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WETS GIVE BATTLE TO SECURE FAVOR IN HARDING'S EYE

Fight To Obtain Internal Revenue Commission Appointment Delays The Appointment

BOTH SIDES KEEPING CLOSE TAB ON PLACE

Boosting Party From North Carolina Joins National Committee Morehead In Pushing Blair's Claims For Commission; Bickett Visits The Capital

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON.
(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, April 8.—"To hear or not to hear" appears to be a question that to a large degree is delaying—shall I say holding up—the appointment of Internal Revenue Commissioner, for as it is seen in Washington the appointment has developed into a "lug of war" between the "wets" and the "drys" as to which has the strongest pull with the Harding administration. While the Democratic incumbent, Commissioner William M. Williams, has been trying to get out of office for the last two weeks, forces of circumstances keep him on the job, while the hungry Republicans on the outside are looking for their chops, and beseeching the Harding hand-men to get at the job.

Both "wets" and "drys" are keeping close watch on the appointment as they expect from it to get at the learnings of the new administration as to prohibition. The men in the running for the position are Joseph H. McDermott, of West Virginia, said to have the solid "wet" support behind him, and Col. Edward Clifford, of Illinois, alleged as having the dry backing with Robert Blair, of Michigan, and Dave Blair, of North Carolina, each with his political lightning rod well up in the air. The new booze regulations are now before Commissioner Williams and being asked about status by the news men.

Williams Will Not Act.
"I am not going to act on them. I have been trying to get out for the last two weeks. I think it proper under the circumstances that I leave these regulations to my successor who will have to administer them." The Anti-Social League is trying to have stricken from the new regulations the reference to "wholesale liquor dealers," that Blair is no provision in the Volstead law for "wholesale" dealers, though it has been so construed. And if Congress adopts an anti-brew amendment then there must be few changes in the regulations. There are other angles to the situation, and it looks now as if the appointment of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue is to indicate the position of the Republican administration as to prohibition enforcement. Commissioner Williams resignation was tendered on March 5th.

Blair Boosting Party
A special Dave Blair boosting party came to Washington today and joined National Committee Morehead in urging consideration of Blair's name for the position of Commissioner of Internal Revenue. In the party were J. W. Cannon, of Concord, father-in-law of Dave; F. H. Fries and J. A. Gray, of Winston-Salem; J. Ellwood Cox, of High Point; A. J. Draper and Stuart Cramer, of Charlotte. Under the chaperonage of Committee Man Morehead the party called on Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and then on President Harding, where the need of the government of the services of Mr. Blair were told, and his party services were set out, with the boost of endorsement for the position by the Republican State machine. Both Secretary Mellon and President Harding gave attention to the application, and stated that as yet no decision had been reached. It was a strong delegation for Dave and the members of it did the boosting in great shape. All in the party have hopes, for "hope springs eternal" or till the other fellow gets the job.

Mr. Parker Anderson made the arrangement and presented the party to the President. This was to have been done by Mr. James Z. Darden, of New York, a native of Edgecombe county, personal friend of President Harding, but he had been called out of the city by the death of a nephew. As the party was leaving Postmaster General Will Hays greeted Mr. Morehead, was introduced to the others, learned their mission and his aid being sought he said: "It will do it right now." On rejoining the party he told them that the President was busy when he entered but that he had left a note of endorsement for Mr. Blair and asked favorable consideration. And then the North Carolinians took in a view of "Laddie Boy."

Bickett in Washington
There was another North Carolinian here today, but he was not on a mission of politics, for ex-Governor Bickett came to present a matter concerning the shooting of ducks—lame ducks in the group but of the real kind—to the biological section of the Department of Agriculture. With him was Senator Swanson, of Virginia, on the same mission, the third member of the party being Thomas Dixon, now of New York, but whose winter home is on Currituck Sound, four miles from Currituck courthouse, who maintains his citizenship in North Carolina. The three appeared in opposition to a regulation which forbade motor boat retrieving of killed or crippled ducks. A decision is reserved.

