THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy and warmer Saturday, followed by showers Saturday night and Sunday.

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EFFORT MADE TO EXPUNGE PART OF RATE TESTIMONY

Traffic Association Would Wipe Out Testimony From Commissioners.

EASTMAN'S RULING IS APPEALED FROM

Efforts Not to Be Halted to Secure Rate Reductions in State.

While members of the North Carolina Corporation Commission are silent in regard to the efforts of the North Carolina Traffic Association to have a large portion of their testimony stricken from the records of the rate investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, representatives state they will not halt their efforts to secure rate reductions to North Carolina points from the whole of Central Freight Association territory.

Members of the Corporation Commission are confident they have laid the foundation for these reductions in their efforts to have rates to North Caroling points made with relation to the level of rates applying over the trunk lines to Virginia gateways, rather than by more circuitous routes over higher rated territory.

In overruling a motion of J. S. Griffin, attorney for the Traffic Association, asking that a large portion of the testimony of the State Commission be stricken from the records as irrelevant, which was the feature of the session yesterday morning, Joseph B. Eastman, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in charge of the present investigation, stated that the Association could appeal to the Commerce Commission if they are not satisfied with his ruling.

J. S. Griffin, attorney for the Association, gave notice of appeal to the Interstate Commerce Commission, when he filed an exception to the ruling of the Commissioner.

Mr. Griffin stated last night that the North Carolina Traffic Association is contending for the same rates to North Carolina as are in effect in Virginia cities, and that the State has nothing in common with the Southeast, or the proposals of the Southern Traffic League, and should be excluded from this hearing and the situation in this State considered in a separate and independent hearing.

Cross-examination of W. G. Womble, rate expert for the Commission, which was the process when the motion of the Traffic Association attorney was made, will be continued this morning.

Commissioner Eastman left yesterday afternoon for Washington and the hearing this morning will be presided over by Commissioners Forward, Virginia; Patterson, Alabama; Perry, Georgia, and Burr, of Florida.

Mr. Griffin contends that a large portion of the testimony of B. G. Brown, presented at Atlanta, as well as a share of the testimony of L. E. Oliphant, representing carriers in The Central Freight Association, should also be stricken from the records.

He quoted a portion of the In-

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U. D. C. CHOOSE GREENSBORO FOR NEXT CONVENTION

State Body Supports Plan to Make Fort Fisher a National Park.

(MRS. L. E. FISHER)
(Staff Correspondent)

WILMINGTON, Oct. 13.—Accepting an invitation to meet in Greensboro next year the Daughters of the Confederacy rushed through a busy closing session this morning and brought the twenty-fifth annual convention to a close at 1 o'clock. A resolution was passed which will establish permanent headquarters at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Winston-Salem, for conventions on years when no invitations for the gathering are extended.

The main feature of the closing session was an address by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, President of Washington and Lee University, in which he explained circumstances leading up to the controversy in regard to enlarging the little Lee Chapel at Lexington, Va., making it a wonderful memorial worthy of the South's great chieftain. After Dr. Smith's address the Daughters went on record as reaffirming the action of the general convention whereby all the divisions will join in concert in raising funds for the memorial.

Mrs. Felix Harvey, of Kinston, State Chairman, announced that North Carolina's Maury fund had been completed, $800 having been raised by the general organization.

After hearing a formal request from Captain A. D. Williams, of Wilmington, resolutions were passed to co-operate with him in appeals to Congress to make Fort Fisher a National Park.

On account of lack of time the formal reading of the chapter reports was eliminated and all reports were turned in for publication in the minutes.

Reports of the condensed work of the 16 districts of the division were read, that of the Fourteenth District, Mrs. Charles S. Wallace, of Morehead City, director, was awarded the prize as being the best.

Passing resolutions thanking Wilmington for the many courtesies of the week, giving a rising vote of appreciation for the retiring President, Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson, the gavel was turned over to the new President, Mrs. Peter P. Holt, who introduced her newly elected official family for the ensuing year.

