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GOVERNMENT LENDS EVERY EFFORT TO AID NEGOTIATION

Apparent Unwillingness of All Union Coal Miners To Return No Surprise

CONFERENCE TO OPEN TODAY IN WASHINGTON

Attorneys For Miners Indicate That They May Not Appeal Injunction Case To Higher Courts; Labor Leaders Are Pleased With Change of Public Sentiment

Washington, Nov. 12.—The apparent unwillingness of all union coal miners to return to work at the old pay scale caused government officials to put forth every effort today to bring about immediate negotiations of a new wage agreement.

Secretary Wilson without waiting for formal acceptance of his offer to mediate the differences, began smoothing the way for the joint conference of miners and operators he has called to meet in Washington Friday.

Both sides notified the Labor Secretary that they would attend the conference. Spokesmen for the mine workers said that if the mine owners came in a spirit of conciliation a new agreement could be framed and ratified by Saturday night.

Until an agreement is formally accepted by the miners' scale committee, labor leaders said, there was little hope of full resumption of coal production. It was because of this possibility, and the steady drain meanwhile on the nation's visible coal supply that Secretary Wilson undertook today to induce some of the miners and operators to see the other fellow's side.

The indicated continued suspension of mining activity in union fields today was not a surprise to government officials, nor accepted as an actual test of the attitude of the miners. Complete distribution of the order cancelling the strike might take some time, it was said. It was felt, however, that a large number of men still might remain out until assured that some of the demands agreed upon in convention would be granted.

Labor leaders, who have frankly admitted that public sentiment was strongly against the strike, took comfort today from what they described as a seeming change of sentiment as reflected in newspaper editorials. Messages to labor headquarters stated that the feeling was growing that the miners were entitled to higher wages.

Secretary Wilson, while declining to discuss the outlook for speedy peace in the coal fields, was greatly encouraged at the readiness of the two sides to meet and make a determined effort to frame a wage schedule satisfactory to miners and operators alike.

Mr. Wilson was quite hopeful of success and this feeling was shared by most officials.

MAY NOT APPEAL CASE TO THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 12.—The United Mine Workers of America, contrary to previous announcement, have decided to withhold their appeal on the ruling of the Federal Court in injunction proceedings which resulted in the calling off of the strike of coal miners yesterday.

It had been generally believed that regardless of developments in the situation the miners would fight their case in the courts to the last ditch, and attorneys for the coal workers announced yesterday that their appeal would be filed within two or three days. However, Henry Warrum, chief counsel for the mine workers organization, tonight stated that the outcome of the conference of miners' representatives and coal operators with Secretary of Labor Wilson in Washington Friday, would determine to a large extent whether the case is carried further. The miners' counsel have thirty days in which to file their appeal.

The decision of the miners is taken to indicate that they have accepted the government's assurance that the suit against the miners was not an attack against the right to strike, but was solely to prevent violation of the law, in this case the Lever act.

Possibility of speedy agreement at the Washington conference, according to opinion here, is marred only by the question of when a new wage scale would become effective. Miners' spokesmen have stated that if the operators go to the conference in a spirit of conciliation, agreement was only a question of hours, but it is known that the union men object to the position taken by the operators that the wage scale in effect before the strike still is in effect.

Many of the delegates to Friday's meeting, who were in attendance at the conference here this week, left tonight for Washington. William Green, secretary-treasurer of the mine workers, will

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PRINCE OF WALES GOES AS GUEST AT RECEPTION

Washington, Nov. 12.—Albert, Edward, Prince of Wales, the guest of the American nation, came into personal touch with "Government by the people" tonight at the most formal event of his stay here, a reception in the halls of the Library of Congress to which all members of Congress and their families had been invited to meet him. Members of the cabinet and the diplomatic corps also attended.

The Prince went to the reception from the home of Secretary Lansing where with Mrs. Lansing the Secretary had entertained him at dinner.

DECIDED FALL EXPECTED IN TEMPERATURE EARLY TONIGHT IN THE SOUTH

Washington, Nov. 12.—A decided fall in temperature tomorrow night in the Atlantic States, with probably heavy frost in east portions of North Carolina, southern part of South Carolina and South Georgia Friday morning, was predicted by the Weather Bureau tonight. Freezing temperatures in west portion of North Carolina, upper section of South Carolina and near freezing in North Georgia are forecasted as probable Friday morning.

