

## LINNEY WANTS TO BE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HIMSELF

### Parker and Newell Also Aspired, But They Come Down at His Bchest

## LINNEY-BUTLER COMBINE FOR DISPENSING SPOILS

### Speculations As To Probable Lineup of Republican Patronage Slate Somewhat Upset By Announcement That Linney Wants Job; He and Butler Hunting Deer

Word comes down from the mountains that Frank Linney, eight years chairman of the State Republican executive committee and sometime candidate for gubernatorial honors on that ticket, has slipped his hat in the ring as aspirant for the United States District Attorneyship for the western district.

Comes also hard on the heels of this announcement the news that Linney and Butler have formed their heads out of the ring, and will graciously allow Master Linney an undisputed and unanimous field when he comes up to the political trough to be fed some time early next March.

The self-sacrificing ones are John J. Parker, recent aspirant for the Governorship of the State, and the other, Jake Newell, recent candidate for Congress from the Ninth district. Both these gentlemen had made tentative application for the job, but are unwilling to stand in the way of the leader of the Republican hosts when he wants something.

## Morehead Left Out

The Linney announcement is not quite in line with speculations that have been bruited about as to the probable divisions to be made in the spoils of the recent campaign. It was generally supposed to be after the job of collector of internal revenue, and some of the lesser brethren were slated for the lesser jobs, such as it now appears Linney is after.

And it would appear that the Linney-Butler combination will direct the distribution of favor in the State for the next four years instead of Mr. Morehead. The job is not yet his, but the fact that Parker and Newell have subsided the minute he delivered the dictum would indicate that he has the situation tolerably well in hand, and with his Sampson county colleagues, should be able to run things to the satisfaction of himself and his colleague.

The recent flurry over the appointment of Butler to the cabinet as minister of farming has apparently subsided, and he stands about where he stood before it all happened, slated for some diplomatic mission. The hurried seeking of endorsements by anybody who would sign on the dotted line has turned the Butler cabinet ambition into a somewhat of an internal joke, and it is generally smiled at whenever it is mentioned at all.

What disposition will be made of the sundry other offices to be reappointed after March 4th has not been disclosed, nor does it appear which of the candidates who sacrificed themselves under the Democratic avalanche last month are to be rewarded for their sacrificial devotion to their party. Parker is denied the thing that he wanted, Newell is denied the same place and for the same reason.

## Prepares New Slate

It appears unlikely that they will get entirely unwarmed and some of the lesser jobs will no doubt be bestowed upon them. There is the marshaling of the west, and also of the east provided the Duke of Brunswick will consent to get out of the way without being shoved. The eastern district attorneyship will go to somebody, the collectorship of the port of Wilmington, and the collectorship of internal revenue. Also some positions, provided Harding rescinds Wilson's civil service order.

## Mr. Linney has retired to a swamp in the eastern section of the State for a few days of chasing deer, and perhaps meditation upon the proper adjustment of things that will ensue when Harding is inaugurated. Rumor is also after the same deer as is being chased by Mr. Linney, and when they stop for breath, it may be that they will discuss other things than the swamp, the rival prices of tobacco and cotton, etc., and when they emerge from the swamp the new dispensation may become clearer.

## VIRGINIA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 8.—The University of Virginia football schedule for 1921 was announced today as follows, with one open date:

September 24, Davidson at Charlottesville; October 1, William and Mary at Charlottesville; October 5, University of Richmond at Charlottesville; October 15, Virginia Military Institute at Lexington; October 22, Johns-Hopkins at Charlottesville; October 29, Princeton at Princeton; November 5, Georgia at Athens; November 12, Opelika at Thanksgiving Day, North Carolina at Dupont Hill.

## BURLINGTON MARKET IS FLOODED WITH TOBACCO

Burlington, Dec. 8.—The Burlington tobacco market has been flooded with tobacco during the past week. The biggest break of the season occurred here Monday morning. All of the warehouses were filled to overflowing with the weed and the streets fronting each of the warehouses were so congested that traffic was almost stopped. The prices prevailing on the local market have held up remarkably well during the past few days. There has been a slight decline on the lower grades of tobacco, but the better grades have

## MRS. MACSWINEY, WIDOW OF IRISH MARTYR, ARRIVES



A group of prominent people welcoming Mrs. MacSwiney in New York. The photo shows members of the reception committee, who came to North Carolina to visit Mrs. MacSwiney in her home.