Governor Bickett said in talking with news men he had no news of any kind to narrate that "I am devoting my entire attention to the practice of law, and can give full information on chattel mortgages and on bull yearlings, for I am an authority on that subject." As to crop conditions he said "I do not think there will be half as much tobacco and cotton planted this year as last. The

VISITS AMERICA WITH THE ZIONISTS



Prof. Albert Einstein, famous German scientist, whose theory of relativity is declared to be revolutionary, recently arrived in New York as a member of the World Zionist Congress delegation to the United States. His discoveries, said to be as epochal in the field of science as those of Newton and his law of gravitation, have evoked world-wide discussion.

VIOLATES NO LAW BEASLEY STATES

Tar Heel Oil Boosters Send No Stock Salesmen Into State To Worry Wade

In answer to the attack of Stacky W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner, on the International Petroleum Company, of San Antonio, Texas, Roland F. Beasley, former Commissioner of Public Welfare in North Carolina, and now associated with that company, wired The News and Observer last night that the International Company has made free use of the United States mails in distribution of literature with a knowledge that the federal government would hold the officers personally accountable for any abuse of the privilege.

"They have not knowingly violated any law," he declared.
In his statement Commissioner Wade charged that "the company is seeking to do business in North Carolina in open and flagrant violation of the law and the fact that two North Carolinians are officers of the company, serves to make the company's criminal operations all the more reprehensible." Mr. Beasley's statement follows:
"The International is managed by a set of men with a clean record and they earnestly desire to conduct the affairs of the company along honorable and lawful lines. They have not knowingly violated any law. They have made free use of the United States mails in distributing literature with a full knowledge that the federal government would hold them personally accountable for any abuse of the privilege. If they have violated any of the laws of North Carolina it is entirely by inadvertence and has not been called to their attention."
Purely Mail Order Business.
Monroe, April 8.—The Monroe Journal of this afternoon says the International Petroleum Company, of San Antonio, Texas, the officers of which were subject to a bitter attack from Insurance Commissioner Stacky Wade in morning papers today, has never intended sending stock salesmen into this State, and was conducting a purely mail order stock selling campaign, it was learned here today from authoritative sources.

The license tax, it was stated, is almost prohibitive and this alone has prevented Messrs. Williams and Beasley, Monroe men, from endeavoring to interest by personal solicitation their fellow North Carolinians in their oil refinery and wells, which they consider a legitimate business.

Monroe men familiar with the legal aspects of the case declare Commissioner Wade's action a gross assumption of authority, pointing out that there can be no transgression of any North Carolina statute as long as the Federal postal regulations are complied with. And no attempt is made to sell stock through salesmen without first procuring a state license.
The International Petroleum Company, it was pointed out, is a legitimate corporation or the postal authorities would have long ago denied it the use of the mails.
According to Commissioner Wade's statement, the International's only offense is the flooding of the State with advertising matter concerning its prospects, a right it certainly possesses it is pointed out.

TWO ALIENISTS TESTIFY IN UNION WILL CASE

Monroe, April 8.—Practically the entire day was consumed in hearing two witnesses in the Ross Will trial here, these being Drs. J. K. Hall, of Richmond, Va., and Albert Anderson, of Raleigh summoned to answer a hypothetical question based upon the jury finding. Both doctors stated that if these facts submitted by the caveators both doctors stated that if these facts are proven to be true Maggie Ross did not have mental capacity to make her will.

ALAMANCE HONORS SCHOOL CHILDREN OF ENTIRE COUNTY

Thousands of Students Gather in Burlington For Annual County Commencement

EDUCATIONAL DAY IN EVERY WAY BIG SUCCESS

Entertainment of All Kinds Provided Including Picnic Dinners and Athletic Events; Editor Josephus Daniels and President W. A. Harper Speak To Assembled Crowds

Burlington, April 8.—This was the biggest educational day in the history of Alamance county. There assembled here today sixty per cent of all the school children in the county in a procession many squares long, bearing banners and devices, and with them came all the teachers of the entire county, with nearly all the school committeemen and hundreds of the parents.

