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Southern.

Gen. Francis Tillou Nicholls, former governor of Louisiana, who was redited with putting an end to the Louisiana lottery, is dead at the Nichols home in Thibodaux, La. He was a brigadier general in the Confederacy and left the army with one eye, one arm and one leg. He was about eighty years old.

Edward S. Whitaker, former inspector of police of New Orleans, convicted some months ago of unnatural crimes against several little girls, is dead in a New Orleans hospital due to a complication of diseases. For many years he was prominent in Louisiana politics and police affairs.

Fire, in Columbia, S. C., cleaned out a block in the West Gervais street and the wholesale district, and inflicted damage variously estimated at between \$225,000 and \$450,000. It was the most disastrous blaze in Columbia since the town was laid in ashes during the last year of the Civil war.

Capt. John Cussons is dead at his home, Glen Allen, Henrico county, Virginia. Captain Cussons was chief of scouts under Stonewall Jackson and General Lee and gained fame in the West as an Indian fighter immediately after the Civil war.

Ninety-five out of the ninety-six counties of Tennessee are infected with hookworm disease, according to the annual report of Dr. Olin West, hookworm specialist, working under direction of the state board of health.

Five minutes after he had pleaded guilty of having secured \$400 under false pretenses, C. J. Stafford, declarer at one time to have been a curb banker in New York City, and who was also known as J. E. Anderson, swallowed a quantity of carbolic acid in his call at police headquarters in Memphis, Tenn. He died in ten minutes. Remorse and a desire to spare his wife the humiliation that would attend his conviction prompted him to take his life, the man explained in a letter.

Scores of men in the convict camps in Arkansas will be liberated if Governor Donaghey carries out the threat he made to free them if contractors do not use methods more humane in handling them. "I give notice to the contractors," the governor indignantly declared, "that I will depopulate every convict camp in the state if this cruelty is not stopped. I will turn the prisoners out as fast as they are brought in unless conditions are changed," he exclaimed.

One of the biggest taxes ever paid to sell near beer in the United States was paid by J. M. Bassett & Co., who turned \$8,000 over to City Clerk Thomas Nall for a license to conduct a near beer saloon in the city of Griffin, Ga., during 1912. In addition to this amount the firm pays a state license of \$300 and a revenue tax of \$20 on the same business. This was supposed to be a prohibitory tax and no one suspected that anybody would attempt to take out a license at that high figure.

General.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, provisional president of the Chinese republic, has issued a manifesto to the foreign powers, in which he explains the public aims and policies of the republicans in China. In it he says that the present situation has been forced on China by Manchurian misrule, which was incapable of remedy without a revolution. The manifesto is a lengthy document, and sets forth the wrongs of the Chinese people and promises a strict adherence to all treaties, obligations and concessions undertaken by the Chinese government.

A resolution indorsing Governor Foss for the Democratic nomination for the presidency of the United States was adopted by the Democratic committee of Massachusetts.

The wages of motormen and conductors of the Philadelphia street car system have been increased.

The first quadruple birth so far as known in the vicinity of Hickman, Ky., occurred when four children, three girls and one boy, were born to the wife of J. T. Bivens, in West Hickman. All of the children are said to be of normal size.

The National Democratic club launched to make a tariff reform the paramount issue of the coming presidential campaign at a largely attended dinner in New York City with Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey as the principal speaker. Governor Wilson insisted that the time had come for the country to set itself free from the burdens of the protective tariff. The club has appointed a committee to lead a systematic and progressive campaign tariff reform.

"I cannot conceive any condition that would make it possible for me to consider the question of my becoming a candidate for the presidential nomination of the Democratic party in 1912," said W. J. Bryan, who arrived in Tampa, Fla., asked as to what he thought of the movement of the Progressive Democrats of Ohio, who pushed his name to the fore, Colonel Bryan smiled. "I have not read the press reports yet, and I hardly know what to say," he replied.

Gov. Chase Osborn of Michigan took charge of a meeting of Progressive Republicans that had gathered to hear Senator Robert H. LaFollette, who failed to appear and delivered an address. Some of the auditors objected to the governor's remarks in referring to Senator LaFollette. The governor asked both Taft and LaFollette to withdraw from the race and join in nominating former Senator A. J. Beveridge of Indiana, or former President Roosevelt.