Maintenance Of Way Men Name Head Who Will Ask New Working Conditions

Strikes Must Be Stopped, Says Pennsylvania Railroad Official, if "Rights of People" to Uninterrupted Service to Be Secured.

DETROIT, Oct. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Overthrow of E. F. Grable, of Detroit, as Grand President of the International Brotherhpod of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railway Shop Laborers and announcement by his successor, F. L. Josdal, of Dauphin, Manitoba, that a new demand "for improved working conditions and a living wage" would be made by the organization upon the United States Railway Labor Board marked today's session of the Brotherhood's triennial convention here. President Grable, credited with having recently averted a strike of the 400,000 railway maintenance men after they had voted overwhelmingly in favor of joining the shopmen's walk out, was defeated by more than 3,000 votes out of a total of approximately 86,000.

The new President and other officers probably will be installed early next week. In a statement made through his personal representative, Frank Finnson, of Detroit, the President-elect declared his opposition to a future strike, but announced that "the union membership might be prepared to walk out if improved working conditions and adequate wage increases were not forthcoming."

Mr. F. L. Josdal, it was announced by his representative, is prepared immediately upon assuming office to make an appeal to the labor board "setting forth the needs of the maintenance men for higher wages and improved working conditions," and "that the organization is prepared to prove to the public as well as to the board the justice of our demands."

Elmer E. Milliman, of Mount Morris, New York, was elected Secretary of the Brotherhood, defeating S. J. Pegg, of Detroit, incumbent.

Ballots were cast today for Vice-Presidents and members of the Executive Board. The results are expected to be made known tomorrow.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Railroad labor must surrender the right to strike if the railroad situation is to be stabilized and the "rights of the people" to uninterrupted transportation service permanently secured, Elisha J. Lee, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania lines, declared in an address tonight at the annual banquet of the American Mining Congress.

"I am not prepared to say, at the present time," Mr. Lee said, "that we should go to the length of absolutely forbidding railroad strikes by specific statutes. Nor would I attempt otherwise to lay down any particular method by which acceptance of this basically correct principle may be brought about.

"I am only sure of one thing, and that is that it must be accomplished in some way if the railroad labor situation is to be stabilized."

Mr. Lee described the Pennsylvania's system of labor relations which brought it into conflict with the Railroad Labor Board this year.

He also quoted with approval, a recent statement of W. G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, saying that "this whole business of railway labor got too big for any one man or few men to handle. It is loaded with dynamite for the country as well as for ourselves and the executives."

With these observations Elisha Lee continued, "I heartily concur."

"Railroad management has the social duty of effecting a revival among working forces of the spirit of ambition, enterprise and social progress. I wish we could return to the condition which existed in the days when every man entering the ranks thought that he had a chance to become president of his company and that he should work for that job if he had it in him or at any rate for the best position which his abilities could win."

Mr. Lee declared one of the public's rights was transportation at a reasonable cost and that this entailed on the part of railway management resistance against "expensive wage scales and unreasonable working conditions."

Excessive demands on the part of labor, Mr. Lee asserted, constituted questions not between labor and capital, but between railway labor and the public.

BEST AVAILABLE ENGINEERS WILL ADVISE ON WATER

Noted Experts and State Board of Health Head to Be Consulted.

Decision to call into consultation two of the most distinguished hydraulic engineers of the present day in America, together with the head of the State Board of Health in order to arrive at a final conclusion in regard to enlargement of Asheville's water supply, was reached yesterday afternoon when, at a joint meeting of the City Planning Commission and the City Commissioners, R. J. Sherrill, Commissioner of Public Works was authorized to secure the services of John R. Freeman, Providence, R. I., W. S. Lee, Charlotte, and Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh.

