

WALTON USED HIGHWAY CLERKS IN HIS PLANS

Had Them Write Thousands of Letters Appealing For Funds Witness Says

Oklahoma City, Nov. 9.—Clerks of the state highway department wrote thousands of letters for Governor J. C. Watson in his canvass for funds with which to fight the Ku Klux and checked an initiated petition authorizing the state legislature to meet without executive call, C. F. Bates, the department chief clerk testified today at the governor's impeachment trial.

Bates told the court that the governor had used 15 to 20 clerks and that from 10,000 to 20,000 letters soliciting funds were written. He declared nearly 10,000 letters were sent out in reply to congratulations the executive received in his fight with the klan.

The petition which Bates said was checked, was approved at a special state election October 2. He testified, in reply to a question, that the checking was done at the governor's orders in an effort to defeat the measure.

The charge that the governor had the petition checked by highway department clerks, thereby it is alleged diverting public funds from the purpose for which they were appropriated, was made the subject of a proposed grand jury investigation in Oklahoma City and is regarded by many as the outstanding cause that precipitated the impeachment proceedings. The grand jury was prevented from meeting by military authorities in control of the city under the wide scope of martial law issued by the governor. A grand jury subsequently called, however, now has the matter under consideration.

Bates testified that when he became chief clerk last January there were about 40 clerks in the highway department but that the number had been increased to 96.

Asked regarding the letters seeking funds for the fight on the Ku Klux klan, Bates explained they were on plain stationery. He said he did not know where the postage was obtained but asserted it was not paid from highway department funds.

The witness declared the clerks were paid by the state while handling the governor's correspondence.

Bates' testimony came near the close of a day devoted by the prosecution to an effort to build up its charge that the executive had padded the state payrolls and diverted public monies.

Aldrich Blake and Dr. T. E. Bynum, both former legislative counsellors who were removed by Governor Walton; Dr. A. E. Davenport, state health commissioner; and J. R. Johnson, negro, superintendent of a state orphanage, all testified that the governor had interested himself in placing his friends and supporters on the state payroll.

Invest in Government Security

"One billion dollars of the national public debt, it is the hope of the United States Treasury Department, will be carried by comparatively small investors of the nation in the form of Treasury savings certificates," according to a statement made by the postmaster.

The sale of these certificates to the amount of \$250,000,000 annually will make this possible. These certificates are issued in convenient denominations of \$25, \$100, and \$1,000 and selling at a discount price, until further notice, of \$20.50, \$82.00, and \$820, respectively, to put them within reach of the man of moderate means. They mature within five years, but may be redeemed at the option of the purchaser, at any time, at values increasing every month.

The Government is serious in its purpose to prevent, as far as possible, the loss of millions of dollars annually through get-rich-schemes and unsound financial ventures, which fleece thousands of their savings, by offering to the public an absolutely safe investment plan in Treasury savings certificates.

The local postmaster is the authorized agent for the sale of these certificates and invites the public to visit the post office at any time for information concerning them.

"There is no excuse for losses in foolish investments when the public is fully informed concerning the attractive features and absolute safety involved in the purchase of these 'Baby Bonds,'" added the postmaster.

WILSON ARMISTICE DAY ADDRESS

Ex-President Says Treaty Now Wastepaper—Must Again Right Wrong.

Washington Nov. 10.—In his address tonight on "The Significance of Armistice Day," former President Woodrow Wilson spoke as follows:

"The anniversary of Armistice day should stir us to a great exaltation of spirit, because of proud recollection that it was our precept and example which had, by those early days of that never to be forgotten November, lifted the nations of the world to the lofty levels of vision and achievement upon which the great war for democracy and right was fought and won, although the stimulating memories of that happy time of triumph are forever marred and embittered for us by the shameful fact that when the victory won, chiefly by the indomitable spirit and ungrudging sacrifice of our incomparable soldiers, we turned our backs on our associates; refused to bear any responsible part in the administration of peace or the firm and permanent establishment of the results won by the war at so fearful a cost of life and treasure, and withdrew into a sullen and selfish isolation which is deeply ignoble because manifestly dishonorable.

