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## STEDMAN OPPOSED TO NATIONAL LAW ON SABBATH WORK

Fifth District Congressman Doesn't Believe It Would Help Morality

### GODWIN UNCERTAIN AS TO HOW HE STANDS NOW

Sixth District Representative Thinks Domestic Work On Sunday Should Be Prohibited Unless Done By Men and Will Propose An Amendment To That Effect

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By R. E. POWELL.  
(By Special Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Dec. 1.—Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is uncertain whether the proposed bill to restrict commercial activity on the Sabbath will have his support or not and Major Charles M. Stedman, Fifth district member, is unqualifiedly opposed to the program. Other North Carolinians hesitate to say whether the proposal will have their support or not.

Major Stedman opposed. "Of course, I favor the proper observance of Sunday," Major Stedman said today. "I do not, however, favor the passage of a bill in which are incorporated provisions making traveling illegals and the publication of newspapers on Sunday also illegal. I do not believe such a bill is necessary in behalf of morality."

Traveling on Sunday should be avoided as far as possible, he said, but it frequently happens that sickness of a friend or relative makes it necessary. Nor do I believe that Sunday newspapers which properly edited injure the cause of morality. They frequently advance it. If the bill contains such provisions as just stated I shall unquestionably vote against it, if it is brought before the House of Representatives. It would be antagonistic to those ideas of personal liberty to which the American people have become firmly attached through an education transmitted from generation to generation."

Wants Women Protected. Congressman Godwin may be listed in the doubtful column although he is frankly against the "organization" bill. Like "Farmer Bob" Doughton he would want the present draft amended but not in the same particular as the mountain statesman. He would have domestic work by women prohibited on Sabbath and where it is necessary for the smooth running of the home, he believes that a provision requiring the males of the family to do the chores about the house would meet general approval.

Definite plans for reform legislation will be discussed at a series of conferences beginning here early this month when representatives of the Reform Bureau, the Anti-Saloon League and church boards hold a conference. One of these conferences it has been announced will be an informal breakfast at the home of President-elect Harding. Extension of the provisions of the Volstead act to Americans living abroad is asked by the Anti-Saloon League and an amendment to this end will be pressed when Congress meets.

League Not Supporting. Bearing directly on the blue law campaign statements issued tonight by Wayne B. Wheeler, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, denying that the dry forces are supporting as an organization the new reform movement. A statement was also issued from the W. C. T. U. headquarters of similar purport.

Mr. Wheeler asserted vigorously that the Anti-Saloon League is only concerned with the repression of the liquor traffic. It is supposed, he explained, by the churches and the churches are naturally interested in a crusade to bring about better observance of the Sabbath. Members of the Anti-Saloon League and officials may, in the capacity of individuals, be interested in the reform movement, but the organization has nothing to do with it.

Nothing further "for publication" has come from the International Reform Bureau regarding its plan to conduct a vice raid in Raleigh and Wilmington. Rev. Harry N. Pringle, who directed the drive in Norfolk, is said to be here for the general conference next week, but upon the Tar Heel capital at any time. The program is Raleigh after Norfolk and on to Atlanta.

Cruiser Named Raleigh. Scout Cruiser No. 7 of the United States, one of ten cruisers authorized by Congress in the 1916 building program, will be named Raleigh.

Announcement to this effect was made today from the office of Secretary Daniels when details of the launching of the Omaha, the first of the ten, were made known. The Omaha will be launched at Tacoma on December 14 and Miss Louise Bushnell White will be the sponsor.

Cruiser No. 7 will further commemorate the name of the former cruiser Raleigh which has been stricken from the navy list. It will have a displacement of seventy-five hundred tons and will carry a battery of twelve six-inch guns, two number three anti-aircraft guns, two machine guns and two boat guns among other equipment.

North Carolina Flat Race, \$125, Steeplechase, Pinehurst, Saturday, 2:45.

## FEEDING EUROPE'S CHILDREN



"Is it all for me?" one hungry tot asked timidly when a plate of steaming hot soup and a thick slice of white bread was placed before him at one of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund kitchens in Warsaw. He was only one of the two and a half million boys and girls who must be fed at the American kitchens in Central Europe this winter, if they are not to die of privation. The European Children's Fund has over three thousand kitchens all working at capacity, scattered throughout Poland, Austria, Czechoslovakia and the Baltic States.

