

## POPULATION OF THE COUNTRY GROWS BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

### Will Be More Than 113,000,000 By January Census Estimate

## NORTH CAROLINA GAINS

### At a Rapid Rate—State Has Nearly Two and a Half Millions, Leading Virginia by Over Two Hundred Thousand

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 24.—The population of the United States and its possessions on January 1 will be 113,309,285, against 111,500,000 last year, the United States census bureau estimates.  
North Carolina will have 2,418,000, Virginia 2,202,000 and South Carolina 1,630,000.

## AGED EMPEROR BADE GOODBYE TO PEOPLE OF NATION IN WILL

(By the United Press)  
London, Nov. 24.—Franz, Josef's farewell to his nation is contained in his will, the text of which has reached here. He said:  
"I bid farewell to my beloved people and give them my heartiest thanks for their loyalty and love toward me and my house in happy days as well as in times of stress. May they continue to observe the same patriotic attitude toward my successor. I remember my army and navy with feelings of deepest gratitude for their bravery, loyalty and devotion. I am confident my successor may rely on them no less than I have done."

## WORLD MUST COME TO CHURCH, SAYS KILGO

Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 23.—In opening the 27th annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference this morning, Bishop Kilgo made a brief address in which he pleaded fervently for the preservation of the purity and integrity of the church. "All this thing of trying to adjust the church to the world," he said, "is wrong."

The characters of all the presiding elders and preachers were passed with one exception. B. M. Jackson, of the Charlotte district, was charged by his presiding elder with certain conduct not in keeping with the character of a minister, and a committee was appointed to investigate the charges and report to the conference. Tonight Dr. Henry N. Snyder, president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., representing the General Board of Education, delivered an address.

Monroe is pulling for the 1918 session of the conference.

## RAILROADS MUST NOT KEEP OTHERS' CARS

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 24.—To avert a disastrous car shortage, all railroads in the country are ordered by the special car shortage committee of the American Railway Association to return to the owner lines all foreign fruit and refrigerator cars on their lines.

## COLLEGE PRESIDENT HEADS BOARD OF TRADE

Winston-Salem, Nov. 23.—Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem College, was tonight elected president of the Winston-Salem Board of Trade.

## DEATH CLAIMS JOE WHITE, WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN, ON FRIDAY

### Passed Away at Home—Had Been Sufferer From Incurable Malady—Was Popular and Successful Businessman

Joseph D. White died Friday morning about 6:30 o'clock at his home, Caswell and McLewain streets, following a long period of poor health. He succumbed to heart trouble, pronounced as incurable long before his demise. Mr. White had anticipated his death at no far distant day and was making arrangements to clear up his business affairs, which work he had not entirely concluded when the Reaper claimed him. Only Thursday afternoon he was on the streets. The suddenness of his death came as a shock to many of his friends and the family.

He was 43 years of age, having been born July 26, 1873.

Joe White was one of the most popular men in the city. He had made thousands of acquaintances in his lifelong residence here and business channels. He was by nature very quiet. He was a man of few words, unobtrusive and almost reticent. As a businessman he was known for his cleverness and honest methods. He took over the management of a coal and wood business at the death of his father several years ago. The enterprise has been long established and was a source of considerable profit to Mr. White. He left a moderate estate in good condition.

Mr. White disliked ostentation, was always well dressed, but never gaudily, and only his intimates ever saw him exhibit enthusiasm about any matter. A rule of his life was to "attend to his own business."

Mr. White was one of the most charitable men in Kinston, although his gifts could be help it, were never published, and only his close friends were aware of his philanthropy.

About four years ago Mr. White married Miss Ava Underhill, a well known young woman of the city. She survives him, together with one daughter, Norman White of this city; two sisters, Mrs. B. B. Martin of Morehead City and Miss Lizzie White of Kinston, and his mother, Mrs. Emma White, for whom he bore great affection.

Mr. White was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock, from the residence, with interment in Maplewood cemetery. It will be conducted probably by Rev. H. A. Hamble, pastor of Queen Street Methodist church.

