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BRIEF NEWS NOTES

WHAT HAS OCCURRED DURING long terms of imprisonment. WEEK THROUGHOUT COUN-TRY AND ABROAD

Gathered From All Parts Of The Globe And Told In Short Paragraphs

Domestic

lies next year.

Secretary of War Baker opines that states must give cities greater latitude in dealing with local individual prob-Jack Coombs may manage the Phil-

Ty Cobb, on his return from France, says that, while baseball still has a fascination for him, he may have quit the game for good.

The Atlanta city council has order-

ed a probe of the gas prices in that

Charles D. Harris, probably the youngest captain in the United States a nephew of Senator-Elect William J. Harris of Georgia.

The jitney bus ordinance of the city of Atlanta has been repealed. The ordinance has been fought through all the state courts and is now in the United States Supreme court. The old ordinance made the jitney bus a common carrier, and subject to the restrictions of a common carrier. Atlanta has now removed all restrictions.

Atlanta has a new sensation or spectacular event every day. Now it is a strike of the gas men. The men want better hours and better pay. The company declines to grant the request, and says it is training men to

take the strikers' jobs. December 17 was a busy day in Denver, Colo. Bone dryness went into effect that day, and there were thousands of thirty souls who wanted to fore the world. supply themselves for the days to come. Express officials worked to the "dropping" point.

cago and one in Toronto, Canada.

Thirty-six governors held a conference in Annapolis, Md. Secretary of get closer together. War Baker told them that the war had proven the necessity of strong General Pershing reports the unrestate governments in peace as well as in war.

European

It is persistently stated that the Russian Bolsheviki is endeavoring to enlist an army of three million men to put down conservatism.

It is reported that food is so scarce in Russia that horse flesh sells for 10 rubles (\$5) a pound, and black bread for 12 rubles (\$6), a loaf, when it can be obtained at all.

The Bolsheviki is a "progressive" herd, to say the least. They are holding former imperialists as hostages to be shot in case any member of the Bolsheviki government is assassinated. Recently when one of the Bolsheviki ministers was slain, the government proceeded to wreak vengeance on 512 hostages.

The British steamship Corinthian, which stuck on Northwest ledge at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, a few hours after she left that port for Glasgow, with a valuable cargo, was reported to be pounding to pieces in a heavy sea, but that the crew was saved to a man.

Hugo Haase and Herr Barth, two of the three Independent Socialist members of the committee of six which constituted the German government, have resigned, according to reports received in Geneva.

The council of people's commissioners of Germany, according to a Berlin telegram, has authorized the formation of a volunteer national guard to maintain public order and safety. The organization is to be under the complete control of the commissioners and will be pledged to support the Socialist Democratic republic.

President Wilson of the United States spent his first Sunday in Paris uation, says Acting Secretary of State by going twice to church, laying a Polk, wreath on the tomb of Lafayette, and having a brief conference with Premier Clemenceau and another with Col. E. M. House.

The supreme military tribunal at Vienna announces that 11,400 persons were sentenced to death by the Austrian military tribunals during the war

and executed. It is stated that Germany is spend-

ing too much money on irrelevant details of state administration.

The British government has decided upon the attitude it will adopt at the peace conference regarding the freedom of the seas. It is stated that the British government is ready to con- an American executive had ever trodcede to the United States the freest den European soil. The arrival was of all free hands in naval develop the culmination of an imposing naval ment, and it welcomes the idea of the extension of American sea power as one of the best guarantees of the peace then passed the entrance forts and of the world and of real freedom of the

Italy, with a population of only 36,-1,500,000 casualties in the war.

During the war twelve spies were shot in the tower of London. Among the condemned were two women, but they were reprieved and sentenced to

Copenhagen hears that the intente governments intend to refuse to send foodstuffs to Germany until a demand they are said to have made for the dissolution of the soldiers' and workmen's council is carried out. The allies may reserve the right to march into Germany.