It was a beautiful sight, one long to be remembered, and showed that Alamance not only leads the list of counties alphabetically but stands among the foremost in the educational progress of the county. Picnic dinners and athletic contests and play on the large school grounds, with free admission to all the children from the county to the moving picture show, whose generous managers had provided specially interesting films to please the school children. In fact the whole community acted as hosts to the children and the parents and made them all feel they were at home.

Winners in Literary Contests
The following winners of prizes were announced:
Dramatization, third grade, Hawfields. Prize: Picture for school room, given by Reliable Furniture Co., Mebane.
Reading contest, third and fourth grades: Clara Durham, from Fair Ground School. Prize: Two dollars, given by Fitch-Riggs Lumber Co., Mebane.

Reading contests, fifth, sixth and seventh grades: Mercedes Jordan, from Elon Graded School. Prize: Two dollars, given by Mebane citizens.
Recitation: Evelyn Tyson, from Mebane Graded School. Prize: Gold medal, given by National Bank of Alamance.

Declaration: Ernest Cude, from Friendship High School. Prize: Gold medal, given by G. B. Baskin.
Spelling contests, fourth and fifth grades: Daisy Mauldin, from Mebane Graded School. Prize: Two dollars, given by Mebane citizens.

Spelling contest, sixth and seventh grades: Hurley Sheppard, from Ospeep Graded School. Prize: Gold medal, given by M. C. Terrell.

Mr. Daniels Speaks
The address of the day was delivered by Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of The News and Observer, to an audience that packed the large auditorium and ran over into the corridors. Most of the audience that remained for the address was composed of the larger pupils, the school committeemen, teachers and citizens generally. The auditorium would not accommodate them and the younger children too.

Alamance's Fine Record
Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, introduced the speaker, told of his leadership for education and temperance in North Carolina before he went to Washington to advance these same causes in the Navy, and to direct the Navy for a longer period than any man who had previously held the Navy portfolio.
In presenting Mr. Daniels today Dr. Harper said with reference to the school work in Alamance that out of a school population of ten thousand more than eight thousand are actually in school, not counting those in colleges and other institutions; of the 255 school teachers more than 85 per cent hold State certificates, whereas only half the total teachers of the State hold such certificates; that 26 local tax districts in the rural section plus the four city school systems pay more money for education in the county than the county and State levies yield; that in rural sections more than six thousand dollars was contributed this year to bring high grade teachers to the country schools as a supplement to their salaries.

LEAVES BULK OF HIS ESTATE TO LEGAL HEIRS

John Elliott who Committed Suicide Recently, Leaves \$10,000 To The Church

Fayetteville, April 8.—The will of John Elliott, who committed suicide at his home near this city Tuesday, which has been filed in the office of Probate Judge W. M. Walker by the executors, leaves \$10,000 to the Fayetteville Presbyterian church, to be used in home or foreign missions, or both, as the rulers of the Presbytery may deem best. A number of personal bequests are also made, the remainder of the estate being left to Mr. Elliott's legal heirs. The executors of the will are Thomas J. Purdie and H. S. Averitt, of this city. The executors estimate the estate at \$100,000.
Among the bequests is \$1,000 left to Jeff Williams, a faithful negro servant who had been with Mr. Elliott for many years.
All the lands in 71st township owned by the deceased are left to William H. Elliott, a cousin who lived with Mr. Elliott. The other bequests are \$2,000 in cash or good securities to Miss Lila S. Love, his housekeeper; \$5,000 in cash or good securities to Miss Annie K. Evans, of Fayetteville; \$5,000 in cash to Miss Lila Jones, of Millthorpe, Texas; \$1,000 in cash to Mary F. Patterson, of Laurinburg; \$1,000 in cash to Emma Elliott, of Linden; and \$1,000 in good notes to M. F. Beddoe.