Both engineers have already been requested by telegraph to notify City officials when they may be expected to take up this work, and Dr. Rankin will be seen personally by Charles E. Waddell, consulting engineer of Asheville, who recently prepared studies upon the water supply. It is the desire of the Planning Commission and City Board that these experts adopt, revise, modify or abandon the plans of Mr. Waddell as they may see fit.

The report of the local engineer in brief, outlined a plan of development extending over a period of 20 years or even longer, comprising impounding reservoirs on Bee Tree, North Fork, additional pipe lines from North Fork and ultimately development of the Pisgah National Forest. The report recommended that the City proceed in the order given, beginning with the Bee Tree reservoir, to cost an estimated one-half million and which, according to Mr. Waddell's estimate, will supply the City for about five years at the present rate of growth.

Would Completely Use Present 16-Inch Pipe Line.

He particularly points out that such a reservoir will utilize to its full capacity the 16-inch main which has already been laid from Bee Tree at a cost of $349,000, but which is never filled during the dry season and therefore is not making use of the total investment.

The last source to draw upon, he feels, is the Pisgah Forest area, which will be lumbered and on which workmen's camps and railroads are to be maintained until 1932 with an additional two years to clean up and remove equipment. The proposed Pisgah system, he estimates, will cost $3,700,000 and will necessitate pumping the water but will provide 20,000,000 gallons, or four times the present supply.

In this connection it is of interest to note that Mr. Freeman was called upon years ago to advise upon Asheville's water supply.

To quote Mr. Waddell's report: "In 1901 John R. Freeman, Consulting Engineer, Providence, Rhode Island, now President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, made surveys for Marsden J. Perry and R. S. Howland for an improved water supply for the city and at that time located, surveyed and estimated the cost of impounding reservoirs in North Fork and Bee Tree. I have examined the sites he selected on North Fork and adopted his findings. Mr. Freeman also made surveys on Bee Tree, but in the light of 20 years advance in dam construction I have

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SPEED IS SOUGHT IN UNRAVELING OF DUAL MURDER

Counsel States Mrs. Hall and Family Cannot Be Silent on Rumors.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. Oct. 13.—Asserting that Mrs. Florence Stevens Hall and her family can not longer be silent regarding the flood of false rumors centered upon them in the double murder of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, Timothy N. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Hall's attorney, tonight requested Governor Edwards to place the investigation exclusively in the hands of a competent, fearless officer of the State. The lawyer made public a letter to the Governor criticising severely the tactics of the present county investigators and the conflict between them.

"The atmosphere of New Brunswick is charged with every sort of rumor that political pressure, money and official prestige have been made use of by Mrs. Hall and her family to hinder and delay the administration of justice in this case," Pfeiffer wrote. "In the mind of the public, Mrs. Hall is held responsible for the present impossible condition of affairs. In truth, it is due to the bungling stupidity of the officials of these two counties and now the evidence is unmistakable that the authorities of the one county are at odds with the authorities of the other county with the efforts of the State troopers, standing between the two rendered abortive."

The attorney told the Governor that further silence on the part of the slain rector's widow and her family would possibly be construed by many as an admission of the false accusations leveled against them.

The letter said that if "the investigation is to continue in the hands of officials who cause an arrest for murder upon the accusation of an admittedly irresponsible person and then state they are not interested in whether the accusation is or is not true, then Mrs. Hall nor any one else is free from the menace of official hysteria and tyranny."

The appeal to the Governor was given out after a family conference at the home of Mrs. Hall lasting over one hour. It followed unofficial reports today that the investigating authorities intended again to question the rector's widow. She was said to be in poor health, but her condition was not considered serious. It could not be learned whether Mrs. Hall would positively be examined again, but it was said there was still a probability she might be asked a few questions tomorrow.

REDUCTION OF RATES ON STEEL IS SOUGHT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 13.—Reduction of freight rates on iron and steel articles from the Pittsburgh territory to Knoxville was asked today in a hearing held here before Examiner McGrath of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Much of the evidence in the case has been amassed by the Knoxville traffic bureau.