## NAME OF M'LEAN GOES TO SENATE

### Thirty-two Nominations For Postoffice Appointments Accompany It

## LUMBERTON MAN WILL BE CONFIRMED IS BELIEF

### But May Be Different Story To Write About Fate of Postoffice Aspirants; Will Be Pressure From N. C. Republicans From Sharing In Spoils

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District Nat'l Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL (By Special Telegram Wire)

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today sent to the Senate for confirmation the name of Angus Wilson McLean, of Lumberton, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and thirty-four new postoffice appointees in the State. He also sent the names of twenty North Carolinians reappointed to postoffice jobs for confirmation.

Mr. McLean will, it is generally believed, be confirmed without any opposition from the Republicans in the Senate. He has been all along a part of the treasury staff and his new berth, without additional salary, is much in the nature of an appreciation for his fine services as head of the war finance corporation since Eugene L. Meyer's retirement.

Of the postoffice nominations, there may be another story. In the batch of more than two thousand sent for confirmation today are appointments for vacancies in Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Wilkesboro, Kinston, Clayton, Elkin, Rabin and other choice places over the State. The reappointments are all for small offices.

## Wade Not Included

The name of Robert T. Wade, now acting Postmaster at Morehead City, is not included in the list and nothing can be learned as to the developments in this particular case. Prominent Morehead City residents have several days insisted that Mr. Wade has handed in his resignation at the request of both Senator Simmons and Representative Brinson and that A. B. Morris, the soldier candidate, would be appointed.

Nothing is known of Wade's resignation at the office of Congressman Brinson or at the office of Senator Simmons. The postoffice department also is not disposed to visit about the Wade-Wills case. A talk here a few days ago by Morris and Morehead City friends of his developed the suggestion that the American Legion has served notice on Congressman Brinson that Morris must be given the appointment. This cannot be verified.

## For Chief Offices

For the three chief offices in the State which have been vacant recently the President has named Thomas J. Murphy, Nixon L. Cranford and Robert B. Dunn at Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Kinston, respectively. Appointments as acting Postmasters, pending their formal nomination, have previously been made. Murphy succeeds A. W. Wainwright at Greensboro, Cranford succeeds H. S. Gallo, who at Winston-Salem and Dunn succeeds W. D. LaRue at Kinston.

## U. S. WILL NOT TAKE PART IN LEAGUE PARLIES

### President Declines To Send Delegates To Discuss Disarmament

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today declined the invitation of the League of Nations to send delegates to take part in the discussion of the disarmament commission.

The President informed the League of Nations council that inasmuch as the United States was not a member of the league he did not feel justified in appointing a commission "to take even a de facto participation."

The United States, however, the President declares, is in sympathy with any plan for world disarmament.

The reply of the President to the invitation of the league council was transmitted today through the State Department to Paul Hymans, president of the council. It follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your cablegram of December 1 inviting the government of the United States to name representatives to sit with the military, naval and air commissions of the league in a consultative capacity during the discussion of the commission on the reduction of armaments, the consideration of which is to be undertaken by it forthwith at the request and on behalf of the council.

"The government of the United States is most sympathetic with any sincere effort to evolve a constructive plan for disarmament which is necessary for the economic rehabilitation, peace and stability of the world. The President of the United States is deeply interested in this question and is most desirous of co-operating to this end, but as the government of the United States is not a member of the league he does not feel justified in appointing a commission to take even a de facto participation in the deliberations of the council or of the commission acting on behalf of the council in the execution of provisions in the covenant of the League of Nations."

## BRITAIN DOESN'T WANT ANY IRISH INVESTIGATION

### Declines To Vise Passports Issued By State Department To Committee

Washington, Dec. 8.—The special committee of six which the commission of the Committee of One Hundred now holding hearings here on the Irish question had hoped to send to England and Ireland to gather first-hand information will not be permitted to visit Great Britain.

## HEAVY FALL OF SNOW IS REPORTED AT ASHEVILLE

### Huge Drifts Piled Up On The Mountains Surrounding The City

Asheville, Dec. 8.—Asheville today experienced the heaviest snow of the winter, but it has been impossible to measure it, owing to the wet ground, which caused the snow to melt as fast as it fell. The flakes were record-breakers in size and the snow fell for several hours.

The mountains surrounding Asheville, many of which have been covered with snow for several weeks, today present the appearance of the Alps with huge snow drifts piled up on them.

## RESULT OF INQUIRY MAY BE STARTLING

### Investigation of Affairs of Cumberland Ry. and Power Co. Begins Today

## RECEIVER J. R. BAGGETT GOES TO NORFOLK, VA.

### The Offices of Corporation Are Moved When Stock Selling Plans of Organization Mature; Receiver Not Hopeful of Saving Much From Crash of Concern

Startling developments may grow out of the investigation of the affairs of the Cumberland Railway, Power and Light Co., which begins today when Receiver John R. Baggett of Lillingston, reaches Norfolk, whither the general offices of the corporation were moved several months ago when the stock selling plans of the organization were well along toward maturity.