With the arrival of the Americans at the Rhine, a company of engineers prepared to throw a temporary bridge across the stream. There were, however, already four bridges spanning the stream, two here and one in the north and another to the south, over which the American army was ordered to corss December 13 in a thirty-mile

A voice interrupted the British premier when he was speaking in Bristol the other day anent the superiority of the British navy: "Then watch Wilson!" "Well, I hope to meet him in a fortnight. I will tell him what you say," instantly shouted the premier.

The German finance minister says that if the war had ended in the fall the amount of money required from im-Army, was killed in action. He was perial taxation would have reached fourteen billion marks. These calculations have been upset by recent

David Lloyd-George says that Great Britain's navy must remain supreme, no matter what the action of the peace

Washington

Signs point to the conclusion that the present pope will refuse, ere long, to consider himself a "prisoner of Rome." Some foreign papers say he may attend the peace conference.

which, it is declared, will deal with tral countries will assist in cominternational questions, and will place pleting. the United States' position clearly be-

away as it may seem. It is hinted that ap divergencies of opinion, the presithe pope may request President Wilson, dent is constantly giving the closest President Wilson has been present- to act as mediator between the quiri- attention to immediate problems. He ed a gold medal of the city of Paris. nal and the vatican. The pope as head his receiving reports from the United Mrs. Wilson was presented a diamond of the Roman Christians represents States, from Amercain diplomatic brooch, adorned with an enamel dove. the theocratic idea of government in * President Wilson is now a citizen church; while President Wilson, who of Rome and Paris, as well as execu- is a rigid Presbyterian, whose Prottive and citizen of the United States. estant orthodoxy cannot be question-The Presbyterian church is taking ed, represents the democratic idea of the lead in the movement for the pur- church government. We may be live pose of unifying a program for the pro- ing in more wonderful times than we jected united action of the churches appreciate. It is perfectly apparent in a war reconstruction campaign, that if Wilson should be successful in Four congresses will be held-one in umpiring a dispute as long standing Atlanta, one Philadelphia, one in Chi- as that between the quirinal and the vatican that theologians could dispense with some of their hobbies and

In a report to the war department ported casualties as follows: Killed in General Pershing, had been reduced action, 390; died of wounds, 275; died severely wounded in action, 39,731. To-

tal 40,440 unreported. Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight December 15, while he in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto. Advices from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets, and died within a few minutes after he was shot. According | ing long since recovered and returnto a Havas dispatch the assassin was

lynched by the crowd. gal. Doctor Paes, was a professor of cluded marine casualties of 1,202 killmathematics in the University of Coinbra when he entered the Portuguese cabinet in 1911 as minister of public by the marine headquarters here. work. At the outbreak of the war he was Portuguese minister to Berlin and remained in Berlin until early in 1916, when he returned to Lisbon. One of his first acts after being proclaimed president was to take active steps for great participation in the

war by Portugal. In a clash on November 28 between the army navy guard of the American steamship Monterey and Mexican customs guards at Tampico, one Mexican, said to have been captured, was killed: York from Havana and Nassau, where there will be a great tide of emigra- of him if he had not stood in Paris she touched after leaving Tampico.

other countries of their hemisphere, Europe." all possible assistance" to bring about an equitable solution of the difficulties presented in the Chile-Peru .sit-

All South American countries have been asked by the United States to join in the suggestion to Chile and for the work of Senator Simmons, ain, presented his credentials to King Peru that the interests of pan-Amer- chairman of the senate finance comican unity demand an amicable settle- | mittee, and his work on the revenue ment of their controversy over the bill. The Star says, in part: "Mr. provinces of Tacna and Arica. Acting Simmons is probably feeling good, Secretary Polk of the state depart- and certainly is entitled to such a ment announced this, explaining that | feeling. Steering two revenue measit had been erroneously reported that ures through the senate in one con-Argentine alone had been approached gress is a notable performance. on the subject.

