

ASHEVILLE READY FOR FLU EPIDEMIC; SITUATION WORSE

Over Two Hundred New Cases Reported Bring Total Up To Five Hundred

EMERGENCY HOSPITAL WILL BE OPERATED

Richmond Places Traffic and Travel Under Strict Regulation With Four Hundred New Cases Reported; Material Increase Predicted in New York

Asheville, Jan. 29.—The report of 232 new cases of influenza, many more than the largest number reported in any single day during the epidemic of last year, bringing the grand total up to 550, caused the city officials and Red Cross to hasten work today in preparing for the emergency hospital, which will be opened in the new high school building.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29.—With 464 new cases of influenza reported today arrangements were made tonight with the Medical College of Virginia for the occupation of the Dooley and new colored hospital as emergency buildings to house the patients.

New York, Jan. 29.—Material increase in influenza and pneumonia cases in New York City was predicted tonight by Health Commissioner Copeland, who declared that the "peak" of the epidemic would not be reached for a number of days. Although there was a decrease in the number of new cases today, he added that the reports indicated an increase in deaths.

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DIP DISSENTING JURYMEN IN MUD, THEN WHIP HIM

Verdict of Murder in First Degree Then Returned By Louisiana Jurors

Monroe, La., Jan. 29.—When a dissenting jurymen today refused to agree to the verdict of guilty in the trial of the murder of N. H. Arnold January 20 at Tallulah, La., he was publicly whipped and then dipped in a mud hole, according to reports from Tallulah reaching here tonight.

It is said that the dissenting jurymen was later waited upon by a committee and ordered to leave Tallulah. Calhoun confessed to the murder of Arnold, a young farmer, who had emigrated South from Danville, Ky., several months ago, according to the sheriff of Ouachita Parish.

DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR AT SING SING PRISON

Gordon Fawcett Hamby, Self-Confessed Murderer and Robber, Pays Penalty

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Gordon Fawcett Hamby, murderer, bank robber, and train bandit, whose crime record reached from coast to coast and culminated in the murder of two Brooklyn bank employees in December, 1918, was electrocuted in Sing Sing prison tonight.

Hamby maintained to the last the iron composure which marked his demeanor from the hour of his arrest in Tacoma, Washington, last June. He refused the offer of the Protestant and Roman Catholic chaplains to accompany him to the chair and walked to his death unaided and with a firm step.

Hamby was arrested in Tacoma, Wash., last June under the name of "Jay B. Allen" after killing a man there in a revolver fight. He was later identified as one of the two robbers who, on December 25, 1918, held up the East Brooklyn Savings Bank and, after killing two of its employees, escaped in an automobile with \$15,000.

TRAVEL BY BOAT TO GOOD ROADS MEETING

Rain Puts Thoroughfares in Condition To Stress Need For Improvement

Elizabeth City, Jan. 29.—The Elizabeth City delegation, bound for South Mills and the Good Roads meeting there, left here by boat yesterday. They had expected to go by auto, but rain and roads prevented. Then, ready to go on their boat, they had to change their plans and get another, and so by the time they got off, there was pretty strong good roads sentiment stirred up amongst them.

DIES WITH THE INFLUENZA ALSO LOSES INSURANCE

New York, Jan. 29.—Influenza not only caused the death of Richmond Levering, wealthy oil operator at his home here early today but deprived his estate of \$700,000 insurance because of his failure to sign and pay premiums on policies for that amount which he had contracted for before he was stricken.

PERMIT NEEDED TO OBTAIN LIQUOR IN CASE OF SICKNESS

Physician Must Have Permit To Issue Prescription and Druggist To Fill It

DOCTORS ALLOWED SIX QUARTS FOR EMERGENCY

Profiteering Will Not Be Tolerated, Commissioner Roper Warns; Government Will Know Where All Liquor Is Unless It Is Stored in Private Homes

THESE REGULATIONS DON'T APPLY TO NORTH CAROLINA.

While permits for prescribing liquor as medicine in North Carolina might be obtained under the Federal statutes, the State law would prevent the sale of whiskey under them and hence they would be void, according to competent legal authority. The regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Commissioner have no application in North Carolina, owing to the strictness of the State law. Liquor is not recognized as a legitimate medicine in the Old North State.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Methods by which intoxicating liquors may be obtained for medicinal purposes and detailed regulations governing their sale, were made public tonight by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Announcement also was made that the bureau had compiled a system of permits, providing a definite and fixed channel through which all intoxicating liquors must move, and by which hereafter the government will know the location of every gallon of distilled liquor within the nation's boundaries, except that stored in private homes.