A delegation from Chattanooga also was ready to present that city's case for lower rates.

ECONOMIC USE OF POWER URGED BY PLANT ENGINEER

Steam Plant Entirely Out of Commission When Bearings Burn Out.

HYDRO-ELECTRICAL SUPPLY IS LOW

Part to Repair Engine Is Being Rushed South by Express.

With the supply of power from the steam plant of the North Carolina Electrical Power Company entirely stopped as the result of the burning out of bearings in the steam turbine, and with the low stage of the French Broad River and the consequent shortage in hydro-electric power, Asheville consumers can only be served by practicing rigid economy in their use of power, it was stated by officials last night.

The bearings in the turbine at the Elk Mountain plant burned out just four days before the new 10,000 horse-power turbine is to be placed in operation, Charles E. Waddell, Consulting Engineer for the power company, stated that the necessary repair part is being rushed to the city by express and is scheduled to arrive on train No. 31 at 11:15 o'clock this morning and will be placed so that the turbine can be again in use not later than Sunday night. The repair part was rushed from Philadelphia to Washington by special messenger and turned over to the Southern Express Company to assure quick delivery.

"Only by careful use can consumers hope to receive necessary service," asserted H. W. Plummer, Vice-President and General Manager of the Asheville Power and Light Company, who issued the following statement:

"Owing to the low stage of the French Broad River and the burning out of bearings in the large steam turbine of the North Carolina Electrical Power Company, we are short of power.

"In the meantime, and especially Saturday night, we ask that our consumers confine their use of current for lighting and power to their absolute needs.

"We hope by this co-operation to accomplish a conservation of energy that will enable us to supply all with service. In other words, the power supply is limited until the steam unit is repaired, by reason of the low stage of the river, and by careful use only can all of our consumers hope to receive their necessary service.

"If co-operation is given, we sincerely hope that service thus curtailed will be sufficient for all necessary service."

Street car service is normal and current is being supplied from the steam plant of the Asheville Power and Light Company, but service for consumers is being supplied from the Weaver and Marshall plants of the North Carolina Electrical Power Company, which owing to the low stage of the French Broad River, are producing only about one-third of the normal supply.

Manufacturing plants, depending on the North Carolina Electrical Power Company for their supply, have had service completely curtailed and several hundred employes are out of work. However, it is believed that the steam unit can be repaired so that plants can start operation Monday morning.

HARDING MAY CALL SPECIAL SESSION SOON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—President Harding was declared today by congressional leaders who have recently conferred with him to be disposed to call Congress in special session about November 20.

DEMOCRATS PLAN HOT WHIRL-WIND DRIVE AT FINISH

Senator Heflin, of Alabama, Speaks in Behalf of Doughton for House.

DOUGHTON FAILS TO SPEAK AT MEETING

Caldwell County Democrats Slate Sherrill for Sheriff There.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN
(BY H. E. C. BRYANT)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The Democrats are preparing for a brief whirl-wind campaign just before the election. In addition to Senators Harrison, Caraway and Walsh, of Massachusetts, they will send out former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Senator Oscar Underwood. Former Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Senators Simmons and Overman, of North Carolina have been asked to take a hand. Mr. Daniels may have a number of dates but Senator Overman has a bad foot, and Senator Simmons is getting a much needed res. Mr. McAdoo will speak in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, these states being near his home in California.

HEFLIN ADDRESSES THE DEMOCRATS OF SALISBURY

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

SALISBURY, Oct. 13.—Presented in a most gracious manner by Mrs. Edwin C. Gregory, vice-chairman of the Rowan Democratic Executive Committee and daughter of Senator and Mrs. Lee S. Overman, Senator Thomas J. Heflin, of Alabama, spoke to a large gathering of voters in Salisbury tonight. This was the first appearance of the Alabama Senator in this part of North Carolina and he was greeted with much enthusiasm. Preceding his address, Hon. Walter H. Woodson, chairman of the Rowan County Executive Committee, made a ringing speech for Democracy in which he predicted a victory in this county of 2,000 majority or more as against 1,500 two years ago.

