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## North Carolina Drainage Association In 2nd Day's Session

*Mr. Lawrence Brett Talks on Applicability of North Carolina Drainage Law—Discussion And Reports From Drainage Districts.*

*Association Took Auto Ride Yesterday Afternoon to Inspect Drainage Work in This County—Smoker Last Night And Old Virginia Reel.*

The second day's session of the sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Drainage Association, which was called to order this morning at 10:30 o'clock was marked by unflagging interest on the part of the membership and all present in the various problems that come up in connection with drainage work in the state.

The session this morning was opened with a prayer by Rev. Harris Mallinkrodt, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal church. The first matter of business on the program this morning was the address of Mr. Lawrence Brett, of the engineering firm of Brett & Company, of Wilson, on "The Applicability of the North Carolina Drainage Law." Mr. Brett reviewed briefly the steps that had been taken which brought the state drainage law to the shape in which it is found on the statute books today. The law, he said, while far from perfect, was applicable to most of the conditions that are met with in drainage work in the state. But be advised that there were many amendments that ought to be added to the law before it was the instrument the state needed in carrying out the great project of drainage in North Carolina. He advocated the sending of several responsible and well-informed men, acquainted with the needs of the state in this respect and accredited representatives of the North Carolina Drainage Association to attend the next session of the legislature and preach to the representatives the vital need of certain amendments to the law. "This association represents the people of North Carolina and we can demand of our representatives that they enact the needed legislation for the benefit of the people of the state," he said. Mr. Brett stated that there were something like 600,000,000 acres of land in the eastern part of the state that are immensely rich but which need to be drained before their fertility is available. About 100,000 acres of land are already drained or are in process of being drained, he said, and about a million dollars has already been expended, perhaps. Referring to North Carolina's natural advantages and what the value to the state would be if drainage were carried out as it should be, he stated that already the movement for drainage in the state had brought to the state something over 1,000 good citizens, many of whom had come here as contractors and engineers to assist in the actual drainage work and who had decided to stay and become citizens. They are an uncommonly good class of citizens, too, he contended and would prove but the forerunners of many others like them when the advantages of residence in North Carolina had become better known. Unlike the states of the North and West, he pointed out, work could be carried on out of doors in this state almost all the year round and frozen ground seldom interfered with it, as it does in the more frigid portions of the country.

Mr. Brett stated that while the state was now supporting a population of about three million iwth from 15 to 20 per cent of its available land in cultivation, it could be made to support a population of 20,000,000.

Mr. Brett gave many suggestions as to details of the North Carolina Drainage Law and showed wherein it could be improved by amendment. He also discussed the question of issuing bonds in the drainage districts for the purpose of carrying on drainage work and referred to the need of good securities for the bonds to make them attractive to buyers.

A discussion of various topics brought out in Mr. Brett's address followed. Dr. J. R. Alexander, president of the Mecklenburg Drainage Commission, in the course of some remarks, said that the new Grove Park Inn, at Asheville, the finest hostelery in the state is a monument to Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic, and that North Carolina had paid heavy tribute toward its construction. This, he said, the state had done by buying the chill tonic mentioned for chills and fevers which has long been the bane of many sections of the state. Happily the people of the state, he said, had decided that it was better to remove the cause of the chills and fever by drainage than to pay tribute to a patent medicine manufacturer. It is almost impossible, he continued, to raise strong, healthy and vigorous citizens in surroundings that breed malaria and the only way out of that state of affairs was to carry forward the drainage idea all over the state.

Another feature and one of the most interesting to the delegates was the continuation of the reports from the various drainage districts of the state, in most cases made orally and informally by the delegate from the district.