## FRANZ JOSEF DIED IN CHAIR, VERY QUIETLY

Vienna, Wednesday, Nov. 22, via London, Nov. 23 (delayed).—Death came to Emperor Francis Joseph as sleep to a child, while the sovereign was reclining in an arm chair in what he called his work room. His strength had rapidly been ebbing from 2 o'clock in the afternoon of yesterday but he refused to take to his bed. After 6 o'clock he began gradually to lose consciousness and went to the end without uttering another word, resting peacefully in his chair with his hands folded as if he were in prayer.

This afternoon a death mask of the Emperor was taken as a preliminary to the embalming of the body.

## LARGER SALES OF TOBACCO EXPECTED

(By the United Press)  
In the neighborhood of 125,000 lbs. of tobacco was sold here Friday, with prices unchanged. Heavier sales are looked for in the first half of the coming week, tobaccoists say.

## BILLION AND HALF YEAR IS NEEDED BY RAILROADS OF U. S.

### Says Attorney Thom Speaking Before Newlands Committee Friday

## MUST IMPROVE GREATLY

### Five-Sixths of Needed Annual Income Necessary for Increasing Facilities Keeping Up With Commerce

(By the United Press)

Washington, Nov. 24.—A billion and a half dollars yearly will be needed by the railroads of the United States during the next ten or twelve years, Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the railroads, declared today at the resumption of the hearings of the Newlands congressional committee. Of this amount, a billion and a quarter will be needed to increase facilities to keep pace with the commerce of the country.

Baltimore, Nov. 24.—The American Federation of Labor reiterates its vigorous opposition to all compulsory arbitration. "Men individually and collectively are entitled to stop work any day and any time. In a free democracy their right, natural, legal and unalienable, should never be surrendered."

U. O. & G. Case to Washington.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Solicitor General Davis today indicated very strongly that the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf test case of the Adamson 8-hour law will be the one selected to go to the United States Supreme Court.

Gov't and Railways Agree on Test.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Conference between Attorney General Gregory and representatives of the railroads today concluded in Kansas City. It was said tonight that the only matter to be determined in Kansas City is whether the suit of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad, decided yesterday against the government, or that of the Santa Fe, will be the test case.

The man selected here probably that both the Department and the railroads agree in every way to expedite and netely press the case to be determined upon to a final decision in the Supreme Court and that during the pendency of this suit the government will not begin any prosecutions of carriers for failure to apply the law. During its pendency the carriers will institute no more suits, and at its termination both parties to the agreement will be bound by the Supreme Court decision, the carriers agreeing not to bring further suits if the law is found constitutional and to drop all others. Neither party is bound by the agreement to refrain from efforts to secure legislation which might change the Adamson Act.

## LABORITES WANT AN EMBARGO ON FOODS LOWER COST LIVING

(By the United Press)  
Baltimore, Nov. 24.—The American Federation of Labor today declared itself unanimously for an embargo against the exportation of wheat and other foodstuffs, "until prices are restored to normal."

## Democratic Finance Committee Suggests to All the Loyal Democrats That They Should Help—Dollar and Two Dollar Subscriptions Wanted

There is deficit in the campaign fund expended by the National Democratic Committee of \$300,000!  
Every Democrat, who rejoices that Peace and Prosperity with Woodrow Wilson were endorsed on November 7, is requested to do his part in relieving this obligation.  
Lenoir County Democrats are asked to do their part. The local committee, composed of Messrs. N. J. Rouse, J. G. Dawson and Dr. J. M. Parrott, suggests that Lenoir's part be made up in dollar and two-dollar subscriptions. The committee wants to send off the final installment the first of the week. It urges immediate action.  
Mr. Democrat, you are asked to see one of the above-named gentlemen as soon as possible and leave a dollar or two dollars or more, if you want to have a larger part. The committee's slogan is "Do it now."

## BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

"Buck" Balance, colored, had nearly every shred of clothing torn from his body when he was caught between a belt and a pulled in a New Bern oil and fertilizer plant, but escaped injury except for a badly bruised hand.  
J. L. Horne, Jr., of Rocky Mount, carried a goat to the Shriners' celebration at New Bern. Someone has Horne's goat. Although it was a white goat, the New Bern Sun-Journal says it may have been that the Charlotte or N. C. Shriners' captured goat.  
Mrs. Winifred E. Campbell, born at Bath in 1858, is dead at Tryon, O. She left this State 30 years ago, after a life in Ohio and other relatives in North Carolina.

