day fair, slightly warmer.

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M'CLURE GETS WELCOME HEARING IN RALEIGH

Delivers Address Before Meeting of State Literary and Historical Association

IS INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNOR

At The Close of The Sessions Association Extends Him Vote of Thanks For Lecture and Regrets That His Patriotism Had Been Questioned

Col. S. S. McClure, former publisher of the McClure's Magazine, whose patriotism was recently brought into question by action of the University of North Carolina in banning his address from the lecture series, received a clean bill from the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association last night, when at the conclusion of his address before the body he was tendered a resolution of thanks for the lecture and regrets that his loyalty to the na-tion had been questioned. Colonel Mc-Clure was introduced by Governor T. W. Bickett, and his address of one hour and a half left his audience in-formed anew of the justice of England's position in the war, and dazed by the recital of German atrocities in Belgium

The address followed the program of the opening session of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association presided over by Maj. H. A. London, of Pittaboro, president. Dr. D. H. Hill, chairman of the State Council of Defense, presented a paper on "Historical Parallel"; Dr. Paul B. Barringer, president of V. P. I., and a native North Carolinian, spoke on "The Influence of Adverse Conditions Upon the Early His-tory of North Carolina," and Secretary R. D. W. Conner, of the association, an-mounced Olive Tilford Dargan, of Almond, N. C., the winner of the Pat-terson Memorial Cup. Mrs. Dargan is the first woman to win the cup since its establishment and the first person since John Charles McNeill to win it on a book of poems. This was a collection of sonnets published under the title of "The Cycle's Rim."

The musical program last night, in the Maredith College auditorium, was furnished by Mrs. E. M. Hall, in a solo.

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The musical program last night was accompanied by Miss Day, and by Prof. Brawley, of Peace Institute, in a piane

Governor Presents Col. McClure. Governor Bickett presented Col. Me-Clure to the audience with the declaramanded a statement from him concerning the circumstances of Col. Mc-

Clure's address. "Some days ago," said Governor Bickett, "there appeared in the press of the State a notice that Col. S. S. Mc-Clure, at one time editor of McClure's Magazine, and subsequently editor of the New York Evening Mail, would deliver an address at the University of North Carolina on The Chances of

"Upon seeing this notice, Mr. Jas. H. Pou came before Dr. D. H. Hill, chair man of the North Carolina Council of National Defense, Mr. R. D. W. Con nor, secretary of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina Col. J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of State and myself and laid before us certain facts which justified the conclusion on bur part that a speech made by Colone McClure on "The Chances of Peace" would not be in harmony with the spirit of the State and the nation in this war

"These facts, together with our opinion in regard to them, were laid before the authorities of the University, and thereupon the engagement of Colonel McClure was cancelled.

"Upon seeing a notice of this in the papers Colonel McClure came to the city of Raleigh at once and asked for caring. There was a hearing in the office of the Governor and in the prescase of C lonel McClure Mr. Pou reiter ated the statements theretofore made by him. Colonel McClure did not challenge the accuracy of any statement of fact made by Mr. Pou, but I am gratified to say that he explained these facts in such a way as to convince us all that he has been making an intensely patriotic speech on his lecture tour and has contributed to the literature of the war a most notable book, which comeletely vindicates the course of Engand and acquits her of any responsibilty for bringing on the war. We are therefore glad to have Colonel McClure in our midst, and it gives me very great pleasure to present him to this repre-sentative audience."

Has Full Sympathy.

Colonel McClure had the sympathy
of his hearers from the beginning. He
spoke in the utmost simplicity without dramatics or pretense at eloquence. Even with the horrors of Belgium vio-lated, France laid waste, prisoners mur-dered, civilians burned alive and women ravished, he did not lose the simple

arrative that gripped.

Once, when he had talked thirty min utes, as he had agreed to do, he stopped and gave those who wanted to leave as opportunity to do so. Instead of whole-sale departure, he met a round of ap-plause and continued his remarks for

plause and continued his remarks for an hour longer.

