

## CITY MANAGER CORNWELL RESIGNS HIS POSITION

Will Devote All His Time to Private Business After February 1--Council Expresses Regret--Ordinance Adopted to Protect Health of People.

Mr. J. C. Cornwell last night tendered his resignation to council as city manager of Hickory to take effect January 1, 1916, until the present time. No action was taken on the resignation. The council expressed its regret at Mr. Cornwell's departure and each assured the manager that they would maintain the relations between the city and the manager as they have been in the past.

Mr. Cornwell, who is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, has been in contact since becoming city manager. Council did not discuss the resignation. Mr. Cornwell possesses an agreeable personality, is accommodating and is generally popular with the citizens. He has a lucid and logical mind and is in contact since becoming city manager. Council did not discuss the resignation. Mr. Cornwell possesses an agreeable personality, is accommodating and is generally popular with the citizens. He has a lucid and logical mind and is in contact since becoming city manager. Council did not discuss the resignation.

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## ALLOW CONVICT TRUSTIES TO GO HOME

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Governor Locke Craig is sending a letter today to the warden of the state penitentiary and to all the superintendents of the state farms and convict camps where state prisoners are held requesting them to allow all trusty convicts to go to their homes from Friday, December 24, to Monday, December 27.

The governor also announces three days' holiday for all convicts in the state prison and camps. Mr. J. W. Dunn, secretary of the Reidsville commercial and agricultural association, has written to Secretary Joy, announcing his purpose of bringing a delegation of Rockingham county farmers to Hickory to visit the creamery and dairy farms, so that they may get suggestions along the line of dairying that has made Catawba county in general, and Hickory in particular, famous all over the country. Mr. Dunn said in part: "If we turn to dairying, we must do so in the most up-to-date manner, abandoning the butter making on the farm, and concentrating upon the creamery system. For the purpose of enlightening our prominent farmers as to the positive advantages to be derived from this change, I feel that a practical demonstration in the shape of a visit to the most successful creamery in the state would be the best start, and I am at present organizing a party of some 25 or 30 farmers to make such a trip during the first week of the coming year. We purpose giving two days to it and taking in the farm at Statesville during that time."

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## ROCKINGHAM TO SEND FARMERS TO HICKORY

(By Associated Press.) Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22.—President Wilson said today that the European trip of his friend, Col. E. M. House, was in no way connected with the peace movement, but was entirely for the purposes outlined by Colonel House in New York last night.

The colonel said his mission was to communicate to American ambassadors in person for the president certain information that the ambassadors might more intimately communicate the attitude of the United States towards certain phases of the international situation.

Today President and Mrs. Wilson motored over to White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., where they took dinner. The distance is 40 miles.

WASHINGTON SPECULATES (By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Announcement by Col. E. M. House, President Wilson's close personal friend, that he would visit the capitals of Europe, caused great interest in official and diplomatic circles here today. Secretary Lansing confirmed the announcement, but declined to add anything to it. It was denied that he would go on a peace mission.

Officials today declined to discuss Colonel House's mission, owing to its delicate nature, nor would they make any response to questions whether he would make informal inquiries regarding steps for peace. The trip will be the second trip to Europe. At the time of the first trip it was reported that Colonel House acted as the personal representative of President Wilson and that he went on a peace mission.

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MOTON SUCCEEDS BOOKER WASHINGTON (By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute by a special committee of the board of trustees of Tuskegee here.

Moton will be installed at the commencement exercises in May, 1916. Until then he will work on a campaign for the Booker T. Washington memorial fund. He is a negro of unimpaired blood and was born in Amelia county, Virginia, in 1867. He spent his early days at the Vaughn plantations, in Prince Edward county. He graduated at Hampton and stayed as drill master, finally becoming head of the school.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed in islands in the Mediterranean have been transferred to Saloniki.

## BRITISH STRENGTH RAISED TO FOUR MILLION SOLDIERS

House of Commons, After All-night Session, Grants Million Increase—Teutonic Powers Trying to Induce Greece and Roumania to Enter.