DEBATE RAILROAD BILL IN CONGRESS

Sharp Opposition Develops In House To Proposal For Government Refund

DIRECTOR GENERAL IS OPPOSED TO SCHEME

Substitute Proposed By Representative Denison Would Greatly Decrease Amount Government Would Pay Railroads Upon Return To Owners

Washington, Nov. 12.—Sharp opposition developed late today in the House to the proposal embodied in the railroad reorganization bill for the refunding to the government of \$775,551,000 owed by the carriers. Attack on the plan, led by Representative Denison, Republican, Illinois, and supported by a letter from Director General Hines of the Railroad Administration, resulted in final decision being deferred.

Opponents of the refunding plan declared it would compel Congress to appropriate \$363,355,000 by the end of this year to square the accounts of the Railroad Administration, and Mr. Denison proposed a substitute, which he said would decrease the amount needed to \$171,020,000.

Under the Denison plan it is proposed that \$415,000,000 owed by the government to the carriers as standard return be set off against the debts due to the government by the roads. The pending Eesh bill calls for only a partial immediate set-off. Proponents of the committee plan which was understood to have been written into the measure after a bitter fight in the Interstate Commerce committee urged that proposal as a square deal to the railroads which were charged with debts, contracted without their consent during the period of government operation.

Director General Hines in his letter addressed to Chairman Eesh of the Interstate Commerce committee described the bill's plan as an "unduly liberal policy." He asserted that the plan would provide working capital, not needed by strong roads, while those most in need of financial aid would not receive it. The carriers, he also asserted, would not be encouraged to finance their needs from private sources. The Director General added that Congress would definitely fix the interest rate to be charged against the refunded indebtedness, pointing out that the bill might grant rates so low as to be "unjust" to the government and suggested that the interest rate be fixed at six per cent.

Before becoming tied up with consideration of the refunding plan, the House approved several sections of the bill, including that directing surrender of the lines by the government at the end of the month in which the bill is passed, and that placing the operation of boat and barge lines, established by the railroad administration on the Mississippi and Black Warrior rivers, under war department engineers. By a vote of 66 to 22, it also rejected the proposal of representative Madden, Republican, Illinois, to repeal the President's authority to take over the railroads in time of war.

General debate, which ended before the beginning of consideration of amendments centered largely on the labor provisions for voluntary arbitration of disputes. Representative Winslow, Republican, Massachusetts, defending the proposal of the bill, declared that public opinion would force settlement of any dispute "if capital and labor would sit down and rub noses." As directed by the bill, Representative Huddleston, Democrat, Alabama, however, attacked the bill as a whole, declaring it was "vicious class legislation," and that the labor provision for damages collected on violation of wage contracts would enable the railroads "to get part of the unions' property." Representative Rayburn, Democrat, Texas, announced he would propose an amendment intended to penalize "walking delegates of the unions, whom he accused of provoking most labor troubles, and Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, urged adoption of straight out anti-strike legislation.

FORMER EMPEROR TAKES OVER HIS NEW ESTATE

Berlin, Nov. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The former German Emperor assumed formal possession of the House of Doorn at Doorn, Holland, which he purchased some time ago, when the keys were handed over to him last Friday, although he will not actually take up his residence there until early in 1920.

The first act of the new owner was to raise the salary of the gardener from fourteen to fifteen florins (\$5.83 to \$6.03) per week.

Outgoing Bantamweight Champion, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 12.—Joe Lynch, of New York, outpointed Pete Herman, the bantamweight champion, in six rounds here tonight.

MINORITY LEADER OF SENATE PASSES AFTER LONG CAREER

Senator Thomas S. Martin Served For 24 Years In Upper House

RISE IN PUBLIC LIFE CAME AS SURPRISE

Virginia Statesman Prior To Election Was Country Railroad Lawyer, Who Had Never Held Public Office; Greatly Beloved By Colleagues; Man of Ability

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 12.—Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, the Democratic leader in the Senate, died here today after an illness of several months. He was 72 years old.

Senator Martin had been confined to his bed since last July when he was forced to give up active work in the United States Senate after a continuous service of 24 years. He was brought to his home near here and later taken to a hospital for treatment. He suffered from a leaking heart valve.

His condition took a turn for the worse two weeks ago and members of his family were summoned to his bedside. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon.

