

# STRONGLY OPPOSE ANTI-STRIKE LAW

MACHINISTS OF WILMINGTON FILE THEIR PROTEST WITH TAR HEEL CONGRESSMAN.

## CAUSE OF CONTINUED UNREST

Overman Has Introduced Bill for an Appropriation of \$25,000 for the Erection of Raleigh Memorial.

Raleigh.

Washington. — (Special).—Protest against any law forbidding strikes has been made to congressmen by the International Association of Machinists of Wilmington, through Secretary T. W. Brown.

He declares such a law will continue to cause unrest. He urged the passage of the Sims bill for extension of government control for two years longer.

Senator Overman has introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 for a memorial to Sir Walter Raleigh. It provides for a commission of three appointed by the governor, to study plans with the secretary of war for a design.

### Election Returns From Ninth.

Complete official returns from six counties in the ninth district, official majorities from two counties and unofficial majorities from the remaining two, show Clyde R. Hoey, democrat, of Shelby, elected by a net majority of less than 1,200 votes over John M. Morehead, republican, of Charlotte, in the special election.

Washington. — (Special).—Republicans of the ninth district plan to contest the election of Clyde R. Hoey to Congress, it developed with the reported arrival in Washington of Manager Caviness, who conducted Mr. Morehead's campaign.

### Four Eclipses in 1920.

During the incoming year of 1920 the phenomena of four eclipses, two solar and two lunar, will occur. A total eclipse of the moon is scheduled for May 2, visible in eastern North America.

The second total eclipse of the moon is scheduled for October 26-27, visible in western North America.

A partial eclipse of the sun will be seen on May 17, invisible here.

The last eclipse of the year will be of the sun on November 10, visible in eastern North America, Africa, Europe and the Atlantic ocean.

### Report on Cotton Ginned.

Washington. — (Special).—Director Sam L. Rogers of the bureau of census, department of commerce, announces the preliminary report on cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1918 and 1919. Quantities are in running bales, counting round as half bales. Linters are not included, Mr. Rogeds announced; The State . . . . . 692,337 648,921

### North Carolina Leads.

The annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919, shows that North Carolina continues to lead the Union in the number of illicit distilleries seized, the total for North Carolina being 814; Georgia comes second with 789; Virginia, third with 356; Alabama fourth with 348; South Carolina fifth with 280; Tennessee sixth with 226; New York seventh with 126, and Kentucky eighth with 125. In no other state were as many as 100 distilleries seized during the said year.

### Pardons and Commutations.

After serving two years of a 20-year sentence for murder in the second degree, Allen Fie, sent up at the August term of criminal court in Haywood county, was granted a conditional pardon by Governor Bickett. The order was among four that make up the first batch of the annual Christmas pardons granted by the Governor.

### N. C. C. A. Organized.

The North Carolina division of the American Cotton association was organized here at a meeting of farmers and business men, representing 11 cotton growing counties of the state.

Addresses were delivered by J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association; Col. Harvie Jordan, national campaign director; A. F. Lever, member of the federal farm loan board, and John B. Cannon, president of the Spartanburg County Cotton association.

### To Support Employment Office.

County and city authorities in Wilmington have agreed to contribute an aggregate of \$125 per month to the support of the United States Employment Office there until definite action is taken by Congress as to the future of the service, according to Mr. M. L. Shipman, who has charge of the work in the state, and who returned from Wilmington, where he met the county commissioners and city council.

The status of the employment office, one of four maintained in the state, has been uncertain for some months.

### Collecting Inheritance Tax.

Within the first ten days of the new fiscal year, beginning December 1st, there has been paid to the state tax commission inheritance taxes amounting to \$57,449.

Supplementing the recent statement of collections of \$595,681 for the fiscal year ending November 30th, a statement of expense of administration of the inheritance tax was made by the commission. The scope of the commission's supervision covers services of special agents to assist clerks of superior courts in discovering estates liable for tax, and the special agents make appraisal of real and personal property of such estates as basis for settlement. Services of attorney are furnished with respect to all legal questions involved. For handling this work the commission employs an attorney and two special field agents, each at an annual salary of \$2,500 and traveling expenses. The appropriation for this work is limited to 3 per cent of the total collections for the previous year, and the expenditures for this purpose during the last fiscal year was less than 2 per cent of the year's collections.

The largest amount of revenue collected from this source in any year prior to the 5 per cent commission statute of 1916 was \$19,889. The annual collections since that time have been as follows: 1915, \$31,495; 1916, \$153,759; 1917, \$296,951; 1918, \$376,000; 1919, \$595,681.

