

## QUICK PASSAGE OF THE AMENDMENT

### TO ERDMAN LAW IN ACCORD WITH AGREEMENT

Which Averted the Strike of the Trainmen—House Will Pass Bill This Afternoon—President Will Sign It at Once and Name Mediators.—Trying to Make Campaign Capital Out of Bryan's Statement, Mulhall Still Before the Committee.

Washington, July 15.—The way is greased in the House for the immediate passage this afternoon of the Newlands amendment to the Erdman law in accordance with the agreement which averted the threatened trainmen's strike. President Wilson will sign the bill and immediately announce the names of the mediators agreed upon by himself and his cabinet today.

Republican Congressmen are planning to make campaign material out of Secretary Bryan's statement that his salary of \$12,000 a year is insufficient.

With Colonel Mulhall's direct testimony approaching an end the Senate lobby committee hoped to decide the perplexing question of whether to permit attorneys to cross examine him. The National Association of Manufacturers indicated that it will attempt to break down his story by alleging revenge as his motive.

Mulhall was on the stand for six hours yesterday. In that time nearly 600 letters, telegrams, and scraps of memoranda were identified by him with hardly more than a glance. He remembered apparently the first names of members of Congress, of lesser politicians, of labor leaders and members of societies to congressmen and of all the men he had worked with through a year of most active campaigning in many parts of the country. His performance secured so remarkable to lawyers present that they sat all through a long day intently watching the witness and listening closely to the tales and every word that the witness uttered in the brief cross examination that accompanied some of them.

The threatened rupture between the senate and house committee apparently ended today with a friendly agreement subscribed to by both sides. Under this arrangement the senate committee will finish its examination of Mulhall before he is turned over to the house; it will also put in the record all the Mulhall correspondence it cares to.

The house lobby investigators, armed with copies of Mulhall papers, are too busy today to begin hearings. They read an informal conference and held over the correspondence. The National Association of Manufacturers refused to turn their papers over as requested until a burglar-proof safe is furnished.

### ST. SWITHIN'S DAY.

#### If It Rains Today Forty Days of Rain Will Follow.

Washington, July 15.—Although being scientists—they scorned the superstition, some of Uncle Sam's best weather-sharps curiously enough marked down today a day of weather for reference during the next two score days.

This is St. Swithin's Day. Ancient English legends have it that if it rains today there will be forty days of rain to follow, and that if it remains clear there will follow forty days of clear weather. There was a St. Swithin all right, back in the days of long ago and the legend is older than the hills. That seems to be as far as it goes, for one of the ruthlessly unromantic weather bureau sharps today looked up the dope for the same day for twenty years back, and had this to say:

"St. Swithin falls in a month in which more rain falls here in Washington than during any other period of the year. Nevertheless, the records show that taking the average for twenty years, of the forty days which follow July 15, the greater part were rainy when St. Swithin's Day was a fine old day. There never have been forty consecutive days of rain or clear weather following St. Swithin's Day, as far as I can learn."

### Mr. Bryan is Stung By Criticisms

Washington, July 15.—Secretary Bryan, stung by the criticisms of his lecture statement that his salary is insufficient, it is announced would issue a statement explaining his exact meaning. He will deny that he meant that government officials should have higher salaries and will explain that what he intended was to convey the impression that the cost of his expenses in keeping a home at Lincoln had forced him to add to his salary.

### SALESBURY DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

#### To Be Held in the Handsome Methodist Church at Mount Pleasant.

The Salesbury district conference will be held in the Methodist church at Mt. Pleasant, July 22-24. Rev. W. R. Ware will preside. The delegates from the Mt. Pleasant charge are: T. F. Shinn, P. L. Widenhouse, R. L. Hartsell, J. L. Petrea, Nathan Krimminger, with the following alternates: J. H. W. Eady, J. H. Bost, J. D. Bough and G. C. Shinn.

The Salesbury district is a large and growing one. It has 8,879 members, 1,078 joined the church in this district last year. The church property is valued at \$229,280. Last year the district paid for ministerial support \$20,511.82, and for missions \$6,327.38. The total received for all purposes in the district last year was \$48,877.52. The women in their missionary organizations have 489 members and raised last year for missions \$2,548.32, being \$5.21 per member. There are in the district 63 Sunday schools with 8,339 members, raising last year \$4,482.33. The Salesbury district is only one of the twenty-two districts in North Carolina.