No examination of the books has as yet been made by Mr. Baggett, but local investigation of the company's operations in several sections of the State led him to make the statement last night that he was not very hopeful of saving a great deal from the wrecked company, which was forced into the hands of a receiver last week when it failed to meet the interest due on outstanding bonds.

The Cumberland Railway, Power and Light Company had its beginnings in the State in February, 1919, when it was formed by H. L. Jones as president to dig up the disused street railway laid some years ago in Fayetteville, and later covered over with street improvements. At that time it contemplated an extension of the existing track to Camp Bragg. Its original capital stock was \$200,000.

Small Power Plants. In May of the present year the authorized capital was swelled to one million dollars. The company branched out, going into a dozen small towns and villages in North Carolina, taking over the local power plants, and securing franchises for interurban railroads. Most of the plants, it is understood, were taken on lease, and a rental paid for their use.

Two districts were covered by the proposed electric railway lines. The first extended from Lillingston, Fuquay Springs, Varina and Holly Springs. The second included Wendell, Middlesex, Lucama, Kenly, Micro, Four Oaks, and Pine Level. Small plants were taken over in most of these towns and operated by the company. As far as Mr. Baggett can determine, this was the extent of the actual work done by the company, except in Fayetteville, where some more was made toward extending the tracks.

The offices of the company were moved outside the State, and an extensive campaign of stock selling and bond selling began. It is estimated that more than half a million dollars has been invested by farmers and others in the bonds of the company, and along with the bonds, they received blocks of stock in the corporation. Interest was defaulted in the bonds last week, and Lillingston citizens asked for the appointment of a receiver.

## REAR ADMIRAL M'GOWAN SENDS IN RESIGNATION

Washington, Dec. 8.—Rear Admiral Samuel J. McGowan has resigned as paymaster general and chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts of the navy and has retired from active duty, it was learned today. His resignation has been accepted by President Wilson to take effect Dec. 31. The admiral retired under the 39 year clause affecting bureau chiefs passed by Congress last year.

Admiral McGowan has been paymaster general of the navy since July 1, 1914, a period of service as chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts only exceeded twice in the history of the service. He was charged during the war with the task of providing the navy with supplies of all descriptions and since the war the great surplus of stocks has been disposed of under his direction.

Admiral McGowan entered the navy in 1894 from South Carolina and attained the rank of Rear Admiral in 1915. He will probably be succeeded by Rear Admiral C. J. Peoples, who will act as chief of Bureau probably until March 1.

## SUBMIT PROPOSED REVIVAL OF FINANCE BODY ON FRIDAY

### Supporters Say That Senate Leaders Will Not Oppose Measure In That Body

## BILLS FOR FARM RELIEF FLOOD UPPER HOUSE

### Virginia and North Carolina Tobacco Growers Tell Committee They Are In Same Plight As Other Agricultural Interests; Hears Germany Wants Extension of Credit

Washington, Dec. 8.—Proponents of legislation to revive the War Finance Corporation and thereby afford relief to farmers confronted by falling prices plan to call up their measure in the Senate Friday and ask for its immediate passage. Senator Gronna, Republican, North Dakota, in charge of the resolution gave this notice today in asking that the Senate let the matter go over until the later date.

Supporters of the proposed legislation believe that the Senate will pass the measure either by unanimous consent or by majority vote.

While farm relief legislation was being temporarily postponed in the Senate the flood of bills to extend relief to the farmers continued in the House. Among the various measures was a bill by Representative Strong, Republican, Kansas, to direct the committee on Banking and Currency to investigate what legislation would be necessary to permit the "proper financing" of farmers and stock raisers.

## Credit For Cotton Farmers

Representative Lee, Democrat, Georgia, put in a bill authorizing the Federal reserve board to take the action necessary to extend liberal credits to cotton farmers while Representative Baer, Republican, North Dakota, re-introduced his measure which would prohibit gambling in foodstuffs and speculation in stocks and bonds. Representative Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, offered a bill to prevent the sale of cotton and grain in future markets.

Printing of testimony taken in hearings before the Agricultural committee was ordered rushed to completion today so as to be in the hands of Senators when the measure comes up.

## W. W. Brauer, Another Witness Who Claimed to Represent the German Government, Urged That Extension of a Public Dollar Credit to Germany for Purchase of Foodstuffs and Raw Materials From America.