Cablegrams announce that President | OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN Wilson reached the harbor of Brest on board the steamer George Washington and stepped on shore-the first time spectacle which began as the presi- of the president and the other deledential fleet rounded the outer, capes, moved majestically into the harbor, where the George Washington anchored at the head of a long double column 000,000 and with 5,500,000 men called of American dreadnaughts and deto the colors, suffered approximately stroyers and the units of a French crub ing on in Washington. ser squadron.

DEFINITE PLANS SHAPING SLOWLY

PRESIDENT SATISFIED THAT THE FRENCH AND BRITISH ARE IN ACCORD WITH HIM.

Neutral Nations Will Not Come Into · General Discussions Now Going on Among Peace Delegates.

Paris. - Definite plans for the peace conference are not shaping as rapidly as some of the American commissioners expected. Meanwhile President Wilson is taking advantage of opportunity to assess public opinion in France and incidentally in Great Britain. His advisers say that he is entirely satsified that these peoples are largely in accord with the principles he has announced as necessary to durable peace.

sion are employing their time before countries actually assemble, in a series of informal conferences, which eventually will include a representative of each of the entente belligerents. Neutral states will not come into these discussions.

conferees is that the making of States. peace should be their first task, so President Wilson will take Christ- that they may determine upon the mas dinner with the American troops broad outlines of a league of nations, in France. He will make a speech, which, later, representatives of neu-

While the American commissioners are holding these informal ex-Church unity may not be so far changes, which are designated to clear agencies throughout the world and from the group of investigators brought here for the purpose of studying the many special problems which will arrive. These investigators are continuing their studies with the advantage now of being on the ground.

64,842 CASUALTIES ARE

Washington. - Casualties of the American expeditionary forces, which have not been published, but which have been announced officially by at noon, December 18, to a total of of disease, 353; accidentally killed, 51; 64,892. These, the war department announced, were classified as follows:

> Major casualties, including killed in action; died of wounds, died of disease and died of other causes, 1,680; wounded, 64,862; missing and prison-

A large proportion of the 64,842 names listed as wounded are minor cases, it was said, many patients haved to duty. Officials explained that the total is really less, due to the The assassinated president of Portu- fact that General Pershing's total ined and more than 4,000 wounded. which already have been published

GERMANY WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO EXPAND ON

London.-"Germany is ruined for generations politically, industrailly and economically." Dr. Walter Rathenau, president of the German Electric Co., is quoted as declaring to the Berlin correspondent of The Daily Express. "It is the greatest calamity that has happened to any country in two thousa Mexican soldier mortally wounded, and years," added Dr. Rathenau, who and a chief gunner's mate, named Ber- is one of the largest employers of lary, in charge of the American guard, bor in Germany. "If the indemntiies less seriously hurt. This was learned are high we shall have nothing with with the steamer's arrival in New which to expand our industries and tion, probably to South America, the in person as the champion of that prin-The "United States stands ready to far east and certainly to Russia. The tender alone, or in conjunction with result will be the Balkanization of

SENATOR SIMMONS RECEIVES COMPLIMENTARY NOTICES

Washington.-Washington Star carries a highly complimentary editorial

OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Paris. - During President Wilson's inspection of the American peace mission headquarters in the Hotel De Crillon, an official photograph was made \$35.350,000, was passed by the house gates by army photographers. The photograph was taken in the confer- for mail airplanes instead of organizerence room of the American head-

President Wilson continues to receive exhaustive reports of what is go-

PROPOSAL TO SINK **ENEMY WAR SHIPS**

AMERICAN PEACE DELEGATES WILL RESIST ANY PROJECT FOR DISTRIBUTION

MAKING PEACE IS FIRST TASK ENGLAND AGREES TO PLAN GOVERNMENT BADLY SPLIT UP

Great Idea in the Proposition is the Avoidance of Dissension Among the Several Nations.