## TESTIMONY ALL IN IN EMBEZZLEMENT TRIAL

Fayetteville, Nov. 23.—The taking of testimony was concluded on the second day of the trial of J. Sprunt Newton, prominent lawyer and business man charged with embezzlement from the estate of W. E. Bondy, and court adjourned late this afternoon after Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, for the defense had opened the argument.

## LOST LEGION FROM AMERICA IS LOCATED ON THE BRITISH COAST; TYPICAL UNITED STATES MEN IN THE OUTFIT; LEGIONAIRES ANGRY OVER A DESERTION

(By J. W. PEGLER, United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
On the English Coast, Nov. 9.—(By Mail)—The "lost" American Legion of Canada's army was found today by the United Press.  
Two units of real Americans already are at death grips with the Germans on the Somme, and the rest wait in an English training camp for the signal to cross the channel.  
The men enlisted to fight Germans—but if any survivors ever get back to America they will settle a grudge with a deserter who gave his pals a black eye in the American newspapers. The United Press correspondent found the entire camp seething with an angry determination to end that deserter and bear him within an inch of his life.

Frank Jones of Oak Cliff, "just over the viaduct" from Dallas, Texas, summed up the Legion's attitude, as he paused in his sentry beat on a rain-swept hill overlooking the sea.  
"There isn't a man in the force from the colonel down, who wouldn't give a month's pay for just one smash at that guy," he said. "He got in as a temporary officer and didn't make good. In a few weeks he'd have been down in the ranks as a private. But he went over the hill toward Michigan when he heard we were going to sail. Yellow clear through, that's his trouble. A yellow panther soldier."

Jones beckoned with his bayonet and another American Tommy came up. He was Fred Mullen of Duluth, formerly in the Twenty-second United States infantry. Mullen escorted the visitor to the temporary barracks and headquarters while Jones—a 12-year man of the United States army—resumed his swinging stride along the crest.

There was something un-British about the sentry's long pace, and the slight forward stoop of his body as he disappeared in the early evening gloom. Mullen explained that the Legion doesn't bother about a man's walk, if it gets him there.

"If you know how the world's series came out, I'll present you to Major Hart," offered Mullen. "He's originally from Brooklyn and put in 22 years in the American army. Part of his service was in the 71st New York, of New York City, in Cuba. In later years, he was chief military instructor and disciplinary officer at Elmira, N. Y., reformatory."

Major G. L. Hart, a big, muscular soldier, with a scowl engraved on his leathery face, explained that things were still upset because they had marched into camp only a few hours ago. The Legion had spent weeks under canvas, in muddy, rainy weather, their new quarters were army huts—long, narrow buildings painted a battleship color and set around in squares on a plateau.  
"It wasn't that I thought they'd win," said Hart, when told the worst about the Brooklyn Robins, "but I had enough patriotism for old Flatbush to back them for a little."

## ALLIES TAKE BACK CONSIDERABLE AREA MONASTIR SECTION

### Have Recovered About 200 Square Miles Territory—Further Progress—The French Surprise Teutons in Western Zone

(By the United Press)

Sabinika, Nov. 24.—Nearly two hundred square miles of territory around Monastir has been recaptured from the Teutons in the recent advance, says a Serbian official communiqué. The Allies' drive continues. French Surprise Attack.

Paris, Nov. 24.—The French have been successful in a surprise attack on a German trench near Hilsenheim, Alsace. It is officially said.

Further progress of the Allies west of Monastir is officially reported. The Italians under General Sarrail have reached Nezapoli.

Russians Progress in Dobrudja.

Petrograd, Nov. 24.—Further advances in Dobrudja are officially reported. "We have advanced southward, reaching Tashul. At places we have crossed the Karal river," it is stated.

German Statement.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—Orsovo has been captured from the Roumanians, it is said officially.

