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FABULOUS GROWTH IN FOREIGN TRADE DURING PAST YEAR

Secretary Alexander Says Trade Balance This Year Will Exceed Four Billions

ABNORMAL CONDITIONS RAPIDLY PASSING AWAY

Head Of Department Of Commerce Expects Social Conditions To Improve During Present Year; Points With Pride To Our Magnificent Achievements In Commerce

Washington, Dec. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—Secretary Alexander, of the Department of Commerce, sums up the commercial outlook for the year 1920 as follows:

"The closing year witnesses a fabulous growth of American foreign commerce, far beyond the dreams of business men five years ago. Our trade balance for the year 1919 will be approximately four billions of dollars. A great fleet of merchant ships, new industries, new sources of supply and increased knowledge of our own resources are some of the assets gained from our war experience with which we are fortified to meet new conditions. Before the war we were engaged for the most part in the development of our own business, with little serious thought of extension of our activities into world markets, and we were too indifferent as regards our position of inferiority on the high seas. Today we are awake as never before. The pride of auto-bellum days is revived and we look to see our flag at the masthead of an American merchant ship in every important port of the world, carrying American goods wherever markets may be found.

"Abnormal conditions passing. "Abnormal conditions, we hope, are passing. The tremendous increase in the exports of the war period made up largely of military supplies, and the still greater exports of the months following the war, in which foodstuffs, so largely, may not continue indefinitely.

"Less trepidations. Less trepidations have brought satisfaction to all but give concern to those who look forward to conditions in 1920. The exchange market in Europe is a grave problem and is so uncomfortable for foreign buyers as to necessitate in some cases government restriction on buying. The tendency is to limit purchases to necessities. If we would continue our foreign trade at its present high level there must be a freer and fuller exchange of commodities and a very large extension of credit to European buyers. So let us look for the return of a more normal condition in which buying and selling will be of benefit and profit to both sides. On that basis we may build a commercial structure which will rest on a firm foundation.

"Situation still unsettled. "It is too much to expect that normal conditions for which we all are so impatient should come within the 14 months since the signing of the armistice. The wonder is that the situation is not more unsettled. Existing conditions are not unlike those following other wars, only the problems are of greater proportions and more complex. Our domestic situation is not free from difficulty. Let us hope that in the year 1920 there will be less social unrest, that production will increase and living costs be gradually reduced and that by intelligent co-operation and unselfish regard for the public welfare our national prosperity may continue."

YEAR'S INCREASE IN BANKING RESOURCES IS \$111,917,759.40

Increase in resources of State Banks in North Carolina during the period from November 1, 1918, to November 17, 1919, amounted to more than half the entire increase in resources since 1912, according to figures made public by the State Corporation Commission yesterday.

The increase in resources for the 1918-1919 period was \$111,917,759.40, or virtually equal to the entire resources of State banks in 1916.

Aggregate resources of State banks and trust companies in North Carolina have been reported at various times since 1912 as follows:

Nov. 26, 1912, \$83,583,741.32; Oct. 21, 1913, \$91,100,529.36; Oct. 31, 1914, \$85,920,023.95; Nov. 10, 1915, \$87,660,324.55; Nov. 17, 1916, \$118,212,306.09; Nov. 20, 1917, \$156,493,899.61; Nov. 1, 1918, \$179,865,317.49; Nov. 17, 1919, \$291,783,076.89.

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"God of our fathers, take from us, if Thou wilt, material prosperity and national glory, but give us individually and collectively for all the years to come faith, hope and charity.

Secretary Lane's Message:

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"I wish that 1920 may be a Lincoln year, in which our people will learn to look at things through Lincoln's eyes—those kind, wise, steadfast honest eyes—in which there are neither malice nor envy, but a great sympathy in noble common sense. Why can't we make this 1920 a Lincoln year?"