With a general refusal to "confirm or deny any rumor," Col. Theodore Roosevelt declined to discuss a report that a movement was afoot in New Jersey to place his name on the presidential primary ballots. The former president was asked if he had been approached by any one of consequence or authority in New Jersey politics with a view to having his name placed on the ballots. "That necessarily involves a definition of the phrase 'any one of consequence or authority,'" he replied. "I must decline to confirm or deny any report or rumors of this sort."

Washington.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Dr. Rupert Blue of South Carolina for surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, succeeding the late Walter Wyman. Doctor Blue's appointment was made after several weeks' consideration by the president and the Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh.

Andrew Carnegie has been asked to testify before the house steel trust investigating committee. He has assured Chairman Stanley that he will be present.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob," an admiring nation, died suddenly at his home in Washington. Acute indigestion ended the career of one of the most popular officers in the navy. He was ill less than two hours. Admiral Evans, born 55 years ago in Floyd county, Virginia. One of the iron links that bound the old navy to the new, a commanding figure in each, was Robley D. Evans. He did not take kindly to the sobriquet of "Fighting Bob," for although of gruff exterior, he was a man of the kindest impulses.

"Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now," President Taft is reported to have made this statement to the white house callers and to have added that he had no objection to the statement being made public. It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all reports that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination by president in favor of Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The mere breaking up of large combinations into a number of separate parts by no means meets the whole trust questions, says Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor, in his annual report to President Taft. Secretary Nagel declares that the Sherman law has been proved to be an effective statute beyond all doubt, and that a degree of combination of capital is quite necessary; but he adds that the Supreme court decisions in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases have demonstrated that the next step in the control of great industrial corporations will be the creation of a permanent Federal agency.

President Taft commuted to expire at once the life sentence of Arthur Adams and Robert Sawyer, two negro British subjects, convicted at Wilmington, N. C., in 1906, of murder on the high seas. In a confession before his execution Henry Scott, another negro, convicted of and hanged for the same crime, completely exonerated Adams and Sawyer. Originally Adams and Sawyer were sentenced to death, but this was commuted by President Roosevelt to life imprisonment.

Although without formal advice on the subject the state department of officials in Washington are inclined to believe that China's infant emperor probably the last of his dynasty, already has been spirited away from Peking by his father, Prince Chun, and is now being conveyed to the summer residence of the court at Jehol, about 150 miles northeast of Peking, in the province of Chihli, or is bound for the ancient Manchurian capital at Harbin. The place of residence chosen for the young emperor is important. In Harbin he would be under Russian influences.

FEW ILLITERATES IN DURHAM COUNTY

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT MAKES A FINE SHOWING.

DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CITY

"The Report is a Very Optimistic Document—'Vocational Education' is the Name of a Special Subject Taken Up in Annual Report.

Raleigh.—A special from Durham says the report of Supt. C. W. Massey to the Durham county school board shows that there are only 41 white illiterates in the county districts of Durham. The report further shows 147 negroes who can neither read nor write. This report does not include the city, as there are no definite statistics on this, but the county superintendent was of the opinion that there were not over 300 illiterates in the city.

Mr. Massey considers this a remarkably fine record, considering the fact that Durham is the home of many cotton industries, and is essentially an industrial town. And when it is considered that out of a population of about 35,000 people the county of Durham has about five hundred illiterates, it will be seen that the percentage of illiteracy in this county is a very small fraction.

The report is a very optimistic document, and the statistics of the progress made during the past eight years gives ample grounds for this optimism. Out of a census of 3,392 county schools have an enrollment of 2,691. There are 255 families in the county not sending children to school and the value of the buildings and equipment of the county schools is very nearly \$70,000.

"Vocational Education" is the name of a special subject taken up in the annual report, and has to deal with the education of the children in the country districts in some of the rudiments of agriculture. The superintendent is establishing this new branch of study in the schools as they open up after the holidays. Durham county sometime ago failed to vote a farm life school, but a careful analysis of the plan that is to be put into operation will show that the children in the country districts will be given a pretty thorough and practical course in agriculture.

Seaboard Flagman Is Injured.