"This must always be a source of deep mortification to us and we shall inevitably be forced by the moral obligations of freedom and honor to relieve that fatal error and assume once more the role of courage, self respect and helpfulness which every true American must wish to regard as our natural part in the affairs of the world. That we should thus have done a great wrong to civilization at one of the most critical turning points in the history of the world is the more to be deplored because every anxious year that has followed has made the exceedingly need for such service as we might have tendered more and more evident and more and more pressing, as demoralizing circumstances which we might have controlled have gone from bad to worse.

"And now, as if to furnish a sort of sinister climax, France and Italy between them have made waste-paper of the treaty of Versailles and the whole field of international relationship is in perilous confusion.

"The affairs of the world can be set straight only by the firmest and most determined exhibition of the will to lead and make the right prevail. Happily the present situation in world affairs affords us the opportunity to retrieve the past and to render mankind the inestimable service of proving that there is at least one great powerful nation which can turn away from programs of self interest and devote itself to practicing and establishing the highest ideals of disinterested service and the consistent maintenance of exalted standards of conscience and of right.

"The only way in which we can worldly give proof of our appreciation of the high significance of Armistice day is by resolving to put self interest away and once more formulate and act upon the highest ideals and purposes of international policy. Thus, and only thus, can we return to the true traditions of America."

Bandits Hold up Population While They Blast a Bank

Ogden, Kan., Nov. 9.—Eight or ten bandits in wild west fashion held this town of 500 inhabitants at bay for two hours early yesterday while they blasted their way through the door of the vault in the Ogden state bank. Guards stationed outside the bank kept up a heavy fire until their companions gained access to the vault and looted it.

Then, shouting derisively, the bandit gang shot up the town as they walked to their two motor cars on the edge of the city and drove away. Bank officials estimate the loot at \$26,000. Then bandits got \$6,000 in cash and \$24,000 in liberty bonds.

Bankrupts Sentenced

Greenwood, S. C., Nov. 9.—W. R. Boyd, and J. T. Scott, of Mount Carmel, S. C. found guilty in federal court here yesterday on a charge of violation of the national bankruptcy laws this morning were sentenced by Judge H. H. Watkins, to serve one year and a day in the Atlanta penitentiary. The men were alleged to have made false statements in connection with proceedings under which Boyd sought to be declared bankrupt in 1921.

CALLS THIS NATION TO LEAD WORLD

Ex-President Wilson Lashes as "Cowardly and Dishonorable" America's Foreign Policy.

Washington, Nov. 10.—Breaking the silence that with few exceptions he has scrupulously observed since he went from the White House nearly three years ago a broken man, Woodrow Wilson tonight broadcasted to the world the fact that the months of his seclusion have not altered his convictions that American isolation from Europe is "shameful" and that it is America's duty to lead the world to peace.

It was a typical Wilsonian fighting speech that the former President radioed to his greatest audience tonight—full of stinging criticism for those who frustrated his world peace program at the close of the war, and evangelistic in its appeal that America once more assumes the position of leadership in world affairs.

Cowardly and dishonorable were but two of the terms which Mr. Wilson used in speaking his contempt of the foreign policy America has pursued since the end of the war. The United States, he said, has turned its back upon the world in a shameful manner, withdrawing into a shameful isolation which is deeply ignoble because manifestly dishonorable.

Mr. Wilson spoke but briefly, but there was a sting in his every word, and conclusive proof that the years of his illness and the months of his own aloofness from the world affairs have not dimmed what has been described as the most caustic pen and sarcastic tongue among the statesmen of the world. His speech took but five minutes, yet held audiences still and breathless in a hundred cities throughout the country.

He delivered his brief talk while seated in his great arm chair in the study where he spends most of his time in his quiet S street home. The only persons in the room were Mrs. Wilson, his wife, and Mrs. McAdoo, his daughter. The McAdoos had dined with the Wilsons shortly before the ex-President hobbled into the study.