BESS CITY VOTES \$400,000 IN BONDS

Elizabeth City, April 8.—Elizabeth City voted a school bond issue of \$400,000 today by an overwhelming majority, with a total registration of 1,033. The vote was 732 for bonds and 58 against bonds.

URGE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ROADS

Owners of Railroad Securities Join With Five Railroad Labor Unions

Washington, April 8.—The National Association of owners of Railroad securities joined today with five railroad labor unions in proposing that President Harding call a conference of representatives of both owners and employees to discuss the Railroad problem, particularly as it affects wages and working conditions now in dispute before the Railroad Labor Board.
S. Davies Warfield, president of the association and Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, conferred for an hour with the President on the general transportation situation and suggested the conference as one of the means for adjusting the difficulties the roads face. The request from the unions was in the form of a telegram from B. M. Jewell, head of the Railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor.

Coinciding with the conference at the White House and the receipt of the telegram, Chairman Cummins of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee announced he had drafted a resolution for introduction next week authorizing a general and exhaustive investigation of railroad affairs. He plans to begin the inquiry about April 15. Means for bringing about a reduction in rates, operating costs and the question of efficiency under private ownership of efficiency under private to be gone into.

Rail managers will be heard and labor representatives will follow. No comment on the conference today was made at the White House but after the meeting a memorandum left with the President by the representatives of the securities owners was made public by them saying the conference "covered a wide field."

After suggesting that "properly called meetings between the men and these representing the railroad be held under the auspices of the existing governmental agencies—the Labor Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission," the memorandum said:
"We are on record that wage adjustment is only part of the problem," and expressed the view that this "should be attained under circumstances carrying assurances to railway workers that whatever may be brought about is reasonable and just."

The securities owners it was said, felt assured that in cases in which an agreement cannot be reached with an individual railroad management, the employees would enter into immediate discussion of their differences by regional boards, equally divided, formed by each of the four groups of railroad men and arranged by a commission for rate making purposes.
The telegram to the President from the labor unions proposed that all wage disputes be held in abeyance pending the conference and settlement of the question of rates. It included twelve points which were described as "labor's self-evident and inalienable rights" which would have to be settled at the suggested conference. It further specified that "no agreement should be made which should be subject to the 'draconian' contingency of death," he declared. "The others," he said, "seemed to be able to live and move freely without being affected by this contagion, this disease of death."
The lawyer said physicians always sought the cause of a pestilence and added, "we must do the same."

STILLMAN WILL PUSH DIVORCE CASE TRIAL

New York Banker Pays Over Alimony and Lawyer Fees In Order To Hasten Action

New York, April 8.—Reports that James A. Stillman, president of the National City Bank of New York, was anxious to press his divorce suit to trial were confirmed today by his attorneys. They turned over to Mrs. Stillman's counsel \$20,000 for counsel fees and alimony, which they had been given until May 4 to pay in installments. With the check for that amount was a letter saying Mr. Stillman "desires a prompt trial of the issues and is not disposed to furnish any excuse for delay by staying the proceedings, pending an appeal."
Previously it had been announced that an appeal from the order granting alimony, counsel fees and expenses would be taken, and the letter today set forth that the payment was made "without prejudice to our right to appeal from the order within the 30 days allowed by law."

TENSION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES BECOMES ACUTE

Stockholm, April 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The tension which has been noticeable recently between Russia and Finland is becoming more acute. Bolsheviks have invaded the Republic of Finland districts, to which the Russo-Finnish peace treaty had guaranteed autonomy. The inhabitants of the districts are fleeing into the interior of Finland.

London, April 8.—The Greeks have evacuated Aten-Karavassari, the junction point of the Bagdad railway south of Eski-Shehr, and retreated to Tomulbazar forty kilometers to the west, says a Roter dispatch from Smyrna.

