

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Friday and Saturday; cooler.

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ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 19, 1923.

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THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

SAYS VIRGINIA IS FIGHTING STATE SHIP LINE BILL

Call Mass Meeting To Discuss Form Of City Government Proposed Amendment To City Charter Is Submitted To Public

Representatives of Various Civic Organizations at Meet.

WOULD CUT CITY INTO SIX WARDS Elect Mayor, Six Aldermen Who Would Pick Commissioners.

Election of a mayor and six aldermen, who in turn shall elect three commissioners and a city secretary-treasurer and a city secretary-treasurer and a city secretary-treasurer...

As the outcome of a session of 23 business men, Tuesday night, the proposed amendment to the city charter, providing for a further step along the lines of the commission form of municipal government was placed before a meeting of at least 150 invited representatives of various Asheville organizations...

Among the speakers who will probably be asked to discuss the proposed amendment will be D. H. Hines, R. E. Williams, George Stephens and others. Business and Professional Men in Discussion.

Dr. E. G. Clark, John A. Goode, H. J. Olive, Wallace Wright, Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt, Miss Mae Jones, C. G. Worley, Frank S. Smith, Charles E. Waddell, Thomas Wadley Raoul, R. E. Williams, well Cooke and others discussed the proposed amendment at the meeting last night and among the changes advanced by those favoring the measure are the following: The office of Commissioner of Finance and Secretary-Treasurer, paying higher salaries to the commissioner and secretary-treasurer...

Several expressed opposition to changing the present form of government, but stated, however, that they are willing for the voters of the City of Asheville to be given an opportunity to decide whether they want any changes in the municipal government.

Dr. L. P. Patrick, Commissioner of Public Safety, was the only city official present at the meeting and after the meeting he presided over the session of the present city government, taking no part in the meeting, despite assertions that vast improvement can be made.

Among those attending the meeting were the following: Harry E. Gruver, W. Vance Brown, R. L. Fitzpatrick, Wallace Wright, James McKay, Hubert C. Jarvis, Platt Boyd, H. H. Hines, Charles W. Thomas, W. Bird, W. Randall Harris, Frank L. Whitman, Charles G. Lee, Dr. Charles Hartwell Cooke, Wilbur Devendorf, J. H. McConnell, H. L. Lovin, James E. Rice, H. J. Olive, Julius G. Adams, Thomas Wadley Raoul, Arnold H. Vanderhoof, Clarence E. Blackstock, A. W. Allen, Lovell Rhoades, Holmes Bryson, N. Buckley, Henry Atkin, C. G. Worley, M. A. Erskine, Charles E. Waddell, Miss Mae Jones, Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt, Dr. A. W. Caldwell, J. T. Henry, A. Griffin, Calhoun J. T. Smith, Clarence Sawyer, W. M. Smathers, John A. Goode, J. Frazier Glenn, William M. Redwood, Merrill P. Gallinger, Dan W. Hill, Marcus Stevens, Jr., Eugene Sawyer, and Robert Hoffman.

Women After Good Government Mrs. Platt was greeted with applause when she declared that the women of Asheville are in the fight for good government, and will not stop until they get the best possible government. A considerable discussion resulted on the question as to whether those present at the meeting should go on record as favoring an amendment to the charter of the City of Asheville. To change the present form of government. But it was finally voted to place it before a mass meeting without voicing favor or opposition. General interest has been shown.

NEW GRAY WAS MEMBER OF BAND IN WISCONSIN STATES

One Member of Hooded Band Is Identified—Investigation Proceeds.

SOME PROGRESS IS MADE IN HEARING

Way Two Men Were Kidnaped Is Told of by Number of Witnesses.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 18.—The whereabouts of J. W. Peacock, who escaped last year from the criminal insane department of the North Carolina State Penitentiary and who arrived here Wednesday after being declared sane at Arcadia, Fla., were unknown tonight.

While Dr. Peacock said he was looking over Florida with a view to finding a city in which to practice medicine, he has not been heard of since yesterday. The police have no warrant for his arrest.

Peacock was committed to the criminal insane department of the prison after being tried for the murder of the chief of police of Thomaston, N. C.

MOTHER KILLED URAY SMITH, THE GIRL NOW STATES

Mary Collins, in Alleged Confession, Tells Story of Death of Cousin.

