

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIQUOR URGED

Prohibition and Temperance Leaders Gather in Washington to Boost Cause--Bryan Opposes Centralization of Power in Interstate Commerce Commission.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Leaders of prohibition and temperance organizations gathered here today for a series of conferences to plan cooperation in a fight for national prohibition, to bar liquor advertisements from the mails and to make the District of Columbia dry.

The leaders planned a conference with President Wilson Saturday to ask his support for a federal prohibition amendment, but it was found possible to obtain an engagement at that time.

William Jennings Bryan appeared today before the joint congressional committee investigating transportation problems and opposed centralization of power in connection with railroad suggestion for federal control and the proposal to lessen the power of state railroad commissions by holding power in the interstate commerce commission.

FLOWERS GIVEN SOUTHGATE'S PLACE

(By Associated Press.)
Durham, N. C., Dec. 7.—Prof. R. L. Flowers, secretary of Trinity College, today was named by the North Carolina conference to succeed the late James H. Southgate as a member of the conference board of education.

The work of the conference today largely was confined to routine matters. The membership of R. R. Jones in the conference was discontinued because of his failure to go to a charge to which he was assigned last year. A. K. Proctor of the West Oklahoma conference was the only minister today to be admitted into the conference by transfer.

NORTH CAROLINA MAY GET A HATCHERY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Twenty fish hatcheries in as many states would be provided at a cost of about \$1,000,000 by a bill which passed the house today. Among the states benefited are Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, South or North Carolina and Maryland or Virginia.

ENGLISH GIRLS DRESS WELL

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 7.—Workwomen in expensive furs are a common sight in the great industrial centers of Great Britain owing to the high rate of wages now being paid, and the price of Musquash, American gray fox and skunk furs have advanced appreciably.

London furriers are said to be overwhelmed with orders from the industrial centers for twenty thirty and forty guinea coats with muffs and stoles in proportion but unable to drain of workmen for military purposes these orders are difficult to execute.

Price and Bonelli's big minstrel show arrived last night. The parade was held at noon today and a free concert was given. They will give a performance at the Hub tonight.

Directors State Hospital Favor More Training in Crops For its Inmates

Morganton, Dec. 7.—The board of directors of the State Hospital met here yesterday consisting of I. I. Davis, chairman, J. R. Sawyer, A. E. Tate, A. A. Shuford, Charles P. Matheson, F. P. Alspaugh, Heriot Clarkson, L. N. Glenn and R. R. Clark.

Dr. John McCampbell made an exhaustive and detailed report of the institution. At present there are 1534 patients in the hospital, an increase over last year of 175. The recovery of patients shows 30 13-100 per cent for men and 29 69-100 for women. The general health of the patients has been up to the average, and there has been no serious epidemic.

Two new buildings have been built in the last year—the receiving building for women, and the new colony for men. These two buildings add 150 beds to the capacity of the hospital. There are now being built two large dormitories with ample space for 100 women. These additions bring the total capacity of the institution up to 1,450 beds. This meets the immediate needs, so far as female patients are concerned.

Room is badly needed for male patients, and an appropriation is to be asked of \$75,000 by the legislature for the purpose of constructing a reception building for men, and also a dormitory building for the aged and helpless class.

Better fire protection is needed. A new refrigerating plant is badly needed.

The annual per capita cost for maintenance has been \$162.25. On account of the high prices of supplies, it is estimated that there should be a per capita allowance of \$181 for the coming year.

The last legislature appropriated \$60,000 for a new water supply, and this has been provided by installing a gravity line from Clear creek, nine miles away, and now the institution has an excellent supply of water.

NO ACTION REPORTED ON BRITISH FRONT

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 7.—The war office announced today that there was nothing to report on the Franco-Belgian front.

BULGARIANS REPULSE ATTACK BY SERBIANS

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 7.—The Bulgarians repulsed an attack by the British yesterday in the Struma sector on the Macedonian front, it is announced officially. Near the Cerna river positions taken on the previous day were recaptured from the Serbians.

Teutonic troops yesterday entered Russian positions in Galicia, and ousted Russians from other positions.

URGES SEPARATE DEPARTMENT IN LABOR

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Expansion in the government's public employment service by creation of a separate bureau of employment within the department of labor is the chief recommendation of Secretary Wilson's annual report made public today. The work, it is declared, has outgrown the facilities of the bureau of immigration, from where it has been directed. Beginning in a small way in 1907 it now covers the country through the postoffice and other departments.