The first part of his address was devoted to that long series of peace-making treaties in which England, prior to the opening of the war, had practically sawed up the peace of Europe. He explained carefully the growth of the alliance between England, France and Russia, the knowledge that Germany had of the standing of all the nations of Europe toward her, and the German

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PATTERSON CUP WINNER.

Mrs. Olive Tilford Dargan's work "The Cycle's Rim" has attracted wide and favorable notice from the critics of the country, and recently it was awarded the New York Southern Society's prize of \$500, as the best literary work published by a South-erner during the past year. In connection with this award, the New York Times Book Review published the following biographical information relative to Mrs. Dargan:

Mrs. Olive Tilford Dargan was born in Crayson County, Kentucky, the daughter of Elisha Francis and Rebecca Tilford. She went to the public schools of the district, in which her father and mother were continuously teachers, until she was 10 years old. Then, with her parents, moved to the town of Doniphan, Mo., where she remained for four years. At the age of 14 she became a teacher in the backwoods of Arkansas. When she was 18 years old her mother died, and with her father, who was an invalid, she returned to Kentucky. She soon after obtained a Peabody scholarship, which took her to the University of Nashville, Tenn. Two years later she was graduated from that institution, and went back to teaching in Missouri and also in Texas. She spent the year 1894 at Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., in the study of English and philosophy. After leaving college she taught at the Acadia Seminary at Wolfville, Nova Scotin, and later worked as a steno-grapher in Boston until her marriage to Pegram Dargan, of South Carolina, whom she had met as a student at Harvard while she was at Radcliffe. The literary work which won for her the prize offered by the New York Southern Society is a volume of sonnets, "The Cycle's Rim," which is published by Charles Scribner's Sons. Her other publications are "Semiramis and Other Plays," "Lords and Lovers, and Other Dreams,"
"The Mortal Gods," and "The Path Flamer and Other Verses." She has also been a frequent contributor to the magazines. Her home is at Almond, N. C.

Prevail Keynote of Ministe rial Declaration

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Declaration Says All Civilized Nations Are Engaged in Same Battle Against The Modern Development of Ancient Barbarity; For Solidarity Among The Allies

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 20 .- The Chamber of Deputies this evening gave a vote of confidence to M. Clemenceau, the new Premier, 418 to 65.

The Premier read to the Chamber of Deputies today the ministerial declara-tion which had been decided upon by the new cabinet. In the Senate the document was read by Louis Nail, the Minister of Justice. The declaration

was as follows:
"We have accepted places in the government in order to conduct the war with redoubled effort for the better application of all our energies. We come

(Continued on Page Six.) HURL RED PEPPER IN SUPERINTENDENT'S FACE

Bandits Then Hold Up Clerks and Escape in Automobile With Nearly \$10,000

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 20.—Hurling red pepper into the eyes of the factory superintendent guarding the pay roll, three armed bandits this evening held up two pay clerks at the Van Dorn Iron Works Company, and escaped in an aubetween \$9,000 and

\$10,000. County Detective Bacey, of Ashtabula county, tonight notified the Cleveland police department that two men were seen and recognized speeding through along the route the bandit car is sup-posed to have taken were notified to be n the lookout for the men.

DISCUSSED MATTER OF EXPORTS TO NORWAY

Washington, Nov. 20.—Dr. Fredtjof fansen, head of the Norwegian eco-omic mission to the United States, called at the White House today and was understood to have discussed with President Wilson conditions in Norway and the matter of exports to that coun-try from America.

Initial Meeting To Discuss Plans For Coordinating Efforts To Win War"

ITALIANS TENACIOUSLY HOLDING BACK ENEMY

Four Times Attacks Against Monte Tomba Have Been Repulsed By The Italians. Haig Delivers Series of Attacks Against Germans in Region Near St. Quentin

(By the Associated Press.) The American mission headed by Col. Edward M. House, which recently arrived in England for the purpose of discussing and co-ordinating efforts to win the war, has had its initial meeting with the British war coun-

cil and its right-hand men. Details of the conference naturally, have been kept secret, but announcement is made that little formality at tended it and that satisfactory prog ress marked the discussions. The far reaching scope of the conference is indicated by the attendance upon the meeting of joint representatives of the army, navy, the food controllers, shipping boards, the treasuries and the

war trade boards.