A report typical of many others made was that of Mr. C. E. Long, of Catawba county, who reported that before the drainage of Clark's Creek, in that county, there was nothing produced along the creek but frogs, bulrushes, mosquitoes and chills and malaria. The cost of draining the creek was about $21 per acre. What was once the home of hundreds of bellowing frogs and buzzing mosquitoes had become the greatest corn-producing belt in the county and land that could be had for almost any price before the creek was drained could not be had at all now, for the reason that it was too valuable as corn land to be sold. There had not been a case of chills and fever on the creek in two years, whereas for years before that everybody dwelling in the vicinity of the creek was subject to both. Mr. Long who weighs about 210 pounds, and is the picture of ruddy health offered himself as proof of whether the neighborhood was now habitable or not.

Mr. B. E. Price, industrial agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway, delivered what proved to be one of the most interesting addresses yet delivered before the convention on "The Value of Drainage to the State from the Standpoint of the Railway." Mr. Rice remarked by way of beginning his address that he had often been asked what the industrial department of a railway was and had no other answer than that it was making something out of nothing. The making of strong, healthy people for the citizenship of a given community was a matter of paramount importance to the railway that chanced to run through that territory, he said, for the reason that strong healthy people produced wealth, which had to be transported somewhere and in being transported bore the designation of freight, which the railways subsisted on mainly. Mr. Rice stated that after having been intimately acquainted with the natural conditions and possibilities of twenty-eight states of the union, he was prepared to say that North Carolina will get more results for the expenditure of a small amount of money spent for drainage than any place on the map.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, who was to have spoken yesterday but was unable to get here was present today and made a short but inspiring address which was listened to with deep interest by all present.

### Visit to Drainage District.

The delegates yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock assembled in front of the Selwyn Hotel, where they were loaded into twenty-five or thirty automobiles and, under the chaperonage of the members of the Mecklenburg Drainage Commission, were driven out to Briar Creek to the east of the city where they viewed the operation of dredge boat No.2 of the county, which is just now engaged in penetrating a channel through a ledge of rock. Afterward the visitors were driven down the Sharon road to the Graham place, where they were shown the work that has already been done on Little Sugar creek, here also taking note of how the dredge is driven through a ledge of rock. This feature of dredge work was especially interesting to visitors from the eastern part of the state where rock ledges are seldom encountered in the dredging work.

### Danced Old Virginia Reel.

One of the most enjoyable and unique features of the convention was the smoker given last night in the assembly room of the Selwyn in honor of the visitor. The visitors laid aside for the time being their roles as sedate business and professional men, engaged in doing a great work for the state, and tripped with light feet through the measures of the old Virginia reel, while Dr. L. H. Hill, the renowned fiddler of the old school, played the youth-renewing strains of the tune. Dr. J. R. Alexander, president of the Mecklenburg Drainage Commission; Mr. W. S. Pharr, secretary of the same body; Dr. Joseph H. Pratt, president of the North Carolina Drainage Association; Mr. B. F. Rice, land and industrial agent of the Norfolk Southern Railway; Mr. J. S. Squires, a member of the Mecklenburg Drainage Commission; Dr. J. H. Squires, agronomist in the employ of the United States government; Mr. Wetmore, a prominent civil engineer from the eastern part of the state; Mr. Allen, a leading engineer from Eastern Carolina, were among those who participated in the dance. Dr. Joseph H. Pratt, president of the North Carolina Drainage Association, "called" the figures and led the dancers through the measures, proving himself as graceful and nimble on the dancing floor as he is scientific and learned as a geologist and an authority on drainage.

The following committees were appointed yesterday afternoon by President Pratt, of the association:

On nominations and selections of next place: M. F. H. Gouverneur, of New Hanover; Baker, of Wake; W. C. oBren, of Guilford; T. W. Chambliss, of Wilson; W. P. Moore, of Iredell; M. M. Wetmore, of Lumberton.

On membership: J. P. Lucas, of Mecklenburg, chairman; R. D. Ormond, of Cleveland; C. J. Goodman, of Cabarrus; E. L. Mooney, of Gaston; A. E. White, of Lumberton.

