

THE WEEK'S EVENTS

IMPORTANT NEWS OF STATE, NATION AND THE WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record of Happenings of Interest From All Parts of The World

Domestic

John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Bureau in Washington, says a pan-American treaty to secure peace on the western hemisphere is urgent and important.

The strike in Kansas City of the tramway of the Kansas City Railway company has given serious.

Gathering mistletoe in a tree-top for his mother, Lyman Hearn, an Eaton ton, Ga. boy, touched a live wire, and was instantly electrocuted.

Responsibility for the disposition of the surplus stocks of equipment and supplies acquired by the war department during the war has been assumed by Assistant Secretary Crowell, at the request of President Wilson.

The second section of the Dixie Flyer, which recently left Chattanooga, Tenn., was wrecked six miles this side of Chattanooga as a result of spreading rails, which caused the locomotive, tender, two mail coaches and the baggage car to leave the track.

The will of Miss Mary Castis Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, was admitted to probate in Washington, D. C., recently with the register of wills, in which she made bequests to Virginia institutions and relatives aggregating \$157,000.

European

A report sent out from Copenhagen says the former German embassy will hardly live to see the new year.

The Sinn Feiners of Ireland want to meet President Wilson, and have invited him to listen to their side of the question.

The Montenegrins are hot after their king. They don't like his flight from the country when they had to give up to the central powers.

Bulgarian troops fired on the Greeks near Throussa and wounded three Greek soldiers. The Greeks returned the fire and went over the top.

Reports are to the effect that Russian teachers are studying all the languages of the earth in order to teach the philosophy of the Russian revolution to the world.

The whole Russian question of Russia is under serious consideration by the allies. No plan has been formulated, however, because President Wilson has not yet made known his views.

It is now that Germany will found a republic. The executive head will have authority midway between that of the president of the United States and the present king of Great Britain.

K. von Buch, German minister to Luxembourg since March, 1914, has, together with his advisers, been expelled from the country by the grand ducal government.

Legislation authorizing increase of the permanent enlisted strength of the navy from 131,000 men to 217,000 has been recommended to the house naval affairs committee by Capt. H. Laning, acting chief of the bureau of navigation.

We are told that German propaganda is still rampant in the United States. It is being directed, according to the report by a German professor at the Hague, and is trying to kindle animosity between the United States and her associates in the war.

The director of the Russian information bureau in New York says that Russia lost eight million men before she quit the war. Three million of these were killed and one million disabled for life.

TO SHEAR SHEEP BY MACHINE

Inexperienced Person Can Do Work Very Nicely—More Wool Obtained Than by Hand.

To shear sheep by hand takes an experienced man, but with a machine an inexperienced person can do the work nicely. A good machine costs less than \$12, and more wool can be obtained than through shearing by hand.

Reports current in Washington are that the people of the United States are supposed to read correctly the public barometer and write their wishes into law, will violently oppose the sinking of a developed plan as to the disposition, but many say it would be wasteful waste to sink such fine ships.

Declaring that the widest diversity of opinion exists regarding formation of a league of nations and on the definition of freedom of the seas, Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, formerly secretary of state, in an address to the senate, urged postponement of these questions until after the peace conference.

Amsterdam hears that a revolution has broken out in Bulgaria, and is in full swing. German soldiers, according to reports from French officers in Berlin, are returning home like conquerors. They are singing Deutschland über Alles with all the enthusiasm of victors, and are bedecked with flowers like gladiators of old.

A. J. Sack, director of the Russian information bureau, recently told the New York Foreign Commerce Club that Russia's physical condition was due to exhaustion from war in behalf of democratic ideals. She is littered with seas of blood and tears, and further, millions of her people are facing death, this time from starvation. She exhausted her food supply from the war.

There is much speculation as to what will be the final outcome in Germany. Many believe the peace of the world will best be subserved by keeping a strong central government as opposed to a league of states like, for instance the "joke league" of Italian states.

Under the spur of war, general production in the United States has reached the unprecedented value of \$5,019,948,000 in 1917, exceeding by 47 1/2 per cent the previous record made in 1917.