Herbert Hoover heads the A. R. A. European Children's Fund as he headed the Food Administration and Commission for Relief in Belgium. This is the first call on popular sympathy and support for European relief. Twenty-three millions contributed to the European Children's Fund will mean the gift of life to two and a half million children caught in the sweltering back waters of the war.

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC LEADING LAWYER CARRIES OUT PLAN SHOOTS HIMSELF

Organizes New Company To Take Over Oil Holdings; Plan of Organization

New York, Dec. 1.—Organization of a new company to be known as the Pacific Oil Company was announced here tonight by the Southern Pacific Company as the chief feature of its plan providing for the separation of its oil and railroad properties. The new company will be organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with a capital stock of 3,500,000 shares of \$5 par value for which the Southern Pacific Company will subscribe \$15 per share or \$52,500,000.

From this amount the new company will purchase from the Southern Pacific Land Company as of January 1, 1921, for about \$48,750,000 about 250,000 acres of land now owned by the Southern Pacific Land Company and 200,000 shares, having a par value of \$20,000,000, of the outstanding capital stock of the Associated Oil Company.

Holders of Southern Pacific shares will be given the right to purchase, at \$15 per share, one share of the stock of the new company for each share of Southern Pacific stock.

The land to be purchased is situated in the state of California. About 25,000 of the 250,000 acres are proven oil lands and the remainder lands heretofore withdrawn from the sale as possible oil lands.

The capital stock of the new company is fixed at 3,500,000 shares to correspond to the total number of shares of Southern Pacific stock outstanding.

The segregation also involves the stockholdings of the Southern Pacific Company in the Associated Oil Company, of which it owned slightly more than fifty per cent.

## OVER 600 KILLED AND WOUNDED IN IRELAND

Home Office Gives Out Statement of Casualties; Raids and Arrests

London, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Persons to the number of 673 have been killed or wounded in Ireland up to November 27 of the present year by anti-Government elements, according to a statement issued today by the Home office. The deaths do not include twenty persons killed in London, during and in Belfast during the summer rioting nor fifteen soldiers killed in the Kilmichael ambush Sunday night.

The statement says that 151 policemen have been killed and 230 wounded; that 47 soldiers have met with death and 103 wounded. Civilians to the number of 41 have been killed and 101 wounded. Sixty-seven courthouses have been destroyed and 328 police barracks have been destroyed and 161 damaged. There have been 836 raids on mails and 45 raids on coast guard stations and light houses. In addition to these there has been 2,961 raids made for arms.

Another official statement says the arrests in Ireland averaged considerably over 100 weekly. During the last three weeks of November 406 persons were taken into custody for political offenses, including 169 during the last week of the month.

## GOLDSBORO SALE OF BONDS BELOW PAR HELD VALID

Court Divides Sharply On Issue Brought Up By Act of Special Session

### TWO CASES INVOLVING POINT BEFORE COURT

Associate Justice Allen Writes Majority Opinion For Court While Vigorous Dissenting Opinions Are Filed By Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justice Brown

The sale below par of \$150,000 worth of bonds by the town of Goldsboro was validated by the Supreme court yesterday in an opinion which held the act of the 1920 special session of the legislature which authorized the sale below par as constitutional. The issue came before the court in the case of Korney vs. Goldsboro, but the same question was involved in the case of Pennington vs. Town of Tarboro. Associate Justice W. R. Allen wrote the opinion of the court while Chief Justice Walter Clark and Associate Justice George Brown

Statesville Man Can Live For Only Few Hours, Say Hospital Reports

Statesville, Dec. 1.—Richard B. McLaughlin, one of the leading lawyers and best citizens of Statesville, attempted to commit suicide here this evening just before 6 o'clock. He was in his law office and fired a .32 calibre pistol in his forehead. Mr. D. L. Raymer, whose law office adjoins, hearing the report of the pistol, rushed into his office and found Mr. McLaughlin sitting in his chair with a bullet wound in the middle of his forehead and the pistol lying by his side.

