

GOVERNOR CRAIG'S MORE SALARIES FOR OFFICERS

Mr. Craig Asks General Assembly to Increase Pay of Incoming State Family—Says Families of Convicts Should Receive Part of Their Earnings.

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Jan. 4.—Recommendations that the salaries of state officers be increased on account of the high cost of living and that provision be made for return of part of the earnings of state convicts to dependent families of the prisoners featured the biennial address of Governor Craig before the general assembly today.

In order that the incoming administration may benefit from any increase in salaries that may be granted, such legislation must be enacted before the inauguration of Governor Bickett, Mr. Craig said.

The governor stated that during the last four years the state prison had cleared more than \$350,000 above expenses, and he urged that families of convicts share in the proceeds of their labor.

Governor Craig's address largely was a review of the affairs of the state during the last four years.

House Committee
Speaker Murphy announced the following committees:
Rules—Davenport, Stubbs, Grier, Price of Union and Pearson.
Emergency No. 1—Winburn, Grant, of New Hanover; Pharr, Doughton and Pritchard.
Emergency No. 3—Winston, Rob-Daniels, Clark of Pitt; Hammore.
Emergency No. 3E—Winston, Roberts, of Dinwiddie; Ward, Gardner and McBe.

Senate Committees
The following committees for the senate were announced as assigned by Lieutenant Governor-elect Gardner in conference with Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge:
Agriculture—Davenport, Holder-ness, Everett, Gough, Brock, Kelly, Blue, Barnhardt, Matherson, Transou, Braswell.
Appropriations—Holderness, Gray, Everett, Turner, Wenzler, Bennett, Bunn, Nelson, Ray, Matheson, Linn, Purdywyn and Pollock.
Banking and currency—Harrill, Gray, Matheson, Johnson, Holder-ness, Pollock, Cameron, Hall.
Claims—Johnson, Davenport, Rose, Burnett, Kelly, Transou, Ray, Brenzler, Hall.
Prisons—Linn, McNider, Allen, Long of Alamance, Gray, Bennett, Bunn, Gough, William S.
Commerce—Barnett, Gough, Everett, Transou, Matheson, Bennett, Johnson, Nelson, Dewesse.
Distribution of governor's mes-sage—Transou, Gough, Bunn, Blue, Thompson, Nelson, Matheson, Bur-nett, Braswell.

Education—Oates, Everett, Long of Alamance, Gough, Turner, Mathe-son, McNider, Bunn, Harding, Tuck-er, McClon, Dewesse.
Corporation commission—Cranmer, Ray, Gray, Turner, Linn, Blue, Scales, Long of Alamance, McCain, Oates, Harding, Gough, Jonas.
Corporations—Harding, Long of Halifax, Burgwyn, Barnhardt Brenzler, Cameron, Joyce.
Congressional districts—Bennett, Person, Allen, Brock, Justice, Long of Alamance, McCain, Pollock, Tuck-er, Williams.
Constitutional amendment—Warren, McNider, Long of Halifax, Har-ding, Allen, Jones, Nelson, Johnson, Harrill, Person, Hall.
Counties, cities and towns—Bunn, Gough, Allen, Long of Alamance, Tucker, Transou, Thompson, Burg-wyn, Parker.

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LENOIR LOGICAL TERMINAL OF ROAD

Although there are no immediate prospects for railroad construction from Lenoir to Grandin, so far as the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad is concerned, there is little doubt that President Grandin will be glad to cooperate with the citizens of Lenoir and Alexander counties in the next few months when the receivership matters are cleared away.

This was the opinion expressed today by Judge W. B. Council, attorney for Mr. Grandin personally, the Watauga and Yadkin River Railroad Company, the Grandin Lumber Company, the Grandin Lumber Company and the receivers of these interests. It is hoped to have an adjustment with the bondholders and other creditors some time in the spring, and when the road gets started right again, it may look to Lenoir for financial assistance to move in that direction.