Don Leopoldo Ochoa, Spanish vice consul at Purandiro, state of Michoacan, Mexico, recently was assassinated by a captain of the Mexican government forces, according to stories told in Havana, Cuba on the arrival from Mexico of the steamer Estrada Palma.

It is reported that Emiliano Zapata, a rebel, has captured the Jalisco, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, and rebels are reported to be constantly attacking trains running between Mexico and Vera Cruz and removing from them executing Carranza soldier escorts.

The general opinion expressed in all quarters toward the south is that the Carranza government in Mexico is slowly tottering.

The latest report from Mexico is that followers of Felix Diaz are contemplating a revolution.

The American battleship squadron attached to the British grand fleet displayed a spirit of true comradeship throughout its period of service, declared Admiral Sir David Beatty, the commander-in-chief of the grand fleet, in a farewell address on board the U. S. S. New York, on December 1, the day the squadron was detached from the grand fleet. All hands had been called to muster on the fore-castle to hear Admiral Beatty.

President Wilson gave his personal impressions at a meeting with representatives of the American press of his experiences thus far in France. At the same time announcement was made that the members of the American commission to negotiate peace would meet daily with the press.

"I am confident that the big council of statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems that will be presented to them, and thus win the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered," said President Wilson, in an interview, referring to the approaching peace conference.

It is the observation of all statesmen in all countries that President Wilson is truly representing the American people abroad regardless of political or other sentiments. His conviction that "we have got to put our heads together and pool everything we have got for the benefit of the ideals which are common to all," has almost become the shibboleth of the Labor Party of Great Britain.

President Wilson says the Versailles congress was a conference of "bosses," and further opines that we have advanced too far to permit the conference for worldpeace to be anything more than a meeting place of the sergents of the peoples represented by delegates. "There is no master mind who can, alone and unaided, settle the problems of today. If there is anybody who thinks he knows what is in the minds of all peoples, that man is a fool."

The royal castle in Coblenz, to prevent the removal of valuables, is being guarded by American troops.

It was owing to the action of the Russian Bolsheviks that hundreds of thousands of German troops were let loose to hurl themselves against our men on the western front. It was owing to their betrayal that Roumania with all its rich resources in grain and oil fell into the hands of the Germans. This is the explanation the British secretary of war offers for the keeping of allied troops in Russia.

Undoubtedly Kerensky and his followers want to represent Russia in the peace conference, but whether their status will be recognized is entirely another question.

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Many Small Potatoes Wasted. There are nearly 120,000,000 bushels of small potatoes wasted in the United States every year, all of which could be used in making bread.

Hope against hope, and ask till ye receive.—James Montgomery.

HERALD'S REVIEW of NORTH CAROLINA A Record Of Important Events At The Capitol And Throughout The State, Reported For Herald Readers

\$333,523.80 TURNED OVER TO TREASURY

REVENUE DERIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S OFFICE FOR BIENNIAL PERIOD.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Things And Happenings That Mark The Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

For the two year period ending November 30, 1918, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state, has turned over to the state treasury a total of \$333,523.80 in fees and taxes according to his biennial report prepared for the Governor and the General Assembly.

The largest item in the list, by all odds, of course, is the revenue obtained from automobile registration. Total, \$121,778.83 in 1917 and \$422,799.74 in 1918, representing the automobiles and motor vehicles in operation during that time.

At the end of the automobile year, June 30, 1918, there were 73,809 automobiles registered, 1,491 motorcycles, and 497 dealers. At the same period in 1917 there were 62,372 automobiles registered, 1,432 motorcycles and 601 dealers. There have been registered at the close of the fiscal year, November 30, 1918, a total of 72,211 automobiles, representing an increase of more than 10,000 over the total registered for the year which ended June 30, 1917.

The payments to the treasury represent funds derived from the following sources:

Table with columns for 1917 and 1918, listing various revenue sources like Automobiles, Corporation tax, Foreign corporations, etc.