MANAGER DECLINES MEETING OFFER

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QUESTIONS OF WHETHER MANAGEMENT OR EMPLOYEES SHALL CONTROL OPERATION OF MILLS, SAYS LETTER IN REPLY TO SUGGESTION FROM STRIKERS TO SUBMIT DIFFICULTY FOR ARBITRATION

Declaring that the differences between the management and the striking operatives of the Pilot Cotton Mills are not matters for arbitration, Mr. A. Y. Kelly, general manager of the mill yesterday declined the suggestion coming from the strikers that the matter be left to Governor T. W. Bickett for adjustment, and the strike, which began Tuesday morning after the mill resumed operation on Monday following nearly three months of idleness, again stands at a deadlock.

Letters were written to Mr. Kelly on Tuesday suggesting that the Governor be called in to assist in settling the strike that had been in progress for three months, after the matter had been thoroughly discussed at a meeting of the employees. The reply to the letter leaves the situation apparently deadlocked, and without any indication of the next step that may be taken toward a settlement.

Strikers Want Arbitration.

The questions involved, according to Mr. Kelly, resolve themselves into the question of whether the operatives through their union shall control the operation of the mill, or whether the owners, by dealing directly with the employees, shall continue to direct the operation of their own property.

The letter from Mr. C. M. Brown, chairman of the employees' committee, to Mr. Kelly, follows:

"This is to inform you that the union employees of your plant are willing to leave the adjustment of our differences to Hon. T. W. Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, and we desire to know if you are willing to do likewise."

To this Mr. Kelly replied:

"Your letter of December 30th, received, and in reply I beg to say: If there were any differences between the management and the employees of your plant, it would be a matter for the owners to deal with. There are no such differences now and there are no differences between this mill and its present or former employees. The only differences that exist are with the Textile Union as a union.

"That union by demanding that the management deal with committees representing it, in the adjustment of our differences, has raised the question as to whether the owners of the mill, by dealing directly with all its employees, shall control the operations of the plant. This is not a question for arbitration."

DANIELS SAYS HE ISN'T CANDIDATE

Secretary Of Navy Authorizes Denial That He Is Running For Presidency

POMERENE BACKERS HAD PICKED HIM AS IN RACE

Charlotte Receives Flattering Honor In Having United States Cruiser Named For City; Secretary Of Navy Conveys Greetings To Queen City In Message To Mayor

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

Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is not and will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States to be made by the Democrats when they hold their convention next June.

Mr. Daniels authorized this statement today when informed that Curtis E. Lyons, campaign manager of the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States to be made by the Democrats when they hold their convention next June.

The Lyons statement, sent to Washington correspondents from Covington, Ky., says:

"Information was given out today by Maurice F. Lyons, National campaign manager of the Pomerene for President committee, that should Senator Pomerene announce his candidacy there would be no contest in the States of Oregon, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and North Carolina, from which word has been received that Senators Chamberlain, Owen, Hitchcock, Underwood, Ambassador Davis, Attorney General Palmer, Speaker Clark and Secretary of the Navy Daniels would be 'favorite sons.'"

"The good rules of racing would be used by this committee and the courtesy of these potential candidates would be observed."

In passing, Mr. Lyons predicts that if Senator Pomerene's name goes before the convention he will have 325 votes on the first to tenth ballots.

Johnson Day Dinner.

Interest in the choice the Democrats will make is fast rising and, among the leaders, it is expected to reach its great height at Johnson Day dinner at the Willard Hotel on January 8th. This dinner is a quadrilateral event for recounting the accomplishments of democracy throughout the nation and while it is not, as might be inferred from many stories, a time for the parade of presidential timber, it is not unlikely that inspiring members of the party will be in attendance.

Boys Scouts in Capital.

In Washington today, from Charlotte, N. C., is a body of the Boy Scouts of America, who are in charge of Mr. J. E. Steere, scout executive of North Carolina. In the party are the following scouts:

Henry Willy, Spencer Fountain, Jim Van Ness, Jr., William Clary, Albert Whisman, Jesse Bell, Robert Bell, Lewis White, Richard Cannon, Henry Schmitt, Walter Zarrell.

