

## COAL MINERS AND OPERATORS APPEAR NEARER AGREEMENT

### Disposition Workers' Representatives Seems Be Improving

## GARFIELD IS SUMMONED

### Will Join Secretary Wilson in Effort Bring About Peace — Operators in Mood Start Negotiations Any Time

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—Miners and operators today reached an agreement to negotiate a new wage contract through scale committees in central competitive fields. The scale in other fields will be based on results of the negotiations in the central fields, which comprise the heart of the soft districts.

John Lewis, acting president of the miners, formally charged that the operators in many states have violated the Lever act in refusing to reinstate strikers unless they sign agreements to discontinue union membership.

He appealed to Secretary Wilson to see that the Government of the United States enforces the law.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Settlement of the coal strike seems nearer today.

Representatives of both sides again met this morning with Secretary Wilson in the chair.

The miners appear in a compromising mood and the operators declare they are willing to start negotiations.

Dr. Garfield, fuel administrator, was summoned here to help Secretary Wilson in the effort to negotiate a "peace." He is expected to attend today's sessions.

## BRAZIL MAY BE DRY NATION SOON; GETS NOTION FROM U. S.

### President and Press Find Excellent Reasons for Kicking Out of Demon Rum — Already Moving for Restrictions

By H. B. ROBERTSON  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Rio De Janeiro, Nov. 15.—Brazil, following the example of the United States, may be the second American republic to adopt prohibition.

The campaign against alcohol was launched by President Epitacio Pessoa in his last message to congress and was immediately taken up with unexpected vigor by the majority of the press of the country. Alarmed by the determined attacks of press and statesmen, the liquor interests are already raising the cry of "personal liberty" and the same campaign which resulted in a "dry" United States promises to be enacted to the bitter finish in Brazil. A bill now up would double the tax.

It is argued that the most severe restrictions should be placed on alcohol, if for no other reason than to enable the country to more easily handle the huge tide of immigration which the signing of peace turned toward Brazil. It is declared that "undesirables" who are not fit to emigrate to a "dry" United States will seek the greater freedom of South America and that therefore it is up to the government to be on its guard.

Coincident with the anti-booze fight a strong campaign against the social evil has been launched.

## FATALLY HURT IN WRECK

Wilson, Nov. 15.—W. R. Skinner was fatally injured in a derailment at Conestoga Junction. He died here.

F. S. WILKINSON DEAD

Rocky Mount, Nov. 15.—F. S. Wilkinson, veteran farmer, died here.

Y. THIRT STAMPS

## JURY ACQUITS TWO CHARGED WITH SALE LIQUOR AT BRIDGE

### Willie Davis and Willie Lee Freed in Short Order—Evidence of Tyndall and Underhill Counts for Little

Witnesses in the Recorder's Court Friday afternoon swore they saw Willie Davis and Willie Lee, employed at Frank Taylor's store at the "Iron Bridge," sell whisky over the counter freely. A jury of six men, including several representative citizens, acquitted the men after a few minutes' deliberation. The witnesses included Thad. Tyndall, James Underhill and William Ham. The State declared Lee and Davis had clerked for Taylor some time and that they had repeatedly violated the prohibition laws. Lot Taylor, a well-known man, was specifically mentioned as having been served over the counter with intoxicating liquor. The police had been evaded by the defendants for some time, the prosecution asserted.

Officials suppose the jury declined to place confidence in the testimony of Tyndall, now under sentence for trafficking in liquor, and Underhill, an ex-convict.

The "Iron Bridge" community bears a notorious reputation. Taylor, employer of Lee and Davis, has been in trouble on whisky charges several times. A number of assaults and affrays have occurred there during recent weeks, the chief of police narrowly escaping being shot in one affair.

The following comprised the jury: Joel Stevenson, James Dawson, Courtney Mitchell, J. F. Hooker, Jr., H. E. Rice and W. F. Tyndall.

## COMMITTEE FAVORS PEACE TIME FORCE OF 300,000 TROOPS

### Kahn Reports Decision for Pershing Program—Half as Many Men as Desired by Secretary Baker and General Staff

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—A peace time military establishment of about 300,000 officers and men has been agreed upon by the House Military Affairs Committee, Chairman Kahn told the House today.