The assistance of the postoffice department, Secretary Wilson says has been particularly helpful. Some sixty thousand postoffices are distributing blanks which the seeker of a job may fill out and send through the mails free of postage. When applications of employers and employees in the same neighborhood enter the same postoffice the postmaster brings them together without forwarding the applications.

One feature of the employment work emphasized in the report is the department of labor's cooperation with state and city public employment work. The department's aim, it is declared, is to make the work "so extensive as to comprise the whole country geographically and to embrace all its industries, yet so intensive as to discover every opportunity for work, however obscure, and to reach with a helping hand every wage earner needing employment or wanting better employment."

The department's attitude towards strike breaking is set forth in connection with its public employment policy in these words:

"The department of labor should not make itself a medium for conveying information of demands for wage earners where labor disputes are the cause of the demand. There is already a sufficient supply of labor there is as true if it is unemployed on account of a dispute over terms as if it were unemployed from lack of employment opportunities from other causes."

Extension of the service is urged to provide for the employment of the aged. Modern industrialism, it is declared, condemns to the scrap heap too many able-bodied and active-brained men, whose only defect is their having passed an arbitrary age limit.

The report relates at length the department's mediation efforts during the year and argues for collective bargaining in matters of employment.

"Large employers are usually incorporated companies with many stockholders of diversified industrial connections and by means of directors having intercorporate affiliations. An individual wage worker is weak indeed as a bargain against such employers. He must take what they offer or go without employment, and going without employment means to the wage worker what bankruptcy means to the business man, except that it is immeasurably worse."

The department was created in the interest of the wage earner—both organized and unorganized—and its great guiding purpose, Secretary Wilson's prescription of its policy declares, is the promotion of the welfare of the wage earners of the United States.

"In the execution of that purpose," the report says, "the element of fairness to every interest is of equal importance, and the department, in fact, has made fairness between wage earner and employer, between wage earner and public as a whole the supreme motive of its activities. The act of its creation is construed by it not only as a law for promoting the welfare of the wage earners of the United States by improving their working conditions and advancing their opportunities for profitable employment but as a command for doing it so in harmony with the welfare of all industrial classes and all legitimate interests and by methods tending to foster industrial peace through progressively nearer realizations of the highest ideals of industrial justice."

BANDITS MURDER AMERICAN AT PARRAL

(By Associated Press.)
El Paso, Dec. 7.—Howard Gray, an American mining man at Parral, Chihuahua, was killed by villa bandits when they entered the town November 5, according to a telegram to a local mining and mill office today.

A messenger who arrived from Parral shortly after the telegram was made public said Gray was hanged by order of Villa. The telegram said all other Americans were safe and that American property was not molested.

ASSERTS ARABIA WAS BRITISH TRANSPORT IS HARDEST TO FILL

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Germany, in the note made public by the state department today, contends that the British steamer Arabia sunk in the Mediterranean on November 2, was in reality a transport in the service of the British government and was to be treated as an auxiliary under international law, the note contends.

The German government's attitude, however, like that in the Marina case, is expressed to be one of readiness to make amends if it be shown that the submarine exceeded German promises to America.

CARRIED NEW MEXICO BY SAFE MAJORITY

(By Associated Press.)
Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 7.—President Wilson's plurality in New Mexico was 2,392, according to official figures announced today.

STATE ORGANIZER IN HICKORY TONIGHT

State Organizer H. M. Roberts of the nights of Pythias will be here tonight to meet with local Pythias and a large attendance is expected. Mr. Roberts has entered in his new work with enthusiasm and reports received here indicate that he has been meeting with success. The local lodge is expecting results from the meeting.

MR. TAFT LEAVES FOR CHAPEL HILL

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Former President William Howard Taft, who was a guest of honor at a luncheon tendered him today at the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, leaves this afternoon for Chapel Hill, where he will deliver an address to the Newspaper Institute tonight.

DEMOCRATS SPENT NEARLY TWO MILLION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—The final report of the Democratic national committee on its campaign receipts and expenditures filed with the house today shows total receipts of \$1,808,848 and total disbursements of \$1,684,590. In addition there are ascertained liabilities \$97,005. Claims subject to audit, \$99,470, and loans to be repaid \$32,000.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
(By Associated Press.)		
New York, Dec. 7.—Easier		
Liberal cables seemed to check the buying movement in cotton at the opening of the market here today and affected the call active months sold 10 to 13 points lower. Houses with Liverpool connections were free sellers on the decline.		
The market closed steady.		
December	Open	Close
	19.98	19.83
January	20.10	19.90
March	20.34	20.15
May	20.55	20.37
July	20.58	20.40
October	18.52	18.39

HICKORY MARKETS	
Cotton	19.50
Wheat	1.80

CHICAGO WHEAT	
(By Associated Press.)	
Chicago, Dec. 7.—Fresh strength	
developed in the wheat market today. Opening prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 1-4 higher with May at 1.81 1-4 to 1.82 and July at 1.51 to 1.52, were followed by a further rise.	

