsmouth, N. C., who was ed today by the House Appropriation Committee. "Message of Peace," and Claude tion Committee.
Under the bill as brought into Graham, super-cargo, charged with the House, the President would be conspiracy to violate the Volstead act of holding a lantern while asked to open negotiations with act, of holding a lantern while Great Britain, France, Italy and Coleman removed liquor from the Mayor E. R. MacKethan, James Japan for an agreement which vessel for sale to two Boston McNeill, city tax collector, J would limit future building of all sportsmen, R. A. Kohloss, federal

Given New Trial RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.-(By Association held at Raleigh, at In its report, the committee Associated Press.)—The Supreme which time many important matipointed out that the arms conferers were brought up and discuss ence did not limit the number of ion granting a new trial to C. G. The local men returned last evaladed that information had reach bile salesman, who was convicted ed congress that "already large in Carrabus County of second de-Itsvisal of the State constitution to enable municipalities to retain fines and penalties assessed in mu

"In other words," the report conditions in the Revenue and Machinery Act" and amendments to the Road Law that will give cities and towns some hand in taxing motor vehicles made up the tentative program which was adopted to the condition of the report continued, "competition is on action in the single direction to which the unratified agreement does not extend and if it be allowed to go on unchecked, the purse strings must be the report continued, "competition is on action in the single direction to which the unratified agreement does not extend and if it be allowed to go on unchecked, the purse strings must be report continued. "Competition is on action in the single direction to which the unratified agreement does not extend and if it be allowed to go on unchecked, the purse strings must FIRM ASKS PROBE INVOLVING CLARKE

Chief Justice Walter Clarke of State Supreme Court Involved in Squabble

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Formal request for an official investigation pons and one for driving car under of its printing contract relations influence of liquor were transferwith the State, involving alleged payments to Chief Justice Walter Clarke, of the State Supreme Court, for services in connection with the proof reading of reports, was asked of the State Printing Commis-sion today by the Edwards & Broughton Printing Company, of this city.

The request for an official investigation follows an exchange of let ters between the complaining firm, Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman and Chief Justice Clarke. In regard to the statements asserting fees were charged by the court official for reading and anotating the reports, the Chief Justice declared the procedure was regular and has been customary for many years.

The concern in its letter refers to instructions previously received to send the proofs to Chief Justice Clarke "who made the necessary corrections and upon receipt from him of the corrected proofs, we have proceeded with the printing and completion of the volumes.

Town Topics

If the traffic ordinances of Fayette-ville and the automobile laws were strictly enforced, there would be less danger to pedestrians.

The days are so snort now that an early riser does not know whether he is iumping out of bed at midnight or along about 6 a. m.

Smithers says that the guy who puts galvanized still nog Christmas in egg-nog will spoil good eggs.

Those who want mistletoe and holly berries Christmas should strike the wood sellers on Green street. And they should do so at once if they don't want to get left.

In Sunday's Observer From now until January 1st, traffic cops and other officers of the law should be specially busy in enforcing the law, as auto travel is at the peak