Senator Heflin spoke in his usual magnetic manner dealing with national issues as well as state matters. He devoted considerable time to the splendid record of Representative Bob Doughton from the eighth district, and urged the voters to send him back to Congress, for he is now better fitted for service than ever before. He predicted that the next Congress will be Democratic and declared that Bob Doughton ought to be there to help make Claude Kitchin Speaker, and assist in many other measures of vital importance to North Carolina and the whole country. He gave democracy a big boost and his speech marked the opening of one of the most aggressive campaigns in Rowan County and his speech had a fine effect on the crowd present.

Earlier in the evening Senator Heflin was the guest of Senator and Mrs. Lee S. Overman at dinner at their hospitable home in this city. Senator Overman is a strong friend of Senator Heflin but was unable to get out tonight on account of an injury to an ankle sustained some weeks ago in Washington. He is recovering nicely however and is able to be up and about his home.

GUS SELF, OF HICKORY, SPEAKS IN GREENSBORO

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

GREENSBORO, Oct. 13.—Former Lieutenant Governor Rufus A. Doughton, of Sparta, billed to speak at Democratic rally here tonight, failed to show up and local orators, assisted by Gus Self, Hickory attorney and Democratic wheel

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NORWAY AWARDED LARGE JUDGMENT AGAINST AMERICA

U. S. Representative at Hague Says Tribunal Exceeds Jurisdiction.

THE HAGUE, Oct. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Norway has been awarded approximately $12,000,000 by the arbitration tribunal which for several months has been considering the controversy between the United States and Norway involving claims growing out of the requisitioning of Norwegian vessels by the United States during the war.

The award was made known today, and the American arbitrator, Chandler P. Anderson, who did not attend today's sitting, communicated to the Secretary-General of the tribunal and the agents of Norway and the United States his opinion that the terms of submission had been violated and that the tribunal had exceeded its jurisdiction as outlined by the special agreement under which the shipping dispute was submitted to arbitration.

Notice was served by William C. Dennis, the American Government's agent, that he reserved for his Government all the rights "arising out of the plan and manifest departure of the award from the terms of submission and from the essential error * * * * by which it is invalidated."

The grounds on which the American arbitrator and agent claimed the terms of submission had been violated were not printed to the tribunal, but it was said by those conversant with the case that one of the principal reasons was the alleged disregard of the provisions of The Hague convention of 1907, requiring arbitrators to state the reasons for each one made.

From the beginning of the present trial, it was said that both sides to the arbitration, as well as the tribunal itself, agreed to be bound by The Hague convention.

TEMPORARY STAYS ARE GRANTED TO SHIPPING LINES

Bars on Board Foreign Ships Being Sealed as Three Mile Zone Neared.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Federal Judge Learned Hand late today issued temporary injunctions restraining Federal Prohibition Agents from molesting liquor on board the vessels of the British-owned White Star Line and the American- owned United American Line.

The temporary stays were granted until Tuesday when the two new cases will be heard along with the similar case filed by the International Mercantile Marine and the order requires Federal enforcemen agents to show cause why they should not be restrained from molesting liquor on the 24 vessels of the Cunard and Anchor lines.

The United American line which was represented by George Adams Ellis, was required to furnish a bond to guarantee that liquor on board the steamship Resolute, leaving New York Tuesday, would not be sold or consumed until the vessel arrives at Hamburg. The bond was double the value of the liquor. Mr. Ellis said he took action today in order to get the matter before the United States Supreme Court and also to get the liquor on the Resolute into a foreign port, to remain there until a Supreme Court decision finally settles the validity of the Daugherty decision.

