

HEAVY VOTE BEING POLLED IN THE NINTH

In the Special Election to Select Successor to E. Yates Webb, Who Was Appointed Federal Judge.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS THE LEADING ISSUE

Mr. Hoey, Democratic Candidate, Supports Treaty.—Many Prominent Democrats Spoke For Him.

(By The Associated Press.) Charlotte, Dec. 16.—A heavy vote is being cast today in a special election in the Ninth Congressional district of North Carolina to elect a successor to Representative E. Y. Webb, democrat, who resigned to accept the appointment as Federal Judge. Clyde R. Hoey, democrat, is contesting the seat with John M. Marchand, republican, former representative in Congress.

The league of nations was made one of the leading issues in campaign, Mr. Hoey announcing his support of the peace treaty. Prominent administration officials who came into the district to speak for Mr. Hoey included Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who led the fight for the treaty in the senate.

The polls will close at 5:15, sunset. The democrats contended today that the district will remain Democratic by the usual majority, about 3,500, while the republicans claim that their candidate will either be elected, or the majority tremendously reduced.

The voting in Charlotte up to noon indicated that the republican candidate was running better than had been anticipated.

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO RETURN OF RAILROADS

To Private Control Are Now Before President Wilson.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—New recommendations from Director General Hines as to the return of the railroads to private control are before President Wilson.

Neither Mr. Hines nor white house officials would say whether they advocate a different policy from the President's purpose to return the roads at the end of the calendar year, nor is there any indication when the President will issue a proclamation surrendering the roads.

The fate of railroad legislation in Congress, it is believed, will be the determining factor in whatever is done. Many officials think it would be disastrous industrially to turn the roads back without regulations to meet the changed conditions.

Meanwhile steps are going forward at the railroad administration for turning the roads back in accordance with the decision announced by President Wilson in his message to Congress last May.

HARRY NEW ON TRIAL

For The Alleged Murder of Miss Freda Lesser, His Fiancee.

(By The Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—Harry New, alleged son of United States Senator Harry New, of Indiana, went on trial here today for the murder of Miss Freda Lesser, his fiancee. It was not expected that the jury would be obtained before tomorrow afternoon. New is alleged to have shot and killed Miss Lesser on the night of July 4th in Tipaugo Canyon a few miles from this city. He drove his automobile to the police station with the body of the girl and surrendered.

According to a statement given out by the police at the time, New is alleged to have said he killed the young woman in a fit of rage when she refused to marry him. An autopsy indicated that Miss Lesser was in a delicate condition.

MEN OF A. R. P. CHURCH ARE HOSTS AT BANQUET

Given at Allison Apartments For Purpose of Perfecting an Organized Men's Bible Class of That Church.

THREE PROMINENT SPEAKERS HEARD

Following Speeches and Banquet a Class Was Organized for the Church With A. B. Palmer as Teacher.

The banquet by the men of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church last night at the Allison Apartments was given under most favorable auspices. A large number of representative young men of the church was present, and a most enjoyable and beneficial meeting was had.

A splendid dinner was served by Mr. Moorhead, proprietor of the hotel, consisting of turkey and accessories. After the dinner, Rev. M. R. Gibson, acting as toast-master, had charge of the meeting, and made a speech setting forth the aim and activities of the church, telling the members that there was much to be done. While congratulating the men of his church on what had been accomplished he laid plans for perhaps the greatest and best year's work in the history of the church. Mr. Gibson called on Mr. W. G. Caswell, teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church who in very happy terms told the men what the objects and aims of an organized class were, and what it would mean for the church, that in doing good for themselves they would be helping others, thereby increasing interest and setting an example for good which would be an inspiration to all with whom they would come in contact. His remarks were timely and well received.

Mr. Caswell was followed by Judge A. B. Palmer, teacher of the Men's Bible class of this church. Mr. Palmer prefaced his remarks with the thought that there should be an organized Men's class in organization much more could be accomplished, and the good such an organization would do would soon be manifest in the lives and character of the men of the church, and would eventually lead to greater and better service. He said he appreciated the fact that he had been asked to become teacher of the class and assured those of the class that he would give his best time and service for the building up of a strong and useful organization which would result in good to the community as well as to the church.