This afternoon the Boy Scouts were shown through the Navy Department and were received by Secretary Daniels.

Tomorrow, by invitation of the Secretary of the Navy, they are to be taken on a tour of the Navy Yard and aboard the Mayflower.

While here they will visit the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Pan-American Union, the Grosvenor Building and many other points of interest in Washington.

They are a bright, far-looking body of youngsters and thoroughly enjoying their stay in Washington, where they are being shown every possible courtesy.

Flattering Honor to Charlotte.

A flattering honor was today bestowed upon the city of Charlotte by the Secretary of the Navy when he designated the U. S. S. cruiser North Carolina to be named for the city.

Sometimes ago Mr. Daniels gave the name North Carolina to one of the newest and greatest dreadnaughts under construction at the Newport News shipbuilding plant.

Today he decided to change the name of the cruiser to the Charlotte.

In a telegram to Mayor Frank Mc-Ninch, of Charlotte, the Secretary said this greeting:

"My New Year greetings to all in the city of Charlotte. I have this day named a great cruiser 'The Charlotte' in honor of your splendid city. It formerly bore the name 'North Carolina' and as a contract has been given for the construction of a giant dreadnaught to be called the 'North Carolina.' I have named the cruiser 'The Charlotte.' It is the first ship in the world to be fitted for aviation service and it is fitting that it should bear the name of the lively loving city where American independence was first proclaimed."

Secretary to Give Reception.

Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels will hold their annual New Year's reception tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 at their residence, 2821 Wyoming avenue.

In the receiving line with them will be Admiral and Mrs. Robert E. Coates, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Thomas Wash-

NORTH CAROLINA ATTAINS HIGH BUSINESS RECORD

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Motor Vehicles Record Jump Of 29,400 For First Six Months Of New Fiscal Year; Many Warehouses Are Organized In State With Textile Industry Drawing Much Money

North Carolina has established a new business record. The year 1919 leaped forward, after the war period of comparative stagnation, and thirty-three and a third more enterprises were incorporated during 1919 than in any previous year of record. The total number of incorporations, according to charters filed with the Secretary of State, was 4,476, with cotton mills, warehouses and motor-transportation leading the way. It was a big year for cotton mills. While labor troubles appeared in a number of mill sections, with the organization of the mill workers and their demand for recognition there has been no slackening in the organization of new mills and the increase in the output of the old ones. Forty-three new mills were incorporated with total capital stock of \$15,550,000, and twenty-one mills increased the capital stock more than \$2,000,000.

With tobacco soaring to the clouds, and cotton making a good flying partner, warehouses for both cotton and tobacco sprang up in many places. Cotton warehouses were erected in many places under the impulse of the new cotton warehouse law and the campaign waged in the State for the holding of cotton. More than half a hundred warehouses in all were chartered by the Secretary of State during the year with a total of \$7,190,250.

On December 31, 1919, 109,600 licenses for motor vehicles had been issued by the Secretary of State. The number at the close of the fiscal year, 1918-1919, on June 30 was 79,900, showing an increase of 29,400 for the first six months of the new fiscal year, 1919-1920.

Cotton Mill Incorporations.

The new cotton mill corporations followed:

Blue Ridge Cotton Mills, Milledale, \$100,000.

Sigmon Rembrandt Mills, Stanley, \$100,000.

Granville Hosiery Mills, Creedmore, \$50,000.

Edenton Hosiery Mills, Edenton, \$125,000.

Beulah Mills, Gastonia, \$250,000.

Sadie Cotton Mills, Kings Mountain, \$150,000.

Victory Yarn Mills, Gastonia, \$1,000,000.

Athletic Underwear Company, North Wilkesboro, \$50,000.

Ruby Cotton Mills, Gastonia, \$300,000.

Dillon Mills, Incorporated, Gastonia, \$400,000.

Hill Hosiery Mills, Durham, \$250,000.

Burlington Textile Company, Charlotte, \$1,000,000.