Farm Lands for Soldiers. A special from Washington says: "There is lots of talk about the plan of the departments of the interior and labor to settle the returning soldiers on lands that are now unused. As has been reported before, agents are at work in Southern states, locating tracts of tillable soil. The investigation and inspection service is now being into North and South Carolina with agents to list unoccupied usable farm lands by county, township and section, giving the nearest market and general postoffice address, and further identifying the land by the name of the owner. This will be supplemented by statements covering the entire county, as to the general topography, nature of the soil, etc. This information will then be in the department of labor so that the returning soldier or any other person seeking employment through the land will be able to locate definitely where those unoccupied lands are."

North Carolina Gaining. Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, is rejoicing over North Carolina's splendid stride the next year in taking seventh place among the states of the Union in the matter of the money value of farm crops. Her record is shown by the government report, just out, to be \$37,450,000, there being only six states in all the country with higher records. This does not include the value of the truck crops or such products as soy beans and mameos of the other special crops that North Carolina has developed the past years in very considerable scale.

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Saved \$5,024 in Food. Despite the fact that the epidemic of influenza made it very hard to carry on a rat-killing contest in Rutherford county, Mr. C. C. Proffitt, county agent, reports that the boys and girls in his county did kill a total of 4,012 food rats during the contest which he recently conducted. Authorities of the agricultural extension service at Raleigh figure that a single rat will destroy \$2 worth of food in a year. According to this, Rutherford county has saved \$8,024 worth of food by the simple elimination of 4,012 rats.

Some New Corporations. Certificates of incorporation were filed in the office of the secretary of state for the following corporations: Farmers Ginney, Inc., of Laurel Hill, with \$50,000 authorized capital and \$10,000 subscribed. The incorporators are J. D. McDonald, J. M. Patterson and Edwin Morgan, all of Laurel Hill.

Liberty Savings Bank of Wilmington, with \$25,000 authorized capital and \$25,000 subscribed. The incorporators are Ralph Harrett, J. C. Rourke and W. L. Gore, all of Wilmington.

Fortunate Chief of Police. Charlotte.—Just before the clock struck the hour of 12 Chief Neal Elliott, of the Charlotte police department, was presented with a gold watch and chain at an informal meeting of members of the department. No speeches were made. The watch was presented to Chief Elliott by Desk Sergeant White, who expressed the thanks of the department for the courtesies of Chief Elliott during the time he has been chief, and for his fellowship when he was sergeant of the night squad.

Governor Visits Salisbury. Salisbury.—Governor T. W. Bickett spent the day in Salisbury in the interest of the million dollar endowment movement for Baptist schools and colleges in North Carolina. In spite of very inclement weather and the influenza scare, the First Baptist church was well filled to hear the governor. He presented his subject in such a manner that at the conclusion of his address, Dr. C. A. Owens, the pastor, was able in 10 minutes to raise \$3,050 of the \$5,000 that is expected of this congregation.

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SEVERAL AUTOMOBILES TAKEN

Blind Tigers and Blockaders Also Come to Grief, Losing Number of Autos and Rigs.

Statesville.—The monthly report for November, of Revenue Agent Vanderford of Greensboro, showing in detail the activities of the revenue raiders who operate in the fifth district of North Carolina and destroy illicit stills and seize untax-paid whiskey, has been received at the office of Collector A. D. Waits, and shows that for the month a total of 91 seizures were made by the officers. Of that number, 78 were blockade stills and the remainder were persons hauling blockade whiskey around the country without its having had the necessary revenue tax paid thereon. In nearly every one of the 13 seizures for transporting untax-paid whiskey, the government also seized an automobile, the cars ranging from humble autos to the finest cars made.

Liberty Savings Bank. Wilmington.—A new financial institution is the Liberty Savings Bank, to be located on South Front street, in the heart of the retail and market district, where a neat new building has been finished. The capital will be \$25,000 paid in, and it will attend strictly to savings accounts, watching for the day laborer who hasn't and the savings habit, and helping him with his Liberty bond and W. S. S. affairs. Hours will be such as to afford the greatest convenience to the workers, especially shipyard men. Ralph Street, general manager of the Carolina shipyard, Thomas E. Cooper, big banker of the city; W. L. Gore, banker of Whiteville, and others of the city are interested. It is said Joseph C. Rourke will be cashier.