Van Vechten Veeder, of counsel for the White Star Line declared he would come back to court "with one or two" similar cases tomorrow. He said the company was in a quandry as to what to do with the large stock of liquor on board the Majestic, which is due to sail from Liverpool Wednesday, and that it wanted come guidance from the court in deciding how to dispense of this stock. Three ves-

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Turks Are Susceptible To No Moral Influence In Relations To World

Kemal Pasha's Real Hold Upon the Britons, Says Simonds, Lies in Fact He Can Stage Bitter Contest With Them in Mesopotamia.

By FRANK H. SIMONDS.
(Special Correspondent The Asheville Citizen)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Turkish insistence upon immediate occupation of Thrace ought to create little surprise. There is nothing in the past history of Turkish relations with the Great Powers to inspire confidence on either side. It is a fact too that delay means grave danger for there is always the possibility that public sentiment in Christian countries may change or that, for example, some atrocity on the Turkish side may alter the whole situation as it did in the Bulgarian massacre times half a century ago.

Great Britain would be obviously glad if any way could be found to keep the Turk out of Europe. Greece is patently mobilizing her last reserves and can, if she is permitted, make a fight for Thrace. The crossing over of the Turkish army into Europe would be practically impossible if the British fleet were employed to prevent it.

Of course the real hold that Kemal Pasha has upon the British lies in the fact that he can, if it comes to war, send troops into Mesopotamia and compel the British to fight a long and difficult campaign there. They would be forced, too, to use white troops because it would be out of the question to make use of Indian levies in a Mohammedan war.

The British Cabinet would manifestly like to fight if it could rally public sentiment, for otherwise the loss of prestige must be terrific, but public sentiment in Britain and in the Dominions is manifestly solidly against any such venture. Nothing remains therefore except to temporize and save face by avoiding a quick withdrawal, such as would be involved if the Turks came to Constantinople and Thrace immediately.

But Kemal has the great advantage of knowing that the British people are resolved not to fight and that Britain's allies, France and Italy so far from supporting Britain are urging British withdrawal from Chanak and unmistakably favoring Turkish return to Europe without delay or conditions. If he should force matters to actual hostilities it is hard to believe that the end would be war, given British public sentiment.

There is a great deal of talk now in the United States about an intervention by this country, at least by the exercise of moral influence, but of course moral influence would have no value in dealing with the Turk. His capital and his Sultan are in Allied hands as are the straits and the control of the sea is vested in the British fleet, yet these material advantages gives the allies no basis for the exercise of moral influence. The Turk can threaten them all with trouble in their Mohammedan possessions. That is why all are anxious to avoid conflict.

The single thing that would be possible for the United States in the present situation would be the use of the army, the navy has no value, save as it might cover an expeditionary army. But we could not send a fully equipped division to Europe, that is 30,000 men and Kemal's victorious army very fully equipped exceeds 100,000 in strength. In the Gallipoli adventure of the World War the British lost 100,000 lives. Anatolia alone, moreover, together with the Turkish Armenian territory is as large as Britain and France combined, the country is terribly difficult to operate in, so the military task of an American army may easily be conjectured.

What is going on now is, in a measure, a gigantic game of bluff. The British are endeavoring to preserve a semblance of prestige by hanging on and naming conditions under which they will eventually get out, for they will have to get out, as all London despatches agree. The Turk is just as eager to exploit his victory to the full, to humiliate the British as much as possible, for he is technically still at war with them. France and Italy don't want war and don't care a tuppence for British prestige.

As to the moral involved in the return of the Turk, one must recognize that it has no relation to the policy of any great power. The British who supported the Turk for a full century against all Christian comers, Russia and the Balkan States alike, are now resolved to block the Turk not because of any change in Turkish nature or British interest, but simply because the

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WAR VETERANS OF FOREIGN LANDS TO CONFER TODAY

Inter-Allied Body Hopes to Take Steps at New Orleans to End War.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Twenty-three war torn soldiers from seven European nations reached here tonight, delegates to the convntion of the inter-allied Veterans' Federation, whic hopens here tomorrow and guests of the American Legion. They came from England, France, Serbia, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Rumania and Belgium.

