

## REPUBLICANS TO SEEK SUPPORT OF SOUTHERN STATES

### Rejection of Tinkham Resolution Means G. O. P. Will Pay Court

## TAR HEEL DELEGATION DISCUSSES THE OUTLOOK

### Some Think Wise Policy Would Be To Select Two Congressmen at Large Instead of Redistricting State; Some Candidates For New Places Mentioned at Washington

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By R. E. POWELL

Washington, Dec. 18.—Action by the Republican caucus last night in rejecting the proposal of Representative Tinkham to investigate voting conditions in the South with a view to cutting down Southern representation is generally interpreted as meaning that the Republicans will pay court to rather than seek to alienate the Southern voters.

The caucus was called to consider, primarily, the several apportionment bills and the impression obtaining among Republican leaders today is that the House will vote to increase its membership practically on the basis of the Siegel bill. Under the provisions of this bill, North Carolina will receive two additional members of Congress.

Discussion today among members of the Tar Heel delegation disclosed the fact that a movement has been under way in the State for some time to have two new members elected as Congressmen at large. Democratic leaders are opposed, it is said here, to redistricting the State but strongly in favor of selecting one Congressman at large from the east and one from the west.

### Plenty of Candidates.

Many names have been mentioned in connection with the new places, which it appears now will be ready for filling at the next general election. Sumter Brawley, of Durham, has been given quite a bit of prominent mention for the western job and Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro, is foremost as Congressman at large. Democratic leaders are opposed, it is said here, to redistricting the State but strongly in favor of selecting one Congressman at large from the east and one from the west.

The election of one or two extra Congressmen would come with the general election of 1922 and some members today were speculating on the probability that Congressman Claude Kitchin would prefer the title of Congressman-at-large to that of Representative from the Second North Carolina district. If anybody approximates a Congressman-at-large without having the title, Mr. Kitchin does and there is a strong feeling that all things considered his friends in the eastern part of the State would hand it to him on a silver platter if he wants it.

### Not New Proposition.

There will be some sentiment among members of the general assembly meeting next month for redistricting the State although it is often asserted that the opposition is strong enough to defeat any plan of cutting up the State again. There will be a redistricting of Senatorial districts, it is contended but the Congressional districts will not be touched at this time.

### Search Without Warrant.

Pointing out that arrests without warrants are authorized only in case of detection in the act of transporting liquor or operating a distillery, Judge Connor quoted a decision of the Supreme Court bearing on the case in point as follows:

"The efforts of the courts and their officials to bring the guilty to punishment, notwithstanding as they are, are not to be aided by the sacrifice of those great principles established by years of endeavor and suffering which have resulted in their embodiment in the"

Constitution. It is not to be supposed that the courts are to be made the instruments of a general search for crime. The right of privacy of the citizen is not to be invaded without a warrant."

Mr. Brawley offered to waive the finding of a true bill and proceed with an immediate trial, but Judge Connor declined to take that course.

Though leaving the charge of intimidation for the consideration of a grand jury, Judge Connor commented at length upon the action of Agent Lifsey, Deputy Sheriff Dean and Lancaster in visiting the home of Wheeler at night, without a warrant and conducting a search of the premises and arresting Wheeler.

There are certain well understood, clearly defined, immutable laws protecting all of our citizens, and I shall not for one moment give the slightest countenance to their being disregarded in this district," Judge Connor declared.

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## CHARGES AGAINST OFFICERS IGNORED BY JUDGE CONNOR

### Court Declares It Has No Control Over The Activities of Prohibition Agents

## GULLEY AND LIFSEY DENY CHARGES MADE BY MORTON

### Judge Connor Finds Probable Cause Against June Lancaster But Releases Two Lancaster Boys; Officers Criticized For Entering Premises Without a Warrant

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Declaring that the court has no control over prohibition agents and is without authority to either direct their activities or discharge them, Judge Henry G. Connor yesterday ignored the charges of undue intimacy with blockading men Friday against H. G. Gulley and J. F. Lifsey. However, Judge Connor severely criticized the action of Mr. Lifsey in participating in a search made without a warrant.

Both of the officers yesterday denied the statements which were made by United States Commissioner W. B. Morton, a witness against June J. Lancaster, wealthy farmer and banker of Franklin county, against whom Judge Connor yesterday found probable cause on the charge of intimidating R. D. Wheeler, a government witness.

