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## TAKES STAND FOR MERCHANT MARINE

### American Cotton Manufacturers' Association Against Palmer Child Labor Law

#### MAXWELL, NEW PRESIDENT

Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, Chairman of the Board of Governors; Address By Dr. D. H. Hill, of Raleigh, and Others Feature of Yesterday's Session

(By the Associated Press.)  
Memphis, Tenn., Apr. 14.—Endorsement was given proposals to establish an American merchant marine by Government subsidy and protest made against the operation of the Palmer Child Labor law and legislation pending in Congress to require the branding of goods, in a resolution adopted by the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, which concluded its annual convention here today. Other resolutions adopted asked that the United States government require a new statement of the "right of equal opportunity" to trade in the markets of the world, particularly in China, and that the principles of the "open door" be reasserted.

Scott Maxwell, of Cordova, Ala., was elected president of the Association; John A. Law, of Spartanburg, S. C., vice president, and Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, N. C., chairman of the board of governors. Other members of the board of governors elected were J. J. Bradley, of Huntsville, Ala.; Eugene Holt, of Burlington, N. C.; George E. Spofford, of Augusta, Ga.; J. J. Morris, of Henderson, Ky.; and Craig S. Mitchell, of Philadelphia, Pa. C. B. Bryant, of Charlotte, N. C., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Fear Egyptian Boll Weevil.  
Several speakers today urged that the government immediately adopt measures to prevent the introduction of the Egyptian boll weevil in this country. Fumigation of all Egyptian cotton at ports of receipt in the United States and requirements that mills receiving such cotton burn all waste were suggested.

If the Egyptian boll weevil ever gets a foothold in the cotton fields of the South, the ravages of the Mexican boll weevil will be insignificant in comparison, declared J. H. Seapark, chairman of the committee which presented a report on the importation of foreign cotton.

No action was taken on the so-called Duke Warehouse plan. A committee, appointed at the last annual meeting was authorized to continue its investigation.

Amalgamation Proposed.  
The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers was one of the principal matters proposed today. The National Association, whose membership includes the mills of the East, will meet in Boston early in May, according to reports. The matter will be taken up by that body.

The combined capital of the mills in the two organizations is estimated at \$1,000,000,000. At present the organizations are closely allied, members from each forming the National Council of American Cotton Manufacturers.

Addresses on "Trade Abuses and a Remedy," by F. C. the municipal primary for the selection of a Democratic candidate for mayor of Goldsboro and of Democratic candidates for aldermen for the city for the ensuing two years from the May election passed off quietly and orderly today.

Higgins carried each ward by a large majority, the total majority being 212. The old board of aldermen were returned, with the exception of J. W. Lister who was defeated by Mr. A. H. Edgerton in the first ward, which closed one of the warmest political campaigns ever waged in this city.

## PARLIAMENT SITS ONLY SHORT TIME

### Liquor Question and Matters Concerning Progress of War Postponed

#### RUSSIANS HELD BACK

Austrians and German at Uzok Pass Holding Their Ground, In East Galicia Austrians and Germans Are Trying To Outflank Russians; Resting in Western Zone

(By the Associated Press.)  
London, April 14.—The British Parliament assembled today, and simultaneously Field Marshal Sir John French's report on the British victory at Neuve Chapelle was published. The House of Commons sat for only 25 minutes, and statements of the ministers on the question of liquor prohibition, the acceleration of the output of munitions and the general progress of the war were postponed.

The Under Secretary of War's statement that there was no present intention to prohibit the sale in the army canteens of beer, the only alcoholic liquor sold at these establishments, indicated, however, that restrictions will not be so drastic as some have been led to expect.

Field Marshal French's report goes into the details of the February and March operations of the British expeditionary force, and while he pays the highest tribute to Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, directly in charge of the operations at Neuve Chapelle, and refers to the battle as a "success and victory," General French has some criticism for other officers, although he does not name them. He refers, for example, to a "considerable delay after the capture of the Neuve Chapelle position," and "a series of operations which did not have the clearly expressed order of the general commanding the first army being more carefully observed." He also says:

"The difficulties enumerated might have been overcome earlier in the day if the general officer commanding the fourth corps had been able to bring his reserves brigades more speedily into action."

In the whole, Field Marshal French's report seems to indicate that the British troops carried all the ground it was intended to take at the time, but with a more effective artillery fire in some sections and better handling of the reserves even more might have been gained with less loss.