Two letters in Mr. McLaughlin's own handwriting were left lying on his desk, one to his wife and one to his brother, Dr. J. E. McLaughlin, leaving instructions as to his business affairs and explaining his reason for putting an end to his life.

Mr. McLaughlin had a large real estate practice and it develops that he had allowed certain transactions with his clients to give him unnecessary worry, which led him to the decision of unloading the burdens.

His own business affairs were in excellent shape and why he should have attempted to end his life is perplexing to those who knew him best. Mr. McLaughlin was taken to Long's Sanatorium in an unconscious condition. Reports from him tonight at 9 o'clock are that he is still living, but that it is a matter of only a few hours that he is 54 years of age and has a wife and four sons and one daughter. He is a brother-in-law of Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville.

## DEFECTS IN SHIPPING BOARD ARE REMEDIED

Chairman Benson Tells New Board Members of Corrective Measures

Washington, Dec. 1.—At the first meeting of the new Shipping Board today, Chairman Benson told the seven commissioners that so far as he had been able to determine, defects in the board noted during the investigations of the Walsh committee had either been corrected or remedial steps taken prior to the actual meeting of the committee.

"The board unanimously expressed the feeling," Chairman Benson said later, "that every effort should be made to assist the Walsh committee in its work and to co-operate with it in every possible way in carrying out its investigations and that every effort would be made to obtain further evidence and to prosecute all guilty parties as soon as such evidence was obtained, regardless of whether it were in the organization or outside."

## "PERFECT PRUNE" TO BE GROWN IN UNITED STATES

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—"The perfect prune" is soon to be grown in America, Prof. L. R. Detjen, of Delaware college, announced in an address before the 34th annual convention of the Peninsula Horticultural Society yesterday.

Describing his super prune, which is to be evolved from a domestic plum, Professor Detjen said it would be the first time an American variety has been adapted to prune purposes, his output hitherto having been grown from European varieties.

In his dissenting opinion, Chief Justice Walter Clark says: "Not only is this special legislation authorizing the city of Goldsboro to sell its bonds below par in violation of the constitution which requires equal rights to all and special privileges to none, it is in violation of the amendment passed for the express purpose of requiring uniform legislation as to all municipalities, and in violation of the general acts passed in pursuance thereof by the legislature of 1917, but it is a serious discrimination against other towns and cities which are required to sell their bonds at not less than par and tends to depress the price of all municipal bonds in the State with great loss to the tax payers and giving unlimited opportunity for make-off to powerful combinations of capital

## GOVERNORS URGE CONGRESS TO HELP AMERICAN FARMER

Conference of State Executives Votes To Begin Inquiry Into Situation

### CONDITIONS REGARDED AS BOTH ACUTE AND TRAGIC

Governor Bickett Introduces Resolution For Appointment of Committee To Study Situation With View To Making Suggestions To Congress; Action Without Precedent

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—Governors and governors-elect representing more than half the States of the Union, voted at their annual conference here today to begin an inquiry into what was variously called the "acute," "alarming" and "tragic" situation facing farmers of the country with a view to recommending Federal legislation to assist them.

A first step toward carrying out their plan, which was suggested by Governor W. L. Harding, of Iowa, the conference voted to appoint a committee of Governors, including Bickett of North Carolina; Holcomb of Connecticut; Park of Louisiana; and Goodrich, of Indiana to make a preliminary survey and report back before the conclusion of the conference. After that it is contemplated to send the committee to Washington to urge legislation before Congress which convenes this month.

Movement Without Precedent. The object of the State executives which is said to be without parallel in the history of American government is for the organization of governors to suggest to Congress and actively advocate passage of legislation necessary to refund the debts of farmers who are pinched by falling markets with heavy stocks of surplus products on hand, so as to give them a year or more in which to recoup losses and wait for a strengthening market. It is proposed to do this through extension or adaptation of the Federal reserve system.

A second proposal also scheduled to receive consideration by the committee is another by Governor Harding that a foreign trade corporation be formed to finance purchases of American farm products by foreign countries unable, through present lack of funds to come into the American market.