(By The Associated Press.) MORGANTON, Jan. 18.—A night's meditation over her "confession" yesterday afternoon that she killed Uray Smith in defense of her honor evidently caused Mary Collins to decide to tell what is now believed to be the whole truth about the affair. Early this morning having sent for Solicitor Huffman she admitted to him that the first story was told in an effort to shield her mother, Mrs. Rufus Eubank, who she now says shot her cousin.

Mrs. Collins, who is also in jail, has not been allowed to converse with her daughter and although she knows of Mary's confession she has not told the story to the turn that the affairs has taken. She still maintains her own innocence.

Interviewed tonight, Solicitor Huffman, who has given much time to solving the mystery connected with the alleged murder of Uray Smith, said that the whole matter is turning out as he expected and he is of the opinion that he is nearer the truth today than he was a few days ago. The tragedy occurred in September and the evidence he believes he can corroborate practically every detail of what the girl says in a signed confession which she is said to have given today. There are probably a few details yet to come out and these may be furnished when Mrs. Collins is questioned by the solicitor.

Mary Collins' story today is that when her mother, brother and uncle left for Glen Alpine soon after dinner on the day of the tragedy, she and Irene Smith, who started the field to continue fodder pulling. With "Wait a few minutes" Uray Smith had detained her while his sister went on to the field. Possibly thinking all the other members of the family were safely out of the way, after closing and latching the door, he began making improper proposals to her. She said she refused to accede to his wishes as he tried to force her. She declares that it was then that she cut him, having succeeded in getting hold of his knife. Whether attacked by the girl's cries or possibly led back by a mother's intuition, Mrs. Collins returned. Mary says she saw her mother strike Uray with "her comes mama." By that time her mother was kicking on the door and Uray released her to go and stand by the door. She said she did not see the killing. She heard the shot and when she looked back as she was nearing the door she saw her mother running toward the street and her father following her.

FINAL VOTE ON CAPPER BILL TO BE MADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Arrangements for a final vote tomorrow on the Capper bill, the first of the farm credits measures to be taken up, were made by the Senate today after another day of general discussion. In view of the delay on the bill, which was scheduled to pass last Monday, leaders today obtained unanimous consent to close the debate tomorrow at 1 o'clock and vote, expected to be almost if not entirely unanimous is due to follow.

All attempts to amend the bill were resisted successfully today. The Senate rejected 45 to 21 a rider by Senator Dial, South Carolina, designed to amend the cotton futures trading law and, by vote of 45 to 21 an amendment by Senator Fletcher, Florida, proposing private management of farm lands banks when Federal capital is in a minority.

EXTENSION SERVICE MEN TO MEET FEBRUARY 3

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Directors of the extension services of the department of agriculture in the Southern states will meet February 3 and 4 at Memphis in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers. The Government's extension workers will discuss agricultural conditions and problems pertaining to their work throughout the South.

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ENGLAND WOULD HAVE U. S. MAKE DEBT REDUCTION

Germany's Request for Moratorium Not to Be Heard for Another Week.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 18.—Formal discussion of Germany's request for a moratorium, which was to have begun tomorrow by the reparations commission has been postponed to the present situation, it is probable that initial consideration of the question will not come up until next week. Among the most important reasons for this delay is the fact that the reparations commission is still in the process of organizing its work.

Although Italy approved the French policy of economic seizure in the Ruhr Valley, it is now clear that Premier Mussolini does not approve of the extensive military operations which the French declare were made necessary by the German policy of passive resistance.

Italy has requested that an Italian plan yet unannounced be discussed at the same time as the French plan, when the commission takes up the question of granting a moratorium. It is believed to have been agreed to this, England, it is pointed out in authoritative quarters, would look with interest on Italian intervention in the present situation. It would be strongly inclined to remain out of any possible compromise arising from it on the ground that a compromise would solve a problem which needs drastic treatment.

On the other hand, certain reparations experts have been working for the consideration of a plan, said he. "The British reparations plan fixed the total German indemnity at about 37,000,000,000 gold marks. The French plan, however, has been roughly fixed at 25 or 26 billion, leaving 11 billion for Great Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands."