On legislation: Lawrence Brett, of Wilson; Small, of Beaufort; Gouver-

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## LATEST NEWS OF MEXICAN SITUATION

### LOOKS OMINOUS.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—A telegram from Secretary Bryan is reported to have reached the American embassay here this morning. It is said to contain information that "a matter of a serious nature" is under consideration in Washington in reference to Mexico.

Washington, Nov. 19.—White house officials made no comment today on dispatches from Nogales saying the constitutionalists had asked William Bayard Hale for formal credentials before pursuing negotiations.

Indications were that the parleys would proceed slowly and that the point of presenting formal credentials, which might be construed as an act of recognition, would be delayed until Washington had more exact assurances of the purposes of the constitutionalists.

Chairman Bacon of the senate foreign relations committee discussed the situation with President Wilson but he declined to comment.

Officials described the situation, so far as it concerned foreign governments, as highly encouraging and there was some tendency to place more stress upon favorable results of diplomatic pressure than parleys with the constitutionalists.

Senator Southerland of Utah, a republican member of the committee, conferred with the president and said he fully supported the policy of not recognizing Huerta.

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—General Huerta planned today to submit to his cabinet the message which he proposes to deliver to congress tomorrow. The cabinet meeting was called for this afternoon at which time it was expected General Huerta would ask its members to go over the message with him.

The document is short and it is said to review tersely the most important acts of the Huerta administration, dealing frankly with the dissolution of congress and calling attention to the strained relations with the United States.

It is expected congress will receive the message without protest, thereby giving Huerta a virtual ratification of his acts. It is said the message will open a way to an immediate discussion by congress of the late presidential election. It is a foregone conclusion that the congress will declare the election null.

It is regarded as possible that the congress may name some one else for provisional president for a period ensuing until the election and inauguration of a permanent chief executive but it would undoubtedly be a big surprise to most Mexicans as well as foreigners if General Huerta should not be instructed to continue at the head of affairs.

Officials of the Huerta administration have been moved by two emotions since they learned that the constitutionalists had insisted that William Bayard Hale, the representative of President Wilson, should show his credentials before continuing conferences with General Carranza and his advisers.

The Huerta officials are pleased that Carranza as a Mexican is still showing a tendency to reject interference and are gratified at what they interpret as indications of a failure of the rebels and the United States authorities to reach a working agreement. So far as had been ascertained all the foreign diplomats here, with the exception of Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, will attend the opening session of congress. O'Shaughnessy will not be present and it is assumed his absence is authorized by instructions from Washington.

Madrid, Nov. 19.—Spain must refrain from taking any step in connection with Mexico, declares today's Imparcial. "The solution of the Mexican problem," says the newspaper, "must be left to the United States alone."

### Carranza Off for South.

Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, Nov. 19.—General Carranza with his staff will leave for the south at 2 p. m. it was announced today. Foreign Minister Ecudero said he would announce before the train departed what effect this would have on the negotiations with President Wilson's envoy, William Bay ard Hale. It was not made known whether Ecudero and other members of the constitutionalists would accompany Carranza.

### Confers With Page.

London, Nov. 19.—Lord Cowdray, who possesses many interests in Mexico, has a lengthy conference today at his own request with Walter H. Page, the United States ambassador.

It is supposed Lord Cowdray wished to obtain information as to how far his Mexican interests were endagnered and desired to emphasize to the American ambassador his denial that he had given financial assistance to Huerta.

### Americans Flee.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Nov. 19.—The exodus of American citizens from Mexico City continues. Forty persons, most of them women and children, arrived here today by train. The fugitives report that only a few American women and children remain in the federal capita..

### THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina:

Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight. Moderate winds becoming south.

## N-S TO SPEND $80,000 ON FREIGHT DEPOT ETC.

The Norfolk Southern is making ready to begin work on its new freight depot near Sixth street and also on a large engine house which will be located on Twenty-first street, the building operations to be started at an early date.

The city has issued permits for these buildings through the city building inspector, Mr. Ralph P. Connelly, indicating the purpose of the Norfolk Southern to begin work shortly. The permits were issued this week.

