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## ENLIST ALL HICKORY IN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Change of Organization Endorsed at Eusthuastic Meeting Last Night--Point Out Reasons for Supporting Chamber--Cmpaign for More Members by Januaray 20.

Plans for the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce so as to enlist the support of every class of citizens in its work were formulated at a meeting last night and enthusiastically endorsed and a publicity committee appointed to see that the men of Hickory are informed of the work of the organization before the annual membership meeting is held Thursday night, January 20. The banquet will be held later.

President A. M. West called the meeting to order and Secretary A. K. Joy outlined a tentative plan for enlisting every class of citizens--manufacturers, wholesalers, professional men, farmers and others--in the work of the chamber, and the matter was discussed from every angle by the twenty men present. It is proposed to secure the co-operation of the young men in the organization and to make it more representative than ever before. It was the sense of the meeting that the chamber, which has been supported by a comparative few, should have the hearty backing of the whole community.

It was pointed out that the chamber, in addition to encouraging new industries to come here, is a sort of club for the members where visitors may be carried and told of Hickory's progress. Dr. W. B. R. Moore among those endorsing the plan, pointed out that Hickory and Catawba are known far and wide, and called attention to an article in the "Lancet" in which the governor of Idaho had written to Hickory for information on the rural credit system.

Every man agreed that Hickory was the best advertised town of its size in the United States, that it was on the threshold of a greater era, and that the Chamber of Commerce, which had been an active agency in the progress of the community, had larger duties cut out for it. To make every man, regardless of his profession or business, realize the importance of the organization to himself and the town, it was the wish of each member to reorganize. The members will make a canvass of the city and emphasize the advantages of the chamber.

President West appointed a publicity committee composed of Dr. W. H. Nicholson, chairman, and Messrs. C. Anderson, Eubert Iyerly and S. Rabae.

The plans outlined by Secretary Joy follow:

Whereas, The present manner of selecting officers and directors for the Chamber of Commerce is liable not to include in the governing board representation of the varied interests of Hickory; therefore, be it

Resolved: That the plan be changed so that these varied interests may be represented, and be it further

Resolved: That the following plan be presented to the membership at large for their consideration at the annual meeting:

First: There shall be made a division of the membership in the following classes:

Manufacturers.  
Wholesalers.  
Financial Interests.  
Retail Merchants.  
Professional Men.  
Members at Large.  
Young Men.  
Farmers.

Second: That each of these bureaus select two members from their number to act as directors on the general board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

Third: That in addition to the two directors selected by each bureau, each bureau shall select \_\_\_\_\_ members \_\_\_\_\_ act as an executive council to advise with the governing board.

Fourth: That the governing board shall meet once a month, and at the call of the president.

Fifth: That the executive council and the governing board shall meet once a month in joint session to consider all matters pertaining to the work of this organization.

### NATIONAL GUARD

Greensboro, Jan. 5.--National guard officers of North Carolina are meeting in convention here today. The meeting will be concluded tomorrow night with a military ball. Among the speakers tonight will be Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young and Captain Alexander Greig, Jr., inspector of the state guards. The address of welcome was by Col. J. T. Morehead.

### A MOTTO FOR THE WHOLE YEAR

Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong.--Stephen Decatur.

## REVOLUTION IN HAITI AGAIN STARTED

(By Associated Press.)  
Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 5.--A revolutionary outbreak occurred at 2 o'clock this morning. A force of American marines was attacked. One of the rebels was killed by the Americans, who suffered no injuries.

## SPEAKERS STAND FARMERS COME TO HICKORY TUESDAY

### BY MONROE DOCTRINE

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 5.--Chief interest in the work of the Pan-American Congress again today centered in the discussion of international law, when some members spoke on non-intervention as necessary to create a greater spirit on this hemisphere. Unqualified support of the Monroe doctrine was given by Dr. Manuel Antalla of Brazil on an address on international law. "The Monroe Doctrine," he said, "is a summary of America's peculiar international problems, and should be upheld."

## PALACE OF INDUSTRY BUILDING IN LONDON

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 5.--Ground has just been broken here for a huge new permanent exhibition building to be known as the palace of industry. The building, located at Willesden Green--about six miles distant from the center of the city--will cover an area of 610,000 square feet, nearly four times the size of any similar building in London. It will be opened early in 1917 with an exhibition known as the "Industries of the Empire Fair," which is planned to be "the greatest trade exhibition ever organized." The fair will be under the cooperative auspices of all the principal trade organizations of the British empire, and over 3,000 exhibitors representing seventy distinct lines of business have already applied for space. The frontage of the stalls will reach an aggregate twelve miles in length. It is to be solely a display of British goods, no foreign exhibits whatever being allowed.