Paris.-The American delegates to the peace congress have resolved to advocate the sinking of tihe surrendered enemy warships and resist any proposition to distribute them on the basis of naval losses. This announcement is made by those in close touch with the American representatives, who, it is added, feel that such a position would result in avoiding dissension and materially support President The members of the American mis- Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisi-

tion of property. England ,through Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, had previously acquiesced in the American plan to destroy the captured or surrendered warships, and it is declared The feeling among all the entente will continue to support the United

SENATOR OVERMAN FIGHTS CHILD LABOR AMENDMENTS

Washington.-Senator Overman attacked the child labor amendment to the revenue bill in the senate. He emphasized the argument that the amendment is not to raise revenue, but to use the taxing power "to nullify an opinion of the supreme court in which it states that the act (the Child Labor law) was unconstitutional."

GLASS MAKES REQUEST OF CHARITABLE AGENCIES

Washington-Secretary of Treasury Glass in a statement requested charitable organizations seeking funds by public subscription to refrain from making any suggestion to the public YET TO BE PUBLISHED | that they will accept Liberty bonds or war savings stamps unless they intend to use those securities as endowment funds to be held for permanent in-

Mr. Glass said that in appealing | PROMPT ACTION ON REVENUE for Liberty bonds and war savings stamps the organizations seemed to overlok the fact that so long as the government must sell additional securities the taking of bonds of previous issues by charitable organizations and the subsequent resale of or at least before the holidays. such bonds on the open market has a tendency to depress the price.

LANE EXPOUNDS MEANING OF PRESIDENT'S VISIT ABROAD

Annapolis.-Commenting on President Wilson's trip Secretary Lane

"I have seen criticisms of the president, and so have you, for going across the water at this time. The spirit which animates him in going is the spirit of the new day. It is the spirit of giving youh andto your

neighbor. "It is the spirit that would make

this war the end of wars. "The man who stands as the representative of the foremost democracy of the world goes to Europe not that he may march down the Champs-Elysee, not that he may receive the plaudtis of the French multitudes. But he goes to Europe as the champion of American ideals because he wants to see that out of this war comes something worth while. He would have been derelict, he would have been negligent, he would have been false to his own conscience and false to our idea ciple which we love and those institutions which we hope to see spread around the world.

AMBASSADOR DAVIS PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO KING

London .- John W. Davis, the new American ambassador to Great Brit-George at Buckingham palace. Mr. Davis was accompanied to the palace by Naval Attache Louchlin and Mili-

tary Attache Wright. The ambassador and his staff drove to the palace in royal carriages sent by King George. The ambassador was attended by Sir Arthur Walsh, master of ceremonies to the king.

POSTOFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington.-The annual postoffice appropriation bill, carrying a total of with an amendment requiring the postmaster general to use army aviators ing a separate flying corps.

Supporters of the amendment proviring that airmail planes shall be "operated and mantained by the personnel of the army zir service.

RUSSIA PRESENTS A GREAT PROBLEM

SETTLEMENT OF THE RUSSIAN QUESTION ONE OF FIRST TO BE ARRANGED.

Entente Nations Have Not Yet Lost Hope That Stable Regime May Be Established.

Washington.-The Russian situation ilready has been taken up by President Wilson with French statesmen, it was learned here, and the determination of a definite policy on which all the allied countries and the United States may agree will be one of the first things undertaken at the preliminary meetings which are to precede the peace conference.

be adopted by the victorious associ- Midgett; Parkton W. L. Maness; ated nations is recognized as one of Pittsboro, P. D. Woodall; Roseboro, favor of such action is said to be the most serious problems of the con- R. F. Muns; Sandford, W. R. Royall; ference. Every proposed solution so Siler City, H. B. Porter; Steadman, far is said to have been blocked by J. A. Tharpe. the unanswered question of who is qualified to speak for the Russian J. C. Wooten; Burlington, S. E. Mer-

ognized as Russian spokesmen, the el Hill, E. H. McWhorter; Durhamthe great question of how they can Hayman; Carr, H. C. Smith; Lake- tion. Afterwards they will operate be aided in setting up a stable govern- wood, Samuel Maxwell, supply; Me- separate and distinctly outside the ment and in preventing famine, for morial, M. Bradshaw; Trinity, C. J. bounds of the Alexander organizathe benefit of Russia herself, and in Harrell; West Durham, W. C. Mar- tion.

of government for Russia.

