

ASKS FOR MILLION TO PUSH WORK ON STATE WATERWAYS

Maj. Gen. Lansing H. Beach Gives Detailed Recommendations In His Report

DIVER HALF OF AMOUNT FOR CAPE FEAR WORK

Large Sum Also Asked For Maintenance of Norfolk To Beaufort Waterway; Plans For Furthering Cape Fear System; Other Projects For State Included In Report

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Major General Lansing H. Beach, chief of engineers of the army, is asking the next Congress to appropriate a total of \$1,973,810 for the maintenance and improvement of waterways and harbors in North Carolina.

The annual report of the chief officer was made public this afternoon and in it are detailed recommendations for expanding the work in the State. More at and below Wilmington, while approximately one fourth of the total is wanted for the maintenance of the Norfolk to Beaufort stretch of the Norfolk to Beaufort waterway, the completion of which will be celebrated at Great Bridge on Monday.

Is Major Project. This is by far the major project in which North Carolinians are interested. The total stretch from the Virginia port to Beaufort is 201 1/2 miles and the estimated cost is \$3,437,000. This is exclusive of \$344,900 already spent on the 68 mile stretch which has been completed. Major General Beach is asking the Congress to provide \$274,310 for the maintenance of this completed stretch in the coming appropriations bill along with \$30,000 for carrying forward the work on the uncompleted part of the original project.

Cape Fear Project. The amount asked for the Cape Fear river project is \$665,000. So far, \$5,228,228 has been expended on the project but the work began ninety-one years ago. There is unexpended, for maintenance purposes only, \$416,508.53 for the harbor.

It is proposed to apply the funds available to the maintenance and improvement of the ocean bar channel and to the maintenance of the river channels, the work to be done by hired labor and the local plants belonging to the government. Commerce at the Wilmington port for the calendar year 1919 amounted to 559,560 tons at a value in excess of seventy-nine million dollars. All of this passed over the improved sections. The foreign commerce, consisting of cotton, fertilizer material, molasses, steel plates, pig iron and gasoline was valued at over thirty-five millions. The tonnage increase was due chiefly to the increase in foreign shipments.

The Cape Fear project above Wilmington will be continued during the ensuing year as there is available more than forty-four thousand dollars which can be used in the operation of two dredge boats. The government, to date, has spent on this project \$1,204,462.77.

Other N. C. Projects. Among the other projects mentioned in the report of the chief of engineers are: Beaufort harbor: The engineer proposes to use \$29,837.61 now available for continued improvements and asks for \$6,500 for maintenance purposes.

Inland waterway, Beaufort to Jacksonville: No additional appropriation is asked, but the engineer proposes to use an unexpended balance of \$16,032.32 for dredge work.

Roanoke River: For improvements underway contemplated on a stretch of 120 miles now being dredged and snagged, \$269,000 is asked.

Manteo (Shallowback): The engineer recommends certain modifications including an approach channel of seven feet deep and one hundred feet wide with a small basin in front of the main railway and a channel or basin of the same depth, two hundred feet wide, to the upper limits of the town of Manteo. He asks \$28,000 for first construction and \$2,000 annually for maintenance.

Panlico and Tar rivers: \$2,500 is asked.

Neuse river: \$15,500 is asked for improvement in the vicinity of New Bern and Kinston.

Catawba and Beaufort Harbor: \$2,500 is asked.

Conestoga Creek: \$1,900 is asked.

Cape Fear river, Northeast branch: \$2,000 is asked.

NEW CHIEF CLEANING UP THE WINDY CITY



Charles C. Fitzmorris, new chief of police of Chicago, who is the leading figure in the vice crusade now in progress in the Windy City. The campaign has resulted in hundreds of arrests so far.

PRICES OF STEEL START DOWNWARD

Nearly All Steel Companies To Go To Level of Prices In March, 1919

Pittsburgh, Nov. 26.—Most of the independent steel companies already have followed the lead of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, which reduced prices on bars, plates and structural shapes today to the level of the United States Industrial Board's prices of March, 1919, or are about to do so, according to high steel authorities here. Several of the larger independent interests have advised their sales offices in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and other cities, it was said, to accept new business at the Industrial Board's price.

The new prices adopted by the largest independent interests and made effective today are: Steel bars, \$2.35; structural shapes, \$2.45; plates, \$2.65; base Pittsburgh. Adjustments in prices of wire, and cold rolled steel are to follow.