Mr. Walter Elks, flagman of the Seaboard Air Line, was probably fatally injured when he was thrown from the top of a northbound freight which was shifting on the Wake Forest yards. Elks is a resident of Raleigh and is 22 years of age. He was standing on the end of a box-car, when the engine ran into the car with such force that he was thrown headlong to the ground between the two cars. He probably received a fractured skull, his left leg was broken in two places below the knee and he also suffered internal injuries.

War Plans Highly Complimented.

The war plans adopted by the adjutant general for use in North Carolina are being highly complimented by the United States army officials. These plans for the state military were presented by Capt. A. J. Dougherty, United States Army, now on duty with the North Carolina National Guard. They have been recommended and highly complimented by the United States Division of Military Affairs' office and by the War College authorities. In doing this, they express the desire that all the other states should follow this lead.

Drawing Net Around John Ross.

Shelby.—The threads of evidence are drawing tighter around John Ross, who, with Will and Hack Ross, is in jail at Gastonia, awaiting the special terms of court, with Judge F. L. Webb presiding, when they will be tried for the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon near Falls-ton December 13.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Charters were issued for the United Mills Company, of High Point, capital \$300,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed by J. R. Myers, C. F. Lambreth and others, for chair and general furniture manufacturing; the Central Banking & Trust Co., of Asheville, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$25,000 subscribed by W. B. McEwin, W. B. Davis, Charles W. Brown and others; and the Brown Hardware Company of Asheville, capital \$15,000 by H. C. Brown, M. Weaver, Owen Gudge and others.

Have Granted A Franchise.

The Durham county commissioners granted to the Southern Power Company a franchise to construct a telephone line from Durham to the Wake county line on the way to Raleigh along the public roads. The line will be used solely by the company in the work of maintaining the power transmission line which has been completed from Durham to Raleigh, and in communicating with the supplementary station near Raleigh with which the Durham sub-station has been connected.

THE SCHOOL FUND INCREASES

The Total Fund For 1911-12 Reacher \$92,233.54, As Opposed to \$70,751.22 During Year 1910-11.

Charlotte.—The apportionment list which has just been completed by County Superintendent of Education R. J. Cochran, shows that exactly \$21,472.32 more will be available for Mecklenburg school expenses during 1911-12 than was at the disposal of the county board of education in 1910-11. After deducting the amount of \$3,875.30, which was lost through releases and insolvents and the sum of \$3,895, the expenses of the board of education, a total of \$74,371 remains for distribution amongst the various institutions of learning throughout the city and county. Of this \$74,371, the apportionment to schools within the city of Charlotte will reach a total of \$32,096.60. To the schools in the county there will be given \$36,375. The remaining \$4,989.40 goes to the building fund. Of the county apportionment, \$28,685 will be distributed among the white grammar schools and \$1,585 to white high schools. The remaining \$6,095 will further the cause of colored education in the county.

The total fund at the disposal of the county board of education this year amounted to \$23,141.81, before the deduction of releases and insolvents and the expenses incidental to the maintenance of the board itself. Of the sum total of this school fund, \$68,988.83 came through the channel of general school taxation. The apportionment from the state reached the sum of \$3,256.31. The remaining \$10,528.67 was obtained through fines, etc.

Will Be Settled Amicably.

It developed that there is considerable prospect for a satisfactory adjustment of the middle that has existed at Fayetteville for some time in the matter of her military organizations and their relation to the North Carolina National Guard and which of the two is the Fayetteville Light Infantry, which has an historic ancestry running back to around 1799. Major Vann is the captain of the old line organization that retains the gray uniform and has assets in revenue from the sale of a part of the armory property to the government for public building purposes. Captain Watson commands the latter day aggregation regularly enlisted in the North Carolina National Guard as regimental Company F. The military officials and the business men of the city are understood to be getting together in a settlement of the trouble that promises to assure Fayetteville one of the strongest companies of the National Guard.

Get \$16,000 From County School Fund

The city schools of Winston will get \$16,000 this year from the county school fund. The county school board met in regular session at the court house and made an apportionment. The apportionments for the other schools will not be made out for several days. The county school fund this year will run between \$65,000 and \$68,000. It comes from taxes, fines and forfeitures and the balance left on hand from last year. The per capita apportionment for each child of school age will be approximately \$3 this year.