The British losses which total more than 12,000, are close to the estimates recently published. The German losses, according to this report, numbered several thousand dead, 12,000 wounded and many more prisoners. The British lost 1,000 men, including a considerable number of the fighting while the rest of the contingent held important trenches.

Allies Meeting in West.  
Since the battles with which Field Marshal French's report is concerned have raged, the other allies on the Western front, too, are enjoying a rest after their efforts on the Yser and in the Woëvre, although in the

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**MINISTER DEFENDS HIMSELF.**  
Rev. A. L. E. Weeks Denies All Charges Made Against Him (Special to the News and Observer)

Wilson, April 14.—In today's issue of the Wilson Times Rev. A. L. E. Weeks, colored, prints a long article regarding the charges against certain members of the members of his church and published in a Wilson special to the News and Observer.

In reply to the charge that he has misappropriated the church funds, the colored pastor says, "I have in my possession all funds and can prove or show that every penny given me by the church has gone for the purpose for which it was given."

## THE CARGOES OF STUFFS FOR U. S.

### England Will Permit Shipments Through Rotterdam Under Certain Conditions

#### NOW UP TO GERMANY

State Department Prepared To Take Final Steps To Supply American Textile Mills With Much Needed Product; Redfield Will Act As Consignee and Make Distribution

(By the Associated Press.)  
Washington, April 14.—State department officials were prepared tonight to take up with the German government the last step necessary to supply American textile mills with two cargoes of German dyestuffs bought before March 1. The way was cleared today by the announcement that Great Britain had agreed to permit these cargoes under certain conditions to come through from Rotterdam.

As the position previously taken by the German government has been that it would permit dye shipments in exchange for cotton or copper, some officials believed there would be little difficulty in getting these two cargoes out of Germany to Rotterdam. The State Department will cooperate with the Mills' agent in efforts to complete the transaction.

A preliminary study of the messages today indicated that the cargoes were already at Rotterdam. The following statement of the commerce department shows, however, that a final negotiation is necessary:

"In a cablegram dated April 13 the American Ambassador at London states that a representative of the Textile Alliance, C. E. Burr, has received permission from the British authorities to make arrangements for moving two ships loads of dyestuffs from Germany to the United States via Rotterdam. The British government will allow the vessels to pass without interference, provided that the vessels sail under neutral flags; that shipments are made from Rotterdam, and that the dyestuffs are consigned to William Redfield, for account to William A. Mitchell for distribution to the five associations comprising the Textile Alliance.

The Textile Alliance is an organization composed of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers, the American Silk Association and the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers.

"The two cargoes referred to by the ambassador were paid for by the delivery of cotton cargoes shipped before March 1.

"Secretary Redfield has signed his willingness to act as consignee and will arrange for the distribution of the dyestuffs to the associations interested."

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**World's Record In Reaching Sunken F-4**  
Diver Walks On Top of Ill-fated Craft 288 Feet Below Surface

(By the Associated Press.)  
Honolulu, April 14.—Chief Gunner's Mate Criley went 288 feet under water here today and walked along the top of the submarine F-4, which disappeared March 25. The depth is said by naval officers to be a world's record.

Criley found the F-4 lying on a smooth, sandy bottom with no coral growths to impede hoisting operations. She lay on her starboard side, her bow pointing shoreward. Two parted lines were found attached to the craft.

After Criley reported it was said further observations probably would be made before an attempt is made to raise the F-4.

## GERMAN RAIDER TO GO TO DRYDOCK

### Will Take Three Weeks to Complete Temporary Repairs for Which Commander Asked

#### WON'T INTERN OF OWN WILL

But That Is What The Captain of the Prinz Eitel Also Said. Three Hundred Tons of Coal Being Taken On Board To Trim Ship; Will Take Place in Dock Tomorrow

(By the Associated Press.)  
Newport News, Va., April 14.—"I myself, will not intern."

This was the emphatic declaration of Lieutenant Captain Thierfelder late today when informed by newspaper men that it was generally reported that the German converted cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm would ultimately intern at this port.

The Lieutenant Captain expressed his opinion of reports and twice reiterated his declaration, "I myself will not intern."

It was recalled that a similar stand was taken by Commander Thierichens of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and that orders to intern his vessel had come from his government. Commander Thierfelder made no reference to the probable action of the German government with regard to the disposition to be made of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm.