HOUSE AND SENATE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY

Washington, Nov. 12.—Committees of both the Senate and House were named late today to attend the funeral of Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, who died today at Charlottesville. The funeral, it was announced in the Senate would be held Friday afternoon and the Congressional delegation is expected to leave tomorrow or early Friday morning.

Announcement of Senator Martin's death came as a distinct shock to his colleagues. It was known that he was seriously ill, but recent reports of improvement in his condition had led his friends here to believe that death was not imminent.

Both Houses of Congress adjourned out of respect to the memory of the Democratic floor leader. President Wilson expressed his sympathy to the Senator's family in a message to his daughter, Miss Lucy Martin, and resolutions of sympathy were adopted in both the Senate and the House.

Speeches expressing high appreciation of Senator Martin's services were delivered by Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress. Senator Lodge paid an especially warm tribute, declaring Senator Martin had exhausted his strength in public service during the trying days of the war. Senator Swanson also spoke in praise of the Senator's death.

The committee named by the Senate to attend the funeral follows: Senators Swanson, Lodge, Cummins, Knox, Hitchcock, Fletcher, Nelson, Overman, Bankhead, Robinson, Simmons, Smith, Georgia; Smith, Maryland; Underwood, Walsh, Montana; Warren, Smoot and Williams.

The House committee is composed of Representative Flood, Montana; Sanders, Sioux; Moore, Bland, Holland, Watson, Woods and Harrison, Virginia; and Cannon, Illinois; Crampton, Michigan; Sisson, Mississippi; Kitchin, North Carolina; Byrnes, Tennessee; Bowers, West Virginia; Whaley, South Carolina, and Wingo, Arkansas.

President Wilson today telegraphed Miss Lucy Day Martin his sympathy and grief over the death of Senator Martin, her father. The telegram follows: "Miss Lucy Day Martin, "Charlottesville, Va.

"My I not express my deep sympathy and sense of personal grief in the death of your distinguished father? I regarded him as one of my warmest friends and feel that Virginia and the country has sustained a real loss. (Signed) "WOODROW WILSON."

EMPHATIC DISAPPROVAL OF RAILROAD BILL BY LABOR

Railway Brotherhoods Regard Labor Provisions As Entirely Unjust

Washington, Nov. 12.—Emphatic disapproval of the Eesh railroad reorganization bill now before the House was expressed by the chief executives of the thirteen principal railroad employe organizations today in a statement which declared that "so far as the labor provisions of the bill are concerned they are more vicious, because more subtle, than the labor provisions of the Cummins bill."

The Railway workers' officials in their statement accused those who framed the Eesh measure as being actuated with a desire "to shackle labor" although seeking "to attain it through a maze of legal verbiage." Request was made that the railroads be held under Federal control for an additional two years. The Union chiefs declared that "labor is willing to accept the sober judgment of the American voters as expressed at a general election."

American Legion Ends Meeting. Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 12.—The first annual convention of the American Legion came to a close at 9:30 o'clock tonight. It was decided to open the 1920 convention at Cleveland, Ohio, on September 27. The convention probably will last three days.

Frank O'lier, of Philadelphia, was tonight elected first national commander of the American Legion at its first national convention.

SENATE MAY TAKE SUMMARY ACTION TO STOP SPEAKING

Two Petitions To Invoke Closure Rule Prepared For Submission Today

SUSPECT FILIBUSTER AGAINST RATIFYING

To Hasten Treaty, Tentatively Agreed To Hold Night Sessions Beginning Tonight; Senator Reed Consumes 3 Hours In Talking and Intimates More For Today

Washington, Nov. 12.—Summary action to choke down debate on the peace treaty was decided on by the treaty's friends in the Senate today to meet developments regarded by many Senators as the beginning of a filibuster against ratification.

Two petitions to invoke the Senator's closure rule, which never heretofore has been used, were prepared for submission tomorrow should it become apparent that dilatory tactics have been adopted by the group irreconcilably opposed to the treaty. The first proposal was drawn by the Democrats and the other was being formulated tonight by the mild reservation group of Republicans.

Would Curtail Speaking.

Under the rule, which could be made effective beginning Saturday by a two-thirds vote, no Senator could speak more than one hour in all until a vote on ratification had been reached. No specific time could be set under the provision for such a vote but the leaders predicted that it would force final action, if resorted to, early next week.