Most of them have sacrificed enough in war to incapacitate them forever from active service on the battlefield; from the snow-clad reaches of the Balkans to the flat Belgian river Scheldt these men have seen war in its grim actuality, and in defense of their home lands, have lost eyes, arms, legs, cheek bones, scalps and health.

But it was evident when they reached here tonight, that despite their hardships and their sacrifices they had not forgotten how to smile, and their expressions were not those of men without hope. They have come to the convention, indeed with a large hope—that of doing something to end war.

Their uniforms laid aside, their medals and military crosses of seven monarchies and republics pinned to civilian coats, the Inter-Allied veterans headed by Charles Bertraud of France, smiled and bowed their appreciation of the welcome which awaited them upon arrival.

Some of them—those who were able to — walked beside their American hosts. One man, Major J. B. B. Cohen, head of the British delegation, rode in a wheeled chair. He has lost both legs. Another tall, gray haired Briton, Captain Appleby, walked, guided by his young daughter. He was wholly blind. It was a small delegation, but impressive.

Ahead of them, in the official cavalcade, rode a mounted escort of police; a band was blaring gay music and a detachment of Boy Scouts bore the flag of the seven nations behind these 23 men who went to war. Some of the veterans could see the flags, and some could not.

In the short parade through the downtown streets of New Orleans, wounded veterans rode in automobiles.

At the City Hall they were officially welcomed by Mayor Andrew McShane, of New Orleans.

Tomorrow, the veterans, who stopped in Washington to leave a wreath at the shrine of the American Unknown Soldier, take up the work of their convention. It is being held to improve the condition of veterans of the great war the world over, and to do what it may toward making the ideal of universal peace an actuality.

FIVE YEAR SENTENCE FOR DRAKE REDUCED

RALEIGH, Oct. 13.—On the the recommendation of the trial judge and solicitor and a number of citizens of McDowell and Henderson Counties, Governor Morrison today committed to two years the five year sentence of Ralph Drake, convicted in McDowell county on a charge of seduction. The case was presented by Drake's father, the Rev. T. A. Drake, of Easley, S. C.

COURT-MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF HAZING SLATED

Two Face Trial While Probe of Treatment of "Plebes" Goes Forward.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 13.—The trial of two midshipmen of the Senior class before a naval court-martial on charges of hazing, and the opening of the sessions by Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, Superintendent, were outstanding developments of the hazing situation at the Naval Academy tonight.

Denouncing the alleged acts of the Seniors, especially in view of the extensive liberty privileges he has granted them since he took charge at the Naval School, Admiral Wilson reiterated his determination to curtail these privileges to a marked extent. The curtailment, he said, would include rescinding permission previously granted to the entire class to attend the Navy-Penn football game at Philadelphia October 28.

Two members of the fourth class are under treatment at the Naval Hospital as the result of the alleged hazing escapades, instead of one, as at first reported. Admiral Wilson refused to disclose the names of the victims for the present. He said he desired to await some information of the investigating body as to the extent to which hazing has been going on.

The offense is alleged to have been committed at one of the mess tables in Bancroft Hall a few days ago when the "plebe" was compelled to eat his meal beneath the table. Another "plebe" was put through the physical exercise known as the "sixteenth" in academy vernacular. This occurred in one of the sleeping rooms of Bancroft Hall.

The "sixteenth" is a form of setting up exercise in which the new midshipman is made to place his hands upon his hips and do a squatting and standing exercise. Sometimes, it has been said, the performance has been kept up until the candidate faints.

Hazing is punishable by dismissal from the service. The offense as defined by the act of Congress is any unauthorized assumption of authority over or molestation of a lower class man by an upper class man.

The board detailed by Admiral Wilson to conduct a thorough investigation of other reports of hazing consists of Commander W. R. Vanauken, senior member; Commander E. D. Washburn and Lieutenant-Commander V. M. D. Breeton, Pr.