## TAX COLLECTION CAMPAIGN HERE

City council last night received a report from Superintendent Staley on the work and needs of the schools, discussed with an accountant the matter of auditing the books of the city manager, who will retire February 1, ordered a number of bills paid and transacted other routine matters. Council will have a special meeting tonight.

## MARKETS

### NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 5.--Higher prices prevailed at today's opening, standard shares, specialties and copper scoring general gains with a few unimportant exceptions. Lackawanna Steel advanced to 82 1/2 and Tennessee copper rose a full point. New York Central and some of the eastern lines also showed fractional advances. United States Steel rose a few points and New York Airbrakes rose 3/4 points.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Jan. 5.--Prospects of diminishing crop movements from first and helped today to make the wheat market strong. Bears were handicapped in addition by continued difficulty in shipping from Argentina and Australia. Opening prices which ranged from 1/2 to 1 point higher, with July 1.19, were followed by a further gain.

### NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 5.--A further big advance in Liverpool failed to inspire any aggressive demand in the cotton market here today, and after opening at an advanced 15 points, prices eased off within five or six points of last night's closing figures. There was a great deal of realizing from southern and western holders.

### COTTON FUTURES

New York, Jan. 5.--Cotton futures opened steadily and closed steady.

Active months	Open	Close
January	12.27	12.30
March	12.57	12.58
May	12.78	12.79
July	12.93	12.94
October	12.63	12.57

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	12c
Wheat	\$1.40

### BUSINESS MEETING

At the business meeting of the Methodist Aid Society at Mrs. Will Deal's yesterday there was a very full attendance, 27 being present. The business of the meeting was principally the reports of work done last year. These showed that much good work had been done and that the society is active.

## GREEKS INSIST ON RELEASE OF SUBJECTS

(By Associated Press.)  
The Greek government has made vigorous protests to the entente powers against the arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki, according to Athens advices. Its notes demanding in energetic terms the immediate release of the arrested persons. Berlin hears that Greece has informed Bulgaria that the Greek government will use all her power to secure the release of the German consuls arrested at Saloniki. A Paris statement says Bulgarian raiding bands have appeared across the Greek border.

## COMPULSION BILL INTRODUCED TODAY

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 5.--Under the terms of the compulsory military service bill introduced in the house of commons today all males between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent on them are included. Ireland is excluded from the terms of the bill. Mr. Asquith said no case had been laid out for compulsion and that the bill could be supported by those favoring conscription.

## VENABLE IS WINNER OVER HIS OPPONENTS

(By Associated Press.)  
Meridan, Miss., Jan. 5.--W. W. Venable of Meridan appeared today to have a comfortable lead over his five opponents in yesterday's special election in the fifth Mississippi congressional district to succeed the late Samuel W. Witherspoon. With two counties yet to be heard from and incomplete returns from several precincts, Mr. Venable had a good lead over his opponents.

## TWO TOWNSHIPS VOTE AGAINST ROADS

Mr. E. L. Shuford was in Lenoir yesterday and brought news as to the good roads election held there yesterday. Lower Creek and Lenoir townships failed to carry the bonds, Lenoir only by ten, the election failing to carry in Lower Creek by an amount which would have carried the township people declare that they will try again next year and carry the bonds.

## PINE LUMBER MEN PROTEST FREIGHT

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 5.--Pine lumber manufacturers in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina today complained to the interstate commerce commission that the freight rates on their products from Richmond, Norfolk, Roanoke and other points are unjust and unreasonable to Pittsburgh as compared with rates from Tennessee points.

## SEVERAL WANT TO BE CITY MANAGER

Although several applications from out of town persons have been received by Mayor Shuford for the position of city manager and although one application has been received from a citizen of the town, council will be no hurry to fill the vacancy, it was said today. Probably the office will not be filled until after the election in the spring.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably local rains; warmer tonight in eastern portion. Colder Thursday in west portion; fresh southwest winds.

### COMPARATIVE WEATHER

January 4--	1916	1915
Maximum	53	50
Minimum	24	26
Mean	38 1/2	38

No member of congress who values the dignity of his office will ever rely on immunity from arrest as a "pariquite."--Washington Star.

## ADMINISTRATION MARKS TIME IN PERSIA AFFAIR

### Waiting for Information from Consul as to How Affair Happened--Hopeful That Escape May Be Found for This Country--Only Two on Board.

## CONGRESS READY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 5.--When congress met today members of both houses were ready to set to work on the real work of the session. Chief interest seemed to center on national preparedness, although the senate proceedings were expected to be enlivened by a general republican attack on the administration's Mexican policy. The house naval committee heard witnesses in connection with national defense.