General Von Falkenhayn is approaching the Alt Valley. Enemy resistance in the western corner of Roumania has been broken.

Roumania in Bad Fix.

London, Nov. 24.—If German official reports are correct, Von Falkenhayn's vice has closed still tighter on Eastern Roumania. Berlin claims the occupancy of Orsova, Turmu and Severin with Craiova, which was announced captured early in the week, but this is not admitted by Bucharest. The Teutons now appear to hold three large cities in Eastern Roumania. Whether the Roumanian army, which Berlin claims has been encircled, has been able to escape is a question worrying military critics.

## COTTON

Around a hundred bales of cotton left here Friday brought from 19.90 downward, with the exception of two bales, which brought 20 cents. New York futures quotations were:

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ACCIDENT ON ELEVATED.  
New York, Nov. 24.—Ambulances have been rushed to 129th Street and Second Avenue with a report of an elevated train wreck.

ENORMOUS CROWD EXPECTED.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 24.—The monster Yale bowl, which seats more than 60,000 persons, is not expected to care for all those who are fighting to care for all those who are fighting today to get the precious tickets for the annual Yale-Harvard clash.

## THE AMERICAN PEACE COMMISSION TO GET TWO WEEKS' RECESS

(By the United Press)  
Atlantic City, Nov. 24.—A recess of two weeks is expected to be granted to the Mexican members of the American Peace Commission, to enable them to present the new border patrol plan to Carranza.

## GRAND JURY FINDS NOT TRUE BILL IN CASE SAM'L STOCKS

### State's Efforts to Bring the Farm Tenant to Trial Come to Naught

## NOT LONG IN DECIDING

### Report Rendered in a Few Minutes After Testimony of Kinston Witnesses Was Taken In Duplin Superior Court

The grand jury in Superior Court at Kenansville last Thursday found "not a true bill" in the case against Samuel Stocks, Greene county farm tenant accused of participating in the lynching of Joseph Black, colored, last spring after he had been taken from a cell in the Lenoir county jail here by an "automobile mob" supposedly of Greene and Pitt county men.

J. F. Skinner, chief of police of Kinston; Hedia V. Allen, the jailer, cut of whose custody Black was taken by the mob; Cleveland Loftin and Ed. Phillips, who heard gossip in Greene county after the lynching, and Claud Sumrell, a former policeman, who saw the negro taken from the jail, testified before the grand jury. All of the party are residents of this city, and returned here late Thursday night. It is said the grand jury reported in a very few minutes' after the testimony was in.

Stocks had steadfastly denied that he was a member of the mob. He was held after an investigation, which attracted interest throughout the State, conducted here by Judge W. M. Bond several months ago.

A detective named Barnes, from West Carolina, Thursday reported to be unlocated, had turned up when the local man arrived at Kenansville. Stocks has been under \$10,000 bail.

## BIG RUSSIAN SHIP OF WAR IS SUNK BY INTERNAL EXPLOSION

London, Nov. 24.—The Russian naval staff, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd, has issued the following statement:

"At 6 o'clock on October 20 fire broke out in the forward magazine of the Imperatritsa Maria. An internal explosion followed immediately and the fire spread rapidly and reached the petrol tanks.

"Shortly after 7 o'clock the vessel sank. An officer and two first class sub-officers and 149 sailors are missing. Sixty-four of the crew have since died from the effects of burns.

"The position of the ship, which lies in shallow water, gives hope that it may be refloated and completely repaired in a few months. The bridge is only one yard beyond water level."

## DRAINAGE CONVENTION TO LUMBERTON NEXT

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 23.—Lumberton was chosen as the next place of meeting by the North Carolina Drainage Association before the adjournment of the ninth annual conference this afternoon. A mid-winter meeting will be held in Raleigh. Officers were elected as follows: M. E. Sherwyn, Raleigh, president; Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill, secretary-treasurer. Several vice-presidents were elected, among them being G. B. McNeill, Lumberton; H. M. Agade, Raleigh; Demetrius Cameron, Durham; F. R. Baker, Raleigh, and J. L. Beeton, Wilmington.