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Governor Will Recommend Only Few Things to Assembly

MEETS DEATH WHILE ENGAGED SELLING WHISKY

to Replace Colonel Metts has Failed to Gain the Major Lamb's Boom for Next Adjutant General Momentum Necessary to Convince Governor Elect Morrison that a Change is Necessary Meeting of Good Roads and Citizens Highway Associations Have Been Postponed from January 6th to a Later Date.

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Major Robert J. Lamb's boom for adjutant general to replace Col. John Van B. Metts has failed to gain the momentum necessary to convince Governor-elect Morrison that a change should be made in the executive head of the North Carolina National Guard if reports reaching Raleigh from Charlotte are to be relied upon.

Soon after the boom for Major Lamb was launched friends of Adjutant General Metts became active and the new governor since that time has been flooded with letters and telegrams urging that he reappoint Col. Metts. Included in the list of those who have interested themselves in his behalf are Colonels Don Scott, Sidney W. Minor, Lieutenant Colonel Chambers and Major L. R. McLendon, all of whom are former national guardsmen of the State. The fact that so many of the prominent leaders of the National guard in the State are supporting Colonel Metts is taken to mean that Governor-elect Morrison will not override their wishes and appoint a man who is not acceptable to them.

While the word has come out from Raleigh that there were divers complaints against Colonel Metts because of his strict adherence to army regulations while overseas it is also said now that there was not another officer in the army who was better qualified and who made a better record than Colonel Metts. The fact that Major Lamb was thrice decorated while overseas is not enough within itself to cause his elevation to the position as head of the national guard while an overseas veteran is now holding down the place. This is the attitude of a number of personal and political friends of the new governor in officialdom. They do not look for a change.

Governor Bickett will not urge the 1921 session of the general assembly to do but one or two things, according to a statement made by him today.

The incoming body is at the pleasure of Governor-elect Morrison, Governor Bickett says, and he will not

attempt to usurp any of the new governor's powers. One of the things that he will do, however, is to recommend that the salaries of the State officers be increased; this must be done during his administration if it is done at all in time for putting into effect the new schedule before Mr. Morrison is inaugurated. Inasmuch as this matter was discussed during the Bickett administration the governor thinks that it should be disposed of before his term of office expires.

Governor Bickett will also make some recommendations with reference to legislation for negroes in the State, including a sanatorium for the treatment of negroes afflicted with tuberculosis and the enforcement of the law providing transportation accommodations for negroes on trains. Aside from these recommendations, however, Governor Bickett will not touch upon matters coming directly under the Morrison administration.

Purvis Pleasants, Johnston county youth, killed last Wednesday night on the Fayetteville road south of Raleigh met his death while engaged in the sale of liquor after he and his 2 companions had carried four gallons to the scene for the purpose of selling eight gallons of whiskey, according to stories of the killing as told to Solicitor Norris at an investigation here. Information given by Leslie Mosser and Percy Barber, companions of Pleasants, when they told their story to Coroner Owens and a deputy sheriff the night of the tragedy. Their recital of details, however, embodied virtually the same story with respect to the actual killing.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association and the Citizens Highway Association, announces that the State road conference which was scheduled to be held in Raleigh January 5, has been postponed until a later date.

It is now the purpose of the associations to hold a public hearing of the road committees of the senate and house as soon as the committees are appointed and a convenient date can be determined upon. Announcement of this date will be made as soon as the arrangements are decided upon.

TWO FORMER HUN SHIPS TO BE SOLD

Are Now in Manila Waters. Seized During the European War From Germany

Manila, P. I., Dec. 28.—Two former German ships seized during the war are offered for sale here by the United States Shipping Board. The steamer Quimbang which was chartered to the Philippine government for some time was turned back to the shipping board and is now at Hongkong where a British firm contracted to purchase her for \$120,000. After inspection, however, in drydock at Hongkong the firm decided extensive repairs would be required to make the vessel serviceable and refused to accept the ship. J. F. Marius, shipping board representative in Manila inspected the Quimbang at Hongkong and estimated that repairs and cost of maintenance the last three months would amount to \$20,000.