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 22.—After an all-night debate the house of commons today granted an increase of 1,000,000 men, bringing up its strength on paper to 4,000,000. With the increase comes changes in higher command, Lieutenant Robertson, chief of the imperial staff in London, having been sent to France. These changes are generally accepted as part of the plans for the closer co-operation between France and England.

The Teutonic powers are represented as taking full advantage of the moral effect produced by the withdrawal of British forces from the Gallipoli peninsula and to be endeavoring to swing Greece and Roumania to their side. If the news of the bombardment of Varna is correct, Russia is losing no time to forestall these efforts. Various reports in London tell of the bombardment of the Bulgarian port. Dispatches state that the Russian fleet was accompanied by a fleet of transports, and that troops have been landed there sufficient to hold the town.

Although the Greek elections have given a large majority to the Skouzbudis ministry, a powerful enemy of the entente powers, it is not believed here that the change will have much effect on the attitude of the Greek people. Along the western line, according to British official reports, the Germans suffered heavy losses in exposing their forces in attempting to occupy craters, which their mines had opened along the front of Arrimieres. French operations at both places were hampered considerably by bad weather, but German trenches on Hartmann's-Welterkopf have been carried. The Russians are reported to have occupied Cym, which indicates that they are making an important advance into the interior of Persia.

Although the question of conscription figured largely in the debate in the house of commons last night, it was incidental in interest. The country is awaiting with interest the presentation of the Earl of Derby's plans for recruiting the British army.

## GERMAN KAISER SLIGHTLY ILL IN BERLIN

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## CAPT. VON PAPEN GAME YOUNG OFFICER

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Capt. Franz von Papen, Germany's recalled military attaché, left New York for Rotterdam today on the steamship Moorland bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies. Captain von Papen, before leaving, issued the following statement: "In leaving this country, where I have received so many proofs of hospitality from Americans and others, I deem it my duty to thank all those who did not permit their feelings for me to be poisoned by the hatred caused by the war among the nations. My thoughts turn back today to those unforgettable days when I had the opportunity of spending some time with the expeditionary force at Vera Cruz. I admired the bravery and conduct of the American soldiers there. Personally speaking, no greater satisfaction could be more acceptable to me than to be called home, where soldiers are so much more needed than here. I leave my post without any feeling of bitterness, because I know too well that when history is written it will establish our clear record, despite all the misrepresentations and calumnies spread broadcast at present. The New York World, when certainly is not open to the charge of harboring friendly sentiments to my country, stated very fairly: 'Now that the matter is settled, it should be clearly stated that the state department made no charges against Capt. von Papen and Boy-Ed which reflected on their honor as gentlemen.'"

## MARKETS

### NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Such stocks as American Smelting, Mexican petroleum and metal and war shares continued to monopolize speculation on the resumption of trading today. Smelting soon rose to within a fraction of its highest rise in 1908. Copper shares and Mercantile Marine specialties also responded to a moderate demand. There was further activity in Anglo-French bonds.

### NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—The cotton market opened at unchanged prices to a decline of four points today in response to relatively easy cables. March rallied to 12.22 right after the call, or to within a fraction of last night's closing. There was sagging for January and March.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat turned weak today after an early advance which had become higher on reports from Liverpool. Opening prices were unchanged, with December 1 at 1.24 and May at 1.25½, followed by a reaction all around.

### COTTON FUTURES

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady. Active months Open Close January 11.87 11.87 February 12.19 12.16 March 12.43 12.39 May 12.65 12.55 July 12.30 12.26 October 12.30 12.26

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton 12c Wheat \$1.40

### THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair weather and rising temperature to night and Thursday. Light, variable winds becoming moderate southerly.

### COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	December 21--	1915	1914
Maximum	44	44	46
Minimum	19	33	33
Mean	31	31	39½

### BARACA CLASS WILL COLLECT TOMORROW

Between 6 and 10 o'clock tomorrow night the members of the Young Men's Baraca class of the Methodist Sunday school will make their rounds for funds, clothing, groceries and other articles to be distributed among Hickory's poor this season, and all persons who desire to aid the young men in their work are asked to leave their contributions on their front porches so that they can be collected more readily. The articles will be delivered as they are needed, and every case will be investigated thoroughly by the young men. Last winter \$500 was raised in a similar way, and the members of this class are active, and that they are hustlers, that they "do things" and do them well Hickory people will attest. The class of seventy young men today raised \$300 for a new class member. They are now meeting in the pastor's study, and have outgrown this room. An inventor in Holland is said to have invented an artificial rubber of the same nature as the rubber of the placard from which the chief ingredient is extracted from freshly-caught sea fish.

### SMALL RUNAWAY TODAY

Mr. W. S. Stroup's buggy, which was standing on Main street this morning at 10:45, was run into by an automobile driven by Mr. Charles Warren and the horse was forced to run to keep ahead of the vehicle. The jar bounced Mr. Stroup's dog from the buggy, burst the breast strap, and caused the buggy to bump into the horse. The animal would try to stop every few steps, but the shafts would fly up, the buggy punch the horse and the animal forced to hurry up in self-defense. A rear axle of the buggy was bent, but little other damage was done.

### PENSIONS IN CALDWELL

During the past few days Clerk of Court W. C. Moore, Jr., has mailed out more than \$5,000 in pension checks to the Confederate veterans and widows in Caldwell county. These checks will come in nicely at this Christmas tide and make appreciable gifts to those aged people who experienced the hardships of the '60's. —Senior News.

### YANKEES TO GET BAKER

Chicago, Dec. 22.—"Home Run" Baker, whose contract is held up by the Philadelphia Americans, probably will be sold to the New York Yankees, Charles Comisky, president of the Chicago Americans said. President Comisky has been up all negotiations for Baker he said.

### QUIET IN JUAREZ

(The Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Complete tranquility prevailed in Juarez early today. It was reported that 1,000 troops had arrived at Juarez, but these were forced to surrender by their officers to the Carranza consul.

## ANOTHER ARRESTED IN MUNITION PLOTS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 22.—Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Atlas Steamship Company, a subsidiary of the Hamburg-American line, was arrested today by federal authorities, charged with being an accessory in the conspiracy with Paul Koening and others to destroy munition plants and ships.

### TROY, N. Y., SALESMAN HELD IN GREENSBORO

(By Associated Press.) Greensboro, Dec. 22.—Philip Penney, a traveling salesman of Troy, N. Y., was held in municipal court today without bond on the charge of criminal assault. Mrs. Jessie Suttie of Asheville was the complaining witness.

The entire plant of the Pennsylvania block manufacturing concern is mounted on freight cars so that it can be taken wherever there is work for it to do.

# Second American Note on Sinking of Ancona Given Out at Washington Today

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States contends in its note to Austria on the Ancona case, made public here today, that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the Ancona had stopped before being shelled and torpedoed was enough to cause the punishment of the commander, disavow the act and make reparation for the loss of American lives. The note reviews the demands of the United States and says the details to which Austria refers in its reply to the first note are in no wise important. It emphasizes the friendly relations that have existed between the two countries and hopes for their continuance. Cable dispatches indicate that the note has been received in Vienna.

On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiendek, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government of Austria-Hungary, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austrian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humanitarian principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding in holdin the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The essential matter is the undisputed fact that citizens of the United States were killed, injured, or put in jeopardy by his lawless act. The principles of international law and the rules of humanity which were so long and so universally recognized and so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the gov-

ernment of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them. The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them. (Signed) LANSING.

RESTING SOME BETTER While the condition of little Helen D'Anna showed little change today, relatives this afternoon said she was resting better and there was hope of recovery. The child is critically ill, but with the passing of every hour hope increases that she will survive. Much sympathy has been expressed by Hickory people, nearly all of whom have admired the little girl.

The most costly thimble in the world is owned by the queen of Siam. It is shaped like a lotus bud, and is made of gold, thickly studded with diamonds.