Johnson Mills Company, Charlotte, \$1,000,000.

Wigget Yarn Mills, Gastonia, \$500,000.

Myers Mills Company, Gastonia, \$500,000.

Rhyme Hosiery Manufacturing Company, Cherryville, \$500,000.

Donahoe Shirts Manufacturing Company, Shelby, \$200,000.

Rowan Cotton Mills, Salisbury, \$400,000.

Diamond Cotton Mills, Salisbury, \$250,000.

The Ridge Mill, Gastonia, \$500,000.

Greer Cotton Mills, Rutherfordton, \$200,000.

Friedman Milling Company, Gastonia, \$125,000.

Acme Spinning Company, Belmont, \$500,000.

Sterling Spinning Company, Belmont, \$500,000.

Price Cotton Mill Company, Laurinburg, \$500,000.

Treasant Spinning Company, Belmont, \$500,000.

Ronzing River Yarn Mills, North Wilkesboro, \$250,000.

Ronita Cotton Mills, Ronda, \$250,000.

East Side Manufacturing Company, Shelby, \$500,000.

Cabarrus Cotton Mills, Kannapolis, \$5,000,000.

Albe Manufacturing Company, Stanley, \$100,000.

Lawrence Cotton Mills, Durham, \$500,000.

Vanco Cotton Mills, Henderson, \$500,000.

Charlotte Waste Company, Charlotte, \$500,000.

Fark Yarn Mills, Kings Mountain, \$750,000.

Anderson Mills, Lenoir, \$200,000.

Sunlight Mills Company, Spindale, \$125,000.

Sanford Milling Company, Sanford, \$100,000.

Globe Yarn Mills, Mt. Holly, \$400,000.

Hickory Spinning Company, Mt. Holly, \$500,000.

Southern Milling Company, Statesville, \$625,000.

Brown Manufacturing Company, Gastonia, \$250,000.

Ernsbacher Cotton Mills Co., St. Paul, \$250,000.

Increased Capital Stock.

Ozark Mills, Charlotte, from \$250,000 to \$750,000.

Logan Mills Co., Lenoir, from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

SUDAN TEMPLE HAS GREAT CEREMONIAL

New Bern People Do Themselves Proud In Entertaining Visiting Shriners

GOLDSBORO WINS OVER RALEIGH FOR MEETING

Wayne Capital Beats State Capital In Spirited Contest For Spring Ceremonial; Potentate W. A. French And Other Officers Of Divan, Elected At Business Meeting

(Special to The News and Observer.)

New Bern, Dec. 31.—Attended by more than five hundred visiting Shriners and candidates from all over the section under the dispensation of Sudan temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the mid-winter ceremonial held in New Bern today is acclaimed by each and every one of the visitors as the most successful they have ever participated in. Special trains from Raleigh, Wilmington and Rocky Mount brought Shriners and candidates from these cities while on every other train coming into the city today there were scores of the wearers of the fez, and all during the day they have been in evidence about the city.

Two business sessions were held, the first convening at 10 o'clock. Goldsboro was selected as the place at which the Spring ceremonial session is to be held. Raleigh Shriners put up a hard fight for this session and but for the fact that Goldsboro had stepped aside on a previous occasion and allowed Wilson to entertain the Shriners it is believed that the Capital City would have landed the forthcoming gathering. The officers, who had presided during the past term, were re-elected as follows:

William A. French, illustrious potentate; A. W. Williams Smith, chief rabbi; John A. Anderson, assistant rabbi; Raymond C. Dunn, high priest and prophet; Jake T. Lassiter, ornamental guide; Caleb D. Bradshaw, treasurer; Joseph F. Rhem, recorder.

At the close of the morning business session the Shriners were tendered a fish fry and barbecue at a local warehouse. The members of the Eastern Star had charge of this affair and it was a complete success in every detail and the ladies were warmly praised for their hospitality. Later in the afternoon and this evening the Eastern Star served a Dutch supper at the new home of Sudan on the river front and hundreds were entertained there.