The strength of the army will be virtually the same as recommended to Congress by General Pershing, but just about half as big as the army program Secretary Baker and the General Staff desired, which was for a total strength of 576,100 men.

## DEATH GENERAL DAVIS.

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—Brig. Gen. Charles Davis, native of Pennsylvania and one-time resident of this State, is dead at Schenectady.

Norfolk, Nov. 15.—North Carolina State and Virginia Tech play here this afternoon.

## TO SELL STATE FARM.

Raleigh, Nov. 15.—The State farm in Halifax County is to be sold at auction, subdivided, sometime next month.

## PRINCE AT SPRINGS FOR BRIEF OUTING

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—The Prince of Wales is en route to White Sulphur Springs today for three days' fishing and recreation. Word of the trip was withheld until the last minute through fear that advance information would be a signal for people to come to the springs.

## PRESIDENT CONFERS WITH TUMULTY OVER SENATE SITUATION

### Crisis in Treaty Consideration Principal Matter Before Executive and Secretary at White House Conference

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—President Wilson and Secretary Tamm conferred at the White House today. It is understood the matter taken up was the treaty situation in the Senate.

The crisis brought about by the passage of the reservation to Article 10, which Mr. Wilson had declared would constitute flat rejection of the whole peace settlement, was the most important matter before them.

## Death of James Hines, Aged Veteran, Funeral to Be Held Sunday P. M.

James A. Hines, a Confederate veteran, died Saturday at 8 a. m. at the residence of R. B. Waters, 105 McDaniel Street. He was 85 years of age. Paralysis was the cause of death. Mr. Hines served with credit in the Southern armies. He was a native of Duplin County, and had resided here 20 years. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. George B. Hamrah, pastor of Atlantic Memorial Presbyterian Church, officiating. Mr. Hines was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. R. B. Waters, Kinston; Mrs. G. A. Dail, Kenly, N. C.; J. L. Hines, Wilmington.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)  
MAINE APPROVES SUFFRAGE.  
Washington, Nov. 15.—Maine today certified to the Senate its ratification of the suffrage amendment.

SNOW HEAVY AT PARIS.  
Paris, Nov. 15.—Paris is covered with the heaviest snowfall in years today. Coupled with the cold weather is causing great suffering among the poor classes.

POWDER EXPLOSION.  
San Francisco, Nov. 15.—A terrific explosion occurred today at the Trojan Powder Company's plant at San Lorenzo, Calif. It shook windows here, 15 miles distant. The facts are unavailable yet.

## School Officials of Section Meet Here; Hold Three Sessions

Superintendents and principals of public schools in this section attended a conference at Grainger High School here Friday night and Saturday, at which Dr. L. A. Williams, of Chapel Hill, and others spoke. Present were J. H. Rose, Greenville; Frank Ashley, Washington; H. V. Smith, New Bern; B. C. Williams, New Bern; Professor Hamilton, Goldsboro; Supt. K. R. Curtis, Kinston, and the local principals. At the three sessions of the conference "Retardation and Elimination in High Schools," various phases of teacher training and other subjects of interest to school officials were discussed. The conference was the second of the kind held here in recent weeks.

## D'ANNUNZIO OUT OF FIUME, SAY RUMORS

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—Paris advices reaching the State Department support rumors that D'Annunzio has left Fiume. It is understood the poet left on a torpedo boat. It is believed he is headed for Dalmatian waters which are under the control of Americans.

## WASHINGTON STATE EXPECT NITTI TO OFFICIALS PREPARE WIN IN ELECTIONS MEET RED CAMPAIGN IN ITALY SUNDAY

### Bolsheviks Alleged Be Concentrating at Timber Camp

## LEGION MEN SWORN IN

### As Special Officers to Resist Expected Attacks—Industrial Workers' Organ Suspended; Editor Under Indictment

(By the United Press)  
Seattle, Nov. 15.—Charged with conspiring to murder former servicemen, 10 alleged I. W. W. members in Centralia jail will be brought to an early trial.