Mr. Lifsey, who stands as a witness for Lancaster, he denied ever having obtained whiskey from Lancaster at any time and said the defendant had been of great help to the federal officers in the discharge of their duties. The officer admitted having told Wheeler he could go home, but explained his action by stating he did not know Wheeler was interested in any case except that in which he was a defendant.

### At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Gulley was granted permission to make a statement, though the court pointed out that the government was in no way sponsor for the charges made against the officers as they were elicited by counsel for the defendant and not by the district attorney.

### Gulley Makes Denial.

Mr. Gulley denied that he had ever been to the home of June Lancaster except on official business. He stated that in a number of cases, including the Phil G. Kelly, the largest ever emanating from this district, "it is embarrassing for me to make this statement, but I have said all of the officers working under me that Mr. Lancaster has been accused of dealing in whiskey and I have been accused of protecting him by the fanatics of Franklin county, and I have instructed all of the officers to investigate fully any charges that might reach them concerning Mr. Lancaster without bringing the charges to me," said Mr. Gulley.

In addition to Mr. Lifsey, a number of character witnesses were introduced by the defense. J. R. Collier, superintendent of the State prison and a number of other witnesses testified that Lancaster bore a good reputation in Franklin county and was not believed to have had anything to do with whiskey since he was indicted for illicit distilling about fifteen years ago. A number of witnesses also testified that Wheeler bears a bad reputation. Two of the Lancaster boys and two other boys who were with them at the time they were alleged to have threatened the life of Wheeler, all denied the incident. Judge Connor declared that Wheeler had been discredited and remanded him to jail, where he was sentenced earlier in the term. He also dismissed the charges against the two Lancaster boys.

### W. H. Yarborough, counsel for the defendants, declared it was incredible that citizens of Franklin county should have chosen Lancaster as president of the Bank of Wood if he had been a blockader. He stated that this belief was held only by Dr. Morton, whom he described as a "lover of the sensation."

### Lancaster Put Under Bond.

However, Judge Connor refused to dismiss the charge and ordered the defendant placed under a bond of \$500 for his appearance at the May term of court. The bond also stipulates that Lancaster shall keep the peace with Wheeler. "Wheeler has been discredited, but there is natural evidence surrounding this case that calls for further investigation; I shall find probable cause against the defendant, and the matter of how he did just what he told Dr. Morton he would do can be investigated later," said the court.

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## NEW CATERPILLAR GUN MOUNT



Officers of the United States Army Ordnance Department watched with interest the demonstration of a new type self-propelled caterpillar mount for a 165 mm. rifle at Hoboken, N. J. It was designed by Walter Christy. The photograph shows the mount taking a forty-five degree hill with ease.

## Christmas Opportunities Are Being Taken Rapidly

More than half of the first batch of Christmas opportunities presented by The News and Observer yesterday morning have been taken, indicating that the people of Raleigh are more eager than ever to avail themselves of this avenue of rendering a real service on Thanksgiving.

A majority of the opportunities presented are cases of real need. Most of them do not include children, though many do. A number of instances appeared yesterday in which Sunday School classes or church organizations have taken one or more opportunities, and it is understood that a number of classes meeting today will take action.

A telephone call to the News and Observer after two o'clock this afternoon will secure the address of the family represented in the opportunity selected. The opportunities taken and those which are still open follow:

- OPPORTUNITY NO. 1.**  
Taken by Stonehall Circle, Junior King's Daughters.  
Old lady widow, lives alone. Works in mill.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 2.**  
Taken by Mrs. H. E. Tanton, Carolina Power and Light Co.  
Mother and daughter, both feeble and old. Mother bedridden. Daughter helps support both by handwork and sewing.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 3.**  
Taken by Mr. Capers White, 214 S. Blount Street.  
Very deserving and hard working family composed of father, mother and four children. All work.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 4.**  
Taken by Mr. R. N. Caviness, Hillsboro Street.  
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Very poor family composed of father, mother and two small children. Father blind in one eye, works in mill.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 5.**  
Taken by Mr. R. N. Caviness, Hillsboro Street.  
Father, mother and two children. Father has one arm, works in mill. Very smart and deserving family.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 6.**  
Taken by Mrs. E. H. Baker and Miss Marion and Louise Baker.  
Father has tuberculosis, works in mill when able. Very deserving.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 7.**  
Taken by Mrs. V. St. Cloud, Bland Hotel.  
Old lady and one son. Both work. Woman does house work.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 8.**  
Taken by Mrs. E. H. Baker and Miss Marion and Louise Baker.  
Old lady lives alone, unable to work.
- OPPORTUNITY NO. 9.**  
Taken by Mrs. Capers White, 214 S. Blount Street.  
Couple, husband blind, wife feeble-minded. Both very smart and work.