FAITH OF WILLIAMS RESTS WITH JURY WHICH TAKES CASE

No Word From Twelve Men Sitting in Judgment On Man Charged With Murder

TWO BRILLIANT LAWYERS FINISH UP ARGUMENTS

Strong Appeals Made Both Against And In Behalf of Man On Trial For Killing Eleven Negroes; Unmoved By Plea For Acquittal And Composed During Denunciation

Covington, Ky., April 8.—The jury trial of John B. Williams on a charge of murder of eleven farm hands, went to bed at 11:55 a. m. today without having reached a verdict after nine hours deliberation. The deliberations will be resumed after breakfast today.
Before retiring the jury had aroused Judge John B. Hutcheson from bed shortly before midnight and had him repeat his entire charge. After a short deliberation and apparently another ballot, Foreman T. R. Starr announced the jurors would retire.

Covington, Ga., April 8.—The fate of John Williams accused of the murder of eleven negro farm hands, to hide peonage conditions, went to the jury here late today but the early hours of the night were away without word as to its decision.
Judge John B. Hutcheson, presiding charged the jury on three verdicts: Murder, which under Georgia law would carry the death penalty; murder with recommendation for mercy, which automatically carried life imprisonment, or acquittal. Spectators and court attendants discussing the probable verdict, also talked of the possibilities of a mistrial.
The losing arguments that occupied the day, admittedly powerful efforts by two attorneys with brilliant legal reputations, drew a crowd that filled every inch of the Newton county court room. The spectators maintaining the good order of previous days, silently listened, but they showed no less emotion than the defendant.

Shows Little Concern.
Williams, surrounded by his wife and family watched attentively as he heard himself denounced as the author of one of "this State's most atrocious crimes," and was as little affected, outwardly, as he was by the plea for his acquittal.
Arguments and charges over and over in the hands of the jury at 3:51 p. m. the Jasper county planter remained in the court room, chatting first with his wife and family, his face wreathed in smiles at something that was said. Soon he was one of a group of men who drew their chairs together and talked as friends do when they gather around the general store at the county seat.

Williams was placed on trial here for murder of one of three of his employees drowned in Newton county and the state arranged in event of his acquittal to hold him on the other two indictments. Deaths of the eight killed in Jasper county are to be investigated next Monday and department of Justice agents announced if he were acquitted of all the murder charges, they would arrest him on peonage warrants.
Described as "Plague Spot."
The deaths of the eleven negroes took place between February 25 and March 8, following a Federal investigation into alleged peonage there February 18, and former Congressman Howard termed the place a "plague spot." Only the eleven negroes who had been paid out of jail and were working out their debts to Williams were subject to the "dreadful contagion of death," he declared. "The others," he said, "seemed to be able to live and move freely without being affected by this contagion, this disease of death."

The lawyer said physicians always sought the cause of a pestilence and added, "we must do the same."
Turning from this into a discussion of peonage, he seemed to leave it to the jury to draw its own conclusion.
Denying that Clyde Manning, the negro farm boss, who said he helped Williams kill the men had any motive for the killings, Mr. Howard accused Williams of being willing to "sacrifice

SLASHES THROAT WITH RAZOR IN FLORIDA JAIL

Thurston Vaughn, Who Escaped Chair On Insanity Plea, Commits Suicide

Tampa, Fla., April 8.—Thurston U. Vaughn, arrested here a few days ago for the authorities at Columbia, S. C., committed suicide in the murderer's cell at the Hillsborough county jail here tonight. He slashed his throat with a razor, almost severing his head from his body.

This successful attempt at suicide by Vaughn was the fourth attempt since his arrest Monday at Tampa City where he was assigned to a cell in a public school and going under the name of T. A. Earl. The man had not admitted that he was Vaughn, but his wife is alleged to have stated to officers here, after the arrest, that her husband was Thurston Vaughn.
Vaughn was former superintendent of the Odd Fellows' State Orphanage at Greenville, S. C. In 1912 he was convicted of the charge of assaulting four young girl inmates of the orphanage. He was sentenced to die December 20, 1912, but before that date apparently became insane and was committed to the State insane asylum for observation. He remained there until his escape September 15, 1919. The woman who was with him here is said to have been a nurse in the asylum. They came here several months ago and were married in this city.