Bickett Introduces Resolution. Acting on Governor Harding's suggestions, Governor Bickett introduced a resolution providing for appointment of the committee to act under instructions of the conference and take the propositions up with Congress direct. This motion received a second and was about to be voted upon when it was objected that the constitution of the Governors' Conference forbade formal resolutions or action of the sort. At this, Governor Sprout, of Pennsylvania, pointed out that no such formal action was necessary and at the call of Governor Bamberger, of Utah, who presided, a vote was taken on the suggestion to appoint the committee informally. Approval of the Governors was overwhelming.

One voice, that of Governor Edwards, of New Jersey, was raised in objection. The Eastern executive, who is a banker, said he thought Federal legislation such as is contemplated by his colleagues would be "economically wrong." Conditions should be left to adjust themselves, he declared.

Regard Conditions as Critical. Apprehension regarding agricultural and industrial conditions throughout the country characterized most of the expressions by speakers addressing the governors today.

Several States, represented by their chief executives or governors-elect, were reported in a condition verging on the extremely critical, while spokesmen for most of the others assented to the general proposition that there is genuine cause for alarm in the outlook.

Conditions in Iowa, Governor Harding said, menace the very existence of the agricultural industry. He urged on every State official the necessity of emergency legislation to protect farmers from impending ruin. The farmers he warned are facing conditions under which they will be unable to supply cities with necessities of life.

Production of foodstuffs will positively cease in the Mississippi valley within the next two years if better conditions are not quickly brought about, Gov. J. B. Robertson, of Oklahoma, told the conference when he was introduced at a luncheon tendered the visitors by the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce.

Unable to Market Crops. Governor Robertson told of huge supplies of grains and foodstuffs as well as cotton which he said, have crowded warehouses in the Southwest following bumper crops which could not be moved from their points of origin when prices were still high on account of the ear shortage, while present prices received for the commodities are not sufficient

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## DELEGATES JOYFUL OVER PRESIDENT'S OFFER TO MEDIATE

CAUSES A STIR IN LEAGUE ASSEMBLY



Major Marlborough Churchill, former assistant chief of the United States Army Intelligence Service, has arrived at Geneva, Switzerland, for the League of Nations assembly. He is the only American delegate to the organization.

## HOLD HEARING IN MORGANTON TODAY

Several Men Charged With Being Implicated In Killing Will Be Tried

Morganton, Dec. 1.—The preliminary hearing in the Glenn Lippard murder case, the investigation of which at Hickory has attracted much attention during the past two weeks, will be held here at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon before Magistrate W. F. Hallyburton. The alleged murder occurred about three miles from Hickory just across the line in Burke county on Sunday night, November 29th. Since the finding of the body of Glenn Lippard by horsemen on the day following Solicitor Huffman has been following every clue that would in any way help to solve the mystery that surrounded the case.

Dock and Cecil Hefner and Lon Young are now in jail here on warrants charging them with murder. John and Jim Hefner, father and brother of the former, are charged with being accessories after the fact, each under \$2,500 bond to appear here tomorrow, and Lou Lynn, the white woman, whose testimony counts so strongly against the Hefners, is held as the State's principal witness.

Solicitor Huffman stated today that he would introduce at the hearing tomorrow any enough evidence as to bind the Hefners and Young over to the December term of court which convenes here next Monday.

He intimated that the most convincing part of the evidence that he has received in the case will be held until the time of trial. Self and Bagby and J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, will assist the solicitor in the prosecution. A. A. Whitener, of Hickory, will represent the defense. It is said that he will attempt to establish an alibi for his clients and try because of her character to disprove the testimony of Lou Lynn.

## COURT CONCLUDES ITS INQUIRY OF KILLINGS

Over 1,000 Natives Slain Since Intensive Campaign Against Bandits Began

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—A total of 1,142 Haitians met death since the beginning of the intensive campaign against the bandits of the island approximately two years ago, it was developed by the Naval court of inquiry during its three weeks' of hearings just concluded here into the actions of American Marines in Haiti. This total includes the ten natives alleged to have been killed by ex-Corporal Freeman Lang and Sergeant Dorcas Williams.

Outside the ten deaths charged against Lang and Williams, all the dead accounted for during the hearing fell in the 2,198 actual battles that occurred, including the attack on Port Au Prince in January, according to the testimony.