ADMIRAL CASTRO IS NEW PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL

Canto E. Castro, undoubtedly had been versity, H. E. Myers. chosen by parliament "to conciliate all factions." Lacking complete in- E. Underwood; Benson, E. M. Hall, formation, he said he believed Castro J. T. Standford, Jr., preacher; Cary,

BILL URGED BY PENROSE

election.

Washington.-Rapid progress on the war revenue bill was made by the senate with leaders apparently uniting to hasten its passage by late this week

After Senator Penrose, senior republican of the finance committee. had delivered a prepared address urging prompt passage of the bill, but disapproving its provisions to fix 1920 tax rates, the senate, with only a handful of members present and with perfunctory discussion, adopted many important amendments and approved pages of minor provisions. Consideration of all 1920 rates, how-

ever, was postponed. The war excess profits rates for 1919, ranging from 30 to 80 per cent as revised by the finance committee and estimated to raise \$2,400,000,000 as compared with \$3,200,000,000 under

the house bill. Rates of \$6.40 and \$2.20 a gallon, respectively, on distilled spirits for beverage and non-beverage purposes. as reduced from the respective \$8 and \$4.40 gallon rates of the house bill and estimated to raise 454,000,-000 as against \$760,000,000 under the

house draft

press, Pullman and oil pipe line transportation, as proposed in the finance committee's revision and estimated to yield \$229,000,000; and, Repeal on July 1, next, of the law increasing first class mail rates from 2 to 3 cents an ounce, and providing for restoration of the old pre-war rates involving a revenue reduction of about \$50,000,000.

Taxes on freight, passenger, ex-

COMMONWEALTH OF JEWS IS PROPOSED

Philadelphia.-The American Jewish congress declared for a Jewish commonwealth in Palestine under the trusteeship of Great Britain, acting on behalf of such league of nations as may be formed.

The declaration, in the form of a resolution, was adopted amid wild enthusiasm. The 400 delegates representing more than 3,000,000 members of their race in the United States, rose and sang the Hatikvoh.

CAMP BRAGG MAY BE DISCONTINUED

Washington.-It looks as if the Fayetteville camp may be doomed. The debate in the house, over the advertisement for 12,000 workmen after the armistice was signed, has made the war department timid about Camp Bragg. This announcement was made by the war department news bureau.

"The director of operations has instructed the construction division to abandon the construction of an artillery cantonment at Camp Jackson."

VORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

large Number of Delegates Attended Recent Session of This Great Body at Goldsboro.

Goldsboro .- The eighty-second sesdon of the North Carolina conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened here with about 400 ninisters and laymen present.

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., is presiding. He led the devotions by administering the sacrament of the Lord's supper to he conference.

The following are the appointments made by Bishop Darlington in the Fayetteville, Durham, Raleigh and Rockingham districts:

Fayetteville district-Presiding elier, J. D. Bunday; Bladen, J. W. Dimmette; Buckhorn E. C. Maness; Carthage, N. E. Coletrain; Duke W. E. Brown; Dunn, J. M. Daniel; Fayetteville, Hay street, W. V. McRae; Per- found their way to this city, and to son and Calvary, T. H. Sutton; Fay- judge from rumors the organization etteville circuit, W. F. Craven; Goldston circuit, E. F. Taylor; Haw River, G. W. Perry; Hemp, H. E. Lance; Jonesboro, V. A. Royal; Lillington, N. Russia's plight and the attitude to M. McDonald; Newton Grove, J. L.