The second and last business session this afternoon was followed by supper and later the Shriners' ball at a local warehouse. The immense hall room had been decorated profusely and attractively for this occasion, and when the dancing began there were a larger number of couples participating than ever before at a dance held in this city.

The visitors declared that they have immensely enjoyed their visit to New Bern, the hospitality of the people and will carry away with them the most pleasant recollections of the mid-winter ceremonial.

The Raleigh delegation which went down fully determined to secure the spring ceremonial for the Capital City and aside in the interest of harmony as Goldsboro fell it was settled to it on account of having stood aside for Wilson on a previous occasion.

Two hundred and twenty candidates traveled over the desert sands during the afternoon.

French Statement Dies.

Paris, Dec. 31.—Jean Dupuy, director of the Petit Parisien, former president of the Council of Ministers, and a member of the War Council, died here today.

SPECIAL ATTORNEY TO CONTINUE HUNT AGAINST THE REDS

W. H. Yarborough Will Conduct Lynching Investigation Alone

ATTORNEY GENERAL PALMER SAYS NO QUARTER WILL BE GIVEN ENEMIES OF NATION

Washington, Dec. 31.—Any movement, however cloaked or disguised, designed to undermine the government will be met with "unflinching, persistent, aggressive warfare," Attorney General Palmer announced tonight in stating the policy of the Department of Justice for the forthcoming year in regard to radicalism.

The Attorney General added succinctly that no quarter would be shown Bolsheviks or others of their ilk, whom he described as "chiefly criminals, mistaken idealists, social bigots and unfortunate sufferers from various forms of hypersthesia."

Mr. Palmer disclosed that the government has been engaged in tracing down motives, methods and mannerisms of the elements which has been charged with the direct cause of 75 per cent of the unrest in this country. Representatives of the Department of Justice, working with secret agents of the allied powers, have gone into the Russian Bolshevik territories to obtain definite information of the plans of those responsible for introducing to the world the dictatorship of the proletariat.

"We have found," Mr. Palmer said, "that the 'Red' movement does not mean an attitude of protest against alleged defects in our present political and economic organization of society. It does not represent the radicalism of progress. It represents a specific doctrine, namely, the introduction of dictatorship by force and violence. It is not a movement of liberty loving persons, but distinctly a criminal and dishonest scheme."

Lenine, himself, it is proved, made the statement that among every hundred Bolsheviks, there is one real Bolshevik, thirty nine criminals and fifty fools. And in Russia's experiment, we find the dictatorship of the proletariat; after two years of wasteful consumption of accumulated stocks, still are reaching the present poverty, bread and land. The dictatorship of the proletariat has degenerated into a military dictatorship of this shuffling and corrupt portion of the proletariat."

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Secretary Lane's Message:

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"I wish that 1920 may be a Lincoln year, in which our people will learn to look at things through Lincoln's eyes—those kind, wise, steadfast honest eyes—in which there are neither malice nor envy, but a great sympathy in noble common sense. Why can't we make this 1920 a Lincoln year?"

DANIELS SAYS HE ISN'T CANDIDATE

Secretary Of Navy Authorizes Denial That He Is Running For Presidency

POMERENE BACKERS HAD PICKED HIM AS IN RACE

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Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels is not and will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States to be made by the Democrats when they hold their convention next June.

Mr. Daniels authorized this statement today when informed that Curtis E. Lyons, campaign manager of the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States to be made by the Democrats when they hold their convention next June.

The Lyons statement, sent to Washington correspondents from Covington, Ky., says:

"Information was given out today by Maurice F. Lyons, National campaign manager of the Pomerene for President committee, that should Senator Pomerene announce his candidacy there would be no contest in the States of Oregon, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri and North Carolina, from which word has been received that Senators Chamberlain, Owen, Hitchcock, Underwood, Ambassador Davis, Attorney General Palmer, Speaker Clark and Secretary of the Navy Daniels would be 'favorite sons.'"