Carried Mail by Aeroplane.

Walter R. Brookings made four flights in his Wright aeroplane at Highwood Park, Wilmington, before 1,500 spectators. A feature of the afternoon was the carrying of a United States mail pouch filled with post cards and letters and delivered to a representative of the postoffice at a designated spot. This was the first carrying of mail by aeroplane in the state. No passengers were carried up on account of the condition of the track where the starts were made.

Destroy An Illicit Distillery.

Special Employee Lee Sams and Deputy Collector Robert Henry destroyed an illicit distillery in Polk county near the South Carolina line. It is on the site of another plant destroyed only a few days before when William Raven was arrested and bound to Federal court. It must have been immediately put up.

To Make An Advance Payment.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners at Charlotte County Treasurer J. W. Stinson was instructed to pay to the Requirh Construction Company, the sum of \$9,000 as an advance payment upon the concrete bridge which is at present in course of construction over the Catawba river at Sloan's Ferry. This is the first payment which has been made by Mecklenburg, Gaston county, which is bearing an equal portion pro rata, according to population, of the expense recently placed \$6,000.

Intelligent Crop Cultivation.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners held at Wilson, Mr. Hudson, of the state agricultural department appeared before that body and stated that if the county would donate a like sum for the purpose of stimulating our farmers to cultivate crops more intelligently, viz: to have "patches" of corn, wheat and other products in different parts of the county to be cultivated according to direction of the superintendent who will have the matter in charge.

WAKE IS IN THE LEAD

WILL HAVE DISTINCTION NO OTHER COUNTY NOR STATE HAS HAD.

SMALL ELECTION EXPENSE

School Tax Election Will Be Held Where All Qualified Voters Are Officers of Election—There Are Only Three Voters in the District.

Raleigh.—Wake county is soon to have a distinction that probably no other county in the state or in the United States has enjoyed of having an election where all the qualified voters will be election officers.

This item of news carries with it an unusually large amount of interest because of the fact that there will be no opportunity to charge bribery or election corruption. The expense of said election will also be probably the smallest of any election ever held in the county.

The county commissioners at their session was presented with a petition for a special school tax election in district four of Cedar Fork township. In this district there are only three freeholders, Mr. J. R. High, Mr. W. H. McGee and Mr. W. T. Markham. The petition was signed by only one man, Mr. High. The law requires that one-fourth of the qualified voters shall sign a petition to call a school election. This petition was signed by only one man, who claimed that as there were only three freeholders in the district he constituted over the required one-fourth, and therefore the petition should be granted under the law.

The commissioners granted the petition and ordered the election to be held February 13th. The petitioner, Mr. High, was appointed registrar and the two other voters, Messrs. McGee and Markham appointed judges of the election, this making the first time in the history of the county where an election will be held in which election officers will be the only qualified voters. The expense of said election will not amount to over \$20.

Making Good Damage Done.

Wilson.—The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is making good all damage caused by the explosion of dynamite in Elm City on the morning of December 26th, when the store fronts of twenty-five business places were smashed to smithereens. All damage resulting from the explosion—shattered windows and doors, cracked walls, toppled chimneys, etc.—will be made as good as new, and the railroad company will pay the bills. As Elm City was an ordinance forbidding anything but brick structures in the neighborhood where the railroad depot was destroyed on the morning of the explosion, it is thought that hustling Elm City will have a handsome depot.

Received First Shipment of Prizes.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Department of Agriculture received the first shipment of the prizes this state won at the National Horticultural Congress, held at St. Joseph, Mo. This will be made as good as new, and the railroad company will pay the bills. As Elm City was an ordinance forbidding anything but brick structures in the neighborhood where the railroad depot was destroyed on the morning of the explosion, it is thought that hustling Elm City will have a handsome depot.

Increased Reward For McIntyre.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchen increases from \$200 to \$300 the reward for the arrest of Will McIntyre of Rutherford county, who is charged with a series of murders and his operation of a blockade distillery, in the furnace of which he is believed to have burned his victims. Murders charged to him are John H. Melton, in September, 1906; B. Hines, 1908; and J. D. Atchley, in November, 1906.