The new freight depot will be started with an initial investment of about $15,000 and will be built convenient to the tracks which come into the city along A street, and end at Sixth street between College and A streets, where nearly the entire block between Sixth and Seventh, and College and the railroad has been cleared of buildings and graded, excepting several residences on the north corner of this block.

The freight depot will be constructed, it is understood, on a liberal plan, affording ample room for the large volume of freight which the new railroad anticipates from this city, and coming into Charlotte.

The passenger depot of the Norfolk Southern cannot be determined upon until the union station issue is disposed of by the corporation commission, but the freight depot work will not be interfered with on this account and this building will be about the first to receive the attention of the railroad contractors here.

### Also Engine House.

The Norfolk Southern will also erect an up-to-date engine house on Twenty-first street along its tracks, this being for the purpose of housing engines and placing them between runs, and while being cleaned, etc. The cost of this building, according to the report of the city building inspector, will be about $13,000.

With the definite move towards establishing itself in Charlotte the Norfolk Southern may be said to be getting into the game with determination. The announcement elsewhere of the leasing of quarters for an uptown ticket office affords additional evidence of the intentions of the road to make of Charlotte a very important point in addition to the fact that the city is the southern terminal of the entire road.

### Passenger Plans.

As was stated in The News Saturday the Norfolk Southern will maintain temporary passenger depot facilities in the large building recently vacated by the Western Newspaper Union. This building is located quite close to the Norfolk Southern terminal on Sixth street, within 150 feet or less of the newly laid tracks, and the ground floor of the building will afford very convenient and suitable space for the temporary passenger depot..

This building is now vacated and work is being started this week on the task of putting the ground floor in shape for the passenger service. The Norfolk Southern has for sometime maintained local headquarters for its engineering department and other work on the second floor of this building.

The details of the two new buildings for which permits have been issued by the city were not available today as the chief engineer in charge of the work at this end of the line is out of the city.

The company is also engaged in working out its schedules of trains and these will be made public at an early date. It has been the desire of the officials of the road to institute through passenger service to Raleigh by December 1 if the necessary preliminary work can be completed by that date.

### TROOPS TO REMAIN AT TEXAS CITY.

By Associated Press.

Texas City, Nov. 19.—Preparations indicating that the second division of the United States army will remain here all winter were begun today. Tents were walled and reinforced and stoves installed. Hundreds of soldiers began digging a sewerage system.

The big army city here is entirely under canvass. One of the purposes of the mobilization, it is said, was to reproduce army life under field conditions as nearly as possible.

### BLEASE GOES TO JACKSONVILLE.

By Associated Press.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 19.—Governor Blease departed for Jacksonville today to attend the annual meeting of the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Association. Assistant Attorney General Dominick, special representative from South Carolina, accompanied him.

## ATTACKS SULZER'S PAST RECORD

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Former Governor Sulzer's administration of the charitable institutions of New York state was severely arraigned here today by Prof. George A. Lewis, a former member of the board of parole for state prisons, who was chief speaker at the annual state conference on charities and corrections. Sulzer's efforts at "reform by dynamite" declared Professor Lewis, had uprooted and negatived the carefully thought out plans of years.

"The stream of progress toward orderly, systematic development of methods," said Professor Lewis, "in the administration of public charities, our reformatory and penal institutions is sluggish and intermittent at best. The blighting evils following upon the injection of factional fury into the management of public institutions have had a vivid presentation in the meteoric passing of the recent governor. Reform by dynamite has been the order of the day and one sensation has followed another in bewildering succession."

## LABOR LEADERS HEAR REPORTS

Seattle, Washn., Nov. 19.—Committee reports were in order when the American Federation of Labor met today. The committee on resolutions came first on the roll call of committees and there was a prospect that it would submit a report on the fight between the factions of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The resolution of President Berry of the Pressmen urging formation of a labor party may be reached at any time and is certain to precipitate a long debate.