We copy the following from the North Carolina Christian Advocate:

We take great pleasure in presenting to Advocate readers cuts of our church and parsonage at Mount Pleasant, together with an opportunity to look into the face of the pastor, Rev. C. F. Sherrill. The people of Mt. Pleasant are noted for their loyalty and zeal and we are not surprised to learn of the progress they are making under the leadership of Brother Sherrill. They have paid off the indebtedness on their parsonage and made substantial improvements on their church at a cost of several hundred dollars. The parsonage and church make an ideal home for Methodism in this old colony town.

St. Paul's Church was recently dedicated by Rev. W. R. Ware, the presiding Elder. This church has just paid off a debt of several years standing and the congregation contemplates putting in quartered oak circular pews. Friendship has made an order for new pews and will make other improvements. A modern church with class rooms will be erected by the Center Grove congregation as soon as the people can decide upon the location.

Five missionary societies have been organized this year. Altogether it is a note of progress which comes to us from the Mount Pleasant charge, and the people of Mt. Pleasant will keep open houses to the Salesbury District Conference which is to meet there July 22-24.

### DEATH OF MR. W. H. THOMPSON

#### Occurred Early This Morning at Rosemary, N. C.—Was Member of Large Birmingham Contracting Firm.

A telegram was received here this morning stating that Mr. W. H. Thompson, of Birmingham, Ala., died this morning at Rosemary, N. C. Mr. Thompson had been in declining health for some time but until a few days ago when he went to Rosemary he continued to look after his various business interests. His condition at Rosemary and his death, as above noted, occurred early this morning.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the firm of T. C. Thompson & Bro., large contractors of Birmingham, and was active in the management of the firm's business. He was well known in Concord and throughout this section, having spent considerable time here when his firm was building the large textile plants at Kannapolis.

Mr. T. C. Thompson arrived here last night and received the message announcing his brother's death this morning. Mr. Thompson left this afternoon for Charlotte in automobile with Mr. M. L. Cannon and will go from there to Rosemary to accompany the remains to Birmingham.

### Miss Inez Milholland Married.

London, July 15.—Miss Inez Milholland's marriage is confirmed by the family but they refused to say who is the husband of the famous New York beauty suffragette. Miss Milholland announced that her husband is Eugene Boissevain, of Amsterdam, Holland. It is said that she was married last Friday. The groom is wealthy, and met his bride last winter.

### Fighting in China.

Washington, July 15.—Fierce fighting between northern government forces and insurgents in Kiangsi province, China, is reported to the State Department. Many foreigners in the troubled zone, but it is reported that there is no anti-foreign sentiment. Six war ships of different nations are near the place of the revolution.

### Conference of Farmers' Institutes.

Raleigh, July 15.—Preparatory to holding institutes throughout the State, farmers' institute workers opened a conference here today. It will continue throughout Friday, discussing every modern method of farming and housekeeping.



Methodist Church at Mount Pleasant, Where the Salesbury District Conference Will Be Held Next Week.



Methodist Parsonage at Mount Pleasant.

### IN OLD VIRGINIA.

#### Some Observations of Rev. W. T. Albright, Who is Off on His Vacation.

On the morning of July 4 I left Concord on No. 44, and coming by way of Lynchburg and Roanoke, reached this, Catawba Valley, on Saturday, the 5th, about 12 o'clock. This is a very beautiful and fertile part of Virginia, about ten or twelve miles west of Roanoke, as the bird flies, situated in Botetourt county. The nights are pleasant, this being among the mountains, a part of the Blue Ridge chain. The seasons are some three weeks later than in Calhoun. The farmers raise corn, wheat, oats (which are now being harvested) buck wheat, hogs, cattle, live horses and boys and girls of the fine robust mountain type. In this valley are to be seen some very valuable farms, especially for grazing. I judge from observation that three-fourths of the cleared land is in orchard grass, timothy or clover, and I never saw finer pastures or fatter and sleeker cattle.

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So joyous were things that the Tar Heel Pine Tree brought from Wilmington was trampled down and the Tar Heel ensign was waved until it looked as if it had been through the war.

(The late Mr. W. B. Bradford, of this county, brought the other half of the flag home with him from the war. He prized it highly as a relic and it was in his possession when he died, but members of the local camp of Confederate Veterans state that it was lost when the Bradford home was destroyed by fire a few years ago.—Editor.)

### Marking Confederate Graves.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 15.—A philanthropist whose name has not been made public recently donated money sufficient to provide bronze tablets to mark the graves of more than 1,000 Confederate soldiers in the cemetery here. The first of these tablets were placed today. The graves of the soldiers have been unmarked since the original wooden head posts rotted away years ago.

To Charlotte Medical Journal company, of Charlotte, amends its charter so as to issue \$2,800 in preferred stock. Dr. W. O. Nesbit is president.