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EXHUMATION OF BODIES STARTED

At Bony Cemetery Today in France. About 900 of Them to be Returned

Paris, Dec. 28.—Exhumation of the bodies of the American soldiers buried at Bony cemetery, a few miles from the 27th (New York National Guard) and 30th (Wildcat, from Tennessee and North and South Carolina) divisions began today. Of 1,777 bodies in the cemetery and 900 will be returned to the United States. The remainder will be buried in other cemeteries in France. Bodies will be moved but this work will work of sending them to the United States.

It is the first field cemetery to be reached by the army. It is so sheltered that it is to be protected. The shelter is to be built to shelter the men while working.

MEETS TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Carolina Club tonight at 7:30. Several new members to be voted on. You are urged to be present.

STILL HOLDS HIM DEAR, SAYS DISCARDED WIFE



Mlle. Georgette Le Blanc, first wife of Maurice Maeterlinck, the famous Belgian poet and dramatist, who is now visiting in New York. In an interview Mlle. Le Blanc says she still holds the famous poet dear in spite of the great sacrifice. This world was amazed when Mlle. Le Blanc surrendered Maeterlinck to his present wife because she "wanted him to be happy." The second Mlle. Maeterlinck, who was Mlle. Renee Dahon, accompanied the poet on his visit to the United States last year. "We are the best of friends," says Mlle. Le Blanc in speaking of her famous husband.

MILITARY ENVOY SENT TO CHIATAO OPPOSE LANGUAGE IN THEIR SCHOOLS

To Investigate Charges That Japanese Soldiers have Been Guilty of Cruelty, etc.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—A Japanese military mission headed by Colonel Mizuno, formerly of the Japanese embassy at Washington has been sent to Chiatao to investigate the charges that the Japanese soldiers have been guilty of cruelty in their measures against Korean outlaws in Chinese territory. Serious charges have been made against the Japanese forces principally by American and English missionaries. These include accusations of the burning of 7 churches, 5 schools and a large number of houses, and of the indiscriminate slaughter of villagers.

Telegrams to the Japanese newspapers report the formation of a new Korean association which is said to be making remarkable development under the guidance of the Japanese authorities. The Tokio Asahi reports that an anti-Christian movement has now over forty thousand members, all of whom are pro-Japanese and another dispatch states that the foreign missionaries are trying hard to regain the influence which they have lost and with this in view they are resorting to every means to impart this spirit of independence to the Koreans. This news does not harmonize with the reports of American missionaries concerning the situation.

AGED MISSIONARY DEAD.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—John C. Ballagh, 78 years of age, a native of New Brunswick, N. J., who has been in missionary work in Japan since 1875, died today after an illness of several months. Dr. Ballagh was one of the oldest missionaries both in age and length of service in Japan and has been connected with the Presbyterian mission for the past 45 years. Recently he has been treasurer of the Presbyterian mission in Japan.

A NEW DISEASE.

Tokio, Dec. 28.—A new disease resembling scarlet fever but less severe is attacking many people throughout Japan. Most of the victims are children but adults are not immune. The symptoms are a high temperature, followed by a sore throat and finally an eruption like that of scarlet fever. The doctors have named this illness "the fourth disease."

If there is any smart aleckitude in a young man it's likely to crop out when he meets you in a revolving door.—Kansas City Star.

Brazilian Government Don't Want Italian Language in The Schools of Country

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 28.—Some Brazilian government officials oppose the Italian government's proposal that the Italian language be taught in Brazilian schools in districts largely occupied by immigrants from Italy. This plan was contained in the labor and emigration agreement which the Italian government recently offered to Brazil. The Brazilian Director General of Commercial and Consular Affairs has presented a report on the subject to his government objecting to this proposal.

The agreement planned to regulate the future settlement of Italians in Brazil, where they already form an important part of the population, particularly in the coffee-producing state of Sao Paulo. The Italians requested also that arbitral tribunals be set up to decide controversies between workers and their employers. Objection is made by Brazilians on the ground that obligatory teaching of Italian would increase the difficulty of assimilating the immigrants to the national life of the country, giving rise to the same complaints formulated against the teaching of German in the large German settlements in Santa Catharina state. This state had become so Germanized that after Brazil entered the war, teaching of Portuguese and other national subjects was made obligatory in all schools throughout the union.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL SAYS BOND ISSUE NECESSARY

Washington, Dec. 28.—Claiming that a bond issue was necessary because it had not received the full six per cent return provided for in the transportation act, the Illinois Central Railroad Company filed today with the Interstate Commerce Commission applications for permission to issue mortgage bonds amounting to \$6,530,000.