In setting forth the ways in which liquor may be procured, Commissioner Roper took occasion to issue a warning against profiteering in its sale. The Commissioner declared that exorbitant charges for liquor for medicinal purposes "certainly places the dispensers thereof in the class with profiteers, and they will be investigated."

Mr. Roper also announced that all liquor seized under Federal law prior to last October 28, unless claimed under the sixty-day ruling, would be sold by order of the court under the jurisdiction of which it is held. It must be sold, however, to a holder of a permit to use it either for medicinal or non-beverage purposes.

Both the physician who prescribes and the pharmacist who sells liquor, the regulation provides, must have a permit which may be obtained from the Federal prohibition director. Other details of the method by which liquor for medicinal purposes may be purchased follow:

"All physicians duly licensed to practice medicine and actively engaged in the practice of such profession may obtain a permit to prescribe intoxicating liquor and may then issue prescriptions for distilled spirits, wines or certain alcoholic medicinal preparations for medicinal purposes for persons upon whom he believes that the use of liquor as a medicine is necessary. In no case may spiritual liquors be prescribed by one or more physicians in excess of one pint for the same person within any period of ten days.

"All prescriptions for intoxicating liquor are required to be written on prescription blanks provided by the bureau, except that in emergency cases physicians may use their regular prescription blanks.

"Persons to whom prescriptions for intoxicating liquor are issued by physicians may procure the liquor prescribed through pharmacists or druggists holding permits without obtaining a permit.

"Physicians may also obtain permits entitling them to procure not more than six quarts of distilled spirits, wines or certain alcoholic preparations during any calendar year for administration to their patients in emergency cases where delay in procuring liquor on a prescription through a pharmacist might have serious consequences to the patients.

"Provision is also made in the regulations for issuing permits to hospitals and sanatoriums to enable them to procure intoxicating liquor to be administered for medicinal purposes to patients at such institutions and also for issuing permits to manufacturing industries at first aid stations, authorizing them to procure such liquor for administration to their employees for medicinal purposes in emergency cases."

HOUSER SUES NINE LINCOLN CITIZENS ON LIBEL

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FORCED TO SALUTE THE FLAG BY PROMINENT MEN

First Day of Trial In Lincolnton Consumed In Getting Jury and In Hearing Plaintiff's Evidence; Another Trial To Follow Seeking \$100,000 Damages From Editor

Lincolnton, Jan. 29.—Perhaps the largest damage suit ever instituted in Lincolnton Superior Court was begun here today. The case being that of S. P. Houser, an alleged German sympathizer, who on June 5, 1918, was required by citizens of Lincolnton to make a public apology and salute the United States flag.

The suit is brought against nine citizens of Lincolnton, who are alleged to have taken an active part in requiring the apology. The defendants are prominent citizens and the interest in the outcome extends through this section.

The amount of damages asked for is \$50,000, the defendants being: D. C. Williams, P. S. Abernethy, H. G. Robinson, J. B. Johnson, manufacturers; R. P. Hinson, garage man; J. T. Perkins, editor of Lincolnton News.

Judge Adams, of Carthage, is presiding and a strong array of counsel appears in the case. The plaintiff is represented by attorneys Stonevall, Durham and Hoyle, of Gastonia, H. A. Self, of Hickory, and Waverly Rudisill. The defendants are represented by attorneys C. F. Childs, A. L. Quirkel, C. A. Jones, R. J. Mauser, of local bar attorney, Dave Robinson, of Columbia, S. C., and Congressman Clyde R. Hoey, of Washington, D. C. The latter having been retained before he was elected as the ninth district representative.

The entire day was consumed in selecting the jury and hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, Houser. The balance of the week will be required to finish the trial.

CONGRESS TO LOOK INTO NORFOLK WATER SHORTAGE

Claim Lack of Co-operation By City, Which Is Emphatically Denied By Municipality

Washington, Jan. 29.—The House Naval committee will go to Norfolk Va., to investigate the recent water shortage there, which according to commanding officers at the Hampton Roads Naval base, caused the removal of three or four thousand seamen to other stations.

The inquiry will begin February 18 next. Committee members said their inquiry would not be confined to the question of water supply, but that it would extend to the reasons and wisdom of the expenditures of approximately seven million dollars after the signing of the armistice in the development of an East camp on land to which the government has no title or agreement of purchase. The inquiry, it was said, would last several days.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 29.—Charles E. Ashburner, city manager of Norfolk, declared tonight that an unprecedented drought extending throughout the year of 1919 with the exception of the month of July and the additions of 120,000 persons to the population of Norfolk had been responsible for the curtailment of the water supply here, which led the House committee on Naval Affairs to determine upon an investigation.