## 13 PERSONS DROWNED IN OHIO WHEN BOAT SINKS

### Within Five Minutes After Springing Leak, Launch Goes to Bottom

Augusta, Ky., Dec. 18.—Thirteen persons were drowned in the Ohio river when the United States steam launch Margaret, sprung a leak and sank three miles below Augusta at 6 o'clock tonight.

Nine men survived the disaster by jumping into the water. Seven swam ashore and two were picked up by fishermen.

The boat sank in mid-river. There was no panic among the passengers, was said, owing to the fact that they did not realize their danger.

According to the survivors, who were brought here the launch was carrying a party to Augusta to attend church services.

The boat, which was used at the government dam at Ohio, was bringing a crowd of 21 persons to Augusta. The launch was in sight of Augusta when the engineer, Dan Dykes, discovered a leak in the side of the craft. He started the pumps to working but the water came in too fast.

Within less than five minutes, and before the passengers were aware of their peril, it was said, the boat listed and went under.

### PURSE SNATCHER IS GIVEN SEVERE JOLT BY WOMAN.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—A woman, a purse snatcher, stole Mrs. W. A. Middleton, aged 59, a victim. He did not know she was a teacher of physical culture.

After demonstrating a few jiu jitsu tricks, and regaining her purse, Mrs. Middleton surrendered him to the police.

### CAMINETTI NOW STUDYING IMMIGRATION CONDITIONS

Warsaw, Dec. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Anthony Caminetti, American commissioner of immigration, who has been here for several days inspecting conditions affecting the tide of emigration to America, left Warsaw this afternoon with his staff. He will go to Prague, and from that city will proceed to Jugo-Slavia.

### BIG CHRISTMAS RACES AT PIPEHARST, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 3 P. M.

Christmas dinner at the Carolina 6:30 to 8:00. Dancing 9:00 to 12:00.—(Adv.)

## WEEK OF INTENSIFIED WARFARE IN IRELAND

### Despite Raids and Arrests Optimists Predict a Truce Is Near at Hand

Dublin, Dec. 18.—Intensified warfare the usual accompaniment of peace parleys—marked the close of an eventful week for Ireland. Extensive raids and wholesale arrests by the police and military and the increased activity of the Irish Republican army in attacking the crown forces will make up the news in the Irish papers tomorrow.

Little will be published about the effort of the peace makers to bring about a settlement, but if the optimistic predictions of the principal intermediaries are fulfilled a truce is near at hand.

"Let us continue our ascending march towards the stars."

### VOLUNTEER FIREMAN LOSES LIFE IN ANSWERING CALL

Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—Responding to a call of the Central fire department to extinguish a small blaze at a local hospital early this morning, Wiley T. May, volunteer fireman, in some manner missed his footing on the fire truck and was thrown under the rear wheels and sustained injuries from which he died six hours later. May is well known throughout this section of the State, being district agent for a well known motor truck. He served as a First Lieutenant in the American army in the world war.

### SEAMAN DROWNED IN EFFORT TO GO TO SEE SICK WIFE

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—Denied permission to visit his sick wife, Reuben G. Torres, seaman, leaped from the deck of the coast guard cutter Gresham and was drowned. He was drawn beneath the rushing ship before he could make a stroke for the shore on which stood the home in which his wife lay ill.

### COUGHS UP WOOL DRIVEN INTO LUNGS BY BULLETS

Boulder, Colo., Dec. 18.—George Davis, of Red Lodge, Montana, a government vocational student at the University of Colorado, yesterday coughed up two pieces of "O. D." wool that had been driven into his lungs in France by German bullets, thereby ending a four day coughing spell.

### TWO UNIDENTIFIED MEN KIDNAP SPANISH GIRL

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two unidentified men entered a residence at Homestead, a suburb, late yesterday, seized Blandina Pato, 16 year old Spanish girl who arrived here recently from South America, and carried her away in an automobile.

Mrs. Joseph Pato, an aunt with whom Blandina resided, reported to the police that she believed her niece was carried away by an admirer who followed her from South America.