### CAPTURED CONFEDERATE FLAG IS RETURNED.

#### Yankees of a New York Regiment Give Back North Carolina Ensign.

Gettysburg, Pa., July 12.—H. M. Fitzgerald, a member of a New York regiment during the war, came into the North Carolina camp today and asked J. D. Irving if it was true that Company A's flag had been captured in the first days' battle here. It was lost in the morning. In the afternoon the staff was recaptured with half of the flag clinging to it. That half that is in the possession of the company, has twenty-seven bullet holes in it.

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### Mrs. Linn Sues for \$15,000.

Mrs. Maggie Linn, administrator of her late husband, Edward Linn, of Landis, has entered suit in the sum of \$15,000 against the Cannon Manufacturing Company at Kannapolis and the T. C. Thompson Company, the latter having the contract to build the mills for the above company, on account of the death of her husband as a carpenter for the contractor in the mill last November. Mr. Linn was instantly killed by a large piece of timber striking his head.

### Senator Bacon is Unopposed.

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—The first election of a United States Senator by direct vote of the people is being held in Georgia today, when a successor to Senator Augustus O. Bacon will be chosen under the provisions of the newly ratified 17th amendment to the federal constitution. Senator Bacon, who was nominated to succeed himself at a recent Democratic primary, is unopposed for reelection.

### First New Cotton Sold.

New York, July 14.—The first bale of cotton of the 1913 crop was sold at auction on the New York Cotton Exchange today for 20 cents a pound. The money goes to charity. The bale weighing 505 pounds, was raised at Lyford, Cameron county, Texas, and was shipped through Houston.

Mr. J. G. Harkley, of No. 7 township, will leave this evening for Richmond, where he will accept a position with the street car company.

### FOREST HILL NEWS.

#### Mr. George Ridenhour Goes Back to Sanatorium.—Mr. Mabry Better.—Personal and Other News.

Mrs. Jno. Potts and children have returned to their home in Fort Mill, S. C., after visiting at the home of Mrs. H. C. Raimer.

Mrs. Mack Foster has returned to her home in Greensboro, after spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Wood. Miss Carrie Petrea, who is attending King's Business College in Charlotte, spent Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Petrea.

Misses C. W. and Vic Widenhouse, Jason Fisher and D. W. McLemore spent yesterday in Charlotte, traveling in Mr. McLemore's machine. Mrs. C. W. Sides and children, Misses Ida and Lillian Sides, have returned from a week's visit to relatives at Graham.

Mr. J. E. Wright, of the Indian Refining Company, spent Sunday in Concord with friends. Mr. Wright will move his family to Concord this week from Cliffside.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Robbins have returned from a two weeks' vacation trip spent with friends and relatives in Newton and Waynesville.

Mrs. Albert Shinn and children, of Salisbury, are spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins.

Mr. R. D. Mabry, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte last week, is reported as improving very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith and children are spending ten days in Waynesville at the home of Mr. W. A. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bangle and Miss Netta Watkins, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Concord with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins.

Mrs. C. G. Ridenhour and Mr. Geo. Ridenhour went over to Charlotte yesterday, where Mr. Ridenhour will re-enter the Presbyterian Hospital and undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. R. P. Lett, of Fayetteville, is spending a few days here with her sister, Mrs. D. E. Cook. Mrs. Lett was called here by the death of her mother, Mrs. Levina Baile.

Mr. W. A. Wilkinson is spending the day in Charlotte on business.

Mrs. Joe McCommons and children have returned from a two weeks' visit to relatives at Mooresville.

Miss May Crouch has returned to her home here after spending three weeks in Charlotte at the home of Mrs. R. G. Bruton.

Mrs. Mitchell Clontz, of Greensboro, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Settlemyer, on North Church street.

Mr. P. A. Bangle, of Charlotte, spent a short while here last week with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Petrea.

### THERE WILL BE NO STRIKE OF TRAINMEN.

Both Sides Agree to Arbitrate Their Differences.—White House Conference.

Washington, July 14.—Representatives of the 80,000 conductors and trainmen of eastern railways who have voted to strike for higher wages and managing officers of the railroad agreed at the White House today to submit their differences to arbitration under the provisions of the Newlands-Clayton act, which President Wilson and congressional leaders promised to make law by tomorrow night. In the meantime no strike will be declared, officials of the employes' brotherhoods agreeing to an armistice until Wednesday night.