The ex-President sat facing a microphone, a delicate instrument, that conveyed his words out of the house, through the radi apparatus loaded on a truck stationed in an alley, and hence through powerful repeating stations to the thousands that awaited his message.

He spoke in a deep, husky voice that sounded strangely unfamiliar to those who have heard Woodrow Wilson speak in the sharp, clipped accents of vigorous health.

The former President referred to no men and to no particular policies in his short speech. He dealt only with the broad aspects of American foreign policy as it has been pursued since the irreconcilability of the American Senate sat on his program defeated his purposes and sent him, three years ago, into the seclusion that has been the fate of every great war leader.

The eve of the Armistice, bringing with it the pregnant memories of America's heroic dead, Mr. Wilson thought should bring to the American people an exaltation of spirit that would sweep away the "ignobility" of a recent American policy and place the nation once again on the crest of idealism in international affairs that he voiced during the war.

Many times during the long fight over the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations after his return from Paris, Mr. Wilson declared that unless America followed the lead he had taken civilization and mankind would be "greatly wronged" and America "deeply mortified." He used the phrases in his brief message tonight. And they were listened to by thousands.

He claimed, by inference, prophetic vision. Four years ago he warned the senate then in the throes of bitter partisan strife, that unless it fortified and endorsed the league the world affairs would become chaotic.

When he made these assertions four years ago he was in the full possession of all his faculties and only recently returned from a European tour that had laid the world at his feet.

Tonight sitting in his study, and facing his unseen audience he infrequently recalled his previous warning. There was a fighting note struck in the former President's speech tonight that was not lost upon the scores of

politicians, big and little who crowded about the radios in Washington at 8:30 p. m., when the rumbling mechanism of the machines warned them of the "star act" on the evening's program.

Whatever else the speech proved, it proved beyond any doubt that, crippled physically though he may be, the former President still retains his old time vigorous views on American relationship to the rest of the world and that he will not hesitate to express them when the occasion arises.

Inferentially, his speech was a warning to his party that there must be no turning back, no deviation from the world policies which he initiated as leader during the great war and which he was unable to carry out because what Mr. Wilson believes to be the momentary and passing fancy of the American electorate. On the Democrats in the capital tonight the speech will have a distinctly sobering effect, it is believed.

Car Kills One Injures Seven Others

Mebane, Nov. 3.—Miss Ruth Rippey, daughter of Rudy Rippey, of Haw River, a pretty little golden haired girl of 14 summers, is dead and seven other persons are being treated in hospitals at Burlington and Haw River, as a result of being run down by four negroes in a Cadillac car a short distance east of Haw River this evening about 6:30 o'clock.

The four negroes in the Cadillac car which snuffed out the life of Miss Rippey and sent seven other Al-mance women and children to hospitals were Will Ford, S. D. Porter, Rey Foy and John Henry Henry, all of Winston-Salem, with Henry at the steering wheel. It is alleged that after striking the party of women and children and scattering them killed, maimed and bruised along the road side, the negro at the steering wheel of the Cadillac never hesitated but stepping on the gas went racing on toward Haw River. After running probably a quarter of a mile, however the Cadillac ran into a Ford and its flight was halted. In the confusion which followed two of the negroes escaped. One, however, was later captured and tonight only John Henry Henry is at large with officers of this and adjoining counties on the lookout for him. The other three negroes are in jail at Graham.

"It was a pitiful sight," said a gentleman to your correspondent who was on the scene shortly after the tragedy and who assisted in tending the wounded to the hospitals. "Lying in the road was the pretty, golden-haired Rippey child covered with blood and dying. Lying scattered around her were other members of the party severely bruised and shocked."