No reduction in wages is contemplated immediately, according to the best information obtainable. It was freely predicted by steel officials, however, that a wage reduction is inevitable within the next few weeks.

The new selling prices are not comparable with previous prices on any fixed basis, as some of the independent have been asking as high as \$4 for the bars, plates and shapes, it was reported, and others have been receiving more conservative prices, ranging between \$3 and \$3.25.

The general feeling throughout the trade here is one of satisfaction on the decision to reduce prices about those fixed by the industrial board. It is believed here now that the immediate result will be to stabilize the steel market and that the move made today is the beginning of the readjustment in the steel trade. The sentiment here seemed to be that the bottom level of prices has been reached and that as soon as wages and other costs are lowered, the industry will move forward into a new period of prosperity based on the requirements of the building trade, the rehabilitation of the railroads and export business to European countries and the Orient. A feature of the situation is the continued steady demand for steel pipe and all tubular goods, steel officials said, for which there is heavy buying in the oil industry and also in the building trades. A firm demand for these it was said, and for certain wire products, notably nails, has resulted in the prices of these commodities not being reduced to the Industrial Board's prices.

HARDING MAKES STUDY OF CANAL'S DEFENSES

President-elect Makes Detailed Inspection of Canal's Pacific Terminals

Ancon, Canal Zone, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Problems connected with the defense of the Panama Canal were studied by Senator Harding today during a detailed inspection of the fortifications at the Pacific terminals of the waterway and in conferences with Army and Navy officers in charge of the zone forces. He spent several hours making a round of the defenses in company with Brigadier General Chase W. Kennedy and Rear Admiral Marbury Johnson, of whom he asked many questions on the capabilities and needs of the establishment.

The operation of the big guns was demonstrated to the President-elect and many problems of strategic policy were laid before him.

Accompanying Senator Harding were Senator Frederick Hale, member of the Senate Naval committee, and Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, chairman of the coast defense committee, his guests the trip.

WILSON TOBACCO SALES SHOW PRICE DECREASE

Wilson, Nov. 26.—It looks blue and is blue for tobacco farmers. H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales on the Wilson market, reports for the week ending November 24, four days sales, 2,635,574 pounds, which brought \$229,032.25, an average of \$23.92 per hundred pounds, a decrease of \$3.17 over previous week's sales. Sold to date, 30,125,390 pounds for \$7,436,331.92, all round average of \$24.64 per hundred pounds.

SAYS U. S. IS BEST NATION TO SETTLE ARMENIAN MATTER

Lord Robert Cecil Expresses His Opinion To American Newspaper Men

NEED TWENTY MILLIONS TO GIVE NECESSARY AID

Says United States Would Have Most Influence With Turkish Nationalist Leader; Difficulty of Any Power or Influence Dominating League Is Demonstrated

Geneva, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—That the United States would be the best nation to accept the mandate for Armenia is the opinion of Lord Robert Cecil, who is acting as one of South Africa's delegates to the League of Nations assembly, as expressed to the American newspaper correspondents tonight. The United States, he added, probably would have more influence with Mustapha Kemal—the Turkish Nationalist leader, who is conducting a campaign against the Armenians than any other nation. Lord Robert said \$20,000,000 would be the necessary military assistance.

"I have been advised by very good military opinion," he declared "that a good deal could be done to save Armenia with the expenditure of that amount. We have appointed to many states and organizations, but so far we have had nothing but suggestions.

Influence of U. S. "I think the United States would be the best country to solve the Armenian question, inasmuch as that country would have the most influence with Mustapha Kemal. Twenty million dollars would enable us to organize the military expedition necessary to establish Armenian independence. The money could be regarded as a loan to the Armenian state, which would be repaid if a possible economic position were established.

While refusing to name the number of troops necessary Lord Robert stated it would be quite easy to obtain a volunteer force composed of Armenians and the Nationals of neighboring states.

Question of Morals. "The Armenian question," he explained, "resolves itself largely into whether there is any government or people in the world caring enough about Armenia to furnish the necessary money for the work."

The South African delegate avoided the question of a possible revision of the Turkish treaty as a means for serving Armenia. He believed the subject was being taken up by the assembly.

DIFFICULTY FOR NATION TO DOMINATE LEAGUE

Geneva, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The difficulty of any single power or influence dominating the League of Nations was demonstrated today when the council of that body in spite of determined protests by the British members, decided finally to give control in the permanent mandate commission to non-mandatory powers. This commission will be composed of representatives of five non-mandatory powers and four of the mandatory states.

