

**CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION**

**Legislative Wheels in Motion—Important War Measures to be Considered.**

The sixty-fifth Congress convened on the morning of December 3rd. This session will doubtless consider only war measures.

With Claude Kitchen as chairman of the ways and means committee and leader of the House, and Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance committee of the Senate, it is certain that North Carolina will have an important hand in making world history during this session.

Legislation for financing the war will be shaped largely by the recommendation of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. It is said that provision will be made for raising more than eleven billion dollars. Whether this will be accomplished by bond issues or taxation this Congress will decide.

The other most notable legislation by this Congress will be the declaration of war against Austria-Hungary as recommended by the President in his message, printed elsewhere in this issue.

**The Means Case**

The means case continues to rival the war in its attraction of local interest.

The State has rested after having undertaken to prove the motive for the murder. Numerous witnesses were introduced to show the manipulation of Mrs. King's fortune by Means for his own benefit, and to show that Means was prompted to commit the murder to avoid a final accounting to Mrs. King, and consequently charges of embezzlement and misappropriation. The State also introduced experts who testified that the shot causing Mrs. King's death could not possibly have been fired by her, accidentally or otherwise.

The defense has introduced local experts to rebut the evidence of the State's expert witnesses. It is thought by many who have closely followed the trial that the conflict of the expert testimony will when presented by defendants counsel have considerable weight with the jury to the advantage of Means. The jury on yesterday visited the scene of the killing.

It is said that Gaston Means will make the stand in his own behalf.

This trial will go down in history as one of the State's most celebrated legal battles.

It is impossible to give a synopsis of the case or to forecast its results.

**COURT IN RANDOLPH COUNTY DEPENDS ON MEANS CASE**

Court will convene in Asheboro next Monday if the Means case in Concord is completed by Saturday night. In case court begins, the trial of criminal cases will be taken up first. It is hardly probable that if court begins Monday that civil cases will be reached before Thursday.

**CAMP SEVIER MEASLES QUARANTINE IS LIFTED**

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 4.—It was announced officially at the headquarters of the Thirtieth division at Camp Sevier Monday that the quarantine which was put into effect Saturday, November 17, would be lifted Friday, provided no unforeseen developments took place.

The quarantine, which was put into effect to prevent a widespread epidemic of measles, has served its purpose in a very satisfactory manner, the improvement in disease conditions at the camp having been rapid almost from the day the quarantine was announced.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State convention convened with the Baptist churches of Durham last Tuesday night.

**Schedule of Several Trains Changed**

Sunday December 9 certain important changes will be made in the schedule of the passenger trains on the train line of the Southern Railway Co.

The changes most affecting the traveling public of High Point are those concerning northbound train No. 36, which is moved back to 1:40 from 12:43 and southbound No. 11, moved back to 7:32 from 7:14, its present schedule time.

Number 35, now passing High Point at 6:43 p. m., will after next Sunday pass at 6:10.

**Mr. Lee Cranford of Thomasville Dead**

Mr. Lee Cranford died at his home in Thomasville following a prolonged attack of pellagra, November 29. Mr. Cranford was reared in New Hope township and was the son of Clarke Cranford who died during the Civil War while marching through Maryland.

Mr. Cranford married Miss Lizzie Bright in early life, to this union five children were born four of whom with their mother survive. The children are O. C. Cranford, New Hope township, Mrs. Coy Harrison, and Mrs. Myrtle Richie of Thomasville, and Samuel Cranford of California. Deceased was a brother of Charles W. Cranford of Asheboro. He was buried in Thomasville on Friday.

**Y. W. C. A. Campaign to Raise \$50,000**

The campaign to raise \$50,000 in North Carolina for the Y. W. C. A. war work began last Monday. Mrs. T. W. Bickett, state chairman of the war work council, has appointed her committees and campaigns are well under way.