Elimination of Raleigh Is Remote.

Raleigh.—Vice-President and General Manager C. H. Hix of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad declined to discuss the probability of the construction of a short cut from Norfolk to Raleigh via Durham to leave out Raleigh, now on the main line, and get rid of the Apex grade, except to say that there had been discussion of the matter, but the elimination of Raleigh from main line connection with the Seaboard is exceedingly remote, if in the range of possibilities at all.

"Shoofly" Will Not Be Discontinued.

Raleigh.—The Corporation Commission has determined after a conference with Vice-president and General Manager C. H. Hix and other officials of the railroad company to not allow the withdrawal of the Raleigh-Hamlet shoe-fly train that the Seaboard Air Line is not paying operating expenses. The commission will very soon issue a formal order in the matter. It is understood that the Seaboard will, for the present at least, abide by the ruling of the commission.

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Paragraphs of General News That Have Been Collected By the Editor For the People.

Reidsville.—Albert Lillard, a well known business man of Quick, Caswell county, committed suicide by shooting himself. Death was almost instantaneous.

Raleigh.—The "service medals," which are to be awarded to members of the North Carolina National Guard are beautiful. Samples of them were received from the makers by Adjutant General Leinster.

Statesville.—The county board of education was in session. Aside from routine business the apportionment of the school fund as previously published, was confirmed. The per capita apportionment is \$2.21.

Advance.—A sad aftermath of the holidays in Advance was the accidental shooting and killing of Balmson Orel, a young white boy 14 years old, while out hunting with John Tolbert, a youth of 12 years.

Gastonia.—The Dallas cotton mill, which recently filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, was sold at public auction by S. N. Boyce, receiver. It was purchased by Col. C. B. Armstrong of Gastonia for \$20,000.

Washington.—Senator Bailey of Texas, told Senator Overman that he would accept the invitation to speak before the North Carolina Bar Association at its annual meeting in June. Mr. Overman extended the invitation.

Charlotte.—During the month of December one white and three colored inmates of the county home died. There are a present 67 inmates under the care of Superintendent Holton. Of the number 31 are white and 36 colored.

Winston-Salem.—More than one hundred prominent Socialists met in convention here for the purpose of effecting a state organization. The following counties were represented by one or more delegates: Beaufort, Boncombe, Wayne, Forsyth, Guilford, Pamlico, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Davidson, Stokes, Davie and Durham.

Statesville.—The cotton root bark industry has about been worked to a finish in this section the past few months. At the beginning of the season local buyers paid 7 and 8 cents the pound for the bark when properly cured, but so much of the bark has been brought in that the market is now overstocked and only 3 cents the pound is paid.

Raleigh.—The revenue collections in the Eastern District of North Carolina amount to a goodly sum for the past year, the total reaching the big figure of \$4,223,742.96. This was some \$300,000 more than the receipts in the Western District, which amounted to \$4,260,005. During December the receipts of the Eastern District amounted to \$255,756.12.

Raleigh.—In preparation for beginning operation of the first thirteen miles of the Elkin & Alleghany Railway, General Manager John A. Mill has just filed with the Corporation Commission a schedule of freight rates in effect when the first train is put on for public service February 1. The passenger rate will be 3 cents per mile.

Statesville.—The inauguration of county sales day in Statesville was all that could be expected, and more, considering the recent rainy season and the subsequent bad roads. Many country people came into town regardless of the m.d and a big crowd attended the auction sales, which took place on Center street just north of the square.

Greensboro.—The directors of the North Carolina Railroad Company met here and declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent on the capitalization of \$400,000. Among those present were Col. Benehan Cameron, president of the road, and Gen. R. F. Hoke, said to be the sole surviving division commander of the "confederate army."

Charlotte.—The taxes for the city of Charlotte for 1911 amount to \$227,000. In November \$12,000 was collected in December up to the 28th \$124,140.25 was collected. The city offered a discount of 1 per cent on all taxes paid before December 28th and announced a charge of 6 per cent interest on all taxes unpaid after January 1st.

Asheville.—Freeman Owens, representative of the Chicago Industrial Moving Picture Company, and N. Buckner, secretary of the board of trade here, left here to go over the Spartanburg branch of the Southern Railway as far as Tryon to get some views from the railroad.