COURT HAS STILLMAN SUIT UNDER ADVISEMENT

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Supreme Court Justice Morschauser today took under advisement the form of a judgment in the Stillman divorce case, submitted by counsel for Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, the victor. The order as presented following the decision of Referee Daniel J. Gleason in affirming the legitimacy of Mrs. Stillman's youngest child, Guy, and denying James A. Stillman, wealthy banker, a divorce.

Justice Morschauser also reserved decision on the matter of fees for Referee Gleason and for John A. Mack, guardian ad litem of baby Guy.

GREEK FORCES REFUSE TO QUIT THRACIAN AREA

Europe Closer to Conflict Than Any Time Before World War Declared.

REPORT TURKISH TROOPS RETIRING

Russia Has 1,600,000 Men Under Arms Concentrated on Western Line.

ADRIANOPLE, Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Greek Third Army Corps has refused to obey orders to evacuate Thrace.

ATHENS, Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Greek government has instructed its high commissioner at Constantinople to sign an armistice with the Turks, Greece being under the necessity of yielding to the force of circumstances.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Oct. 13.—Europe is closer to military conflict than at any period immediately preceding the World War, members of the International Trade Commission of the Southern Commercial Congress declared today upon their return on the President Harding.

The commissioners stated their study of conditions in all the European countries convinced them that immediate solution of the various financial, economic and reparation problems is necessary to avoid disaster.

Fourteen members of the commission headed by Dr. Clarence J. Owen, of Washington, D. C., president of the congress, returned on the President Harding. A report of the commission's investigations will be presented to the 15th commercial congress in Chicago, November 20-22.

GENERAL RETIREMENT OF TURKS AROUND CHANAK

CHANAK, Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—A general retirement of the Turkish troops from the immediate vicinity of Chanak is in progress.

A Chanak dispatch Thursday announced an advance of the Turkish forces towards the British line, against which the British commander protested as a violation of the armistice agreement. The Turkish commander replying declared he had not yet received notification of the armistice but would give orders for retirement as soon as such notice came.

RUSSIA TO HAVE MOST FAVORED NATION TREATY

ANGORA, Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Soviet Russia will be given most favored nation treatment in eastern Anatolia under a commercial treaty soon to be concluded by the Turkish nationalists and the Moscow Government, it is officially announced.

BIG RUSSIAN ARMY IS ON WESTERN BORDER

WARSAW, Oct. 13.—(By The Associated Press.)—Russia has 1,600,000 men under arms, mainly concentrated along the western frontier from the Baltic to the Black Sea, while the Baltic states have only 120,000 men under their colors, and Poland 250,000, according to figures compiled here.

These figures, it is stated, have been brought out in connection with the present conference of representatives of the Baltic states and Poland in Reval in preparation for taking part in the Moscow

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NEW NAVAL PACT EFFECTIVE WHEN ALL PARTIES SIGN

No Disposition to Hurry Treaty up for Those Already Ratifying It.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—In view of published suggestions that the five-power naval limitation treaty negotiated during the Washington conference might be made effective immediately as between Great Britain, the United States and Japan, the three powers which have ratified it, it was pointed out here today that the pact itself specifically states that it is to become effective when all five powers have duly exchanged ratification.

There is no reason to believe that the American government would favor or sees any necessity for negotiating a preliminary three-power agreement making the terms of the pact effective prior to ratification by France and Italy, even though such a step would be possible through a three-power protocol.

When France plans to complete ratification of the five-power pact is not known but inasmuch as it was clearly indicated by the French delegates here during the conference that France had no intention nor need for building naval armament up to the tonnage limits permitted for her in the pact there is a strong feeling that French ratification is to be expected in due course and that nothing could be gained by a preliminary three-power understanding.

Apparently the Washington government is not disposed to press for action on completion of the five-power pact, even though it faces some embarrassment in the preparation of its naval budget for the coming fiscal year without having definite knowledge as to what should be provided for the navy.