The next speaker of the evening was Mr. R. P. Benson, teacher of the Barren class of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School, who began his remarks by saying the time was when the women and children were supposed to look after the needs of the church and Sunday school while the men gave their attention to the lodge and other things, but happily for the men as well as for the church that time has spent the Sunday School, that the way to take interest in the spiritual affairs of the church, and particularly so in the Organized Men's Classes of the Sunday School, that the men to reach men was through the organized class. He congratulated the men of this church on the success of the evening, and told them that they had undertaken a great work, and he was sure it would grow in interest and enthusiasm until its influence would be a power for good not only in the church but throughout the city.

After the speeches Mr. Gibson, the popular pastor of the church said he thought the time had come when the church should have an organized Men's Class. This being the opinion of every one present, the following officers: President, Mr. W. J. Hethcox; vice-president, Mr. Bruce Brown; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Louis Boyd. Judge A. B. Palmer is teacher of the class, having been elected to this position several weeks ago, and has since been actively engaged in this work.

The church and class are to be congratulated on the splendid banquet, which no doubt will put new life and aid enthusiasm and interest in the great work which is to be undertaken.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

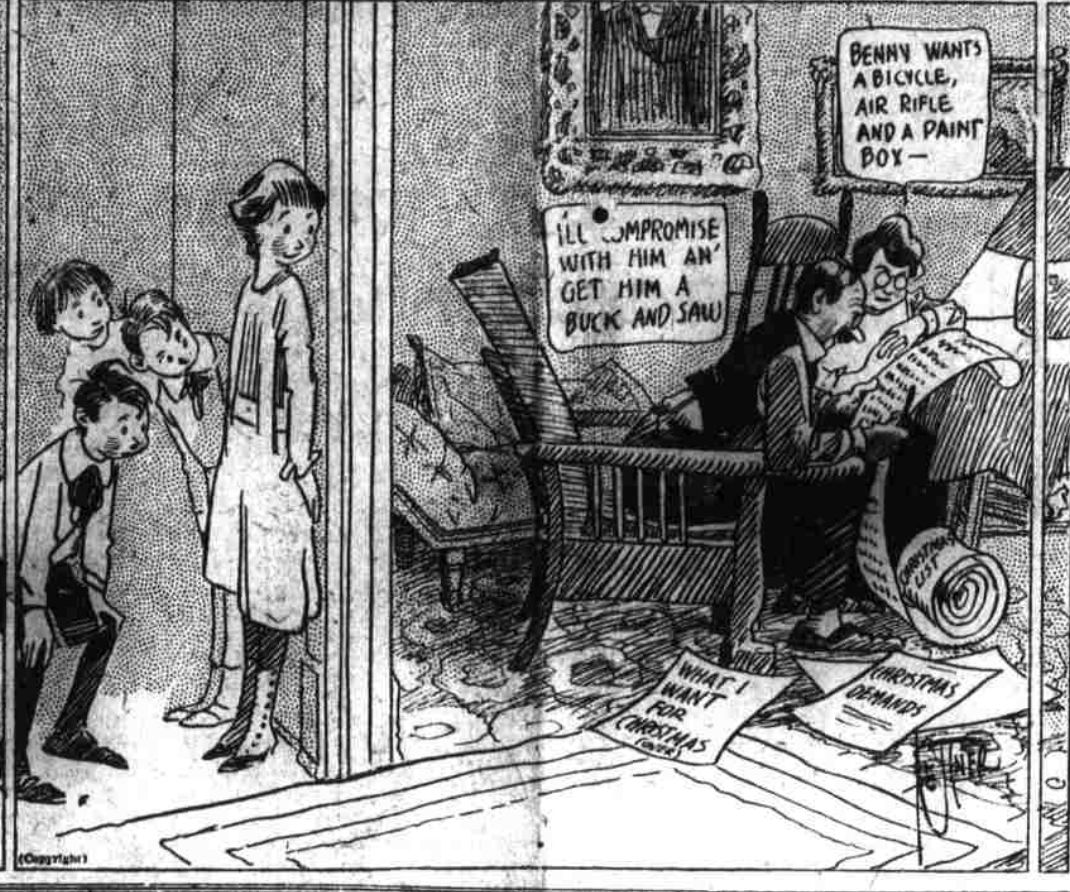
On the Bill to Repeal the War Time Prohibition Bill.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—An unfavorable report on the bill to repeal the wartime prohibition law was ordered today by the House Agriculture Committee by a vote of 16 to 3. Representative John T. Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, and Volgt, Wisconsin, and Ward, New York, republicans, cast the negative votes.