"The good rules of racing would be used by this committee and the courtesy of these potential candidates would be observed."

In passing, Mr. Lyons predicts that if Senator Pomerene's name goes before the convention he will have 325 votes on the first to tenth ballots.

Johnson Day Dinner.

Interest in the choice the Democrats will make is fast rising and, among the leaders, it is expected to reach its great height at Johnson Day dinner at the Willard Hotel on January 8th. This dinner is a quadrilateral event for recounting the accomplishments of democracy throughout the nation and while it is not, as might be inferred from many stories, a time for the parade of presidential timber, it is not unlikely that inspiring members of the party will be in attendance.

Boys Scouts in Capital.

In Washington today, from Charlotte, N. C., is a body of the Boy Scouts of America, who are in charge of Mr. J. E. Steere, scout executive of North Carolina. In the party are the following scouts:

Henry Willy, Spencer Fountain, Jim Van Ness, Jr., William Clary, Albert Whisman, Jesse Bell, Robert Bell, Lewis White, Richard Cannon, Henry Schmitt, Walter Zarrell.

This afternoon the Boy Scouts were shown through the Navy Department and were received by Secretary Daniels.

Tomorrow, by invitation of the Secretary of the Navy, they are to be taken on a tour of the Navy Yard and aboard the Mayflower.

While here they will visit the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Pan-American Union, the Grosvenor Building and many other points of interest in Washington.

They are a bright, far-looking body of youngsters and thoroughly enjoying their stay in Washington, where they are being shown every possible courtesy.

Flattering Honor to Charlotte.

A flattering honor was today bestowed upon the city of Charlotte by the Secretary of the Navy when he designated the U. S. S. cruiser North Carolina to be named for the city.

Sometimes ago Mr. Daniels gave the name North Carolina to one of the newest and greatest dreadnaughts under construction at the Newport News shipbuilding plant.

Today he decided to change the name of the cruiser to the Charlotte.

In a telegram to Mayor Frank Mc-Ninch, of Charlotte, the Secretary said this greeting:

"My New Year greetings to all in the city of Charlotte. I have this day named a great cruiser 'The Charlotte' in honor of your splendid city. It formerly bore the name 'North Carolina' and as a contract has been given for the construction of a giant dreadnaught to be called the 'North Carolina.' I have named the cruiser 'The Charlotte.' It is the first ship in the world to be fitted for aviation service and it is fitting that it should bear the name of the lively loving city where American independence was first proclaimed."

Secretary to Give Reception.

Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels will hold their annual New Year's reception tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 5 at their residence, 2821 Wyoming avenue.

In the receiving line with them will be Admiral and Mrs. Robert E. Coates, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Thomas Wash-

NORTH CAROLINA ATTAINS HIGH BUSINESS RECORD

With One Accord Mayors Of Cities And Towns Proclaim Striking Development

MUNICIPAL HEADS LOOK FOR STILL BIGGER YEAR

Nineteen nineteen brought unusual prosperity to North Carolina. The outlook for the future is the brightest in the Commonwealth's history, declare the mayors of the principal cities and towns of the State. They tell a remarkable story of development during the past year and everywhere optimism abounds in greater measure than perhaps ever before.

Desiring to present a composite resume of the State's growth during the past year, The News and Observer asked mayors of some of the cities and towns in the State to state briefly the important things that happened in 1919. These statements, which make interesting readings for every man interested in the Old North State, are presented today.

Most Remarkably Prosperous.

Fayetteville, Dec. 31.—The year 1919 has been the most remarkably prosperous in the history of Fayetteville and this section. The population of the city has increased over 3,000; the banking resources from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The business situation remains one of boom in a hive. The outlook is so wonderful that you would not believe it if I told you. Manufacturing plants are going up, two of them will employ over 1,200 skilled workmen, and the capital that they are investing will exceed \$4,000,000. It will give more space than you offer to tell you of the many good things that we have and the many blessings that we enjoy, and