## TWO KILLED BY TRAIN AT CONTENTNEA JUNCTION

Wilson, Dec. 1.—At Contentnea Junction a white man and a negro were torn limb from limb by the Northbound express section of train No. 80. They were walking between tracks watching the approach of a southbound freight train and stepped in front of the northbound train. It is said both parties lived in this city but their names have not been ascertained.

## TARIFF ON RICE, WHEAT AND COTTON IS URGED

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A protective tariff on cotton, rice and wheat was advocated before the National Association of Commissioners, Secretaries and Representatives of Departments of Agriculture today by Harry D. Wilson, of Louisiana, who declared that although he was a Democrat, he favored protection for the farmer.

## Spain and Brazil Offer To Join President In Mediations To End Hostilities In Armenia

### COUNCIL IS DRAFTING LETTER TO PRESIDENT ACCEPTING HIS OFFER

Receipt of Letter From Mr. Wilson Creates Profound Impression Among Delegates of The League of Nations; "Poor Old Europe Will Feel Less Abandoned," Exclaimed One of French Members; Much Speculation As To What Course Mediation In Armenia Will Take; The President's Acceptance Brings Relief

Geneva, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—The League of Nations was unanimously voted a member of the League of Nations by the commission for the admission of new states here today. It is expected the assembly of the league will ratify this action.

Geneva, Dec. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—A letter to President Wilson, accepting his offer to act as mediator in Armenia, was being drafted by the council of the League of Nations here today. Mr. Wilson's note, which was received this morning, was read to members of the council at 10:30 o'clock, and was received with marks of liveliest satisfaction.

It was announced this afternoon that Spain and Brazil had offered to join President Wilson in his role of Armenian mediators. This offer has been embodied in the reply to Mr. Wilson framed by the council.

The reply to the American president, it was stated, expresses deep appreciation of the President's acceptance. The allied high commissioners at Constantinople, it says, are being consulted as to the best way for Mr. Wilson to proceed.

The council, it is added, believes there will be no great difficulty about the President's mediators conferring with Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Nationalist leader, who has been making war upon the Armenians, and Offer to Co-operate.

The offer of Spain and Brazil to join in the mediation came during this morning's session of the council. That body left it to President Wilson to decide if he desired this co-operation.

After further discussion of the note in the council meeting this afternoon it will go forward to Washington in the early evening.

President Wilson's acceptance created a great impression when it was announced today.

"Poor old Europe will feel less abandoned," was a remark made by a member of the French delegation while discussing the matter. The news gave the assembly great relief, as the Armenian question had become the bugbear of the assembly.

Speculation as to Means. There is much speculation as to what form the mediation of Armenia will take. A. J. Balfour, a leader of the British delegation, has remarked to the assembly that in order to negotiate it would be necessary to offer Mustapha Kemal, chief of the Turkish Nationalists, something, either money or territory, and this remark is recalled in connection with Mr. Wilson's opposition to the disposition made of some parts of the territory of Turkey by the Sevres treaty.

Prediction is made here that, in the end, the Greeks may pay the price for saving what remains of the Armenian people.

"President Wilson's action is a big step toward a solution of one of the most serious problems before the assembly," was the way Lord Robert Cecil characterized the American president's acceptance.

Brings Much Relief. "It brings relief to all of us who are trying to find a way to help the Armenians out of the difficulty," he said. "Mr. Wilson's acceptance is commendable and worthy of the best traditions of the United States, which have always been a friend of Armenia and taken the lead in alleviating her sufferings."

"The decision of President Wilson is not in any sense political, from my point of view, and cannot give encouragement to all those who wish to see the United States in the league. It is simply a natural development of an old, humanitarian policy."

Have Found the Man. Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, who had been one of the first to become interested in Armenia, and is a member of the committee considering developments in that country, was rather inclined to pessimism yesterday. When he heard the news today, however, he beamed with joy.

"We have found the man," he cried. "And the rest will be easy."

SOLDIER PATIENTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE IN FIRE

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 1.—Sixty-eight soldier patients confined in the United States Public Health Service hospital at Camp Sevier, had a narrow escape about midnight last night, when fire practically destroyed wards 16 and 17. The patients aided by nurses and Red Cross workers, were removed without confusion in record time, and no one was reported injured.

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