## OCEAN RATES TO FAR EAST RISE

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Jan. 5.--The activity of submarines in the Mediterranean sea caused an advance in war risk insurance by local companies today on cargoes for Mediterranean and on shipments to the far east through the Suez canal. Rates were increased materially because of the sinking of the Ancona and Yasaka Maru.

## ROUMANIA SUPPLIES AUSTRIA WITH GRAIN

(By Associated Press.)  
Vienna, Jan. 5.--Rumania has sold to the central powers 50,000 carloads of cereals, mostly wheat, Indian corn and navy beans. The sale, unlike some others which preceded it, has been made at a reasonable market price, and no special inducements were offered, nor will it be necessary this time to engage in the wholesale bringing of Rumanian government and railroad officials to get the purchase out of the country. Rumania was obliged to sell to the central powers because she cannot sell to anybody else. The closing of the Dardanelles has locked the gate to other markets, and Russia, the only other entente power with whom Rumania now has physical contact, is not in the market for Rumanian cereals. So long as Serbia was still a fact and a neighbor, Romania was able to ship some of her foodstuffs to Saloniki, from where they could be reached by entente and neutral consumers. Now this route is closed. With the conquest of Serbia the central powers have gained a great economic advantage. Rumania must sell to them, if she does not want to have her crops rot on her hands, and what is considered just as important here must sell on terms more favorable to Germany and Austria-Hungary than she has in the past. But in addition to selling to the two empires, Rumania is also exporting much food to Bulgaria, and even to Turkey in Europe. Though there is a large supply of wheat, barley and other grains in Anatolia and Syria-Cyprus, this has not been able to reach these easily, owing to limited railroad transport facilities. Rumanian being more accessible right now than Anatolian unwilling grain, the city administration of Constantinople has just concluded a contract for a large quantity of flour which Rumania is to supply, the first deliveries being equal to about 2,000 car loads. Much of this has already been rushed south via the new eastern Bulgarian through route.

## SPEAKING OF HISTORY

Some of the folks were discussing their ages today and Mr. R. J. Foster stated that, according to his information, he was about forty, but a good friend of his shouted, "What you mean Bob Foster? I been knowing you ever since you got to Hickory and you were fifty years old then." They still speak.

## MRS. WATSON'S RESIDENCE

For fear that there may be a mistaken idea, Mrs. S. F. Watson wishes to state she retains her home in Newton and expects to do so, working with the Record and in the course of that work visiting Newton frequently and looking after the interests of the paper there.

## FOR FEDERAL JUDGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 5.--The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Joseph T. Johnston of Spartanburg as United States judge for the western district of South Carolina.

## GERARD ASKING ABOUT THE PERSIA

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Jan. 5.--An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the American ambassador at Berlin, James W. Gerard, conferred today with foreign officials concerning the sinking of the steamship Persia. Mr. Gerard is said to have asked as to the nationality of the submarine.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Jan. 5.--The administration continued today to mark time in the situation arising from the sinking of the British steamer Persia. Until the full particulars are received no action will be taken. Only two Americans were aboard the Persia when it was sunk. The American consul at Marseilles today advised the state department that he had seen the passenger list there, which definitely fixed the names of American passengers as Charles H. Grant of Boston and Robert Ney McCneely of North Carolina. Acting under the direction of the president, Secretary Lansing has ordered American consuls to obtain affidavits from the survivors and immediately to cable summaries of their contents. While the situation here still was as intense as ever, the officials were hopeful that a new way would be found for an amicable settlement of the question.

### A PAYING INVESTMENT

Money Spent in Health Work Nets Big Dividends.  
Raleigh, Jan. 5.--Is money put in health work safe and a paying investment? This is the question that is confronting many North Carolina county officials who, during the year, will be called on for a decision. That they need a whole time health officer; that they want medical inspection for their school children; that they should provide free anti-tubercle treatment for all their people--these are not the questions. Can they afford to pay for these health measures? Will they pay and be worth while? These are the questions at issue and are they high will become stumbling blocks in the trail of progress for the county who wavers its decision. A county is not considered a soulless corporation, a life insurance company is. The latter is in business not for its health nor for any pride that it feels for its people; neither does it consider the welfare of its policyholders from a soul point of view. Yet life insurance companies have been foremost in preaching and teaching health in investing their money in health work, and in starting no later or means to better the health conditions of all classes. Why? Because it pays. Saving the lives of their policyholders is a saving of money to the company. As a case in point, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company employs visiting nurses for the care of the health of their policyholders, no less than 12 being employed in North Carolina; it maintains sanatoria where its employes may receive treatment free, and as one feature of it is educational work it insists on periodic medical examination as a means of warding off insidious diseases. If the insurance companies find it such a profitable business to save the lives of our people and to invest money in health work, can a county or even the state afford not to be as wise and clever in a business matter so important?