Lexington.—The county commissioners were in session here and announced that the total amount of taxes for the year will be \$91,144.97, deducting insolvents and commission of more than \$7,000. In 1911 the net income of the county was \$71,000, so this shows a gain of \$16,000.

Raleigh.—Governor Kitchen appointed J. Frank Ray, of Franklin, Macon county, a member of the state board of elections to succeed J. D. Elliott of Hickory resigned. Col. William Lamb, of Williamston, is chairman.

C. V. T. RICHESON MAY ESCAPE CHAIR

GOVERNOR FOSS SAID TO FAVOR LENIENCY FOR CONFESSED MURDERER.

CONFESSION ENLARGED UPON

The District Attorney is Now in Possession of Details of the Poisoning of the Ministers' Sweetheart—May Let Jury Render Verdict.

Boston.—Speculation was rife as to what ultimately will be the fate of Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, who confessed to the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell. From a source close to Governor Foss the statement came that the attitude of the executive probably would be in favor of a commutation of sentence of death in the electric chair to one of life imprisonment, if the law's fullest penalty is imposed by the court. Members of the Governor's council are known already to have been approached concerning their attitude in case the death penalty is imposed and a petition for commutation is made.

No leniency for Richeson on the part of the district attorney is expected and no less plea than that of murder in the first degree will meet with his approval, according to a statement which he reiterated so that the only hand that seems able to save Richeson's march to the electric chair is that of Governor Foss acting under the advice of the council.

Richeson is expected soon to appear in court and ask to be permitted to change his former plea and be adjudged guilty of murder. Whether Judge George A. Sanderson and District Attorney Pelletier will accept this change or will put aside the confession for future consideration in order that the regular procedure may be followed and a jury called upon to pronounce the verdict was not announced.

Richeson learned from the papers that his confession was known throughout the land, but while he read the various accounts, he made no comment upon them. He passed a quiet day.

Richeson's confession, as made public, was bare of details. It is understood, however, that he enlarged on it in conversation and possibly in writing to his counsel and that the district attorney is now in possession of most of the information which has come to the defense.

Crew of Wrecked Vessel Rescued.

Baltimore.—After having led their last signal torch and given up for lost, Capt. C. W. Harrison and his crew of three men were rescued by a passing schooner off Hooper's Island from the disabled schooner Eloise, from Newbern, N. C., to Baltimore. The four men had fought the storm for several days without food and at the mercy of the high winds and seas. They were put ashore at Hooper's Island. The wrecked schooner was picked up by the revenue cutter Apache and towed into Hooper's Island inlet and the story of the suffering and rescue came to Baltimore by wireless telegraph from the Apache.

Georgian Has Horrible Death.

Ellaville, Ga.—Maddened by the flames which licked his body, Joe Sears fought off the frantic attempts of his bride of three weeks to extinguish the fire and died in agony several hours later. Clad only in a night shirt, Mr. Sears was standing in front of an open fire before retiring when the garment caught and in a moment was a mass of flames. His wife ran screaming to his assistance, but could do nothing. The young man was the only son of Dr. W. D. Sears, a prominent physician of Ellaville.

Torpedo Boat in Trouble Off Coast.

Washington.—Wireless messages received here report the United States torpedo destroyer Terry in trouble.

Not a Cause For Pellagra.

Washington.—Cottonseed oil manufacturers are gathering evidence and statistics to refute a theory that cottonseed oil might be one of the causes of pellagra. Assistant Surgeon General Long, of the public health service, in a public address, recently mentioned the names of some investigators who were inclined to that belief. Passed Assistant Surgeon Lavinder, writing in one of the recent public health bulletins says the theory is all out of harmony with the facts and history of pellagra.

Postal Rate Increase Is Urged.

Washington.—Adequate postage rates are discussed at length in the annual report of the Third Assistant Postmaster General Britt just made public. Mr. Britt recommends a flat increase of one cent a pound for newspapers and periodicals in connection with his consideration of second-class rates. He also recommends that postage stamps be issued to Senators, Representatives and executive officials of the government, instead of permitting the use of congressional frank and penalty envelope.