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Probably rain in western portion, warmer tonight in central and extreme western portions warmer Friday, moderate shifting winds east and southeast.

MOTHER'S PLACE IS HARDEST TO FILL

The church was full to overflowing last night, and the great throng seemed eager to see, hear and learn. People from the country were there. In many respects, it was the best of the spiritual feasts up to this stage of the meeting.

The subject was: "Mothers and Wives." The text was: "When the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, my head, my head! And he said to a lad, carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died." This text the preacher showed had three typical characters:

1. A typical boy. He wanted to be out in the field with the reapers.
2. A typical father. He was too busy, and thought more of his crop than of his son, and instead of caring for him, sent him to his mother.
3. A typical mother. When she saw her son was suffering, she quit her dinner and all her domestic duties, took him on her knees and did all she could for him till death claimed her boy. Even then she appealed to God.

The hardest place to fill in the home is the mother's place. Not the high-flyer, but the mother who does the cooking, the washing, the making and mending, nurses the children and waits on all the rest. Father only works from sun to sun, but mother's work is never done.

The most important place in the home is the mother's place. The text used is: "As is mother, so is daughter"—Ezek. 16:44. It is also with the son. A mother moulds the character of the child. It may be good or it may be bad. Most great men gave the honor to their mother. Most Christians were led to Christ by a praying, loving mother.

The appeals Dr. Dew made to young ladies, wives and mothers were earnest, timely and convincing. And such stillness as hovered over the whole congregation, was even felt by all in the audience. Many in the congregation asked for prayer.

The subject tonight will be "What will it cost lost men of Hickory not to be saved?" At 3 p. m. Saturday Mrs. Dew will finish her lecture to women and girls about Romanism. All should hear both subjects.

The purchase of the Tucker and Carter Rope Company at New London, Stanly county, by Mr. A. A. Shuford, Jr., was announced today, and there is a prospect that the machinery may be moved to Hickory or Granite Falls and operated by the new owner. The property was purchased at a receiver's sale some time ago, the papers being closed today.

CATAWBA TRUST CO. IS GIVEN CHARTER

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Dec. 7.—A charter for the Catawba Trust Company of Hickory was issued today by the secretary of state. The company, which has a paid-in capital of \$25,000, will do a general banking business and trust business.

The Elizabeth Mills Company of Charlotte, capitalized at \$250,000, of which \$50,000 has been paid in, also was chartered. This concern will manufacture cloth.

NEW DIRECTORY IS SOON TO BE READY

The new directory of the Hickory Electric Company, being issued from the presses of the Clay Printing Company, will be delivered to Manager Jas. C. Shuford the middle of next week, and it will contain a large number of names. An advertising campaign in the Record just before the new copy was given to the printers resulted in fine business and all the telephones available were placed. The directory is changed considerably, and patrons will be notified through the Record each week of new subscribers, which should be written in on the blank spaces reserved for the purpose.

MONUMENT TO VANDERBILT

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 7.—To commemorate the memory of A. G. Vanderbilt, who was drowned by the sinking of the Lusitania and his association with English coaching for a number of years, members of the Coaching Club propose to erect a granite column on Holmwood Common near Working, by the main road from London to Brighton, as traversed by Mr. Vanderbilt's "Venture." The plan has been submitted to the Dorking rural district council for approval. It is intended to erect similar memorials at other parts of the route.

LABOR PARTY TO JOIN BRITISH CABINET

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 7.—According to the Central News, the labor party has decided to accept the invitation to be represented in the new government.

RUMANIAN ARMIES HAVE ELUDED THEIR PURSUERS

Indications Point to Escape of Most Men Towards Russian Border--Last Engagements Fought to Insure Safe Retreat, Many Commentators Believe.

LLOYD-GEORGE TO HAVE SOME HELP

(By Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 7.—Political circles were interested chiefly in the personnel of the new cabinet and the prospects of the new premier, David Lloyd George in getting together a combination that will have a majority in the house of commons. Few if any of the Liberal members of Mr. Asquith's cabinet are likely to accept membership in the new cabinet and a few of the Unionist members are likely to stand aside.