## FIRST MEETING OF LEAGUE AT GENEVA COMES TO A CLOSE

### Hymans and Motta Tell Delegates League of Nations Has Proved a Success

## DELEGATES SATISFIED WITH ASSEMBLY'S WORK

### Final Day Marks Another Encounter Between British Delegates and Representatives of British Dominions Over Mandates; Esperanto Voted Down By Assembly

Geneva, Dec. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—The first meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations closed this evening in a burst of eloquence after passing through one of the fullest days of its existence in a rather agitated and not always clear debate.

In a farewell speech, Paul Hymans, President of the assembly, and Dr. Giuseppe Motta, President of Switzerland, told the delegates the first assembly had proved the league was a living organism and a success. The opinion expressed by the delegates who have participated most actively in the work of the assembly is that it has done all that could be expected of it, if not more.

A number of pet projects have met with disaster; yet there are few, if any, delegates who remained for the entire assembly that will leave dissatisfied with the work of that body.

### British Encounter.

The final day was marked by another encounter between the English delegates and the representatives of the British Empire. Lord Robert Cecil, acting for South Africa, and J. Doherty, for Canada, provoked an aggressive and significant declaration by Arthur J. Balfour to the effect that if the assembly adopted any recommendations concerning mandates he and his successor on the league council would pay no attention to them.

Lord Robert Cecil and Dr. Doherty criticized the council for holding back information about mandates and supported the recommendations of the mandates committee, the most important of which were that the assembly express the opinion that the resources of the territories under mandate should not be exploited by the mandatories for their own profit or for the profit of the allies and that the recruiting of troops should not be allowed in such territories.

The recommendations were adopted unanimously, Mr. Balfour conceding himself by saying they would have no effect, instead of voting against them.

### Esperanto Loses Out.

Esperanto fell a victim to a sharp assault by Gabriel Hanotaux, when the committee reported in favor of an expression by the assembly with the object of encouraging the general teaching of Esperanto in the public schools with a view to making it eventually an international language and the language of the league. After a debate the assembly voted against the proposal.

M. Hymans, in his closing speech, dwelt upon the fact that the session of the assembly demonstrated to all the value of the League of Nations.

"The league has developed a consciousness," he said, "and now resolves to live, and will live. Through the setting up of an international court of justice, the assembly has established a house of rights and a police of peace."

### Activities of Assembly.

The activities of the assembly respecting typhus he declared to be a magnificent demonstration of human solidarity. When the assembly spoke of disarmament, M. Hymans said, the members of that body displayed keen anxiety to lift the weight of armaments from the shoulders of the world but at the same time realized that in the present unsettled conditions of Europe nothing better could be done than had been.

He referred to fraternal spirit shown by the assembly, the members of which were separated only by shades of opinion, not by principles. He appealed to the youth of the world, the men of tomorrow, those who fought in the great war to construct a moral world indispensable to the future of mankind, and concluded:

"Let us continue our ascending march towards the stars."

## NOT TO USE GOLD COINS FOR HOLIDAY PURPOSES

Washington, Dec. 18.—National and other banks have been requested by John Burke, treasurer of the United States, not to distribute gold coins for holiday purposes. The request is in line with the policy of the treasury to conserve the gold reserve, it was explained today, but when gold is demanded upon gold obligations the demands will be met. Old gold will be paid, however, and no \$2.50 gold pieces will be issued as the coining of these pieces has been stopped.

## TEN AUTOMOBILES STOLEN IN WAYNE IN ONE DAY

Goldboro, Dec. 18.—Tonight while T. W. Corbin, of Fremont, was eating supper at a local cafe, some party pilfered his automobile. According to reports made at police headquarters, this made a total of ten automobiles reported stolen here during the day.

During the past few days a number of bold robberies have taken place here and the police believe that a band of professional crooks are now operating in this city.

## CAPT. MOFFITT NAMED DIRECTOR OF AVIATION

Washington, Dec. 18.—Captain William A. Moffitt, formerly commandant of the Great Lakes Training Station and later commander of the battleship Mississippi, of the Pacific fleet, has been appointed director of naval aviation, it was announced today by Secretary Daniels. Captain Moffitt succeeds Captain Thomas T. Craven, who will be sent to sea, probably in command of a battleship.

## FAVORABLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO GIVE FARMERS AID

### TO AIR CHARGES THAT NEGROES IN SOUTH WERE NOT PERMITTED TO VOTE

## House Votes 212 To 61 To Adopt Senate Resolution Revising The War Finance Corporation

### GOES TO CONFERENCE FOR ADJUSTMENT WITH THE SENATE MEASURE

### Final Vote In House Comes After Five Hours of Debate; Section Two of Senate Resolution Stating Opinion of Congress That Federal Reserve Banks Should Allow Farmers Liberal Credits Struck Out; Opposition to Bill Declares It Is Class Legislation, While Advocates Stress Necessity For Some Sort of Relief For Farmers

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Senate resolution to revise the War Finance Corporation as a measure of relief for farmers was adopted by the House late today in amended form and by a vote of 212 to 61. It now goes to conference for adjustment with the Senate measure.

## FRAME EMERGENCY TARIFF MEASURE

### Designed To Protect Twenty Farm Products; May Be Presented Tomorrow

Washington, Dec. 18.—Framing of an emergency tariff designed to protect twenty farm products was completed late today by the House ways and means committee. The measure probably will be presented to the House Monday with a request for action on it the following day.

The bill was designated as the Fordney Emergency Tariff. As drawn, it would be effective for one year from date of passage.

The measure was agreed to after six hours discussion by the full membership of the committee, which elected to honor its chairman by giving the bill his name. Mr. Fordney will prepare and introduce the formal draft.

The committee broadened the original project of Senate and House leaders in a joint conference. The bill was said to have been planned as a comprehensive measure to shield agriculturists from further price decline. Representative Young, Republican, North Dakota, chairman of the agricultural sub-committee, indicated that ways and means committee members would urge its passage before the Christmas recess.

Products to which tariff protection would apply and the rates agreed upon under the committee bill were as follows:

Wheat, 30 cents a bushel; wool in the grease, 15 cents a pound; skirted 30 cents a pound; mutton and lamb, 2.12 cents a pound; cattle, 30 cent per cent valorem; wheat flour, 20 per cent valorem; corn, 15 cents a bushel; sheep, \$1 a head if under one year old and \$2 a head if over one year; onions, 40 cents a bushel; peanuts, 2 cents a pound; rice, 2 cents a pound if cleaned and 1.12 cents a pound if uncleaned; potatoes, 25 cents a bushel; long staple cotton, 7 cents a pound; and cotton seed, cocoon, peanut and soy bean oils, 20 cents a gallon.

The committee asked the Treasury Department to compile a schedule of rates on wool products, which would be equal to the rates applied to wool. This schedule is expected to be ready early Monday for inclusion in the bill when introduced, Mr. Fordney announced.

Proposals to include sugar, hogs, frozen beef, vegetable seeds, barley, flax, butter and potato flour and potato starch in the list were voted down.

"I don't believe honestly it is going to help the farmer in the way he expects," he said. "You will be called upon to revise the grain corporation and other government war agencies."

"Until the consuming public gets the full benefit of the declining prices, I think nothing should be done to interfere."

### Would Add Burden.

Representative Madden, Republican, Illinois, said the measure would add another billion dollar burden to the backs of the people.

"Already Europe owes us \$12,000,000,000," he said. "This would add another billion to that debt. It moreover sustains high prices and does not help the working people whose wages are being reduced all over the country."

Other speakers supporting the resolution were Representatives Strong, Republican, Kansas; Steagall, Democrat, Alabama; Tincher, Republican, Kansas; Wingo, Democrat, Arkansas.

## SAYS POLAND WANTS TO BUY AMERICAN COTTON

Washington, Dec. 18.—Poland is seeking to buy between 300,000 and 400,000 bales of American cotton, according to information given out by Prince Casimir Lubomirski, Polish Minister, to Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking Democrat of the Senate foreign relations committee.

To buy the cotton Polish interests are seeking to arrange long time credits which are imperative, the Polish envoy informed Senator Hitchcock.

## MINISTER FAILS TO SAVE DOCTOR FROM BEING FINED

Zion, Ills., Dec. 18.—Efforts of the Rev. Mr. O'Brien, a Methodist minister, as attorney failed to save from fine Dr. George Billmeyer, a physician, charged with smoking on one of the busiest corners in Zion today.

The Rev. Mr. O'Brien contended that Patrolman Isaac Parry, who made the arrest, was misled by congested breath due to the cold weather. Dr. Billmeyer took the stand, however, and admitted he had been smoking tobacco. He was fined \$10 and costs.

## SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ITS MEETING TOMORROW

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Proposals to raise the salary limit, inauguration of a movement to secure the enactment of stringent laws against betting on baseball games and feasibility of a post-season series with the winners of the Texas League pennant, are among matters expected to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs here next Monday.