### Folk Lore Drama.

In their third series of one act folk plays of North Carolina life, the Carolina Playmakers of the University of North Carolina at their playhouse here presented to an audience of students and members of the faculty three original plays written by students of Professor Frederick H. Koch's class in English 31.

The plays were "Who Pays?", a tragedy of industrial conflict by Minnie Shepherd Sparrow, of Raleigh, "The Third Night," a mountain play with a touch of the supernatural, by Thomas Wolfe, of Asheville, and "The Hag," a comedy of folk superstition, by Elizabeth A. Lay, of Raleigh.

### No Cost Price Marks.

Food Administrator Henry A. Page explained in a meeting here that merchants of the state, under the new price control regulations, will not be required to mark the cost price on merchandise tags, as erroneously stated in previous dispatches. It is necessary to mark the retail price in plain figures.

### 2,427 Teachers in State.

N. C. Newbold, of the state department of public instruction, reported that 2,427 school teachers in North Carolina, out of a 3,500 total, attended summer school last year. This does not include those who attend teachers institutes.

### Must Suffer Sentence.

Dennis Lovelace, Southern railway bagman, who killed his father-in-law, H. E. Edwards, of Rutherford county, in August of last year, has lost his appeal in the supreme court. He was sentenced to electrocution.

### Provide for Incinerator.

The state board of public buildings and grounds authorized the board of commissioners of the city of Raleigh to use the old rock quarry site, a mile east of the capitol, as an incinerator.

### The State Printing Bill.

The printing account of the various state departments paid out of the general funds from December 1, 1918, to November 30, 1919, amounted to \$114,192.37 according to figures available in the office of Commissioner of Labor and printing M. L. Shipman.

The Corporation Commission led with the biggest printing bill, \$24,828, due to the vast amount of printing made necessary by the revaluation program. The legislative department, with the printing of the General Assembly, followed with \$21,903. Then came the superintendent of public instruction with \$16,670.

Other large items making up the statement of the printing expenses of the state for the year include Supreme court, \$8,714.93; Board of Examiners and Institute Conductors, \$4,472.66; Historical Commission, \$3,470.89; Auditor, \$8,922.92; Secretary of State, \$2,622.18.

### Two New Charters.

The Henderson Community Center was chartered by the secretary of state to promote the social, educational and moral interests of the community, with \$15,000 authorized capital and \$1,250 subscribed by C. A. Lewis, W. T. Watkins and C. T. Hicks and others, all of Henderson.

Charter was also issued for the Bank of Turkey, at Turkey, Sampson county, with \$25,000 authorized capital and \$5,000 subscribed. The incorporators are J. A. Grady, J. T. Hudson, C. J. Carroll, all of Turkey.

### To Lead in Club Work.

That the mountain counties of the state will lead North Carolina in organized club work in 1920, is the prediction now being made by officials of the agricultural extension service. In practically every county, the men and women agents in this section are showing an unusual interest in the work, and are meeting with a fine response on the part of the young people in the schools.

The extension service is planning to have only organized clubs next year.

# INTERURBAN LINE FOR CUMBERLAND

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## PLAN TAKES IN CAMP BRAGG

Rail Laying and Overhead Construction on the Camp Bragg Extension is Already Well Under Way.

Fayetteville.—The development of an interurban trolley system that will bring Fayetteville and all the surrounding towns, as well as Camp Bragg, into immediate contact, is fore-gast by G. M. Westlar, general manager of the Cumberland Railway and Power company, which now owns and operates the street car system of this city and electric properties in Kenly, Four Oaks, Princeton, Pine Level and Micro.

Work on the laying of the rails and the overhead construction of the Camp Bragg extension has already begun and Mr. Westlar says lines will be extended to the neighboring cotton mill villages as soon as material can be procured.

"We are anxious to go ahead with our work according to program," said the general manager, "and will complete it as outlined if we are not interfered with by restrictions imposed by the city government."

Maxton.—The highest price paid for farm land in this section of the state was paid by Arch Gibson of Laurinburg for the farm of S. A. Snead, of Maxton. The farm, consisting of 148 acres, sold for \$62,275, or a little more than 468 per acre.

Marshville.—The sale of Guernsey cattle which took place at J. C. Austin's farm here was a success in every way. About 2,000 people gathered from every direction to bid in the fine stock and the sale went with a snap. Forty-eight head were sold, ranging in price from—calves, at \$300 to cows, \$655.

Asheville.—The moonshine industry in western North Carolina is running wild, both county and federal officers agree, that with high prices of the product and the ease with which it can be manufactured. Despite the efforts of city, county and federal authorities to round up the operators, and they have succeeded in getting a larger number this year than ever before, they still flourish.

Charlotte.—The twenty-third annual show of the Charlotte Poultry association will be held in Charlotte, January 6 to 9 and from present indications will be the largest ever held by the organization.