He said that under the Versailles treaty Germany, in agreement with the Allies, could make such a credit a first mortgage and give it priority over all other claims. Conversations have already been carried on between Germany and England, Italy and Belgium with the purpose of securing such permission Mr. Brauer said. Members of the committee, however, told Mr. Baggett they did not believe Congress would vote such an extension of credit to Germany and he then suggested that it might be arranged through the War Finance Corporation.

## COTTON EXCHANGE WANTS WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—Denying any desire on the part of the Southern cotton interests "to hold the staple for speculative purposes or to force higher prices," the New Orleans Cotton Exchange directors at a meeting last night adopted an appeal to the Louisiana delegation in Congress to seek revival of the war finance corporation "only to clear the obstructions clogging our trade avenues." The appeal was telegraphed to members of the delegation at Washington.

Co-operation of all Southern cotton exchanges in the movement to revive the war finance corporation was urged.

"We contend that justice and equity demand that the national government which financed the war to the extent of many billions of dollars should aid in fostering and clearing the channels of American trade sufficiently to enable us to sell to others and to enable others to buy from us the produce which is clogging our trade avenues," said the telegram.

## WILL CUT PRODUCTION OF COTTON 50 PER CENT

### Curtailement of Acreage Agreed Upon In Conference Southern Farmers and Business Men

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—A fifty per cent cut in cotton production in 1921 and curtailment in the acreage planted in cotton to one-third that of the total area in cultivation, was agreed upon at the acreage reduction conference here today of Southern bankers, merchants and farmers, and to make the plan effective machinery was set in motion to restrict wherever necessary credits to individual farmers, merchants, factors or banks willing to agree to the acreage reduction plans.

The plan, embodied in the report of the acreage reduction committee was adopted by a practically unanimous vote of the conference late today. It includes the formation of an organization in every township in the cotton states to secure the support of the growers, and their adherence to pledges of reduction.

Organization work pledged by the bankers present will begin immediately and under the provisions of the plan will be practically complete by January 15 next.

## CANADIAN JOLTS LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

### Says 50,000 Canadian Dead, His Country's Price For European Statesmanship

Geneva, Dec. 8.—(By The Associated Press).—The liveliest emotion the Assembly of the League of Nations has experienced was provoked today by N. W. Rowell, of Canada, who expressed his views regarding European statesmanship in a way that startled diplomats of the old world. A hot debate arose over the recommendation of the committee on technical organizations that the assembly propose to the governments to set up under the auspices of the league three new organizations, namely, finance and health, with annual conferences on these subjects.

Mr. Rowell objected on the ground that it was impossible for distant countries to send their best men abroad four times a year to attend the assembly and the conferences, and declared that the result would be to throw these organizations under European influence. The assembly, he held, should occupy itself with these questions.

Canada, at any rate, he said, felt that they were questions that should not be allowed to fall into European control. "Fifty thousand Canadian soldiers under the sod in France and Flanders is the price Canada has paid for European statesmanship," he cried to the astonishment of the entire assembly and the dismay of some of the delegates.

Arthur Balfour and Mr. Fisher were plainly affected by the thrust from a British dominion; they remained motionless in their seats through the balance of the debate, with grave faces. Lord Balfour, Canadian delegate from South Africa, in the assembly in a gentle way softened the blow by saying that he agreed with much that Mr. Rowell had said but thought Mr. Rowell was mistaken in supposing that the organizations would fall under the control of Europe. He could go into a debate as to whether "Europe had made its way in the world."

## Withdraws Remarks

Several of the delegates suggested to Mr. Rowell that his words had created a different impression than he had intended. A Canadian delegate took the floor again and said he did not mean to attack European statesmen, and rather than give offense, preferred to withdraw his words.

## FOUR MORE OF ALLEGED MEMBERS NOT ARRESTED

### Bench Warrants Are Issued By Judge Devin In Wayne County Court

Goldboro, Dec. 8.—Bench warrants for four additional alleged members of the mob which stormed the Wayne county courthouse last Thursday night with the intent to seize and lynch five negroes being tried for murder, were issued here today by Judge W. E. Devin. The defendants were released under bonds of \$1,000 each for their appearance at the next term of original court in Wilson county.

The men arrested here today were David Riggan, John Gibson, C. H. Thompson and C. H. Langston. The latter was nominated by the county Republicans as candidate for sheriff in the recent election. Hebon Futrell, who was wounded as he led the attack on the courthouse, is being held under surveillance by the sheriff, and a bench warrant will be served upon him as soon as he can be brought to court.