The endurance and energy of President Gompers have caused such comment. Yesterday he presided over the convention for eight hours, leaving the chair a dozen times to make arguments for the administration side of various questions.

The report of the committee on adjustment dealing with jurisdictional disputes is a special order for this afternoon.

### COL. GOETHALS MAY BE OFFERED GOOD JOB.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Reports that Col. Geo. W. Goethals would be asked by Mayor-Elect John Purroy Mitchell, who is now on his way to Panama to become police commissioner of New York has brought special advices from Panama quoting Governor Goethals. When asked if he would accept such a post Colonel Goethals replied that no overture had yet been received by him and smilingly added:

"Should the offer be made I have my answer ready."

### REPUBLICANS MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Republicans from all sections of the state met here today to discuss plans for solidifying the party preparatory to the 1914 elections.

It was not planned to take any action toward the selection of a standard bearer for the party but one of the subjects to be discussed was a state wide public campaign through the press and means of county committees. The meeting was called by the republican state central committee.

### SCHMIDT TRIAL POSTPONED.

New York, Nov. 19.—After having been called for trial today the case of Hans Schmidt, slayer of Anna Aumuller was put over by consent of both sides until November 25th.

## FRANCE WILL JOIN IN CELEBRATION

By Associated Press.

Paris, Nov. 19.—The French government today accepted President Wilson's invitation to send representative warships to Hampton Roads to join in the celebration of the opening of the Panama canal. Only informal consideration has been given by the ministry of marine to the number and type of vessels which are to compose the squadron. It has been decided, however, to send the best warships in the French navy, representing the latest types now under construction.

The number of ships will depend largely upon what the other powers decide to send, especially Great Britain

### POPE RECEIVES MEXICAN PILGRIMS.

By Associaeed Press.

Rome, Nov. 19.—Pope Pius today received a party of Mexican pilgrims just returned from Palestine. They were introduced by the Rev. Jose Ibarra, archbishop of Puebla.

After imparting the Apostolic benediction his holiness expressed the hope that the blessing of peace would be given soon to their country.

## Charlotte Files Freight Rate Complant With Commission

*City of Charlotte and Charlotte Shippers And Manufacturers Association Appeal to Interstate Commerce Commission For Relief.*

*Complaint is Based On Rates Charged Charlotte on Shipments of Cast Iron Pipe From Virginia City.*

Special to The News.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Alleging that the rate of $4 per ton charged by the Southern Railway, Norfolk & Western Railway, and Seaboard Air Line on 30,000 pound minimum carload shipments of cast iron pipe from East Radford, Va., to Charlotte, used for building its water and sewer systems is unreasonable and discriminatory the city of Charlotte and the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers' Association, today filed a complaint with the interstate commerce committee

The complaint which is signed by Charles A. Bland, mayor, on behalf of the city, and W. S. Creighton, for the association, states that for several years the city has been paying $4 a ton for shipping the pipe from East Raeford, whereas the railroads maintain a rate of $3.25 for transporting the same commodity for East Raeford to Atlanta and Augusta, which cities use the same pipe.

It is alleged that the distanco to Atlanta and Augusta are much greater from East Radford to the former lotte and that shipments to the former cities must pass through Charlotte.

The charge to Charlotte is alleged to be a violation of the commerce laws and the commission is asked to establish a rate of $3 per ton and order the railroads to pay reparation on all shipments of pipe received by the city of Charlotte for the past two years.

## INQUIRY INTO RATES CHARGED ON COAL

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—The firstt witness to testify today in the interstate commerce inquiry into the coal freight rates and practices of the anthracite carrying railroads was A. J. Stone, general manager of the Erie Railroad, who described the method of loading and shipping hard coal from the Wilkesbarre-Scranton district to tidewater at New York harbor and to Buffalo for the lake trade. He presented documents requested by the commission. These related to operating statistics, train schedules, carrying capacity of freight and coal cars and hauling power of locomotives.