This victory for arbitration over the strike was the result of a two hour conference at the White House between President Wilson and congressional leaders, both Republican and Democrats, the presidents and managers of the railroads and representatives of the Brotherhoods of Trainmen and Conductors. The agreement not only averted, temporarily, at least, the strike which threatened to tie up railroad traffic generally in the east, but smoother out differences of opinion as to the composition of the board of mediation and provided a permanent commission to deal with railroad disputes.

### And Only Grape Juice Served.

Asheville, July 14.—Strange as it may seem, there were eight hats left at the Grove Park Inn, following the opening banquet Saturday night. This is strange from the fact that it is reported that nothing stronger than grape juice was used at the banquet; otherwise it would not be hard to account for their being left behind. The management of the inn has no use for the hats and the owners can get them by calling for them.

### Cotton Exports.

Washington, July 14.—A special census crop report today gave the following estimates for cotton exportation during June: Consumed, 406,914 running bales. In manufacturing establishments on June 30, 1,296,857 bales, and in independent warehouses 617,519 bales. Imports, 8,023 equivalent 500-pound bales; exports, 223,021 running bales. Spindles active during June, 30,057,916.

## FOURTH EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT

### IS BEING HELD IN THE STATE CAPITAL TODAY.

Presidents of Four Railroads and Traffic Managers Meet Governor and the Corporation Commission.—Little Accomplished This Morning.—Will Meet Again at 2:30.—Conference Was Arranged by Corporation Commission.—Railroads Wanted Governor Craig Present.

Raleigh, July 15.—In the fourth effort to reach an agreement in the interstate freight rate controversy, the presidents of four railroads and a number of traffic managers met in conference with the Governor and members of the corporation commission at 11 o'clock today. The railroads have offered what they claim to be substantial reductions, and believe that an acceptance of them by the State will put an end to the complications of North Carolina merchants. Presidents Finney, of the Southern, Harahan, of the Seaboard, Hix of the Norfolk Southern, and Porter, of the Clinchfield, are here.

When the conference recessed at noon it was announced that nothing had been accomplished, though the matters at issue were informally discussed. The conference resumes at 2:30. It is believed that there is little likelihood of an agreement this afternoon. The Governor made it clear that he sat with the commission by invitation of the railroads. The Governor invited the council of State to meet in the conference.

The conference is said to have been arranged by the corporation commission at the request of the railroads which wanted Governor Craig present. It is believed that an adjustment of the question as suggested by the commission is acceptable to the people will not be acceptable by the railroads, which countered with another proposition.

### CABARRUS COUNTY VETERANS' RECORDS

#### Being Secured by Mr. G. E. Kestler With a View to Publishing Historical Sketch.

Mr. G. E. Kestler has been for a long time taking an interest in the part Cabarrus played in the Civil War, devoting his time to securing data concerning the soldiers who volunteered from Cabarrus. As a result of his efforts Mr. Kestler has secured a number of records that will be of interest to the people here and, provided he receives the co-operation of the veterans and the sons of veterans, he hopes to be able to issue a historical sketch of the Cabarrus veterans and the part they played in the great struggles between the States. Mr. Kestler's record, so far obtained, shows that 1,500 men volunteered from this county to the Confederate army. He has not yet been able to secure the number killed. He is working on this part of the record now and any information bearing on the subject will be welcomed by him. There is a movement on foot to organize a camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans here and, if the organization is perfected with a large enrollment, it can be of valuable service in securing and issuing the history of the Cabarrus veterans.

### COLORED CHILD IS BURNED TO DEATH.

#### Horrible Death on Monday Near the Morehead Place.

On Monday afternoon about three o'clock, a grand child of Jane Berry, colored, who lives on Mr. W. D. Harry's farm (the old Morehead place) was so horribly burned that death resulted in less than two hours. The woman left the two children, aged two and four years, at the house while she worked in the field. The older child in some way got a kerosene oil can, poured the contents on the younger one and stuck a match to it. The child, covered with flames, tried to run to its grandmother, but soon fell. It was so badly burned before help could reach it that, as stated, death soon resulted. The child's mother lives in Winston-Salem.

### The Wilkes-Barre Tragedy.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 15.—Four men in a boat who were seen on the lake at the time John and Alice Crispell were near the boat house have been located, but no evidence connecting them with the tragedy has been unearthed. There is expected to be no progress in the case until the habeas corpus proceedings in Johns case tomorrow.

One of Mr. Waite's first acts as collector was the appointment of N. L. Cranford, of Winston-Salem, and part owner of the Journal as deputy collector and chief clerk of the stamp office in Winston-Salem, to succeed Harry E. Nissen, who has held the position for several years. The salary of the chief clerk is \$3,400 a year and his assistant \$1,300.