Today's action was a confirmation of the decision taken at the Brussels session of the council. The decision has been fought by the British since it was announced after the Brussels meeting. They obtained a reconsideration of the question, but again were outvoted.

Argentina to Protest. Honorary Argentine delegate to the Assembly announced today that the Argentine delegation would protest to the assembly the rejection by Committee Number Two of all amendments to the covenant of the League. He said also that he would bring up on the floor of the Assembly a resolution providing for election of all members of the council by the assembly.

NORWAY MIXED UP IN DISPUTE OVER LIQUOR

Consul Questions Right To Hold Norwegians For Violating Prohibition Law

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 26.—Norway was added to the list of countries involved in the dispute over the right to bring liquor into the United States at the port of Mobile when trials of thirteen members of the crew of a Norwegian steamer were held in the inferior criminal court this morning on charge of violating the Alabama prohibition law.

J. B. Oliver, vice consul for Norway, contended in a letter to the court that the men aboard the ship were Norwegians and subject only to laws of that country and not those of the United States, but was overruled by Judge Werborne B. Clark, of the court. In his letter submitted, Consul Oliver made the following contention: "The Norwegian law provides that if a ship is in the territorial waters of a foreign state, such deeds as are performed by any member of the crew, or by other persons conveyed by the ship, will unconditionally come under the jurisdiction of the Norwegian criminal law, except an offense committed on board by a seaman belonging to the vessel but a subject of the country in which the ship is lying, shall, according to the general rule, be handed over to the local authorities."

FIRST "BIG PUSH" TO BREAK THROUGH BLUE RIDGE RANGE

Movement Started To Restore Northwestern Counties To North Carolina

TWIN CITY BUSINESS MEN INVITE LEADERS

Representatives From Alleghany, Ashe, Wilkes and Other Counties Attend Banquet In Winston-Salem; Petition Legislature To Provide For Improved Roads

Winston-Salem, Nov. 26.—The first "big push" in the campaign to break through the Blue Ridge with hard surface highways and reclaim for the State her "Lost Provinces" of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties, was made here tonight at a banquet in the interest of the highways building movement by the Kwanis Club of Winston-Salem. Attending, besides Winston-Salem citizens, were representatives of Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, Forsyth and Guilford counties.

Speakers in the interest of the movement were: Sam C. Bowie, of Ashe; Congressman R. L. Doughton, Chas. H. Cowles, of Wilkes; Wade Reavis, of Yadkin; S. O. Maguire, of Surry; and for Winston-Salem, James A. Gray, A. H. Eller and others.

Hugh Chatham Presides. Hugh G. Chatham, of this city, presided as toastmaster, and Sanford Martin, editor of the Winston-Salem Journal, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city. The Journal has been conducting an intensive publicity and editorial campaign for the last three months in the interest of two hard-surface highways into the Northwestern counties.

The fight will be pushed through the next General Assembly. It was the consensus of opinion at the meeting tonight that the people of the Northwestern section have definitely and with practical unanimity lined up with the forces that are battling for permanent highways linking up the various sections of the State, even if it requires a large State bond issue to accomplish the desired result.

Cat Out From State. The following resolutions, presented by Richard G. Stockton, president of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, were adopted:

"Whereas, the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga, in the Northwestern section of North Carolina, are because of the lack of railroads and of dependable highways, virtually isolated from the central and other portions of the State, and whereas the absence of these highways has not only hindered the advancement of the agricultural and other resources of this section of the State but has prevented the progressive and intelligent people of these sections from developing closer trade and social relations with the balance of the State and has forced them to become the commercial dependencies of Virginia and Tennessee and;

"Whereas, the people of Winston-Salem and adjoining counties realizing the absolute need of a system of dependable highways for the Northwestern counties ardently desire to aid in every way possible in the bringing about the construction of such a system of highways in that section, therefore, Be it resolved, that the Legislature at its forthcoming session and the State Highway Commission be and they are hereby strongly urged to take such action in their wisdom and judgment they may deem best to bring about, as early as possible, the construction of a dependable highway into the counties of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga, connecting up with the highways leading to the Southern, Central and Eastern sections of the State of North Carolina, and further,

"Be it resolved, that the hearty co-operation of the people of Winston-Salem and Forsyth county and the counties of Surry, Yadkin and Wilkes, through which these highways must necessarily pass, be hereby pledged to any movement that may be initiated by the legislature or State Highway Commission to assure the people of the above mentioned sections this system of highways, and further,

"Be it resolved, that the chairman of this meeting, Hon. H. G. Chatham, be and he is hereby instructed to appoint a committee, consisting of one member from each of the counties of Forsyth, Surry and Wilkes, Yadkin, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga and from any other counties that may to him seem proper to bring the matters referred to in this resolution before the General Assembly and the State Highway Commission for their consideration and action."