**WELLS' LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITAL**

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—Senator Simmons stopped over a day in Raleigh en route to Washington and when asked for an expression of opinion on the meeting (or conference) of North Carolina Republican leaders at Hickory, stated that the mixture of politics with patriotism in the resolutions adopted reflected seriously upon the sincerity of the framers of the resolution and was impertinent and smacked of the trickery which so often characterizes the acts and utterances of the small politician when he essays to play the role of a patriotic statesman.

He added that in that part of the resolutions which criticized the President and the Congress the leaders present, including ex-Senator Marion Butler, whom Senator Simmons unhorsed politically some 18 years ago, did not reflect or represent the best Republican sentiment in North Carolina.

Senator Simmons said the session of Congress which began this week will be a long one and will be called upon to handle subjects of vast concern and importance, especially those relating to finance, of which committee he is the chairman, to industry and manufacture and in the prosecution of the war against Germany. He is in fine fettle after a month's rest at his home in Newbern and that section where he says the people are heartily endorsing the administration and the patriotic spirit abounds.

**Tuberculosis Day**

Next Sunday, December 9, is to be observed as Tuberculosis Day, especially in the churches and all people are urged to become interested in the subject and do something to help fight the disease that always spreads beyond the normal in times of war.

**New School For the Blind**

The cornerstone of the administration building for the new institution for the education of the blind children of North Carolina was laid Monday, and the work of construction will be pushed from now on. So the State will soon be in position to properly care for these little unfortunates and not only educate them in scholastic sense, but to teach many of them useful occupations whereby they can earn their own livelihood. The old buildings have been unfit for a number of years. Under the new management the cottage plan is to be carried out and there will be many smaller buildings and plenty of air and sunshine and ample recreation grounds.

Vice-Director Drake of Raleigh, who is assisting Col. F. H. Fries, State Director, states that there is very widespread and earnest interest in the new war certificates saving plan and the sale of war savings stamps in denominations of 25 cents up. Many people who were financially able to buy Liberty Bonds can and will help to finance the war by investing in savings stamps and certificates. Many banks have been enlisted to help distribute the stamps and certificates, which the post offices and rural letter carriers are charged with handling. The certificates draw interest same as the Liberty Bonds. Be sure to get yours.

**Wanted: Wood and More Wood**

Raleigh people are still crying for wood at something like a fair price. A two-horse load from the country, two-thirds of a cord, is fetching \$6 today. The wood dealers sell it in small loads at about \$8 per cord. Another effort is to be made this week to relieve the situation, by the Rotary Club, since the city's utter refusal to do so continues.

**Asheboro Citizens in Automobile Wreck Near Randleman**

On Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Thornbro, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wright, Mrs. Hattie Wright and son, Gurney, were in a Ford car going to Greensboro to visit relatives. They had gotten one mile beyond Randleman when George Jennings, an employee of the Public Service Co., of Greensboro, who was also driving a Ford car ran into the car turning it over and hurting all of the occupants except Gurney Wright who was driving the car. All of them were taken to the hospital in Randleman where they were treated. Mr. Thornbro and Mr. Luther Wright both were shaken up and each had a badly sprained arm. Mrs. Thornbro received several bruises on the face and hand. Mrs. Luther Wright probably suffered the most serious injury having her back and hip badly sprained and probably some internal injuries. Mrs. Hattie Wright was also bruised in the wreck. Persons who saw the accident say that the car driven by Mr. Wright had given practically all of the road and that Mr. Jennings was entirely responsible for the accident. The wheel of his car was broken but neither he nor the children with him were hurt. Mr. Jennings without making inquiry as to the car which he demolished or people in it, had his car repaired and proceeded on his journey.

**Mr. Cicero McDowell of Albemarle Dead**

Mr. Cicero McDowell, a former Randolph citizen died at his home in Albemarle Sunday from heart trouble. His body was brought to Asheboro Monday and taken to Union Grove where burial followed. Mr. McDowell lived in Tabernacle township until two years ago when he moved to Albemarle. He leaves a wife and several children.

Ex-Governor Glenn III at Winston-Former Governor R. B. Glenn is critically ill at his home at Winston-Salem. He has been kept to his room for weeks.