David Lloyd George. the British Premier, opened the session with an address and the conference lasted an hour and a half, during which frequent recourse was had to a mass of statistics and official documents. Col.

(Continued on Page Ten-) SERIOUS RIOTING IN BERLIN LAST SUNDAY

Military and Police Called Upon To Oppose Socialist **Demonstrations**

(By the Associated Press.) London. Nov. 20.—Serious rioting took place in Berlin last Sunday, se rioting cording to dispatches received by the Wireless Press and the Exchange Telegram Company from Amsterdam.

The message to the Exchange Telegram Company says that the fighting between the mob and the police was very fierce and that there was a heavy casualty list as the police used their

The Wireless Press says the military Conquest That Justice May and police were called upon to oppose the progress of the independent socialist demonstrations. In the riotous scenes which followed the police were forced to fire with their rifles and re volvers and the organizers of the meet ing responded with fire arms and knives. The German press, the dispatches say have been forbidden to publish details of the affray. No newspapers have ar rived in Amsterdam from Berlin.

FIVE SURVIVORS OF THE ROCHESTER IN PORT

Seven Other Men in Boat Died Before Landing in Ireland

(By The Associated Press.) London, Nov. 20.—The missing boat from the American steamship Rochester, which was sent to the bottom by a German submarine, November 2, has just landed at a port in Ireland, the British admiralty announced today. The boat contained five men, the only survivors from the original boat's crew of twelve

The admiralty announcement says the Rochester was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine, being struck abreast the number 3 hatch and that the explosion destroyed a boat demolished the wireless room and disabled the main engine.

The second assistant engineer was killed, and the ship went down in five

The boat which has just reached Ireland originally contained twelve men. It was commanded by the first officer. Two men died of exposure and one be came insane and jumped overboard. Just before they reached the coast four others died. The hands and feet of the four others were badly swollen and immediate medical treatment was nec-

TO ROUND-UP I. W. W.'S IN KANSAS OIL FIELDS

Federal Agents Made More Than 50 Arrests in Butler County Yesterday

(By the Associated Press) Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 20.—A round-up of I. W. W.'s in the oil fields of Kansas is to be made immediately Fred Rockerson, district attorney for Kansas, announced late today. More than fifty alleged L. W. W.'s were arrested in the Butler county oil fields today it was

The arrests today were made by state and Federal agents.

The purpose of the raids is to rid the oil fields of undesirables, Federal officers sny, and each man arrested will be examined as to whether he has registered for army service.

AMERICAN MISSION PUT A LAUGH IN EVERY SAMMY'S CHRISTMAS BOX



A laugh provoker with every box.

That's what hundreds of California girls put into their Christmas gift pack ages sent to the Sammies at the front line in France. The boxes contained smokes, candies, preserved fruits and articles bearing the personal touch of the donor. Each box also carries a smile surprise. This girl's package had a powder puff with the legend. "Don't let the French

"Keep the boys smiling and joking." was the California girls' idea. "and you'll keep them fit as the world's finest soldiers."

Russia Ready To Make Separate Peace

(By the Associated Press)

London, Nov. 20 .- A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The National Tidende's Berlin correspondent learns indirectly that the new Russian government has officially declared it has left the ranks of the belligerents and is ready to conclude a separate peace."

Stockholm, Nov. 20 .- The Afton Tidningen claims to have learned through diplomatic channels that Russia will shortly withdraw from official participation in the war.

LABOR REAFFIRMS M'GALL'S DENIAL DISSENTING VOTE

Will Stand Behind National Administration Till Peace Comes

SILENCE MAINTAINED BY PACIFIST ELEMENT

Approve Course of Gompers in Calling Conference of National and International Officers in Washington March 12; Pacifists Unaware Resolution Was To Come Up

(By The Associated Press.) Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 20,-Without dissenting vote, the American Federaation of Labor today reaffirmed its unswerving loyalty to the country and a determination to stand behind the national administration until peace comes. The pacifist element, which yesterday mustered a small minority against President Gompers' attitude in support of the war, was silent.