CONFERENCE BEING HELD

Paris, Dec. 16.—German and allied experts met here this afternoon to discuss the mode of reparation to be followed by the Germans in payment for sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow. The conference was presided over by the French representative on the reparations commission.

Collective Bargaining



M. P. C. I. BASKETBALL TEAM HAS A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

Played Four Games on Trip and Was a Victor in Each Game.

The basketball team of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute has returned from a successful invasion of the west. The members of the team left Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday in charge of Prof. T. C. Johnson. The first stop was at Hickory, where the Lenoir College quintet was played. From Hickory the team went to Asheville, where three games were played. Not a game was lost on the trip. The following is a brief summary of each game:

M. P. C. I. vs. Lenoir College. This was a rough and tumble game from start to finish. Lenoir's team was the heavier, but displayed little knowledge of basketball. The Mt. Pleasant lads were closely guarded, but did some excellent passing. At the end of the game the score stood 21-21. The Lenoir team disputed the last decision of the referee and refused to play off the tie. The game was as a result forfeited to Mt. Pleasant by a score of 2-0.

M. P. C. I. vs. Asheville High School. These two teams were in the first half apparently well matched. Both teams worked together well, did superb passing, and guarded closely. The game throughout was clean and open. In the second half the Mount Pleasant team outplayed its opponents in every phase of the game. A large score was made by the use of plays from centre. The result was Asheville High School 18, Mount Pleasant 33.

M. P. C. I. vs. Bingham Military School. Bingham had not been defeated on the local court in six years, and it was confidently expected that they would put up a stiff fight. But they were unable to withstand the team work of the visitors, who at times seemed to score at will. There was no disputing nor squabbling over decisions, and the game was thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators. The final score was Bingham 32, M. P. C. I. 31. In this game Hooper was substituted for Flowe, who received a slight injury.

M. P. C. I. vs. Asheville School for Boys. This was perhaps the best game of the series, although M. P. C. I. was handicapped by the absence of W. B. McPherson, who was unable to play because of injuries sustained at Hickory. He deserves much credit for having played in the High School game, and the Bingham game in spite of injuries. The Asheville School had not been defeated by a visiting team in many years. It has quite an enviable reputation in all branches of athletics. Its representatives manifested much speed, and excellent team work. In the first half they apparently had the better of the game. The half ended with Asheville ten points in the lead. The Mt. Pleasant quintet did their best work of the season in the second half. Short, snappy passes carried the ball under their goal where the forwards made some fine shots. Roberts who was shifted from guard to forward made a number of beautiful long shots. The game was won in the last half minute by a pass from McPherson to Flowe, who made the winning shot. The score was Asheville School 31, M. P. C. I. 32. Beaver was substituted for Hooper.

It would be impossible to select the stars for each game. Captain Schenck at centre, and Flowe at forward, led the scoring. Each of these shot a large number of field goals in the four games. The lineup for the series was: Schenck, c; McPherson, W. B., f; Flowe, f; Roberts, g; McPherson, R. E.; Hooper, substitute forward; Beaver, substitute guard.

Master Tracy N. Spencer celebrated his fifth birthday yesterday afternoon by entertaining a number of his young friends at a party at the home of his grand-mother, Mrs. J. A. Lafferty, on West Depot street.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Decline Today of 45 Points on April.—Market Later Rallied.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, N. Y., December 16.—The Liverpool buying was one of the chief sustaining factors yesterday, and was less active early today and the cables were slightly disappointing. Prices here opened at a decline of 45 points on April, with other months 18 points higher to 4 points lower, but after selling at 36.00 on the call, January soon broke to 35.50, or 21 points net lower, while December sold off 45 points from last night's closing, ending at about 1,000 bales. Later-months showed a decline of 22 to 40 points with May selling at 31.75 but houses with foreign connections were moderate buyers and the market later rallied 20 or 30 points on covering and the improvement in foreign exchange.

Cotton opened steady: December \$7.00; January \$6.00; March \$4.80; May \$2.05; July \$3.63.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE SENATE BILL

To Continue Sugar Equalization Board Throughout 1920.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—After approving an amendment which would retain in force provisions of the food control law, giving the President authority to control prices and regulate the prices of sugar, the House Agriculture Committee today ordered a favorable report on the senate bill equalizing the United States Sugar Equalization board through 1920.