The road would issue \$3,245,000 worth of refunding mortgage bonds, bearing interest at 4 per cent, to be sold or pledged as loans with banks to meet maturing obligations. With the Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad Company, it would issue joint first refunding mortgage bonds amounting to \$3,708,000 to be pledged as security to meet notes coming due within the next few months.

ADVISE SENDING WIRELESS FREE FOR INDEFINITE TIME

By the Lafayette Wireless Station Which was Turned Over to French Government

MESSAGES IN BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH

The Annapolis Station in Return Will Return the Compliment for the French Govt.

Paris, Dec. 28.—In turning over informally the new Lafayette wireless station to the French government a few days ago, the American government has proposed that the station receive and send official messages, both French and American, gratuitously for an indefinite time.

These would include, first, messages from the departments of the American government, particularly War, Navy, State and Commerce, to their representatives and bureaus in France; second, official messages from the American government to the French government; third, despatches to the United States government wireless stations from its representatives in France.

In return the United States promises to perform the same service for the French government, free of charge. This large amount of business is now being handled by the private cable and commercial wireless companies.

This suggested innovation, which originated with the Navy department, is being seriously considered by the French government although it believes it would carry by far the larger load, and although it had planned to leave the station entirely free during peace time to handle only commercial business. The wireless stations of the French government are used by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs during peace-time and by the Ministry of War during time of war.

The Lafayette station, which is 20 miles from Bordenaux, is now actually being operated by the French Ministry of Posts, and sent to North and South America most of the press reports of the meeting of the League of Nations Assembly at Geneva.

The station was started during the war by the American Navy Department and at the armistice the French government arranged with the navy to finish it, agreeing to pay the entire cost of construction. It can reach any point on the globe.

MRS. W. G. M'ADOO TO HEAD CAMPAIGN

Wife of Former Secretary of the Treasury will Direct St. Mary's \$300,000 Effort

Washington, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, daughter of President Wilson and wife of former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo has accepted the service as the head of a campaign to raise \$300,000 for St. Mary's School, at Raleigh, which was launched today at a luncheon given at the home of Mrs. William C. Rivers, Fort Myer, Va., at which Mrs. McAdoo was the guest of honor.

It was upon this occasion that Mrs. McAdoo formally assumed her duties as national chairman of the campaign when she delivered an address in which she praised the school and the purpose of the work that is being carried on there. She said that interesting of Americans of the young set in the church had tested national idealism in a way that will rouse real enthusiasm and affection, is an enterprise in which girls' boarding and finishing schools can be virtually helpful, and that such a school with Christian principle realized in its daily life can do probably as much as any other institution in the country to supply a definite and practical contact between the idealism of American youth and the Christian religion.

Tar Heels here are deeply gratified that Mrs. McAdoo has undertaken to conduct the campaign for raising this large fund for the improvement and maintenance of St. Mary's School, for they feel that no one with better prospects of success could have been chosen for the service.

COMPETITION IN ARKANSAS

Speaking of industrial changes, bullhops are driving the bartenders out of business.—Hot Springs Sentinel-Record.

HOLDUPS IN N. Y. DURING PAST YEAR ARE ON DECREASE

Due Perhaps to Training of Ex-Policemen and Firemen to Convey Runners in City

EX-SERVICE MEN ARE ON THE JOB

They are Also Used as Guards Inside the Offices of Financial Concerns of Late

New York, Dec. 28.—Holdups in the financial district of this city which last year were of costly frequency, are reported by surety companies to be decreasing. This is partly because brokers have hired ex-policemen and firemen to convey runners and messengers carrying valuable securities such as soldier-laden transports were protected by destroyers in war days. Also it is attributed to unrelenting prosecution of dishonest employes and messengers by surety concerns which cover heavy losses during the orgy of robberies and embezzlements.

In assigning these reasons for the fewer holdups, William A. Griffin, vice president of the National Surety Company, said his concern and similar ones had spent several hundred thousand dollars in ferreting out and prosecuting men connected with the dishonest practices.

At police headquarters it was said the services of retiring patrolmen and firemen have been at a premium since the surety companies advised brokers to hire them. Several hundred of these ex-service men have been employed in the financial district.

Some of the former patrolmen and firemen are used as guards and watchmen inside offices of financial concerns and others accompany messengers. Usually two of them precede the messengers and two follow behind as they go from bankers to broker carrying bonds, stocks and other securities.