Indications are that his task will be made much simpler by the benevolent neutrality of former opponents.

BLOCKADERS BUSY FOR HOLIDAY TRADE

They are making liquor in the valleys these days, according to Mr. H. W. Jones, who has been on a number of raiding expeditions in the last few weeks. He said today that he had never known of so many blockaders, and some times the stills are not very far apart. It is believed that the moonshiners are trying to accumulate a supply for the holidays and it is expected that the towns in this section will be flooded a little later.

HICKORY MAN BUYS NEW LONDON MILL

The total capture of Rumanians by forces of the central powers are reported to have been 100,000 men.

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Mr. Shuford is an unusually successful textile man and it is hoped that he will add the plant to his interests in this section. Although a comparatively small mill, the plant is in good condition and its output is rope and cord.

SAVE COTTON SEED, PREVENT SCARCITY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—The United States bureau of plant industry today advised cotton growers to make certain of their supply of cotton seed for spring planting.

"All kinds of cotton seed are likely to be scarce at planting time next spring," said the statement. "The unprecedented prices now being paid at the oil mills may cause many farmers to cut down their reserve of seed or may cause them to sell all their seed in the hope of buying better seed. While it is always desirable to replace an inferior stock with a better one, it would be well to make sure of a good seed supply."

"Another danger to the seed supply lies in the possibility that growers who have quantities of good seed may think it easier to sell to the oil mills at once instead of holding for spring. This is especially likely to be the case of the long staple variety."

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WANTED FOR POOR IN HICKORY

Contributions to the Volunteers of America are needed badly, and if Hickory is to support this organization in a manner to enable it to do effective work, more persons will have to become interested. People who do not know what the Volunteers are doing can communicate with any of the ministers, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Money for the empty stocking fund is coming in slowly.

Mr. Fred Abernethy returned today from Morganton where he has spent several days on business.

(By Associated Press.)
With Bucharest lost the Rumanians are retiring all along the line in the province of Wallachia fighting rear guard actions as they retreat. The main point of interest in what is left of this campaign is the fate of the Rumanian armies, and apparently there has been no wholesale bagging on them, at least by von Mackensen's army.

Petrograd's statement announcing the evacuation of Bucharest and the retiring of the Rumanians who were holding off the Danube army from the capital was made so as to enable the Rumanians to escape before the entrance of the Teutonic troops into the capital.

What measure of success has been attained in the operation has not developed. The ninth German army is pressing eastward at a rapid advance from Ploechti to Buzi.

A brief dispatch in which the fall of Bucharest was announced left in doubt the fate of the Rumanian armies resisting the advance of the Teutonic armies, but today's German official statement which reports the defeated Rumanians retreating on all fronts indicates most of them escaped captured. Berlin says, however, that 9,000 men were captured yesterday.

It has been assumed in most entente quarters that there was no last stand by the Rumanians before their capital and such news as had trickled through from German sources indicates that Bucharest was virtually deserted when the Teutonic forces entered it.

The city is said to have been found uninjured.

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MANY FARMERS WANT LOANS AT ONCE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—Officials of the farm loan board announced today that more than 50,000 farmers have applied for mortgage loans aggregating approximately \$150,000,000, or more than 17 times the amount of money which will be immediately available for loans in the 12 farm loan bands. Most of the applications have come from the south and west.

Although the location of the banks probably will not be announced before December 20, it was said today that almost immediately after organization the banks would find it necessary to issue funds for virtually their entire capital stock to meet the demands of borrowers.

Intense rivalry has developed in several southern cities for banks. The chief competitors were said to be New Orleans, Montgomery, Jackson, Miss., Raleigh, N. C., and Columbia, S. C.

TURKEY IS IMPRESSED WITH BERLIN POLICE

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 7.—Turkey has become so impressed with the efficiency of the Berlin police that it has sent to Berlin the director of the Constantinople criminal department, Behaeddin Bey, to study the methods in vogue here, so that on his return he may reorganize the police of Turkey's capital and principal cities, and introduce German methods there.

Behaeddin Bey among other things plans to introduce in Turkey the German equivalent of the Berillon system in vogue in America, and many of the German detective methods. There will also be published a bi-weekly police newspaper for the "intellectual enlightenment of Turkish police officials and the development of police methods."

Miss Beatrice Cobb, editor of the Morganton News-Herald, passed through the city today enroute to Chapel Hill where she will attend the North Carolina Newspaper Institute.