Futrell was carried to the home of a sister near Goldboro after the shooting Thursday night and later removed to his home 12 miles out. It is said that he has been removed from his home and is being kept in hiding, but a statement from the sheriff of Wayne county indicates that his whereabouts is known and that he is being kept under close watch.

## ADVISES REVISION OF NATIONAL TAXES ON GENERAL LINES

### Secretary Houston Recommends Repeal of The Excess Profits Tax

## FOUR BILLION A YEAR BASIS OF CALCULATIONS

### Recommends Federal Tax On Gasoline and Motor Cars and Readjustment of Corporation Income Levies; Urges Repeal of Tax On Soft Drinks and Beverages

Washington, Dec. 8.—Immediate revision of the nation's tax laws on the basis of an annual levy of four billions of dollars for a period of four years, and including an increase of 2 per cent in the taxes on incomes up to \$5,000, is urged by Secretary Houston in his annual report sent today to Congress.

"Revision of taxes should be effected," Mr. Houston wrote Congress. "There can and should be a better scheme which would affect the total revenue of the government by more than four billions of dollars would be incompatible with safety and sound finance. And the country should face the fact that present taxes even may not in the future be relied upon to yield the needed revenue."

The Secretary of the Treasury said the excess profits tax should be repealed and must, of course, be replaced. He said he believed it should be replaced in large part by some form of corporation profit tax.

Reduction of the higher groups of the income surtaxes accompanied by increases in the lower income surtax rates also is suggested by the secretary who asked that Congress "consider such a general revision, with a reduction to a maximum rate lower than that contained in the present law, provided acceptable new taxes of equal yield can be found."

The secretary said the plan fact was that the present rates, which are as high as 70 per cent, could be successfully collected and that "the effective way to tax the rich is to adopt rates that do not force investment in tax-exempt securities."

Mr. Houston suggests a number of sources of revenue which could be tapped and others which could be revised to make up for the loss of revenue occasioned by the changes in the taxes which he recommended.

Repeal of the excess profits taxes, elimination of certain of the so-called luxury taxes, including the levy on soda fountain and similar levies, and a readjustment of the rates in the higher groups of income tax, is proposed by the Treasury chief. To meet the losses brought about by these proposed changes, Mr. Houston recommends revised and new taxes to yield about \$2,000,000,000 as follows:

A tax of 20 per cent on corporation profits, distributed or undistributed, in addition to application of a higher surtax rate to yield \$600,000,000. An additional tax of 6 per cent on corporation incomes to yield \$465,000,000. Readjustment of surtax rates on incomes to yield an additional \$220,000,000. Abolishment of the \$2,000 exemption allowed corporations on income to yield \$8,000. An increase from the present 4 per cent to 6 per cent in the tax on incomes of \$5,000 or less and from 8 per cent to 12 per cent in the tax on incomes between \$5,000 and \$10,000, the whole estimated to yield \$150,940,000 annually.

A tax of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline for motor cars and all other purposes, to yield \$400,000,000. A federal license tax of 50 cents per horsepower on the use of motor cars to yield \$100,000,000. An additional sales tax on automobiles (other than trucks and wagons) and motorcycles and motor car accessories to yield \$100,000,000.

A 10 per cent additional tax on theatrical admissions to yield \$70,000,000. An additional tax of \$2 per thousand on cigarettes to yield \$70,000,000. An additional tax of 25 cents per thousand on cigars to yield \$5,000,000. An additional tax of 6 cents per pound on tobacco and snuff to yield \$8,000,000.

An additional tax of 5 per cent on candy to yield \$20,000,000. An additional tax of 7 per cent on chewing gum to yield \$2,000,000. An additional tax of 7 per cent on toilet soap and toilet-soap powders to yield \$4,000,000. A 10 per cent tax on the sale by manufacturers, producers or importers of perfumes, cosmetics and medicinal articles in lieu of the present tax on the consumer to yield \$10,000,000. An additional 5 per cent tax on jewelry and precious metals to yield \$25,000,000. An additional tax of 5 per cent on musical instruments to yield \$12,000,000. An additional tax of 5 per cent on motion picture films to yield \$4,000,000.

Would Readjust Surtaxes. In the readjustment of surtaxes, Mr. Houston proposes the division of incomes into "saved" or reinvested "spend." On the former class he would limit the highest tax to 20 per cent while the income spent would be subjected to a tax ranging as high as 50 per cent. Under the plan proposed by the Secretary, incomes between \$5,000 and \$6,000 would be taxed 2 per cent on the part saved and the same on the part spent. The same ratio with a graduated increase would apply to incomes up to \$20,000 where the maximum

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