ENGLAND MAY FACE GIGANTIC STRIKE TUESDAY MIDNIGHT

NEGRO DIES AFTER AN EVENTFUL LIFE

James H. Jones, Who Served As Body Guard For Davis Lived In Raleigh

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON.
(By Special Leased Wire.)
Washington, April 8.—There died here today James H. Jones, a negro, whose life brought him in contact with great affairs, for he was carriage driver and body servant to President Jefferson Davis of the Confederate States, and lived to be 90 years of age. He was a native of Warren county, coming to Raleigh after the capture of President Davis, and doing contract work. He was prominent in Republican politics and along in the early seventies was an alderman of Raleigh. He was well liked and was devoted to the service of General William B. Cox, who in 1893 while Secretary of the United States Senate found a place for Jones in the Senate stationery room. Some years ago there was an effort made to throw him out of the job, and Senator John Sharp Williams came to his rescue and saved the place for him. For some time Jones has been in failing health, due to his advanced age, and has lived with his son, a physician here.

At many times he was an attendant at Confederate reunions.
Jones always resented the charge that President Davis was in woman's clothes when captured, that he would sooner have died in his tracks. His statement was that there was rain at the time that Mr. Davis was taken, that the Southern leader had stepped out of the tent and had thrown a long water proof covering over his shoulders to protect himself from the rain. This has been the accepted fact except in the most biased of minds, and this faithful negro servant, an eye witness to the taking of President Davis, had ever declared this to be the truth.
And here is another matter of interest. The report has been that when matters were at a low ebb with the fate of the Confederacy and its president and his staff, Mr. Davis, his body servant buried some effects of his, and among them the official seal of the Confederacy. Besought many times to reveal its hiding place Jones said always to have refused to do so. The mystery of the whereabouts of that seal, so far as known, must remain a mystery, for with the death of Jones silence has closed the lips of the only person who knew where it had been hidden away.

Law and labor officials of North Carolina are to take a prominent part in the farmer-laborer conference called to meet here April 14-15 by the People's Reconstruction League. R. W. H. Stone, of Greensboro, President of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Cary, Vice-president, and W. L. Bagwell, of Raleigh, Secretary Treasurer, will represent their organization at the conference. The State Federation of Labor is also expected to send representatives. President Moody, of Raleigh, will probably attend. There will be many other farm and labor organizations from the country generally. The purpose of the conference is to plan a campaign for the enactment of a program of legislation favorable to the farmer, the laborer, and the public generally. Among the subjects to be discussed are the railway crisis, the need for short time credits for farmers, packers and legislators and a national taxation policy.

The Democrats of the House will caucus tomorrow, beginning at 11:30; and Congressman Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina will be made the ranking minority member of the ways and means committee and floor leader for the Democrats. All the members of the North Carolina delegation in the House are here now, excepting Representatives Brinson, Doughton and Weaver, and these are expected either Saturday or in time for the opening of the session on Monday. The new members from North Carolina, Representatives Hallett S. Ward, Homer L. Lyon, W. C. Hammer and A. S. Bulwinkle have all established themselves in their offices and are ready for the work of the session. Congressman Bulwinkle's office force consists of Miss Mary Pharr, of Charlotte, and J. J. Rudisill, of Catawba county.

In an interview with the newspaper men today President Harding declared that he was opposed to the Federal government spending any more money on road building until the states provided for their up-keep, that hundreds of millions of dollars were wasted because of the lack of maintenance, that now good roads cost twenty-five thousand a mile as against three and four thousand some years ago, making it absolutely necessary that there should be a State maintenance policy.

The civil service commission announces that there will be an examination at a date yet to be fixed for postmaster at Hickory, a presidential office, postmaster Bagley recently sent in his resignation to take effect in August.