LATER—A FAVORABLE REPORT ORDERED

Washington, Dec. 16.—After approving an amendment which would retain in force the provisions of the food control law giving the President authority to control prices and regulate the movement of sugar, the House Agriculture Committee today ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill continuing the United States Sugar Equalization Board through 1920.

INVESTIGATING ALLEGED "LEAKS" IN SUPREME COURT

It is Declared That So Far No Basis For the Charge Has Been Discovered.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—The Department of Justice officials continued today its investigation of reports of alleged "leaks" on supreme court decisions which were being used for tips on stock speculations. A minor official of the department and an attaché of the Supreme Court were implicated in the charges, but Captain Burke, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Justice Department, declared so far no basis for the charges had been discovered.

DRUG STORES CANNOT CHARGE OVER FIVE CENTS

For Tea, Chocolate, Chocolate Milk, Sweet Milk or Butter Milk.

(By The Associated Press.) Atlanta, Dec. 16.—Hotels, restaurants and soda fountains in Atlanta may not charge more than the prevailing rate of cents a glass for coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, chocolate milk, sweet milk, or butter milk, under orders of the fair price committee, effective today.

The order also provides at least 10 fluid ounces of butter milk and 6 of the other drinks must be served for a nickel. At nearly all the places here 10 cents has been the minimum.

MRS. ESTHER MILLER BLAKE REPUDIATED STATEMENT.

That Two Negroes Overpowered Her and Kidnaped Her Little Son.

(By The Associated Press.) Atlantic City, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Esther Miller Blake today repudiated her statement that two negroes overpowered her last Friday night on the Ventnor boardwalk and kidnaped her 5-year-old son.

"It might have been an elusion," she told Dr. Lewis R. Sonder, coroner. "I am subject to delusions and I might have been mistaken about the negroes."

Mrs. Blake is charged with the murder of her boy. She has been suffering from nervous exhaustion for several days.

CHARGES OF CONTEMPT IN MINE CASES CONTINUED.

With Exception of One Man Who Was Charged With Continued Violation of Court's Injunction.

(By The Associated Press.) Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—Charges of contempt of court against 84 officials of the United Mine Workers of America, with one exception, were continued this morning by United States District Judge A. B. Anderson until such date as is deemed advisable to bring the cases before the court. The exception is charged against Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district of mine workers, who is charged with continued violation of the court's injunction against furtherance of the strike.

DISTRIBUTION OF COAL NOW ALMOST NORMAL.

The Railroads Are Now Delivering All Coal as Billed.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—Virtually normal conditions in the distribution of coal has been restored. The railroad administration today began delivering all coal as billed, except in some few emergency cases where diversions will be necessary. The order reducing by 25 per cent, the amount of coal permitted to be coaled, also was rescinded.

With Our Advertisers.

Motoring coats, gloves, leggings and robes at low prices at the Consumers Tire and Supply Co. See new ad.

Apail of shoes, house slippers or rubbers will please anybody for a Christmas gift. See the ad. of the Ponds-Moser Co. today.

Useful Christmas presents for the men at Hoover's. Read their big new ad on last page today.

ALIEN DEPORTATION BILL IS REPORTED

Is Designed Primarily to Force Department of Labor to Arrest all Alien Members of I. W. W.

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL ARE GIVEN

Mere Membership in the Organization Enough to Convict Without Commission of Any Overt Act.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—The bill defining radicalism, which was designed primarily, Chairman Johnson said, to force the Department of Labor to arrest and deport all alien members of the I. W. W. and kindred organizations, was reported to the House today by the Immigration committee.

Under the bill any alien who is a member or contributes to, loans money to, or is affiliated with any organization preaching, advocating or forwarding the teaching of subterfuge, the overthrow of organized government, the killing of or assault upon any government official, or the unlawful damage to, or destruction of property would be liable to arrest and deportation. No overt act must be proved in order to bring about deportation, as the bill provides that mere membership in, or any affiliation with a radical organization shall be a deportable offense.

PERMISSION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS IS ASKED.

Want to Have National Prohibition Amendment Declared Unconstitutional.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—Permission to institute original proceedings to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional, and the New Jersey and Federal authorities enjoined from enforcing it was asked of the Supreme Court today by the Retail Dealers Liquor Association of New Jersey.