Mr. Stone also described the method of unloading coal at its terminals at Edgewater, N. J., and Buffalo. He was asked to give this information so as to permit the commission to determine the cost of handling and hauling coal.

In order to obtain comparison of costs Mr. Stone described at the request of the commission the method of hauling freight other than coal. The trend of this class of freight, Mr. Stone said, was westward rather than eastward. Mr. Stone also gave similar information with relation to the New York, Susquehanna & Western and the Wilkesbarre & Easton railroads which are controlled by the Erie.

The Philadelphia & Reading Railway's handling of anthracite was then taken up, J. E. Turk, superintendent of the Shamokin division being the first official called. He said that 15 to 20 per cent of the coal concentrated in the Shamokin division from forty collieries goes west and is turned over to the New York Central Railroad at Newberry Junction in central Pennsylvania. The other 80 or 85 per cent goes east to Philadelphia points or to tidewater at Philadelphia. There are many adverse grades in his division, he said, the incline in one instance being 250 feet to the mile.

## TWO DISTINCT CURRENCY BILLS PREPARED

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 19.—What to do with the two currency reform bills now being completed by the two factions of the senate banking committee has begun to give serious concern to senate leaders. Both bills, one representing the administration views and the other work of the republican committee members and Senator Hitchcock, probably will be ready for the senate before the end of this week.

As the committee is evenly divided there can be no formal report upon the Glas bisll which passed the house; and neither of the new bills can be offered as a substitute, with the endorsement of a majority of the committee. Both factions of the committee are anxious to obtain whatever advantage there is to be had before the senate and it will probably be agreed to return the house bill without a report and submit the two new bills simultaneously as amendments.

Efforts will then be made by some of the republican members to have the senate consider the currency bill item by item so that each side will have a chance to advance its amendments and have them voted upon as the reading of the bill progresses in the senate.

## Fifty Thousand Cases of Trachoma In The South

By Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 19.—There are 50,000 cases of trachoma among the mountaineers of Southern States, accohrding to estimates presented to the Southern Medical Association here today by Dr. G. C. Savage, of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Savage declared the disease is more prevalent in the mountainous districts of Kentucky and Tennessee than in other parts of the country, and that it is destroying the sight of persons of all ages.

John D. Rockefeller recently has established a fund to fight the disease.

The section of medicine of the association devoted two hours this morning to a symposium on malaria. The section of surgery heard a number of papers.

At noon almost the entire membership of the association visited James B. Haggin's Elmesdorf stock farm.

## TWENTY FOUR BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

By Associated Press.

Acton, Ala., Nov. 19.—When searchers ended their work this morning twenty-four bodies had been removed from Acton mine No. 2 of the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company here, the scene yesterday of an explosion. Six men were injured and thirteen escaped unhurt.

All parts of the mine have been explored. C. H. Nesbitt, chief mine inspector for Alabama, here to investigate the explosion, had not decided this morning whether it was caused by dust or gas.

## BRITISH WARSHIPS ORDERED TO VERA CRUZ

By Associated Press.

Bridgetown, Barbados, Nov. 19.—The British cruiser squadron in West Indian waters last night received peremptory orders to proceed to Vera Cruz and the vessels sailed at midnight.

### WANTS TO SWIM THROUGH CANAL.

Panama, Nov. 19.—Alfred Brown, a member of a New York life saving corps, has arrived here with the hope of being the first man to swim from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean through the canal. He arrived here yesterday and proposes to start the swim as soon as he obtains the necessary permission to go through the locks at either end of the canal.

### PLAN INAUGURATION OF YAGER AS GOVERNOR

Washington, Nov. 19.—Arrangements have been completed for the inauguration tomorrow of Arthur Yager as governor of Porto Rico at San Juan. Mr. Yager will be presented by M. Drew Carrel, secretary of Porto Rico, and acting governor, and the oath will be administered by Jose C. Hernandez, chief justice of the supreme court. After Governor Yager has delivered his address he will review the inaugural parade. The festivities will close with a ball in the evening.