Durham district-Presiding elder, cer; Burlington circuit, W. F. Gallo-Even when a set of leaders is rec- way; Brooksdale, J. A. Russell; Chap-United States and the allies must face Branson, J. A. Martin; Calvary, L. D. themselves with the state organizathe interest of the peace of the world. tin; Durham circuit, J. C. Humble; The government at Omsk, of which East Burlington, E. C. Glenn; East union are heard on all sides. It is the United States and other govern- Roxboro and Longhurst, J. L. Shaver; further claimed that the death knell ments has expected much, is now in Graham and Haw River, J. R. Ed. of the state union is sounded through the hands of a dictator and split into wards; Hillsboro, M. E. Hester; Lees- the fact decrease in state union memfactions. The entente nations have burg, R. E. Atkinson; Mebane, B. F. not given up hope that the Omsk au- Boone; Milton, J. E. Blalock, Mount thorities may yet evolve a stable form Tirzah, L. L. Smith; Orange, B. C. Merritt; Pearl Mill and Eno, W. L. Rollins; Pelham, J. C. Long; Person, J. A. Daily; Rougemont, M. A. Petty; Roxboro, C. W. Dowd South Alamance, N. B. Strickland; Yancey- of North Carolina. New York.—Santos Fernandez, rep- ville, S. F. Nicks; professor of bibliresentative of the Portuguese ship- cal literature, Trinity college, H. E. ping board here, declared that the Spencer; chaplain United States army, new president of Portugal, Admiral W. A. McCullen; student Boston uni-

was now provincial head of the re- R. C. Ross; Clayton, C. I. Hinson; public and subject to a future popular Four Oak, E. B. Craven; Franklinton, T. A. Sikes; Garner, M. B. Cox; Granville, B. H. Black; Princeton, J. G. Johnston; Kenly, C. P. Jerome; Louisburg, G. F. Smith; Millbrook, J. C. Williams; Oxford, R. C. Craven; Oxford circuit, B. C. Thompson; Raleigh Central, D. N. Caviness; Edenton Street, W. W. Peele, J. C. Guthrie, supernumerary; Epworth, W. G. McFarland: Jenkins Memorial, C. W. Rob inson; Selma, C. K. Proctor; Smithfield, S. A. Cotton; Tar River. J. B. Perry; Youngsville, H. M. Jack son; Zebulon, J. W. Fisher; superin tendent Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Da vis; editor Raleigh Christian Advo cate, L. S. Massep; superintendent Methodist orphanage, A. S. Barnes; editor Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey; conference missionary secretary, A. D Willcox; president Louisburg college F. S. Love; chaplain United States navy, W. E. Edmundson.

Raleigh district-Presiding elder, J.

1 Rockingham district.-Presiding el der, H. M. North; Aberdeen, J. H. Hall; Biscoe, A. S. Parker; Caledonia G. M. Daniel; Elizabeth, W. B. Hum ble; Ellerbe, G. H. Biggs; Hamlet, J H. Buffalo; Laurel Hill, G. T. Sim mons; Laurinburg, E. H. Davis; Lum berton, R. C. Beaman; Lumberton cir. cuit, R. A. Burton; Maxton, J. A. Hornaday; Montgomery, N. L. Sea boldt; Mount Gilead circuit, W. F Yearby; Mount Gilead circuit, W. F Traywick; Raeford, B. P. Robinson; Red Springs, A. J. Parker; Richmond. B. F. Watson, supply; Robertdel, E. L. Hill; Robinson, J. T. Draper; Rock ingham, A. L. Ormond; Rowland, A J. Groves; St. John and Gibson, W. Brown; St. Paul, G. W. Starling; Troy, J. P. Bross; Vass, L. H. Joyner; president Carolina college, R. B. John. The next session of the North Caro-

Methodist church in Wilson. Keep Your Savings Stamps.