Airplane is Wrecked. Greensboro.—A Curtiss airplane was wrecked here when Lieut. J. W. Cantwell and Sgt. B. Wanaker, who were in the machine escaped injury. They were en route from Emerson field, Columbia, to Norfolk. They left Fayetteville intending to go to Raleigh, but missed their way. They stopped here for gas and oil and the accident occurred as they were leaving. The engine is the only part of the machine now of any value.

Knights Templar Services. Charlotte.—An address by Rev. J. H. Henderson, D. D., pastor of First Presbyterian church, of Gastonia, featured the Christmas day services of Charlotte Commandery, Knights Templar which were held at the Masonic temple. The traditional toast to the President of the United States, the grand eminent commander, all Knights Templar who fell in France and Belgium in the world war, and to peace, were given.

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QUARANTINE IS AGAIN LIFTED

Statesville Extremely Fortunate in Its Experience With Influenza, Suffering But Few Deaths.

Statesville.—Mayor L. B. Bristol Tuesday announced the lifting of the quarantine in Statesville, which has been in effect since October 3—and which was put on in an effort to prevent the spread of influenza. The lifting of the quarantine applies to every thing—moving picture shows, churches, schools and any other public gathering which the inhabitants of the community wish to engage in. The quarantine will not be put back on unless the epidemic reaches such a state that the town officials feel it to be necessary. Statesville has gotten off exceedingly light as compared with other localities, there having been less than half a dozen deaths from the disease within the corporate limits of the town, and very few cases of pneumonia.

Gold Watch for Lt. Col. Renn. Charlotte.—When Lt. Col. George A. Renn, the commanding officer of the base hospital, at Camp Greene, took his seat at the breakfast table Christmas morning, he found at his plate a small velvet case, and in that case a gold wrist watch on which is engraved: "Lt. Col. Geo. A. Renn, M. C. U. S. A. Base Hospital, Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C. Christmas, 1918."

The watch is a gift from the officers and others at the base hospital and is a token of the affectionate regard in which Colonel Renn is held by those of his command. The presentation was made by Major J. H. Way, who is noted throughout North Carolina for his gift of speech and bonhomie.

Landmark to Disappear. Wilmington.—The antiquated ferry service over the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Brunswick county is to be superseded by a modern ferry operated at nominal charges, if the representatives in the legislature from New Hanover and the senatorial district follow a resolution adopted by the New Hanover commissioners, who request that a bill be put through requiring the two counties to absorb the ferry property, charter and all, and establish a modern ferry, this county to bear two-thirds and Brunswick county one-third of the cost. The city would divide with New Hanover and bear a third.

Extradition Papers Wanted. Wilmington.—Memories of frenzied finance in high social life have been stirred here by a letter from Mrs. Lemassena, of Baltimore, to the sheriff, demanding that the North Carolina law reach forth to London and apprehend one Mrs. Alan Nickols, who Mrs. Lemassena indicted several years ago on charges of embezzling some \$30,000 of her money. Mrs. Nickols got in bad here financially, after a notable social career, and Mrs. Lemassena alleged that while handling funds for her as a sort of financial manager, she spent her fortune. The lady left and entered a sanitarium in Richmond, it being given out she was insane. Subsequently she disappeared. A month ago some enterprising American correspondent in London sent back to Buffalo a long article about how Mrs. Nickols was "mothering" all the boys in uniform, and making them forget their homesickness in the big American club, where with ladies high in English society, she looked after the doughboys. Evidently Mrs. Lemassena read the story, for having located her erstwhile friend, she wants Sheriff Jackson to go and arrest her.