Financial or commercial concerns which are using this method of guarding their property while in transit through the streets declare that it is a vast improvement over the employment of messengers of unreliable youths about whom they know nothing. Some of these young men have proved to be in conspiracy with gangs of hold-up men and have notified them of the opportunity to stage a robbery that would yield a big haul.

MASS MEETING HERE TOMORROW DISCUSS TOBACCO REDUCTION

Every Tobacco Grower, Time Merchant, Banker and all Others Interested are Urged to Attend the Meeting in the Court House, Wednesday at Eleven O'clock to Discuss Reduction of 1921 Acreage Tobacco. Resolutions Passed by the North Carolina Tobacco Warehouse Association at Wilson, December 23. Prominent Speakers Here Tomorrow to Explain Situation. A Great Gathering Looked For.

Don't forget the mass meeting tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at the court house for the purpose of discussing the reduction of the 1921 tobacco crop in North Carolina. All tobacco growers, time merchants, bankers and all others interested are requested and urged to be present. The situation will be fully explained by well-known tobacco men from Wilson.

At a meeting held by the North Carolina Tobacco Warehouse Association in the town of Wilson, December 23, the following resolutions were passed which are self-explanatory. Whereas the normal supply of bright tobacco is approximately three hundred million pounds annually and whereas it is evident that there will be carried over from the 1920 crop fully 300,000,000 pounds—enough to supply the needs of the world if not a single pound is raised in 1921, and Whereas, the interests of the Warehousemen and the Farmers are identical in respect to the amount of tobacco to be planted, and we feel it our duty to give the Growers the facts in our possession that they may be saved from bankruptcy which may follow the planting of even a normal crop in 1921.

Therefore it is resolved by the North Carolina Tobacco Warehouse Association:

1. That the proposed reduction of one third in acreage as recommended by the Tobacco Growers' Association is not in our opinion a sufficient reduction—that the reduction should be at least 50 per cent and that any amount planted in excess of one half of the normal crop will invite disaster.
2. That we feel it is the duty of the Tobacco Warehousemen to reach the tobacco growers in person and to urge them:
3. That the absolute necessity of cutting their tobacco crop at least one-half—and that if they plant tobacco at all they should not plant "Make All," "Big Gem" and "Pinkney Arthur," but should confine themselves to the staple varieties which have given Eastern North Carolina its reputation in the past.
4. That they abandon the west as their "Smoke House and Gorn Crib" and pledge themselves honestly to make an effort to live at home in 1921.
5. That the Tobacco Warehousemen of North Carolina pledge themselves in co-operation with the Tobacco Growers Association to form committees of their strongest men who shall visit every grower and landlord in their respective territory and secure pledges to carry out the recommendations here submitted. And that the week beginning Jan. 3, 1921 shall be sent to the Growers' North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association.

NAMES DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAY AND EDUCATION COM.

C. J. Tilden, of Yale University Granted Leave of Absence for Year by Trustees

DR. P. P. CLAXTON IS THE CHAIRMAN

Committee Includes Representatives of all Governments and Industrial Groups

Washington, Dec. 28.—C. J. Tilden, professor of engineering mechanics at Yale University, has been granted a leave of absence for a year, to accept the position of director of the Highway and Highway Transport Education Committee, of which Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, is chairman.

The committee, which was formed last May at the invitation of the Commissioner of Education, in addition to Dr. Claxton includes Thomas H. McDonell, Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture; Col. Mason M. Pittick, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.; Roy D. Chapin, President of the Hudson Motor Car Company; W. S. Keller, President of the American Association of State Highway Officials; H. S. Firestone, of the Firestone Tire Company; Dean Bishop, of the University of Pittsburg and Professor Tilden.

The membership of the committee is designed to include representatives of all governmental, educational, and industrial groups interested in the advancement of education in highway and highway transport engineering.

The formation of the committee last May was the first step in its nationwide undertaking on the part of these groups, and it is expected to lead to better training of larger numbers of highway and highway transport engineers to fill numerous positions which will be available for them in the near future.

It is expected that Professor Tilden's work ultimately will lead to the formation of a comprehensive program of education for highway and highway transport engineers which will insure an adequate supply of technically retained young men to fill the ranks of the branches of the engineering profession.

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