"I myself will not intern" was his only statement with noticeable emphasis on the "myself" in each instance.

The work of taking on board the three hundred additional tons of coal for port purposes was begun this afternoon. This coal will be employed in trimming the ship, it is necessary to bring down the bow and raise the stern of the Wilhelm in order to get her in drydock. The sea raider is said to be taking in so much water as to endanger her rudder and propellers.

Authorization to take the cruiser into dry-dock was given to commander Thierfelder today in two letters. Collector of Customs Hammett in reply to the captain's communications of April 11, in which was asked time to repair and make the Kron Prinz Wilhelm seaworthy.

The commerce destroyer will be removed from her anchorage into drydock Friday. It was learned today. Only the largest of the dry-docks at the local shipyard can accommodate her and there are two schooners in this compartment at present. They will be taken out in time to permit the entrance of the German cruiser Friday.

The condition of the ship is such that it will require three weeks to complete the temporary repairs for which her commander has asked. She is in need of boiler tubing, which cannot be supplied here and must be done elsewhere. To procure and install these tubes, it is estimated will require at least the first of three weeks for the Kaiser for Lieut.-Capt. Thierfelder. The boiler tubes were mentioned in the commander's official communication to Washington.

Any knowledge of the whereabouts or position of the German battle cruiser, Karlsruhe, was disclaimed this morning by the commander with equal emphasis as he made his declaration relative to interning.

"No knowledge of Karlsruhe," the report is not official," said the commander. "We have not heard from the Karlsruhe. She was my own ship and it would be nice for her to come in here. It would be like this in war, but such a course would be like her."

## Gen. Huerta As He Arrived in The United States.



General Victoriano Huerta, one-time dictator of Mexico, and perhaps the strongest man who has appeared there for years, arrived in New York the other day, and found no trouble landing. Despite efforts of some of his enemies in Mexico, the immigration authorities did not hold him up.

## TRAIN HITS STREET CAR; 15 KILLED

### Twenty Other Persons Are Injured in Crash in City of Detroit

Wreckage of Car, Struck in the Middle, Pushed Along Street 100 Feet; Many Were Crushed in the Splintered Mass of Steel and Wood. Two Buildings Struck

(By the Associated Press.)  
Detroit, Mich., Apr. 14.—Fifteen persons were killed and about twenty injured late today in a collision between a Detroit city street car and a string of freight cars pushed by a switch engine on the Toledo, Toledo and Ironton Railroad.

Most of the dead lived in Detroit's foreign quarter. Four are women. The street car, crowded with passengers, stopped as it approached the crossing and the conductor ran ahead to see if the track was clear. He signalled the motorman to wait, but apparently the latter misunderstood his meaning. He applied the power and the car ran rapidly down an incline and onto the railroad tracks.

The freight cars, pushed by the engine, struck the street car fairly in the middle. The wreckage was pushed along a hundred feet, several of the dead and injured dropping along the street before the train was stopped. Others were crushed in the splintered mass of steel and wood and it was several hours before they could be extricated.

At the place where the accident occurred the railroad tracks occupy a narrow street. On one corner of the intersection stood a grocery store and on the opposite side, the Delray Station of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad. Both these buildings were struck by the street car as it bounded ahead of the freight cars. No occupants of either structure were injured.

## SOUTHERN TO BUY ADDITIONAL LAND

### Expected to Close Deal in Greensboro For Freight Depot and Shifting Yard

GREEN COMPANY WINS  
Judge Lyon Dismissed The Temporary Restraining Order Granted To J. A. Turner, of High Point, and The Railway Will Be Allowed To Build Line in Street

(By the Associated Press.)  
Greensboro, April 14.—Officials of the Southern Railway company are expected here tomorrow to close deals for a considerable block of city property lying between East Washington and Davis Streets and the Southern Railway tracks, which property is now under options.

The purpose of the company is to use the property for a new freight depot and shifting yards. There will be two depots—one for incoming and one for outgoing freight. The new passenger depot will be erected between Elm, Davis and Depot streets, and will be a handsome structure. An underpass for Davis street will be constructed.

The case of Alfred S. Wylie, trustee of the Trollinwood Manufacturing Company, bankrupt, vs. the Cone Export and Commission Company, of this city, for more than \$100,000 claimed to have been paid the defendant by the bankrupt as a preference, went to the jury this afternoon. After only fifteen minutes the jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants, finding that the Cone Company had not received a preference.