Lenoir could at least look in the direction of the road, as the citizens there are doing, according to Editor F. H. May of the News, who was here a short while Wednesday afternoon. It would not require a great deal of capital, considering the tremendous advantages to accrue to Lenoir by reason of the connections.

In the opinion of Judge Council, no finer boon could possibly come to Lenoir than the completion of the link between that town and Grandin. In a smaller way, Hickory also would be benefited, and the whole state helped.

The agitation for the connecting link is not premature. If public sentiment can be made to comprehend the importance of the new line, it eventually will be built. Lenoir is the logical terminal of the Grandin road.

DELIVERED LECTURE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Miss Mary Moose, a native of Korea and a student in the Greensboro Woman's College, delivered an interesting lecture at the First Methodist church Wednesday night on Korea, her institution of customs and religion. The young woman is the daughter of Rev. J. R. Moose, a Methodist missionary to that country, and has relatives in Hickory. She was introduced by Rev. A. L. Stanford and heard by a large audience.

AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA (By Associated Press.)

Tokio, Jan. 4.—Viscount Yasuya Uchida, former Japanese ambassador to Washington, has been designated as ambassador to Russia, in succession to Viscount Ichiro Motono. The latter was recently appointed minister of foreign affairs.

SELL TRAWLERS TO ALLIES (By Associated Press.)

Tokio.—Up to the present some thirty-six trawlers have been sold by Japan to the entente allies. They are being used in war against enemy submarines.

HOICIDES IN CHICAGO (By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 4.—A homicide almost every day was the Cook county record in 1916, according to the annual report of the coroner.

The Pittsburgh Pirates will not make their annual pilgrimage to Dawson Springs, Ky., next spring. According to present plans the squad will go direct from Pittsburgh to their new training camp at Columbus, Ga.

Ted Meredith appears to have reconsidered his intention to quit the running game this season. Later reports have it that the star speedster will compete in many of the indoor meets to be held within the next few months.

Cornell's wrestlers will meet the teams of Princeton, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Penn State and the Navy this winter, in addition to taking part in the intercollegiate title events which are to be staged at Ithaca.

LODGE RESUMES PUBLIC HEARING ON ALLEGED "LEAK" TO NOTE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—Endorsement of President Wilson's peace note was again the subject of debate in the senate today. Senator Lodge was ready to continue his objection to endorsement on the ground that the note had come to be considered as intended to aid Germany's peace proposals, partly because of Count von Bernstorff's newspaper article endorsing it.

The senate had before it another resolution offered by Senator Gallinger for a substitute for Senator Hitchcock's resolution without specifically commending the president's note.

STOCKS TUMBLE ON FURTHER TALK

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 4.—The stock market today, after two days of advancing prices based on the belief that peace prospects were waning, crumpled on reports that further negotiations would be undertaken at Washington to bring the belligerents to terms.

During the noon hour prices broke from three to six points and continued to fall off after the publication of Washington dispatches saying the administration would make one more effort for peace.

MORGANTON NEWS

Marion, Jan. 4.—W. F. Wood, for many years assistant cashier of Merchants' and Farmers' bank has resigned his position to take effect February 1. He resigns his post in order to enter business with his brother in law in High Point. Mr. Wood has for a number of years been one of Marion's most substantial citizens, having represented this district in the state senate some years ago.

Carolina Hosiery Mills Company held its regular annual stockholders and directors meeting. The net earnings on the capital stock this year was 40 per cent. A dividend of 8 per cent was paid the stockholders. Considerable agitation was aroused here when the board of county commissioners decided to dismiss W. R. Bailey, who for two years has been McDowell county's farm demonstrator. A great many citizens contend that the work of the farm demonstrator is not worth the cost; while many others are of the opinion that it is a step backward and a fatal mistake to dismiss the farm demonstrator.

The old Eagle hotel is being rapidly remodeled and renovated and will be opened for business about March 1. John H. Gray, proprietor of Hotel Iredell of Statesville will have charge of the new hotel.