It is reported today that the I. W. W. are concentrating at Cumberland, Washington, an isolated mining town.

National guardsmen were held under arms at Spokane throughout last night. Members of the American Legion have been sworn in as special officers to forestall expected attacks of the Reds.

The Seattle Union Record has suspended until after the trial of Editor Ault and Directors Listman and Rust on the charges of violating the espionage law.

## MEETING LIBRARY ASSOCIATION TUESDAY.

The Kinston Library Association will meet Tuesday afternoon to elect officers. A full attendance is desired. The hour will be announced in subsequent notices.

## BUY WAR-SAVINGS STAMPS.

## COMMUNITY CLUB HELD BIG MEETING BAPTIST CHURCH; MISS WEIL SPEAKS

(By D. T. EDWARDS)  
The November "get-together meeting" of the Kinston Community Club was held Friday night in the Sunday school auditorium of the Baptist Church. It was a great success both from point of attendance and enthusiasm manifested in what was said and done.

The club's guest of the evening was Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro, who made the principal address, using "Social Service" as her subject.

The club and its guests, comprising a large number of Kinston's representative women—with two or three men thrown in for good measure—gathered about three long tables elegantly decorated with carnations, carrying out the color scheme of the decorations, yellow and white. A Feast in Several Respects.

A delightful luncheon was served; and the music department of the club had arranged a musical program of rare merit, consisting of violin selections by Prof. Smith and vocal solos by Mrs. J. A. McDaniel and Miss Evans.

Mrs. Nan Goodson Howard served as toastmaster for the evening; and the aptitude and graciousness with which she discharged her duties were sufficient to satisfy the presumption that she was entirely "at home" in meeting the requirements of the occasion.

After her opening remarks Mrs. Howard read a statement from the club's president, Mrs. S. C. Sitterson, who was unable to take part in the program. The statement disclosed Mrs. Sitterson's high ideal for the club and her breadth of view in her suggestions for the future work to be accomplished.

Preliminary to the evening's address came addresses from the chairmen of the various departments of the club. These are six in number and interesting and valuable reports were made showing what had been accomplished as well as plans and purposes for the future.

The report for the "Child Welfare" department was made by Mrs. H. H. Grainger; "Health" by Mrs. J. K. Wooten; in the absence of the chairman, Mrs. J. S. Spencer; "Music" by Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Jr.; "Education" by Mrs. J. A. Long, who presided the

## PREMIER IN POWER, AND THAT MEANS LOT—HAS TINKERED WITH VOTING LAWS, HOWEVER — WOMEN NOT TO PARTICIPATE YET

(By the United Press)  
Rome, Nov. 15.—While Premier Nitti continues to be subjected to some of the most virulent personal attacks in Italian political history, it is confidently predicted by his supporters that the government will secure a substantial majority at the general elections held tomorrow all over Italy.

The cynics point out Nitti is in power, and that no Italian government in power while an election was held has been defeated at the polls since 1848. If he is defeated, they say, it will be his own fault for tinkering with the electoral law.

For Italy will vote under Nitti's new election law, which is aimed at reducing the power of the political wirepullers and giving the people an extended and more equal franchise. Although woman suffrage was adopted by the last chamber, women will not vote this time as the new law specifically postpones their participation in elections until the next dissolution of parliament, but the electorate will be considerably enlarged, for in addition to granting the vote to all Italians over 21 years of age (except soldiers actually under arms) there is a special provision extending the franchise on this occasion to all citizens who have performed service in the army or navy, regardless of the age limit.

There are still 508 deputies to be elected, as the redeemed provinces are not entitled to representation until the ratification of the treaties with Germany and Austria permits the formal decree of annexation.

## CAROLINA CROPS IN CLOTURE NIPS SEN. UNFAVOR'BLE SHAPE BUT SELLING HIGH

### Thirty Million Pounds Less Than Last Year of Tobacco—Only 19 Bushels Per Acre of Corn—Money Pours In

(Special to The Free Press)  
Raleigh, Nov. 15.—"Due to the unfavorable weather conditions, from the late spring freeze to the recent fall drought, most of our North Carolina crops are considerably short of last year's fine productions, when we stood possibly fifth among crop productions of states." This is according to the State's Cooperative Crop Reporting Service. "We are five million bushels or eight per cent. short in corn. Wheat produced a very short crop of poor quality. Tobacco with a 15 per cent. increase in acreage is estimated to have produced 10 per cent. or thirty millions less pounds than last year's record crop. Other crops have largely the same tendency as reported for November 1 condition. The large favorable factor, however, is the high prices received by producers.