The case grew out of a contract with the Cone Company as selling agent, and under which about \$100,000 worth of manufactured goods was furnished the Cone Company by the Trollinwood Company just before the latter went into bankruptcy.

## 250 HOME-SEEKERS FOR EAST CAROLINA

### Norfolk Southern Agent Now in North-western States Collecting Party

#### TO USE TENT TEMPORARILY

### Craven County Commissioners Will Be Asked at Next Regular Meeting To Call Election On Stock Law Question; To Have Another Tobacco Warehouse

(Special to the News and Observer.)  
New Bern, April 14.—B. E. Holland and industrial agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, is now in the North-western part of the United States collecting a party of two hundred and fifty home-seekers who he will bring to Eastern North Carolina at an early date. At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held last night, Secretary George Green stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Rice informing him of his work in regard to this matter and asking that the local organization arrange to furnish a location for a tent when the home-seekers reached New Bern.

Mr. Rice stated that the party will carry along with them a large tent and that they will live in this while on their tour. A crew of cooks and attendants is to be carried along and the trip will be unique in every feature. The party will stop here for three or four days, making this their headquarters for this section and paying short visits to Morehead City, Beaufort, points in Pamlico county and up on the Kinston and Goldsboro end of the line. The organization discussed the matter and Secretary Green was ordered to notify Mr. Rice that there would be adequate accommodations prepared and that New Bern would do its part in getting the party here. The exact date on which the party will arrive is not being announced; Mr. Rice stating that he would let this be known within a few days.

For Stock Law Election.  
When the Craven County Board of Commissioners held their next monthly meeting in this city will be asked to call an election on the stock law question for the section of Craven county situated on the south side of the river Neuse. This was definitely decided upon at the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce which was held last night.

J. B. Blades, one of New Bern's most influential citizens, first brought this matter up before the organization. Mr. Blades spoke on the benefits of tick eradication and urged that the section above referred to be placed in stock law territory. State Senator A. D. Ward made a strong talk in favor of the project. Mr. Ward stated that Craven county's soil was just as good as any which could be found in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and other famous cattle countries and voiced his opinion that if the county had the stock law and the tick eradicated that it would be one of the greatest cattle growing counties in the State. The senator told of Northern men who had planned to come here and raise cattle and bring over a few people here but who had become disgusted when they learned that this county was in the quarantined class and had gone away.

After those talks a committee composed of Messrs. W. H. Simmons and M. D. Law of Fort Barnwell, G. K. West and D. W. Richardson of Dover, E. D. Avery of Cove City, O. H. W. Thornton of Tuscarora, G. T. Bubanks of Clark, M. M. Shuts, J. D. Williams and J. B. Blades, Jr. of New Bern, R. P. D. L. Moore, J. B. Blades, C. E. Poy, J. W. Stewart and A. D. Ward of New Bern, and G. T. Richardson and J. E. Daugherty of New Bern, R. F. D., were selected to present the petition to call the election. This petition will be prepared and in readiness when that body meets.

New Bern will next season have a second tobacco warehouse opened. It was practically assured when W. P. Lawrence, of Hicokoke and Martinsville, Va., and who bought the weed on the local market last year, appeared before the members of the Chamber of Commerce and made them his proposition in regard to establishing this second warehouse.

Mr. Lawrence stated that if a warehouse was erected he would be willing to take five hundred bolls worth of stock in it and would also lease the place for five years. He further declared that if the committee decided to erect a warehouse that he could put up a wooden structure for three thousand dollars. There is much interest in the movement and local citizens are awaiting final action with a deal of interest.

Waste Experiment Farm.  
Just before Congress adjourned Secretary F. M. Simmons and Secretary Houston of the Agricultural Department had a conference relative to the establishment of a second agricultural experiment station, the one now located in Iredell county, which being excellently managed, may be sufficient to give the farmers in the Eastern part of the State the proper attention.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce and at the regular meeting held last night Wade Meador stated that he thought the local organization should appoint a committee to make some investigation along this line with a view of getting this station located around this city.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Meador a committee composed of J. S. Miller, A. D. Ward, D. W. Banoitt, W. J. Lucas, J. B. Blades and C. L. Ives were selected to correspond with Secretary Houston and Senator Simmons in regard to the matter.

It is believed that a site can be secured which can be offered the government for this station at every afternoon.

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