To further hasten the treaty, it was tentatively agreed to hold night sessions of the Senate beginning tomorrow night and continuing until there has been a ratification vote.

The movement for closure was started after Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, had launched into another long speech attacking the treaty and Senators LaFollette, Wisconsin, and France, Maryland, Republicans, had indicated they were ready to continue the fight as soon as the Missouri Senator concluded. Senator Reed occupied all of today's three-hour session and intimated at adjournment that he would continue for several hours tomorrow.

Suspect Filibuster.

Suspecting that the long anticipated filibuster was on Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the acting Democratic leader, and Senator Underwood, Democrat, Alabama, circulated on the Democratic side a petition for closure. It soon had more than twice the sixteen signatures needed to secure a vote on invocation of the rule.

The Republicans acted more slowly, the mild reservation group being fearful of alienating the irreconcilables on whose votes they are counting for a safe majority to put over the reservation.

IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN SUGARS

Attorney General Says Reasonable Profits Will Be Allowed On Shipments

New York, Nov. 12.—Importation of foreign sugars will be allowed and no prosecutions for profiteering in them will be undertaken under the Lever act except for "unreasonable margins of profit," the Sugar Equalization Board was informed today in a telegram received from Howard Giggis, assistant attorney-general at Washington.

The telegram was in response to a request for a ruling made by the board, which set forth that it was receiving numerous applications for the importation of white sugars from countries like Brazil, the lowest price of which is 14 and 15 cents a pound, duty paid. The maximum price that American refiners are allowed to charge for sugar purchased from the board is 9 cents a pound.

Imported sugar, the board explained, is readily salable to manufacturers in order to keep their plants going and to protect their invested capital. It is not so much a matter of price, it was said, as the disturbing of the working forces which would necessitate the closing of their plants.

"Are the sellers who agree to confine themselves to a fair or reasonable profit, or the buyer who urgently needs sugar," the board asked, "violating the provisions of the Lever act in respect to profiteering? It seems to us that the urgency of the sugar here transcends the necessity of keeping the price at a level at which the foreign sellers will refuse to ship their sugars to the United States."

The board informed the Attorney-General's office that it was exerting its efforts to attract sugars here from outside sources, but did not desire to be a party to circumvent any instructions which may have been given to United States attorneys to prevent profiteering.

Mr. Giggis replied: "The urgency of sugar here transcends the necessity of keeping the price at a level below what the foreign sellers will expect. Believe importation of foreign sugars should be allowed. Will only consider unreasonable margins of profits a violation of the Lever act on the results of these sugars in the United States."

ROUNDING UP MEN FORMING I. W. W. MEMBERS IN WEST

Four Former American Soldiers Dead and Fifth Reported Dying In Centralia

TWENTY-TWO PLACED IN JAIL BY SOLDIERS

Eleven Men Arrested and 'Tons of Literature' Taken By Police In Seattle; 16-Year-Old Boy Confesses That He Hears Father Talk of Plot To Start Trouble

Washington, Nov. 12.—General Pershing tonight issued a statement in which he said:

"It is a serious outrage that veterans of the world war parading in uniform in celebration of our national victory, should be shot down in cold blood as was done in Washington yesterday.

"Too drastic measures cannot be taken to rid our country of the class of criminal who inspires or commits such crimes."

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 12.—Cities of Western Washington joined Centralia today in arresting members of the Industrial Workers of the World and raiding their headquarters following the firing on an Armistice day parade here yesterday. Four former American soldiers are dead and a fifth is reported dying as a result of the shooting, and one alleged I. W. W. has been lynched.

Twenty-two men and one woman, reported to have radical beliefs were placed in jail here and later four of the prisoners, including the woman, were removed to the Lewis county jail at Chehalis by National Guardsmen, who patrolled Centralia today. Raids were conducted in Seattle, Tacoma and Aberdeen, on the Industrial Workers headquarters.

Raids in Three Cities.

In Seattle, eleven men and "tons of literature," according to the police, were taken to police headquarters. The Tacoma police arrested thirty-four alleged members of the Industrial Workers and seized a quantity of radical literature. At Aberdeen large quantities of literature and the records of the Aberdeen local of the organization were taken.