The resolution containing the declaration was reported favorably by the resolutions committee. The course pursued by President Compers in calling a conference of the national and international officers of the Federation at Washington on March 12 was approved and all his subsequent actions and those of the executive council with refercice to the war were concurred in. The pacifists declared that they were unaware that the resolution was to comup today. They made no move for a reconsideration, however, and it was pointed out that while their fight yes-terday was based on a vote of confidence in President Compers today's resolution called for a declaration on the

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OF REQUISITION

Governor Cornwell Makes Public Letter To Massachusetts Executive

CONSIDERED REFLECTION UPON WEST VIRGINIA

Had Previously Written Personal Letter Guaranteeing No Harm To Johnson; Report of Representative Who Visited State To Investigate Situation For Gov. McCall

(By The Associated Press.) Charleston, Nov. 20 .- Characterizing the refusal of Governor McCall of Massachusetts to honor his requisition for the return to West Virginia for trial of John Johnson, a negro charged with attacking a white girl in this city, constituting a reflection upon the State day had no additional dispatches from of West Virginia and showing a deplorable lack of knowledge of the State and its people, Governor Cornwell late today made public a letter which he had written to the Massachusetts executive. Previous to receiving Governor McCall's letter declining to honor the requisition Governor Cornwell had written to the Massachusetts Governor a personal let-ter guaranteeing that no hapm should come to Johnson and declaring "there is absolutely no danger of Johnson's

(Continued on Page Seven-) Meet Next In Bultimore.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 20.—Baltimore was selected today as the 1918 convention city of the Southern Commercial Congress by the executive officers in session here. S. Davies Warfield was made chairman of the general Baltimora com-mittee to arrange for the meeting, which will be held from December 8 to 12.

MAYOR SAYS CITY WILL TAKE CARE OF SITUATION

He Finds Out Where Capt. Ashe Can Buy Wood But Doesn't Say Whether City Will Buy Any Or Not

CHAPTER III.

It is suggested by Mayor Johnson that the third chapter in the book of wood troubles be devoted to the fact that Capt. S. A. Ashe has been informed where he can purchase all the wood he needs.

"Well, will the city buy any of that wood, Mr. Mayor?" the reporter asked, somewhat with a feeling of awe.

"The city will take care of the wood situation," thundered the official head of the city.

"Well, will you indicate WHEN?" he was asked.

"I will not; that is all I care to say." The Mayor did repeat one of his former counter questions: 'Why don't the wood fellows buy up the wood instead of asking the city to do it?"

The answer to this question, as it has repeatedly been made, is that the mass of citizens LOOK TO ITS GOVERNMENT FOR PROTECTION in case of an impending calamity, and not to private business.

ABOUT CAPTAIN ASHE.

It seems, according to information from the Mayor and one of the coal and wood firms, that Captain Ashe was called early yesterday morning and notified that he could buy all the wood he wanted just outside the city limits. Therefore, that statement of the Mayor's once and for all SETTLES THE QUES-TION of the city's inability to get wood.

Captain Ashe's inquiry about wood day before yesterday was made to Messrs. Johnson & Johnson.

SOME MORE ABOUT THE TEAMS.

Johnson & Johnson have offered to let the city have their teams at a lower rental than is customarily charged in the city. Powell & Powell, Mr. R. H. Merritt said yesterday, cannot agree to rent the city any teams on account of the fact that they do not know how much they will need the teams they have.

Not only does the Mayor know where plenty of wood can be secured, but it is stated with authority that almost any amount of wood can be bought within two to four miles of the city at \$1.00 per cord on the stump, and possibly cheaper.

Another source of supply, it is also stated, is from any number of acres of timbered land off which the wood can be had for clearing the ground. Here the labor problem would be greater than in the other instance.