Winston-Salem.—State war savings headquarters has been informed that in not a few localities in the state. people are cashing in their war savings stamps. According to informa- Secretary J. H. Cowan, of the Wiltion this is being done, first, through | mington chamber of commerce, gave misapprehension as the the date of assurance that the people of eastern the maturity of the stamps, second, for Carolina are still in the fight for the the purpose of spending the money for highway. He wrote that the Wilming-Christmas and, third, because certain ton chamber not only has adopted salesmen are inducing owners of resolutions calling for the construcstamps to get money to buy whatever | tion of the highway, but also has enthey are offering for sale.

lina conference will meet with the

Looking for Profiteers. Wilmington.-M. W. Nash, district inspector for the food administration, arrived here today to give wide opportunity in regard to profiteering which general declarations have said exists here in large quantities. Mr. Nash announces that generalities are taboo; that he wants specific instances of high food prices and if any citizen will lay well-founded complaint, he can get the action he wants. Complaints as to high prices have been general. Severe punishment is sureto follow convictions.

DISSENSION EXISTS IN FARMERS UNION

NUMEROUS DISCORDANT NOTES STRUCK AT RECENT MEETING HELD AT WILSON.

WILL PASS THROUGH TRIALS

Said Many Local Unions Will Withdraw From Parent Body and Operate Separately.

Durham.-Rumbles of dissension in the ranks of the North Carolina Farmers' union, following the annual convention held recently in Wilson, have will, during the coming year, pass

through trials and tribulations. Within the not far distant future various locals, units of the state unit, will in all probability pull away from the parent organization. Sentiment in strong among the members of the Durham county union. Rumors that are well founded say further that many locals throughout the state con-

templates similar action. The plans, it is said, which found root at the Wilson convention will mean that many locals will dislodge

Charges of politics in the state bership. Some years ago the organization boasted 35.000 members. It is claimed that it now has less than 20,-000 members. With more than 500,-000 farmers in the state, local farmers explain that the union represents in only a small way the farmers

Burlington Has Big Blaze. Burlington.-Damage estimated at \$250,000 resulted from fire in the business district which destroyed three concerns and partly burned the buildings and stocks of several others. The greatest individual loss was sustained by the Burlington Hardware Company, its building and stock having been valued at \$100,000. The M. B. Smith Furniture Company and the Kirk-Holt Hardware Company, both destroyed, placed their loss at \$45,000

and \$50,000, respectively. Appeal for Appropriation. Wilmington.-The city's recent experience with incorrigible boys has moved council to prepare a strong appeal to the next legislature to enlarge its appropriation for the Stonewall Jackson training school until delinquent boys from all over the state may be admitted and cared for. This county is allowed to send five boys, and that number had been sent when the probation officer reported he had as many as 30 delinquents in his charge ,who were going from bad to worse. The court had placed them in his charge to keep from sending them to jail or the county workhouse or farm. Men and women of the city started a movement to establish a local refromatory, when arrangement was made with the Concord institution to take some of the worst cases at the rate of \$200 a year each for maintenance. The city council feels that this is the state's duty, and that in having to pay out its sorely needed

work that the state should do. Notice to Sheep Breeders. Charlotte.-County Agent Charles E. Miller said that anyone wishing to purchase western sheep should see. him this week or next. One car of 100 sheep said Mr. Miller, are yearling ewes, weight about 100 pounds, are of Rambouillet grade, guaranteed to shear from 10 to 16 pounds, bred to lamb in February or March. The price has been fixed at \$16.50 plus about \$1.50 freight.

city funds, it is undertaking to do

Highway Move Continues. Charlotte.-The move for the construction of a highway between Charlotte and Wilmington continues, communications received by Co. T. L. Kirkpatrick indicates. A letter from dorsed the bill pending in Congress.

Cheap Coal for Soldiers. Charlotte.-Wives or dependents of soldiers can get coal from Camp Greene at cheap prices if they make application, enclosing with the application a certificate signed by the soldier. Fred B. McCall, of the chamber of commerce, said the organization had been informed by Camp Greene officials. The chamber plans to have certificates printed which wives or dependents of soldiers can get, these to be sent to the soldier to be signed. A large supply of coal is on hand at Camp Greene.