"The city of Norfolk furnished the army supply base and the naval operating base with ample water throughout the construction period during the war and up to the end of 1919," said Mr. Ashburner.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 29.—Window washers in Chicago have gone on strike demanding \$48 a week for experienced washers who work on extension ladders and \$44 a week for apprentices—men who have served less than six months in the business.

French Premier Demands Explanation. Paris, Jan. 29.—According to the Temps, Premier Millerand, has sent a telegram to Major General Jules Janin, commanding the Czech forces in Siberia, demanding an immediate explanation of his action in handing over Admiral Kolechak to the Russian revolutionary forces. The telegram, the newspaper says, calls upon General Janin to take measures for the immediate release of Kolechak.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES HIS PROGRAM FOR LEGISLATURE

Will Recommend Constitutional Amendment Reducing Tax Limitation, a Provision For Reassessment In Certain Cases; And That State Provide For No More Revenue In 1920 Than It Had In 1919.

As a result of the successful operation of the revaluation act, Governor T. W. Bickett will recommend to the special session of the General Assembly meeting, probably, in July that the State take no advantage of the act's provision authorizing a ten per cent increase in revenue for the year 1920; that the act be amended to allow reassessment in certain cases before the actual tax levy; and that a constitutional limitation of 66 2/3 cents tax on the hundred dollars worth of property be submitted to the people along with other amendments to be voted on in November.

Other program, the Governor made public yesterday in a statement to the people following reports made by the district supervisors in charge of the revaluation program. The statement was made after the Governor had conferred with the State Tax Commission, the State Budget Commission, and the State Treasurer.

The Governor's statement reads: "To the people of North Carolina: After hearing the reports made by the district supervisors in charge of the revaluation act, and after a full conference with the State Budget Commission, the State Tax Commission, and the State Treasurer, I find that I will be justified in giving to the people of the state the following information: "I propose to submit to the Special Session of the General Assembly, which is expected to meet in July, the following recommendations: "1. That the state take no advantage of that part of the Revaluation Act which authorized a ten per cent increase of revenue for the year 1920, but that the General Assembly fix a rate for 1920 that will yield for all

NAVY UNPREPARED SIMS COMPLAINS

Chairman Page Takes Up Complaint and Asks Secretary Daniels For Facts

Washington, Jan. 29.—Charges by Rear Admiral William S. Sims that the Navy was not prepared to enter the war in 1917 are to be investigated by the sub-committee already entrusted with inquiry into the navy's conduct of the war, which has been criticized by the same officer. Acting on a written suggestion from Admiral Sims, chairman Page of the Naval committee asked Secretary Daniels today to submit full information as to the condition of the navy just preceding the entrance of the United States into the world war.

After a conference with Senator Hale, Chairman of the sub-committee Senator Page wrote Mr. Daniels asking that he transmit a detailed statement showing the location of American warships two months and one month prior to the declaration of war and their location upon the actual day this country entered the war. In addition Senator Page asked for the names of the ships ready for distant service when war was declared and the names of those not ready and the reasons for their unpreparedness.

Investigation into the naval awards controversy was to have been resumed tomorrow with Secretary Daniels testifying before the sub-committee but owing to the illness of Senator Trammell, Democrat, of Florida, a sub-committee member, the hearing was postponed until Tuesday, at which time the Secretary will appear. The wider inquiry into Admiral Sims' charges of unpreparedness and failure to cooperate fully with the Allied navies will be made by the sub-committee later.

FOURTH STEEL FREIGHTER LAUNCHED AT WILMINGTON

'City of Joliet' Took Water at 4:30 Yesterday Afternoon

Wilmington, Jan. 29.—The City of Joliet, fourth of the great steel freighters to be built at the plant of the George A. Fuller Company here for the United States Shipping Board, was launched at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, with Miss Jean Barber, daughter of the mayor of Joliet, Ill., acting sponsor. The ship took the water easily and gracefully. There were no ceremonies attending the launching except the breaking the bottle of Rock Spring water on her bow as she began to move down the ways.