This was the first question as to the validity of the constitutional amendment to reach the supreme court. The court will announce later whether permission to institute the suit will be granted.

In addition to enjoining enforcement of the 18th amendment, the association would also ask an injunction against enforcement of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MRS. JOHN M. COOK, OF CONCORD

Mr. and Mrs. Fogleman, at Burlington, Entertained Lutheran Church Members.

Burlington, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fogleman delightfully entertained the members of the Lutheran church in their new home on Park Avenue last Friday evening from 8 to 11 in honor of Mrs. John M. Cook, of Concord. The parlor, reception hall and dining room were thrown together forming one spacious room which was decorated with potted plants and holly.

GEN. LEONARD WOOD HAS UNTIL JANUARY FIRST

To File His Acceptance and Declaration of His Campaign Issue.

(By The Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Gen. Leonard Wood, who was chosen the Republican favorite for President, has until January 1st to file his acceptance and declaration of his campaign issue, according to a dispatch from Pierre today. A ruling of the State Attorney General recently held that the majority preference voted at the proposal meeting shall give until January 1st to file declaration, but that the minority preferences must be filed by today.

Injunction Dissolved.

(By The Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Motions to dissolve the temporary injunction issued against the district attorney and collector of internal revenue here on December 3, restraining them from interfering with the sale of whiskey were granted by United States Judge Paris in court here today.

CIVIL ACTION AGAINST U. S. GOVERNMENT?

Large Liquor Interests Intimate That This Will Be the Next Step in the Fight Against Prohibition.

LOSSES ESTIMATED AT \$300,000,000

Bank Loans Outstanding on Warehouse Receipts Have Nearly All Been Liquidated in Past Few Months.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 16.—Lawyers representing large liquor interests in New York intimated today a civil action against the United States government might be the next step in the fight against prohibition and that compensation for losses estimated at \$300,000,000 would be sought. The lawyers asserted that the decision of the supreme court virtually confiscated the liquor held here.

Local bank circles will be but little affected by the court's decision, it was said. Large loans were outstanding on warehouse receipts early in the year, but nearly all have been liquidated during the past few months.

LIBRARY REPORT

Report of the Work Done by Public Library For Three Months Ending December 10th.

The following is the report of the work of the public library for the three months ending December 10th: Borrowers—2,988. New morrows—107. Visitors to reading room: Adults 187, children 642. New book bought: Adult, 40, children 0. Books Donated: Adult 48, children 16. Books Taken Out: By Adults 1,910; children 1,444. Overdue Books, 13. Lost books 2. Collected from fines, \$66.75. MRS. RICHMOND REED, Librarian.

NEW GERMAN DELEGATION ARRIVED IN PARIS TODAY

To Discuss Compensation for Sinking of German Ships at Scapa Flow.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 16.—A new German delegation arrived in Paris this morning to discuss compensation for the sinking of the German warships in Scapa Flow.

The German note in reply to the allied communication demanding the signing of the peace protocol was taken up by the supreme council at this morning session. It was decided that a meeting of the allied experts with German shipping experts should be held this afternoon. A portion of the German note was sent to the legal experts for examination.

HUNDREDS OF REDS TO SAIL SOON FOR RUSSIA

United States Transport Will Start Within Ten Days With a Load of Anarchists.

New York Times. A United States transport will leave this port within ten days for Russia carrying several hundred Russian Reds held for deportation. Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman will be among them. Emma Goldman, whose appeal against deportation is before the United States Supreme Court, withdrew her appeal yesterday on hearing from her lawyer that the "Soviet Ark" would start within less than two weeks with most of the leaders of the Russian Red movement in this country.

Forest Green Color of Red Cross Field Uniform.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—Forest green was made the official color of the American Red Cross field uniform in order issued by Secretary Baker today. The change was decided on a year ago, but to utilize the amount of light grade clothing on hand the order was withheld.

THREE KILLED SUNDAY NIGHT IN PISTOL FIGHT.

Dr. J. H. Pratt, John Bell and Royall Cotton All Meel Death.

(By The Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16.—Dr. J. H. Pratt, prominent physician, his brother-in-law, John Bell and Royall Cotton, of Charleston, were killed in a pistol fight Sunday night at the country home of Mrs. J. T. Bell, near St. Stevens, S. C., according to reports received here.