The present prospects are for less than sixty million bushels of corn. The yield per acre is 19 bushels, compared with 21 bushels last year. The quality is 87 or four per cent. less than a year ago. The average price is \$1.83 as against \$1.90 paid in November, 1918.

The high prices being paid are proving to be highly satisfactory to tobacco producers, since they average near 60 cents at this date with heavy marketing. The total production expected is 285,000,000 pounds with quality of 80 per cent. We produced over 320,000,000 pounds last year with 83 per cent. quality. The yield per acre is low, 550 pounds.

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## Choked Wealthy Old Man Before Robbing Him; Threatened Life

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## GREAT DRYDOCK AT CHARLESTON IS A REAL NEED, STATES

### Daniels Defends Expenditure of \$4,000,000 Before Naval Affairs Committee—Only One Tween Norfolk and Canal

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels testifying before the Naval Affairs Committee today defended the action of his department in constructing a drydock at the navy yard at Charleston, S. C., during the war costing \$4,000,000. A bill introduced by Senator Collier would abandon the construction, which is about 50 per cent. completed.

Daniels told the committee the need for the drydock was evidenced by the fact that there was no drydock between Norfolk and Panama that would accommodate ships of the superdreadnaught class.

## COTTON

Futures quotations Saturday were:  
December ..... 36.60 37.03  
January ..... 35.30 36.00  
March ..... 33.75 34.17  
May ..... 32.60 33.77  
Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about 80 bales; prices from 38 3-4 downward.

Beginning Monday the market will open at 11 a. m. on West King Street.

## WETS CARRY FIGHT TO SUPREME COURT

(By the United Press)  
New York, Nov. 15.—The wets today are preparing to carry their fight to the Supreme Court against the Volstead prohibition enforcement law, following the upholding of the act yesterday in a decision handed down by Federal Judge Hand in injunction suits here.

## SPEECHES IN BUD; L'FOLLETTE LAUGHS

### Parliamentary Practice Unpopular With Spellbinders Adopted

## BIG MAJORITY FOR IT

### Mandates Resolution of Lodge Passed by Acclamation — Reservation 5 Up—Senator Farnsworth for Speaking Chuckles

(By the United Press)  
Washington, Nov. 15.—The Senate today voted 78 to 16 to limit debate on the peace treaty. Eleven Republicans and five Democrats voted against the cloture.

Lodge's resolution on the mandates was adopted by acclamation two minutes afterward.

Reservation 5, on domestic questions, was immediately taken up. For the first time in the history of the Senate senators were rendered speechless by the cloture.

LaFollette, famous for long speeches, chuckled audibly every time the rule pinched a colleague.

## Five Clubs for New East Carolina Ball League; One Opening

Representatives of the fans at Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Wilson, Tarboro and Wilmington perfected organization of the new Eastern Carolina Baseball Association at Goldsboro Friday afternoon. W. A. French of Wilmington was elected temporary chairman. One franchise remains open. Kinston would be welcomed in the league. It was originally considered as one of the best towns for a berth in the outfit. Local fans have taken no determined step toward securing a franchise. At a meeting at Goldsboro in the near future applications for the remaining franchise will be considered.

## City Wins in Damage Suit Brought by Farm Owner; Long Hearing

After being in hearing approximately three days the cause of Frank McDaniel vs. City of Kinston was ended in Superior Court late Friday with a judgment for the defendant. McDaniel alleged that municipal improvements in Northeast Kinston had increased and accelerated the flow of water in "the Adala," a creek, causing the land on which he had farmed profitably to be damaged by inundation. The jury visited the scene and returned to return the plaintiff damages. The decision was of much interest. It is said similar suits had been threatened by others.