Prosecuting Attorney Herman Allen announced D. Lamb, 16 years old, who was arrested here as an I. W. W., confessed to belonging to the organization. The boy, Allen declared, said he had heard his father James Lamb, who also was arrested, talking of a plot to start trouble here yesterday. The father, according to Allen, confessed last night, radicals had four former service men marked for death because of their activities in a fight waged by Centralia citizens to rid the city of the I. W. W.

"The I. W. W. expected trouble here yesterday and they were prepared for it," Allen said. "When the parade was almost over without trouble appearing they decided to start it themselves."

Hold Inquests Today.

Dr. David Livingston, who served in the war as a captain, was one of the four marked by the I. W. W. for death, according to Lamb's alleged confession. Livingston is the coroner here. He announced the inquest will be held tomorrow over the bodies of the four former service men.

The body of "Buck" Smith, reported to have been an I. W. W. secretary, was found in the Chehalis River. The rope by which he was lynched last night was cut early today and the body-fell into the river.

Centralia was quiet today and Judge George Dyrant said citizens had promised to let the law take its course.

"Last night I talked to them and promised that every I. W. W. arrested here would be given a quick and just trial," said Judge Dyrant. "The former service men promised to aid officials jail the men."

May Depose Aliens.

Henry S. White, United States Immigration Commissioner, was reported en route to Centralia to investigate the records of all alien I. W. W. and endeavor to deport them if they are held in connection with the shooting.

"Buck" Smith, who was lynched, was reported by officials to have a police record in Washington. During the war, it was said, Smith caused trouble in Western lumber camps and a lumber company wrote to a patriotic organization that Smith was a menace and asked that he be arrested.

Smith was arrested at Cedar Falls, July, 1917, when he and other allied I. W. W. defied a freight train crew at a time farmers complained of sabotage being practiced in the grain and fruit orchards.

Mayor C. B. Fitzgerald, of Seattle, late today issued a statement warning all radicals to "leave Seattle off their future itineraries."

WAR TO DEATH, SAYS U. S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 12.—"War to the death" is now on against the Industrial Workers of the World, Robert C. Saunders, United States District Attorney declared here today. No further evidence than the Centralia murders is needed, he asserted to prosecute all I. W. W. to the extent of the law.

OFFICIAL VOTE IN OHIO ON DRY AMENDMENTS NOW COMPLETE AND FINAL

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 12.—The Federal prohibition amendment was defeated by Ohio voters by a wet majority of 542, according to final official figures announced late today by the Secretary of State. The 2.75 beer proposal was defeated by a dry majority of 29,467, the proposal to repeal State prohibition was defeated by a dry majority of 41,848 and the Crabbe State prohibition enforcement act by a wet majority of 26,838. The classification tax amendment was defeated by 77,341 majority.

MAY TAKE MARTIN'S PLACE AS LEADER

Simmons Entitled To It But Whether He Will Take It Is Debatable

OVERMAN MOVES UP IN APPROPRIATIONS SEAT

If Simmons Thinks His Health Warrants Taking On Responsibilities and Activities of Leadership, He and Overman Will Overshadow Others Among Democrats

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (Special Leased Wire).

Washington, D. C., Nov. 12.—The death today of Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, opens the door for the elevation to the important post of minority leader of Senator Furnifold McLendon Simmons and promotes Senator Lee S. Overman to ranking Democrat on the Senate appropriations committee.

About the only thing that will keep Senator Simmons from becoming minority leader is his own inclination in the matter. By precedent and by seniority he is entitled to it but there is much doubt, on account of the tax it would impose on his health, whether he desires the place or not.

Should he feel inclined to accept the manifold responsibilities that attach to the leadership of the Democrats with a Democratic President and a hostile majority, North Carolina would claim the two most important posts held by Democrats with the prospect of her two Senators becoming the foremost members of the Senate under Democratic control.

In point of seniority, Senator Simmons ranks next to Senator Culberson, of Texas, who would nominally be the first eligible for the minority leadership. Of late years, however, Senator Culberson has been so incapacitated as to eliminate him from consideration.

Next to Senator Culberson comes North Carolina's junior Senator, Senator Overman, who will automatically become ranking Democrat on the appropriations committee with the chairmanmanship looming up at the next national legislative victory for the Democrats.

As to Hitchcock. The ill health of Senator Martin prevented his assuming the leadership in the treaty fight and resulted in the delegation of this task to Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who was the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations committee. In the discharge of this task, Senator Hitchcock has been pleasing to the entire Democratic majority and his attitude on the part of some Senators is calculated to displace him as a contestant for the full leadership to succeed Senator Martin.