This show will be held under the rules of the American Poultry association. All standard bred fowls will be recognized at the show and awarded prizes. All entries must be in by January 3.

Salisbury.—Rowan county has raised the salaries of several of her officials. J. Frank McCubbins, clerk of the court, is given an increase of \$350 as clerk, his salary formerly being \$4,600 and as judge of the juvenile court which formerly had no salary he will now get \$1,000. Register of Deeds Deaton gets an \$800 increase on \$3,700. Treasurer Crowder and Auditor Neave each goes from \$1,800 to \$2,400.

Winston-Salem.—quite a number of Winston-Salem people will go to Wilmington on December 27 to attend the launching of the big steel ocean freighter, "The City of Winston-Salem," which was built by the Carolina Ship-building Corporation. Miss Dewitt Chatam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chatam, has been chosen sponsor for this big ship, which is named after this city because of the record made in the Fourth Liberty Loan drive.

### New \$75,000 Theater

Statesville.—Statesville is to have a modern opera house and moving picture theater. The plans were materialized when Messrs. Cooper and Barkley purchased from Mr. D. F. Jenkins a lot adjoining the People's Loan and Savings bank. The lot is 50 by 100 feet, the size of the proposed building to be erected. Work will begin as soon as plans are completed by the architect. The cost of the theater will be approximately \$75,000, and will be one of the most beautiful designs.

### Improving Watts Hospital

Durham.—It was brought out at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, that extensive improvements will be made at the Watts hospital. Mr. Geo. W. Watts, the founder of that institution, and chairman of the board of trustees, has definitely authorized the building of a new structure for private patients, and homes for some of the employees, at a cost of approximately \$150,000, and it was stated that he will furnish the funds necessary. Not only these but other improvements are contemplated.

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**Old Bridge Stood for Centuries.**  
The new London bridge was opened on August 1, 1861. This replaced the celebrated old bridge, built more than eight centuries before. It had 16 solid stone piers, with bulky stone arches and was covered from end to end with buildings. On the "Tailor's gate," at one end, the heads of traitors were shown. It was removed on account of its obstruction to navigation.

**Gathering Life's Gold.**  
The gold of life does not lie hidden in mines; it sparkles in tiny sands all along the common path of every day. He only who gathers it bit by bit from daily duties and pleasures and opportunities and friendships will find himself the possessor of the real treasure at last.

**Balancing Trade.**  
Where one country exports extensively to another and buys nothing from it the checks and drafts given in payment do not balance and it becomes necessary to ship gold or otherwise readjust accounts. This is expensive and makes it necessary to pay a premium in exchange. This premium is virtually an addition to prices paid. When it becomes too high purchases will be made in other markets. Thus will trade be lost unless it is balanced.

**His Mind in the Clouds.**  
Rev. George Harvett was to have been married to the daughter of Bishop Compton of London, but on the morning fixed for the ceremony he got all about it and went off fishing. Much indignation was felt by the bride and her friends, and the engagement was broken off. But the reverend gentleman's second engagement was equally unsuccessful. Once more he forgot to come up to the church and lost his expectant bride in consequence.

**Milton and Italy.**  
How delightful was Italy to Milton! His Allegro and Penseroso show that he could fully appreciate both its mirth and its majesty. He returns not the less to live out a career of illustrious service in his own country, where his brave heart and philosophic mind were of more avail to his time than even his sacred song to cum—Julia Ward Howe.

**Mystery Solved.**  
Mrs. A: "You say you kept a cock for a whole month. How in the world did you manage it?" Mrs. B: "We were cruising on a houseboat and she couldn't swim."

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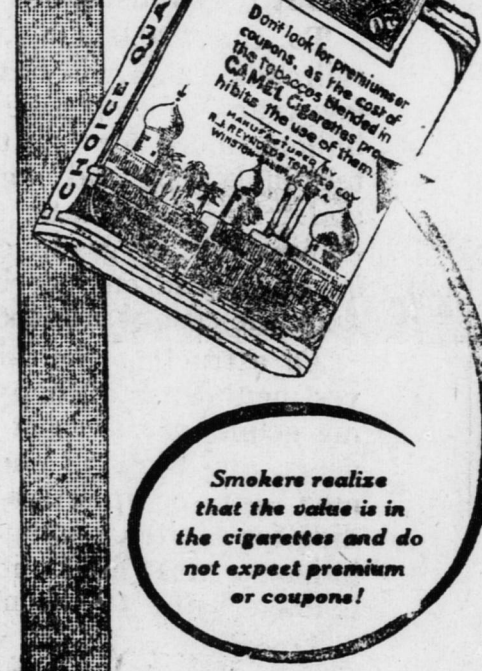
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