That is the story tersely told. It was one of the worst tragedies on the highways of Alamance since the good road system of North Carolina gave to the county a paved artery and a speedway. It is said that Mrs. James Neese and Mrs. Cola Neese were accompanying their children and some of their neighbor's children to Trollingwood to a moving picture performance. They were about a quarter of a mile east of Haw River when the Cadillac coming from the east came along, it is said, at a clip of 40 miles an hour. The car evidently struck the center of the group of pedestrians since every member of the party except one Neese child felt the impact of the big automobile. After striking the party the car swerved and grazed a bank, but the driver, straightening his machine swung into the roadway and without stopping to render aid to those he had killed and maimed shot his car forward at a fast clip until he drove into the Ford a short distance west of the accident.

The four negroes, it is alleged, had been to eastern North Carolina and were returning to Winston-Salem. There have been angry mutterings against the negroes on the part of a number of people in this vicinity and feeling in certain quarters is running high, but while the whole community has been aroused over the tragedy Sheriff C. D. Story of Alamance county said tonight that he did not anticipate any trouble.

The Australian tomato weevil is a new undesirable immigrant that has been discovered in the South. Agricultural experts fear it may become of great importance if measures for its suppression are not taken at once.

30,000 TO 40,000 IS MAJORITY OVER BONDS

Virginians Do Not Fail to Make it Plain They Are Against Bonds For Highways

Richmond, Va., Nov. 7.—Defeat in yesterday's election of the proposed bond issue of \$50,000,000 for financing Virginia's road building program having been conceded, meager returns which dribbled in today added little toward a determination of the majority of votes polled by advocates of the "pay-as-you-go" system of highway support.

Political observers agreed, however, that the majority against bonds would aggregate well over 30,000 and might reach 40,000 though final and official canvass will have to be awaited before any accurate estimate is available.

The lead established by Alexander Forward, Democratic incumbent, last night over Cloyd Byars, independent, of Arlington county, in the race for corporation commissioner, the only state office contested, continued to heap up today and estimates of his probable majority were variously set at from 60,000 to 75,000.

The defeat of Claud Hoover, Democrat member of the house of delegates from Shenandoah county, by his Republican opponent, Kelly, and the election of C. H. Revercomb, Republican, over T. B. McCaleb, Democrat incumbent, as delegate from the Alleghany county and Clifton Forge city district, are the only contests in the general assembly membership whose results had been reported here tonight. A full membership in the assembly was chosen but in the great majority of cases yesterday's voting constituted only a ratification of the action of the Democratic primary in August. The Republican membership is normally negligible and no appreciable change in relative party strength in the legislative bodies is looked for.

Asheville Lady Electrocuted in Her Kitchen

Asheville, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Mary Ambler Carpenter, wife of W. B. Carpenter, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Commerce and daughter of Dr. Chase P. Ambler, prominent Asheville physician and one of the best known Masonic officials in the state, was instantly killed shortly before noon today at her home in Norwood park when a high tension wire fell across smaller wires leading into the Carpenter home overcharging water pipes and an electric washing machine with which she came into contact. Artificial means of respiration and other aids applied by her father, Dr. Chase P. Ambler, and a brother, Dr. Arthur Ambler, who arrived soon after Mrs. Carpenter was shocked, failed to revive her.

While Mrs. Carpenter was in the kitchen a limb of a large tree fell across the high tension wire about 150 yards from the Carpenter home, the wire became entangled with smaller wires leading into the Carpenter home and also touched the ground.

Superintendent Woodcock, of the Asheville Power and Light company, made an investigation of the accident early in the afternoon. The high tension wire which the limb fell on carried 2200 volts it is said. The smaller set of wires carrying 110 volts into the Carpenter residence were touched by the high tension wires, throwing a heavy charge into the house where Mrs. Carpenter was attending to her household duties.

Death came instantaneously. A servant finding Mrs. Carpenter lying upon the kitchen floor immediately communicated with Dr. Arthur Ambler, who was the first to arrive at the Carpenter home. Dr. Chase P. Ambler arrived a few minutes later, but all efforts to resuscitate Mrs. Carpenter proved futile.