The City of Joliet, so named in compliment to the record made by the Illinois city for its record in subscriptions to the various war loans, is a sister ship to the Cranford, Omaha and Winston-Salem, which preceded here to the water. She is of 9,600 tons burden, 415 feet in length, 54 feet in beam and will be driven by engines of 2,800 horse power. She will use crude oil for fuel and will have a speed of 11 knots. The ship will be fitted out by her builders and will be ready for her trial trip some time in March.

SUSPEND STUDENTS FROM UNIVERSITY

Wholesale Snowballing On College Campus Causes Prompt Action By Council

Shapel Hill, Jan. 29.—As a result of wholesale snowballing on the campus of the University of North Carolina during the past few days three students have been suspended by the student council, one until March 1, the other two until the end of the college year. A. C. Lineberger, Jr., of Belmont, a member of the Junior class, and A. H. Sims, Jr., of Kings Mountain, of the sophomore class, were suspended until March 1, because they entered the room of a freshman and forced him to go out on the campus where a snow fight was in progress. Sims' suspension was later increased to end of the year because after judgment had been rendered against him by the student council he sought a fight with one of the witnesses who had testified against him.

Norman W. Shepard, of Wilmington, president of the freshman class, was suspended until the end of the year because in a snow fight he drew a pistol and threatened upper classmen who were snow-balling freshmen.

Shepard's action in drawing a pistol came toward the end of the snow warfare that the freshmen and sophomores have indulged in during the recent snow. Coming upon a group of upper classmen who were chasing one of his classmates, it is stated, Shepard stepped in front of the freshman and drew his pistol from his pocket. The snowballing stopped immediately. No testimony was brought before the student council that indicated that Shepard made any motion to shoot, but the sight of the pistol was enough. The council held, President Washburn said, that further investigations would be conducted to find out other students who were associated with Lineberger and Sims.

Many Snow Fights Take Place. Snow fights between members of the freshmen and sophomore classes have taken place all over the campus, culminating in one big fight between the two classes around the college well. The freshmen were victorious and retained possession of the well. A number of cuts about the face and black eyes from snowballs were counted in the casualties. Dr. E. A. Abernethy, the university physician, said today that none of these was serious.

FALSE PROPAGANDA BY LABOR LEADERS, SMALL DECLARES

Congressman Thinks People of State Favor Return of Railroads To Owners

ORGANIZED EFFORT FOR PLUMB PLAN, HE THINKS

Charges That American Federation of Labor Is Trying To Create Sentiment For Government Control; Raleigh Hotel Man Going To Washington To Plan New Hotel

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—In a statement released today Representative John H. Small, of the First North Carolina district, attacks the "deceptive" propaganda of the American Federation of Labor, which he believes is for the purpose of creating sentiment favorable to the Plumb plan of railroad control.

Mr. Small has been diligently following the conference over the Cummins and Esch railroad bills with a view of protecting water rates. In his statement today he says: "Congressman Small's Statement. "One of the most important matters before Congress is the enacting of an appropriate law for the restoration of the railroads to their owners. I believe the people of North Carolina and in fact the best informed sentiment of the country believe that the railroads should be returned as early as legislation can be passed. All my information is to the effect that the farmers of the country entertain this view. Certainly it is my opinion that the railroads should be returned and that we should enact legislation which will restore their credit as far as possible and enable them to serve the public.

"At the same time there is an active propaganda by the American Federation of Labor and the organized railroad employees to create public sentiment in favor of the Plumb plan and government ownership. They know that this plan has not been favorably received by the people and they are now seeking to create the impression that the people of the country wish government ownership continued for two years or five years longer.

"Trying to Line Up Farmers. "As a part of their scheme they are trying to make it appear that the farmers' organizations control continued. Only a day or two ago a delegation called at the White House, which was said to be composed of representatives of farmers' organizations and organized labor. I believe this deceptive propaganda should be corrected. All the evidence I have heard is to the effect that farmers' organizations are opposed either to continued operation or government ownership. In this attitude I believe they are representing their best interests.

"Plans for Raleigh Hotel. It was learned here today that B. H. Griffin, proprietor of the Yarbrough, and Mrs. Griffin will arrive here in the next day or two to consult with Frank P. Milburn, Washington architect, regarding plans for the new hotel which is to be built in Raleigh.

It is also announced here that plans will be drawn soon for the million-dollar hotel which is to be built at Winston-Salem and for a new hotel at Durham to cost between a half and three-quarters of a million dollars. Including the new Raleigh hotel, plans now under way for new hotels in North Carolina call for the expenditure of between two and a half and three million dollars.

THINKS VENUS MAY SEND MESSAGE TO OUR PLANET