TY COBB "BOOED" FROM THE BASEBALL DIAMOND

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 26.—Ty Cobb was booed out of the ball park by indignant fans who came to see him play here, when he quit the game yesterday at the end of the sixth inning after an argument over an easy ball. The umpire and the San Jose team refused to take the ball to which he objected out of the game. He declined to go to the bat and left the park. Cobb's all stars were defeated 7 to 2.

More Storm Warnings. Washington, Nov. 26.—The weather bureau tonight ordered storm warnings displayed along the Gulf coast from Bay St. Louis, Miss., to Carrabelle, Fla. Reports to the bureau indicated there was a disturbance over the West Gulf moving east-northeastward and that it will be attended by increasing east winds and rain.

PITCHER IN MATRIMONIAL ARMY



Photo shows Leon Cadore, star pitcher of the Brooklyn team, National League champions, and his bride, Miss Helen May Sweeney, following the ceremony, which occurred in Brooklyn, N. Y.

CALLS FOR TROOPS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Governor Cornwell Wants Martial Law Declared In Mingo Strike District

Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 26.—Governor John J. Cornwell announced here tonight that he had asked the government to send Federal troops into the Mingo county, West Virginia, coal strike zone, and added that as soon as the soldiers took charge he would ask President Wilson to declare martial law.

Federal troops controlled the Mingo region for some time, but were withdrawn about six weeks ago, when the situation quieted down. Since that time many disorders have occurred, a number of persons have been shot and killed and gangs of unidentified men have attacked coal properties.

The state government is totally unable to cope with the situation in Mingo county, the governor said. "I hope with all my heart," he added, "that martial law will be declared immediately after an investigation has been made but I am totally unable to venture an opinion upon what eventual military action will be."

The governor said that he had conferred with Mingo county officials on the situation a week ago when he made the request for troops and that they had expressed the opinion that the soldiers could handle the situation without martial law. In his statement tonight, the governor said he did not concur in that view, "for the time of temporizing is past."

TROOPS TO LEAVE FOR WEST VIRGINIA TODAY

Chillicothe, Ohio, Nov. 26.—A provisional battalion of 400 picked men from the Third and Nineteenth Infantry regiments will leave Camp Sherman early tomorrow for Williamson, W. Va., where the troops will be used for strike duty in the Mingo county coal mine district. The detachment is equipped for an indefinite period of service. Major R. S. Binford, of the 19th Infantry, and Captain E. L. Brine, of the 40th Infantry are already en route to Williamson, where they are to investigate the seriousness of the situation. The provisional battalion will be under command of Major Binford upon its arrival in the strike region.

A battalion of Camp Sherman troops which had been on duty in Mingo county returned about six weeks ago.

ORDER FOR INCREASE IN RATES IN ILLINOIS

Washington, Nov. 26.—Illinois railroads were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to increase passenger fares on traffic within the State to the same level as interstate rates.

The commission's order effective on or before January 10, was issued with its decision on the petition of the Illinois roads asking the commission to overrule the Illinois commission, which refused to fix intrastate passenger rates on the basis of increased interstate tariffs.

The intrastate fares were found by the Federal government to be "unduly preferential to interstate passenger fares, unduly prejudicial to interstate passengers and unjustly discriminatory against interstate commerce."

Questions relating to freight rates, commutation and excursion fares were reserved by the commission for later determination. Under this decision passenger fares within Illinois will be increased 50 per cent and the surcharge of 50 per cent on Pullman traffic will be established.

WILL PRESENT NEEDS OF SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Officials of the Shipping Board are to appear before the House committee on appropriations tomorrow at the hearing on the board's financial needs for the fiscal year 1922. Approximately \$150,000,000 is understood to be the estimate of the board for next year in addition to its revenues from the operation of vessels.

Chairman Hanson said tonight that unless called by the committee, he would not appear personally at the hearing. Use of the board's earnings would be necessary in addition to a lump sum appropriation, he added, because of the impossibility of gauging accurately the amount necessary for the operation of the government fleet in view of the uncertainty of ocean freight rates.