Japan Quake Caused Earth to Drop Four Feet

Honolulu, Nov. 9.—Intense damage in the vicinity of Yokohama, caused by the recent earthquake in Japan was due to a drop of four feet in the surface of the earth which may have resulted from activity of the volcano on the island of Oshima, southwest of Yokohama in the opinion of Thomas A. Jagger, Jr., volcanologist in charge of the Hawaiian volcano observatory who has returned to Hawaii from Japan where he made a survey of the damage wrought by the tremors.

The death toll in the earthquake, tidal wave and fire was estimated at 400,000 by Mr. Jagger, and the damage to property at \$5,000,000,000.

57 CAROLINA JERSEYS AUCTIONED AT \$9,480

Catawba County Gold Medal Cows Bring \$475 and \$500 Each

Hickory, Nov. 8.—Fifty Jersey cows and heifers sold at auction here this afternoon by the state Jersey club averaged \$165.80 and brought a total of \$8,290 and seven bulls averaged \$170 and brought \$1,190 the 57, several of them not listed in the catalogue, brought an aggregate of \$9,480.

In the opinion of R. H. Ruffner, secretary of the club, the sale was a success. With the exception of E. T. Brown, owner of the Endless Cavern farm at New Market, Va., who bid in 10 cows and heifers and two bulls for \$4,325 all the other buyers were from North Carolina. Mr. Brown bought the highest priced stock, including two gold medal cows owned by H. F. and W. R. Lutz, of Catawba county, paying \$475 for the first and \$500 for the second. He also bought the prize Jersey bull offered by A. C. Wharton for the Reynolds farm at Winston-Salem at \$6.90.

R. E. McDowell, of Charlotte, sold one cow for \$460 and the State college farm let one go for 345.00. Mr. McDowell won a ton of feed stuff offered by a New York concern for having his stock in the best condition.

Jersey breeders expressed satisfaction with the prices they received for cows but thought the heifers, calves and bulls were far too low. McDowell county farmers bought several animals and the others go to many counties in the state. During the auction Mr. Brown was active and when he saw an animal he wanted he outbid all rivals and carried to another state the choicest in the lot.

He had stiff competition, however, and when the Reynolds bull was put up the price started at \$102, was quickly run up to \$500, and the competition for him caused excitement among the large crowd. This animal's cousin sold for \$10,000.

Competition for the next convention was furnished by Monroe and Mebane, each city offering to meet any conditions the Jersey club might impose. The matter was left to the executive committee.

Two Farmers, Ignoring Court Order, Are Jailed

Reidsville, Nov. 8.—Wednesday night Sheriff J. F. Smith and his deputies placed in the county jail at Wentworth, R. O. Stephens and T. W. Morris, of near Kuffin.

Continued violation of their contract with the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association, following an injunction of the court, resulted in a sentence of 30 days in jail and a fine of \$250 each for these two Rockingham county citizens who were on Wednesday adjudged in contempt of court by Superior Court Judge Henry P. Lane at Winston-Salem.

Morris and Stephens when served with the order restraining them from delivery of their tobacco outside of the marketing association declared they were going to sell their tobacco at auction in defiance of the injunction, according to the testimony brought out at Wednesday's trial. The defendants later slipped their tobacco across the Virginia border and sold on the Danville market, where the new state law requires all tobacco, to be sold in the name of the owner, according to the testimony in court.

Within the past month five tobacco growers and a warehouseman have been punished for contempt of court in violating or assisting in the violation of the contract of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association and in the latest cases the penalties imposed by the court have become increasingly severe.

The Tobacco association has already obtained judgment by default against R. O. Stephens for the sale of his 1922 crop in a case pending in the Wake county superior court.

Women Elected to Virginia Legislature

For the first time in Virginia history women will sit as members in the next session of the General Assembly; two, both Democrats were elected last Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Lee Fain, one of the four members chosen from Norfolk city, defeating the independent Republican candidate. The other was Mrs. R. A. Henderson, elected as a delegate from Beaufort and Buchanan counties. She was unopposed.