High Scores for Nurses. Wilmington.—The secretary of the Board of Examiners of Trained Nurses of North Carolina has announced the result of the examination for 1918. Miss Elizabeth Hutchins, of Winston-Salem, won the highest honor with a percentage of 95.12 per cent. Sister Catherine Newman, of St. Leo's hospital, Greensboro, was second with an average of 94 per cent. The next eight finished in the following order: Cora Belle McHone, Kattie W. Hatcher, Cora Louise Moffatt, Edith Carr, Cora Potrie, Reuile Edith Williams, Eva Gray Cooper, Bessie I. Stevenson and Annie Lee McArthur.

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A RECOMMENDATION

MEANING MISCHIEF

RAILROAD REPRESENTATIVES OF 92 PER CENT OF MILEAGE OF THE COUNTRY PROTEST.

DEMORALIZATION IS CERTAIN

Time Given Under Present Act Considered Ample in Which to Work Out Plan Just to All.

Philadelphia.—Railroad executives representing 125 roads and 92 per cent of the mileage of the country gave out a formal statement in which they declared that Director General McAdoo's suggestion that the government retain control of the railroads until January, 1924, "would simply lead to delay and confusion, demoralization of the organization of the roads both on their corporate and operating side, and defer indefinitely a satisfactory settlement" of the railroad problem.

The executives, the statement said, have reached the conclusion that "there is sufficient time under the terms of the present act to fully consider the railroad situation in all its aspects and arrive at a plan that would be just to the country."

The statement was given out by Thomas McWitt Cuyler, of the association of railway executives. The statement follows: "The standing committee of the association of railway executives have considered the letter of the director general to the chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the senate and house, and have reached the conclusion that there is sufficient time under the terms of the present act to fully consider the railroad situation in all its aspects and arrive at a plan that would be just to the country as represented by its shippers and the public at large and on the other hand to the security holders and shareholders and employees of the railroads."

Washington.—Neither the end of hostilities nor proposals for a league of nations has altered the policy of the general board of the navy in regard to making the American navy second to none in the world. Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, chairman of the executive committee of the board, told the house naval affairs committee that the navy should be equal to that of any other nation by 1925 and urged that sufficient appropriations to make this possible be made by Congress.

"The general board believes that under the present world conditions and the conditions likely to obtain in the future," Admiral Badger said, "the United States navy should steadily continue to increase."

"Navies must be the principal support of a league of nations, and the United States, from its wealth, influence and power, will be called upon to contribute a large share of the international police force to render such a league effective."

UNABLE TO FORMULATE PLAN FOR FIGHTING INFLUENZA

Chicago.—Unable to formulate a definite plan for fighting influenza because of divergent views, the American Public Health Association, before it adjourned, gave out copies of all the medical and scientific data presented during the four-day discussion with an explanation that different epidemics required separate treatments.

"The various communities for which we are working will know that we have at hand the best available information science has yet discovered concerning the disease," said Dr. Charles J. Hastings, retiring president. "We cannot expect to draw up a different program for combatting influenza epidemics when we see so wide a divergence of opinion among medical authorities as has been shown here."

SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE GERMAN REPUBLIC

Stockholm.—A Stockholm report says the presence of cavalry lifeguard regiments under General Lequist stationed at Potsdam had caused anxiety in Berlin until these troops entered the city and took oath to support the present government until the national assembly convened. General Lequist also swearing allegiance to the republic. The situation is thereby much improved, and apprehension allayed.

BRITISH ARMY HAS MANY HORSES TO DISPOSE OF

London.—The British army is about to begin with the disposal of three-quarters of a million horses. The loss of horses in 1915 was 1445 per cent; in 1916, 14 per cent; in 1917, 27 per cent, an increase due to heavy fighting and night bombing. As many horses as possible are to be sold in England.

The army has 10,000 mules in England, which the people do not want, buying mules being unpopular.

Potato Butter. Fourteen ounces of mashed potatoes added to two ounces of butter will produce one pound of a very palatable and highly nutritious food. It can be colored to improve its appearance, and if kept for any length of time it should have added to it some butter preservative. A pound of potato butter will cost only about ten cents. There are butter substitutes now sold that are wholesome and, when colored, can hardly be told from real butter. But this is the cheapest yet that we have seen knowledge of.