How It Works. There are precedents in both parties for the choice of the ranking Democrat on the finance committee, which post Senator Simmons now holds, as minority leader. When Senator German was

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NEWS PRINT SHORTAGE CAUSES SOME WORRYING

Publishers Advocate Increases In Subscription and Advertising Rates

New York, Nov. 12.—Material increases in advertising and subscription rates, limitation of the size of newspapers and provision in advertising contracts whereby rates can be adjusted monthly or quarterly were among the recommendations made today by a special convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, called to consider the newspaper shortage.

The report of the resolutions committee adopted unanimously says: "Paper manufacturers have told us that there is a world-wide shortage of paper. At the present rate of consumption the newspapers are using about 10 Flat River Association wants the institution maintained as a Baptist college and is anxious to use part of its appropriation to the Baptist 75 million campaign to purchase the school.

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STATE BAPTISTS WITNESS PAGEANT ON BIG CAMPAIGN

After Effective Spectacle In City Auditorium Convention Adjourns

NO PLACE SELECTED FOR NEXT SESSION

Morning Hours of Convention Devoted To Laymen's Views On The 75 Million Campaign While Routine Business of Various Sorts Fill Up The Time Until Night

In prayer and pageant, the North Carolina Baptists last night rededicated themselves to the 75 Million campaign, and, warning to the task of "Victory Week" adjourned the biggest and, in many respects, the most important of all Baptist State Conventions.

The visualization of the outstanding call of the world's needs to the Baptist denomination came at the adjournment hour, after the morning had been spent in the earnest appeal of business men for the campaign, and the night in prayer and song for the campaign and its purposes. Meredith College students with powerful effect told in a series of tableaux with musical accompaniment the story now being carried over the South in tons of literature from Southern Baptist and State campaign headquarters. It was a series of pictures that covered the earth in scope and let the convention peep into the mission work of foreign lands, and then hasten through the fields of Home Mission, Christian Education, Aged Ministers Relief, Hospitals, Orphanages and State Missions.

No Place of Meeting.

No place of meeting has been selected for the next convention. But the committee on place and preacher yesterday recommended that this be left to a committee of officers of the convention. Rev. W. F. Powell, of Asheville, was recommended by the committee as convention preacher and Rev. A. E. Brown of Asheville, as alternate. Both were elected.

The attitude of the North Carolina Baptists was expressed in considerable earnestment yesterday afternoon when the convention adopted a resolution presented by Rev. R. J. Taylor, of Warrenton reading thus:

"It is the sense of this convention that Baptist churches should say to the Interchurch World Movement, in the words of Nehemiah, 'We are doing a great work and can't come down.'"

The convention, likewise, showed its attitude on the law enforcement question when it directed that a letter, framed by Mr. J. W. Bailey, and endorsed by Mr. R. F. Beasley, be sent to Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, calling for "instant, vigorous, comprehensive national" measures and asserting that the liquor traffic is engaged in a movement to defy the constitution of the United States and the will of the people.

Earlier in the day, Rev. J. A. Beam had presented a resolution asserting the responsibility of Baptists for the conduct of the State, pledging the Baptists to lift the stigma of illiteracy from North Carolina, to make every public school in North Carolina "a training station for the master's service" and to blot out blockading of whiskey.

Dr. R. T. Mann and others opposed the measure alleging that it would be understood as a movement on the part of Baptists to interfere with the public school system and because the one resolution contained too much, the paper went to the table. At the afternoon session, it was recalled and after being redrafted by the maker, went through pledging the assistance of the Baptists to the public schools, to the obliteration of illiteracy and to cooperation for the elimination of the whiskey evil.

May Buy Oxford College.

By action of the convention yesterday, the Board of Education will this year take under consideration the purchase of the Oxford College. The college, while generally considered a Baptist institution, is not a child of the State Convention and does not come within its objects. Each session of the convention, endorses the work of the institution and the 1919 gathering was no exception.

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Mr. Gilbert Stephenson presided. Likening the moment in the campaign to the zero hour on the front in France, Mr. Stephenson called on the business men of the convention to lay bare their hearts on the subject of the campaign, just like the soldier on the eve of the onslaught put down on paper in

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