Among visitors to Washington today from North Carolina were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, of Greensboro. Messrs. Harry Letts and Marion Cobb, of Raleigh, were here this week making the trip by automobile. Mr. Lee H. Battle formerly of Durham and Greensboro, now here of the Lee H. Battle Audit Co., of Chastanooga, is now visiting Washington on a business trip.

Railway and Transport Workers Join Coal Miners After Breakdown in Recent Negotiations

ACTION OF THE WORKERS CALLED INTIMIDATION BY PREMIER GEORGE

Two Million Men Involved In Great Labor Struggle, Which Threatens To Include All England; Arguments of Miners Find No Support On Part Of The Newspapers Except Extreme Socialist Ones; Railway Workers Consider Fight Of Miners An Identical With Their Own

London, April 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Tuesday midnight, unless there is some new development in the meantime, will see the commencement of the greatest labor struggle in the country's history.
Approximately 3,000,000 workers then will have ceased their duties in protest against what they consider to be an organized attempt on the part of the employers to enforce a general reduction in wages.

This is the central fact of the labor situation as it developed today in a breakdown in the miners' conference and a consequent decision by the triple alliance—made up of miners and railway and transport workers—for the first time since it was organized, that its entire membership, roughly estimated at 1,000,000 miners and 500,000 each from the Railway and Transport workers' organizations should quit work in support of the strike of the miners.

Regard it as intimidation.
The government's standpoint, as voiced by Premier Lloyd George in a brief speech in the House of Commons this afternoon is that the action of the miners and other members of the triple alliance is an attempt by direct action to intimidate Parliament and the nation. The Premier announced the military and other measures which the government intended to take to defeat this attempt.

The arguments of the miners find no sudden removal of control of the coal mines is the result of a past between the government and the mine owners to enable the owners to enforce an unjustifiable reduction in wages. The attitude of the railway men is that unless there is a cessation of work, will not really injure the mine owners, who, considering the depressed condition of industry, have ample stocks of coal on the surface. They declare that the mine owners have brought this fate upon themselves by including the pump men among those whose contracts will be cancelled unless they accept new wage terms, made, not through joint discussion but by the mine owners themselves.

No Support From Papers.
The arguments of the owners find no support except on the part of the extreme Socialist newspapers. All the other newspapers condemn them strongly, and general regret is expressed that the miners refused to listen to the advice of men like Herbert H. Asquith, John R. Clynes and Arthur Henderson. In this conclusion, however, the chairman of the Parliamentary labor party, made an interesting statement on the adjournment of the House of Commons this afternoon. While expressing regret over the decision of the miners, he said he equally regretted that Premier Lloyd George had thought it proper to make imputations against the motives of the leaders of the miners. He said the actual damage done to the mines by the present strike is so small it did not justify this fact being made the cause for interfering with negotiations which might lead to a settlement of the dispute. He concluded by declaring that the cost to the country through the strike likely would be far greater than would have been the case if the government had continued to control the mines a little while longer until the wage question was settled.

NAVAL VETERANS OF THE 5TH DIVISION TO MEET

Naval officers and men of the Fifth Division, comprising the counties of Wake, Johnston, Franklin, Warren, Vance and Harnett have been ordered to meet in the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, April 19, to proceed with the formation of a Naval Reserve organization. Lieutenant Ernest P. Paschan has been designated commanding officer of the division by Lieutenant Commander J. Kenyon Wilson, of Elizabeth City, commanding Sub-district E of the Fifth Naval District.

All over the country the naval veterans are being organized and it is hoped that North Carolina will form many live and vigorous units. All the North Carolina boys who were in the navy during the war with the Central Powers are urged to join.
Lieut. Paschan has sent orders to report to the officers and men to the six counties of his district.

Major Pierce Out For Mayor

Goldboro, April 8.—Major Wentworth W. Pierce, who fought in the world war, and prominent lawyer, announced his candidacy for office of mayor in the October primary, which takes place April 14. Major Pierce was late in entering the race, but has many friends.