WILSON TO DECIDE AS TO CONFERENCES

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—Decision as to whether conferences between the members of the joint American-Mexican commission, now deadlocked, should be continued was one of the questions in the complicated situation to be decided by President Wilson.

The question had been put up to the president in a written report by the American commissioners, who told of their failure to have General Carranza approve the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops and joint patrol of the border. In their opinion, the efforts of the joint commission would be futile.

Another joint meeting will be held this week when the American members will receive the reply of the Mexican members.

STEWARDS' MEETING

There will be a meeting of the stewards of the Methodist church at 7:30 tonight. Members of the missionary committees also are asked to attend.

Miss Edith Plank left today for Cloverport, Ky., where she will spend some time.

Bonesetter Reese opines that a slight operation will put Guy Morton, the Cleveland pitcher, in shape to twirl his best brand of ball by the time the bell sounds for the 1917 season.

Dick Curley, the New York fist manager, has taken Joe Azevedo, the Portuguese lightweight under his wing. Curley announces his willingness to match his new charge against any lightweight in the country for a side bet of \$3,500.

RESERVE BOARD SAYS TRADE IS GOOD

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—Peace talk and the car shortage apparently are recorded as influential factors in the nation's commercial life during the past month in the report of general conditions by the federal agents made public by the federal reserve board today. The report says:

In the east, south and middle west the record volume of business remains unchanged. By districts the report shows:

Richmond—Trade, agricultural and other reports indicate a continuance of the full tide of prosperity, with an occasional conservative note of warning in anticipation of a readjustment later on.

Atlanta—Conditions have not materially changed. There is an abundance of money in this section and a feeling of confidence for the future.

Democracy said they expected to show that neither Lawson, Wood nor Gardner had any tangible evidence of a leak, and thus the Democrats would prove there was no call for an investigation.

The Republicans, obviously pleased over the opportunity of obtaining an open hearing, declared they would succeed in getting a thorough investigation.

MRS. C. H. WILEY DIES AT WINSTON-SALEM

Winston-Salem, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Calvin H. Wiley, 76 years old and widow of the late Calvin H. Wiley, prominent minister and educator, died at her home here last evening after a lingering illness.

Her illustrious husband was the first superintendent of public schools in North Carolina and was instrumental in founding the first public school in Winston-Salem. While serving as state superintendent he visited every county in the state in a buggy.

Surviving Mrs. Wiley, who pre-vent to her marriage was Miss Mittie Towles of Raleigh are three daughters, Misses Annie, Mary and Mittie Wiley of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services will be held from the First Presbyterian church Friday.

TO ORGANIZE FARM LOAN BANK AT LENOIR

Lenoir, Jan. 4.—Farmers will gather here this afternoon from all sections of the county for the purpose of organizing a federal farm loan bank. Several meetings have already been held in different sections of the county and the farmers have expressed as favorable to the organization of such a bank.

The farmers are also subscribing stock for a union warehouse to be located at Lenoir and a branch warehouse to be located at Granite Falls a little later.

TO INCREASE PRICE (By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 4.—Starting off with the February issue, the regular price of all illustrated weekly magazines in this country will be increased one penny (two cents), on account of the increased cost of paper and other materials. Nearly all magazines now sell for six pence.

Mr. W. C. Ervin of Morganton has been made administrator of the estate of the late Robert Winkler and Mr. Walker Lyster, agent for the deceased, has turned over the various papers and other property of Mr. Winkler. The hearing was held at Morganton Wednesday.

Miss Helen Troup, who has been the guest of Mrs. S. L. Whitener for several days, returned Wednesday to Greensboro, where she is teaching.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES (By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of seven to eight points. There was scattering realizing however and the market turned easier, with July easing off about six points net lower. General business remained very quiet. The market closed steady.