A PICTURE OF THE WOOD, MAYBE!

Since "the city will take care of the wood situation," The News and Observer entertains much hope of being able to publish, in the very near future, a picture of several hundred cords of emergency wood, safely piled on municipal ground, wisely held for some bitter cold spell and then by an exercise of judgment and authority that might reasonably be expected of city officialdom, distributed as circumstances warrant among a citizenship that deserves protection.

STOP SUPPLY SHIPMENTS | CONCESSIONS MADE BY TO RUSSIA FOR PRESENT

American Government to Hold Shipments Until Informed As To Who Will Receive Them

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 20 .- No shipments of supplies will be permitted to go from the United States to Russia until the situation in that country clears. The American government, before allowing the export of goods already on the docks, wants to know into whose hands they will fall on their arrival.

The cessation of shipments is tem porary only if a stable government is formed which the United States can recognize. If the Bolsheviki gain control and pursue their program calling for a peace with Germany, the embarge will be permanent. A protracted civil war also would work to keep the embargo tight, as the United States then would fear that supplies might go to the Bolsheviki faction.

The provisional Russian governmen was given credits amounting in all to \$15,000,000, of which \$191,000,000 already has been advanced.

Much of this money has been spent for supplies now awaiting shipment, and the Eussians have been given vessels for its transport. Shipments will be held up by denial of bunker coal to the ships.

Thomas D. Jones, vice-chairman of the war trade board, called at the White House today and conferred with President Wilson. No statement was forthcoming, but it was believed, the Russian situation was discussed. Conditions in Bussia still are un

known here. The State Department to-Ambassador Francis at Petrograd, but unoffeial messages coming from Sweden were that General Kaledines, hetman of the Don Cossacks, who held the master hand in Russia through lom nation of the country's coal and bread supply in the Don Cossack re tion, was marching with an army on Varonez, 200 miles south of Moscow,

Persons arriving at the Swedish fractier from Russia also reported that soldiers were parading the Petrograd streets, bearing banners demanding a constitutional assembly of all Bussia and declaring that the Bolsheviki regime was more tyrannical than that of

The only official dispatch reaching the State Department today from Russia announced that John F. Stevens head of the American railway commis-sion to Russia, had left Petrograd for Vindivostock in connection with his work of rehabilitating the Russian rail-

Gives Assurance of No Trans portation Tie-Up To Hamper War Program

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 20.—Concessions made by both the railroads and the heads of the four brotherhoods as a result of the present wage issue is taken by officials as complete assurance that America's warfare against Germany will go forward to the end unhampered by the possibilities of transports

tion tie ups over wage difficulties, The offer of the roads to place their interests in the hands of the President for such decision as he may deem nee essary and of the brotherhoods to me diate any question of wages, it was pointed out today at the office of the Board of Mediation and Conciliation, have not been limited as to time. They

will be effective until peace is won.
Officials believe that such unqualified adhesion to the principle of settling disputes through discussion eliminate whatever chance there might be of traffic strike due to misunderstandings and the coming negotiations commenc-ing Thursday at the White House when President Wilson will confor with the brotherhood representatives is looked upon as likely to make this still more

Affiliated organizations which will meet in Baltimore at the same time as the Southern Commercial Congress include the House of Southern Governors. National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, American Association og Agricultural Organization and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Commercial Congress. It also is planned to hold a Southern States exposition in conjunction with the meeting to exhibit Southern raw material and manufactured products.

Managing Director Clarence J. Owens announced that the theme of the Baltimore Congress will be "World Com-

"In addition to the city, State and Federal officials who will participate," ne said, "invitations are being extended to the pan-American Union, to the International Institute of Agriculture, to the legations and embassies accredited to our government, and to the officials holding the portfolios of finance and commerce in the cabinets of the countries, allied with the United States in

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE FOR BRITISH WOMEN

London, Nov. 20.—The House of Com-mons today unanimously decided to er-tend the municipal franchism to women on the same terms as they now have the parliamentary franchism.