TEACHERS WANT TO INCREASE SALARY FOR SCHOOL HEAD

Recommend \$8,000 Per Annum For State Superintendent Of Schools

ENDORSE PLANS TO BLOT ILLITERACY FROM NATION

Supt. R. H. Latham, of Winston-Salem, Elected President of State Teachers' Assembly and Prof. A. T. Allen Re-Elected Secretary; Endorse School Survey

Asheville, Nov. 26.—Endorsement of government plans for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to be used for fighting illiteracy by instituting a general school upbuilding program in the United States and expressly going on record as favoring a salary of \$8,000.00 per annum for the North Carolina State school superintendent, the North Carolina Teachers Assembly this afternoon closed its 1920 business session in Asheville.

Officers for the new year were elected as follows: R. H. Latham, superintendent of city schools in Winston-Salem, elected assembly president; Prof. A. T. Allen, secretary of the State board of examiners, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer.

Executive committee: Miss Bettie Aiken Land Guilford county school supervisor; A. E. Akers, superintendent Halifax county; Miss Nellie Fleming, teacher, Burlington, and A. J. Hutchins, principal Asheville high school.

Election Was Unanimous. The meeting was held in the city auditorium and was called to order by S. B. Underwood, retiring president of the assembly. Adoption of resolutions calling for endorsement of government plans and in regard to the salary of the State superintendent following election of officers.

Election was unanimous, the delegates voting as one to ratify the nominations as submitted to the assembly. Members of the nomination committee were: Edward L. Best, of Lenoir; A. B. Staley, of Robeson; Ethel Kelly, of Jackson, and L. A. Williams, of the University of North Carolina. R. G. Fitzgerald, of Lillington, read the report as submitted by the committee.

Endorsement of the so-called Smith-Towner bill, that proposal calling for a school expenditure of \$100,000,000 by the Federal government came after the resolutions committee had reported the advisability of a general school upbuilding program for the United States. The government plans to use this money for wiping out illiteracy, for health work and for school buildings. Copies of the resolution endorsed by the assembly will be mailed to the various United States Senators and representatives.

Endorse Commission Survey. Another resolution of the resolutions committee report, that dealing with the work of the North Carolina survey commissioners, was also passed unanimously. The resolution called for the assembly to go on record as endorsing the work of the commission and suggested that the survey report be read and digested by every member of the Assembly.

The Assembly also went on record as in favor of co-operating in all health matters, as petitioned by the State Board of Health and by the Medical Society of Raleigh.

Only one action of the resolutions committee report was objected to, that of recommending a \$6,000 salary for the State School superintendent. After a lively debate, started by W. H. Higgs, of Johnston county, who moved that the report be amended, the Assembly went on record in favor of the higher figure.

One other resolution introduced from the floor, by Miss Mary Graham, a former president, calling endorsement of the education survey and vote of thanks to those who did the work. Dr. Frank P. Bachman in particular, was unanimously adopted. Miss Graham pointed out that as more than \$40,000 had been expended in making the report it was the duty of every teacher to study it minutely.

Would Change Election Plan. A second floor resolution, introduced jointly by W. B. Mills, of Lenoir, and H. B. Marrow of Smithfield, was laid on the table for action at the next year's business session. This resolution would change the method of election of officers, eliminating a nomination committee, and instituting a direct delegate vote for nomination and election.

A movement to change the meeting time of the Assembly which started at the convention was about to adjourn its business met with little favor, but nevertheless, caused a lengthy debate. The motion was finally voted down, when it was found that delegates in the main were opposed to a change.

No Change in Time. Thanksgiving Day, it was decided, was the best time on which to convene the Assembly, due to the fact that a general holiday was declared in the schools and that arrangements could easily be made for remaining away from study on the following days, Friday and Saturday. The present plan, it was pointed out, caused the teachers to be away from school only one teaching day, as Thanksgiving Day and Saturday are recognized holidays. Whereas, should the Assembly be held at any other time, except Christmas, when the teachers all desire to be at home, they would lose two or even three days.

While the Assembly left decision as to the next meeting place of the organization in the hands of the executive committee it is believed that the 1921 North Carolina Teachers Assembly will be held in Raleigh. This opinion was expressed.

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SINN FEIN LEADERS IN IRELAND ARRESTED

Dublin, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Authoritative information was given The Associated Press this evening that the arrests of Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, and John McNeill and E. J. Duggan, Sinn Fein members of Parliament and others, was the prelude to a contemplated roundup of a number of well-known men either actually or believed to be connected with Irish Republican movement.

"Some form" of internment is planned and it is intended to hold the lot of them indefinitely," the correspondent was told.