	Open	Close
January	17.40	17.37
March	17.60	17.60
May	17.80	17.86
July	17.87	17.88
October	16.62	16.75
Cotton	17c	
Wheat	\$2.00	

CHICAGO WHEAT (By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Skepticism about the advisability of following up a 12-cent advance scored within 48 hours led to a bearish reaction today in the wheat market here. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-7-8 decline to 1-4 decline with May at 1.86 1-2 and July at 1.54, were preliminary to a decided general setback but then a moderate advance all around.

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If another communication is sent it is expected to make more clear the position of the president, as it is felt that the result of the comment abroad, in the United States and the debate in the senate have shown that his intention was not clearly understood.

President Wilson's chief hope in the ultimate success of his negotiation is that an agreement be reached for future peace. If this guarantee can be given, the president feels sure the allies will consider terms.

It was generally indicated today that the president has no present intention of asking Col. E. M. House to go to Europe on a peace mission. While the president has never publicly indicated his willingness to act as a medium for the exchange of views secretly, it is known that he would not object seriously, though favoring publicity.

The negotiations were described today as being of a highly confidential character. President Wilson's friends say he is unconcerned over efforts to connect his note with the German peace proposals. Feeling that his sole object in sending the note was to learn just where each side stands, he is known to believe that in the end the allies as well as the central powers will find it a basis for agreement.

The administration's policy of absolute secrecy which curtails the move in the peace negotiations at this state so far as the United States is concerned, remains unrelaxed, but does not alter well defined impressions that important developments are transpiring under the surface.

All officials are silent on the report that the German chancellor transmitted a report on details of Germany's peace to make them available to the entente allies. They also refuse to comment on the statement attributed by the former Hungarian premier that the entente could learn Germany's peace terms through the president.

Neither is there official comment on the statement that the entente reply to the president's note will be in his hands two days, before it is made public.

Col. E. M. House, who has advised closely with President Wilson all along the peace movement, conferred at length with the president today and was about the official circle conferring with others on the subject.

Definite arrangements for publication of the entente note have not been made.

President Wilson's attitude was again described as being sure that some beneficial result will come from the negotiations for peace.

ARRESTED SUSPECT FOR COMPLICITY IN SLAYING

Stateville Jan. 4.—Sheriff M. P. Alexander and deputy O. L. Woodside arrested "Doc" Anderson in north Iredell. Anderson is accused of complicity in the murder of his brother-in-law James Anderson of Wilkes county last February. Since the murder officers had been unable to apprehend "Doc" Anderson until yesterday. A kinsman, Osborne Alexander, is serving a nine year sentence in the state prison at Raleigh on a charge of the murder of James Anderson.

THREE LIVES LOST IN NASHVILLE FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4.—Three negro employees lost their lives and 120 automobiles and automobile trucks were destroyed when fire at 3 o'clock this morning destroyed the Dixie Auto Supply Company plant here.

The loss was estimated at \$35,000 to \$40,000. The negroes were sleeping in the fire of the first floor and were suffocated. The fire is believed to have been caused by lightning.

NEW DRUG COMPANY (By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—The Melville Drug Company of Mebane, capitalized at \$10,000, of which \$3,500 has been paid in, was chartered by the secretary of state today.

Harold Janvin, the only born and bred Bostonian on the Red Sox roster, is to be given a banquet by Hub fans on January 15.

The triangular indoor meet to be staged at Harvard next month by Harvard, Dartmouth and Pennsylvania promises to be a banner event of the winter athletic season.

Buffalo fight promoters are endeavoring to arrange a 10-round match between "Kid" Williams and Young Mendo, a Buffalo bantam who is proclaimed as a comer.

A match between Brodman Blake and Al McCoy of Brooklyn for the middleweight title of Europe, is reported under consideration by the National Sporting club of London.

Princeton will retain Speedy Rush for another football season, but the chances are it will be three seasons and out for Speedy should he fail to turn out a winning Tiger team next fall.

John McGraw and Hans Lohert have tied themselves to Havana, where there will be gold and horse racing a plenty during the remainder of the winter. Both are dyed-in-the-wool devotees of these sports.

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