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Headed by W. L. Long, president pro tempore of the State Senate, the North Carolina delegation consisted of Mrs. K. B. Johnson, chairman of the Federal Coal Control Commission, and E. F. Carter, legislative officer of the Child Welfare Commission. David Clark of Charlotte, editor of the Southern Textile Bulletin, was also present. The South Carolina delegation consisted of A. H. Gilbert, Jr., chief inspector of the Department of Agriculture, commerce industries, and G. H. Lucas, a State factory inspector.

The American State League was also heard in opposition through the chairman of its committee, Everett Wheeler, of New York. It urged that the Federal Control should leave to the States the management of their own local affairs. Wheeler also declared that the recent Supreme Court decision had determined that the regulation of child labor was on that character. Conditions in the various States being declared as unequal. It made it unwise for the Federal Government to attempt to impose a national standard in such measures.

MINI OWNERS

Advocates of changes in child labor conditions in North Carolina should, he declared, direct their efforts at Raleigh, and to obtain changes in child labor laws in North Carolina should go to Columbia, rather than come to Washington. Statements made before the subcommittee in the House of Representatives in North Carolina were in general agreement with the views of those States who were vehemently opposed to the bill. It was the unanimous testimony that the laws were being enforced and that the bill owners were actively and sympathetically cooperating with the State officials to that end. The subcommittee was told that in South Carolina 2,443 permits have been issued children between 14 and 16 years of age to work, while in North Carolina the number issued to children between 12 and 16 was 8,283. In the latter State boys 12 years of age being permitted to work under certain conditions.

Dr. J. H. Spindler, who developed the opinion on the part of State representatives that Federal control in such matters would result in State's slacking in their efforts to suppress child labor, said he. "The British reparations plan fixed the total German indemnity at about 37,000,000,000 gold marks. The French plan, however, has been roughly fixed at 25 or 26 billion, leaving 11 billion for Great Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands."

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With Testimony From Experts; Sale Railroad Stock Opposed

State Urged To Appropriate \$10,000,000 For Railroads To Redeem The "Lost Provinces"

(By The Associated Press.) RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 18.—Under the official opinion of report of special commission appointed by the Governor to investigate the advisability of the sale of stock of the North Carolina Railroad and the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad in Western North Carolina, the House of Assembly today reported to the General Assembly as a member of the commission.

The report advised against the sale of the stock. It contained information of several meetings held by the commission at North Wilkesboro, Statesville, and other points along which railroads were proposed to be constructed. It also contained a list of recommendations for the construction of a trunk line midway between Virginia City and the Knoxville-Knoxville gateway.

Business Men of State Gather to Join in Request

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Italy Not Negotiating With French, Declared

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MINE DIRECTORS CALLED BEFORE FRENCH OFFICERS

ESSEN, Jan. 18.—Five prominent mine directors appeared before French authorities at Essen today and after a long session of their refusal to aid in the delivery of coal were advised to hold themselves in readiness to appear before a military court. They were here yesterday afternoon by Herr Spindler, of the Querry mines, Tensmanna, of the Essen Anthracite Coal Company, Wuestenhoef, of the Essen Mine Association, and two others named Kates and Offe. They were informed they would not be arrested at present, but must keep within reach. A police station was arrested today for not saluting a French officer.

FEDERAL AID FOR ARKANSAS ROADS TO BE WITHDRAWN

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—An ultimatum from the Federal Government to the State of Arkansas, stating that Federal aid funds for the building of public roads until alleged irregularities within that state are remedied, was laid down at Little Rock today. It has been taken by the government in connection with its extensive program of assisting the United States highway system of the country and is interpreted as indicating the determination of the Department of Agriculture to insist that all states scrupulously carry out their responsibilities under the Federal highway act to which they have agreed.

Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, and administrator of the Government's public roads funds, after conference with Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, sent a letter to the Governor of Arkansas, stating that for the last two years numerous complaints had been received from the manner of financing the road districts of Arkansas, the expenditure of funds resulting from such financing, and the placing of assessments on the lands within such districts to meet the requirements thereof. The principal difficulty, Mr. Wallace declared, lies in the state laws providing for the building of highways, and in the inadequate financial support given the State Highway department.

Recommendations and stipulations, fulfillment of which probably will require action by the Arkansas legislature, were laid down by Secretary Wallace, who declared they "are to be met before the State receives any additional Federal aid on any project and before further agreements will be entered into" between the Federal Government and the State of Arkansas.