

PRESIDENT APPEARS BEFORE CONGRESS

His Annual Message Delivered in Person Treats of a Score of Subjects, Among Them Prohibition.

ALSO FARM CREDITS AND CHILD LABOR

To Call Conference to Adopt Policy of State and Federal Co-operation in Executing Prohibition Laws.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Harding in his annual message delivered to Congress in person today dealt with a score of subjects, chief among them prohibition, farm credits, the transportation problem, child labor and immigration.

The Executive announces his purpose to invite the Governors of the States and Territories to an early conference with the Federal executive authority with a view to adopting definite policies of national and State co-operation in administering the prohibition laws.

President Harding tells Congress that if the statutory provisions for prohibition enforcement are construed to deliberate public opinion, which he does not believe, that rigorous and liberal enforcement will concentrate public attention on any requisite modification.

"Such a course," he adds, "conforms with the law and saves the humiliation of the government and the humiliation of our people before the world, and challenges the destructive forces engaged in widespread violation, official corruption, and individual demoralization."

With regard to the transportation problem, Mr. Harding proposes that the railroad labor board be abolished, with the substitution of a labor division in the Interstate Commerce Commission, with ample power to require its rulings to be accepted by both parties to a disputed question.

Co-ordination of all transportation facilities is urged, including inland waterways and motor truck transportation. He inveighs against the system of paralleling the railroads with truck roads, instead of making the motor truck a feeder for them.

As to the carriers themselves, Mr. Harding suggests as ways of increased economy and efficiency there be a merger of lines into systems, interchange of freight cars, the consolidation of facilities, and the economic use of terminals.

AN EMERGENCY LABOR DEPARTMENT AT NEW BERN

Bureau Began Operation Today With A. H. Gerans in Charge.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—An emergency labor employment bureau has been established at New Bern with Alfred H. Gerans in charge. Mr. Gerans, state Commissioner of Labor and Printing, announced today on his return from that city which suffered a heavy fire loss last week. The bureau began operation today. W. H. Vause, of the Charlotte office, is directing the organization.

An effort is being made, said Mr. Shippam, to keep as much labor as possible in the vicinity of New Bern to prevent a serious shortage of men when the rebuilding of the burned area is started.

Capt. Richard A. Torrence Celebrates 89th Birthday.

Charlotte, Dec. 7.—Captain Richard A. Torrence, Confederate soldier, member county pension board celebrated his 89th birthday today. He fought through the war with 8th Texas Rangers and lost a leg in battle.

MRS. MARY BLEN FORD IN HANDS OF THE LAW

Charged That She Attempted to Commit Murder Against Her Husband, New York.

(By the Associated Press.) Detroit, Dec. 8.—Mrs. May Blen Ford indicted the services of a gunman to kill her wealthy husband, New York, offered the gunman \$25,000 for the job and gave him a photograph of her husband to make sure, the right man was slain, according to the sworn statement of four detectives, whose investigation resulted in Mrs. Ford's detention today on a charge of attempting to commit murder.

Denying the charge, Mrs. Ford declared she was the victim of a "frame-up" that grew out of her domestic difficulties. These include a suit for divorce filed last August in which she charges cruelty and a suit asking \$25,000 damages of her estranged husband for alleged assault.

Mrs. Ford was arrested last night when, it is alleged, she was about to meet Edward Kunnath, a detective lieutenant for a second conference on her reported plans for the slaying of her husband. Kunnath, it was said, posed as a "Kansas City gunman" Wednesday night when the alleged plot was first revealed, My Mrs. Ford.

SHRINERS IN CHARLOTTE

Work on the Proposed Mosque There to Start This Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Dec. 8.—The membership of the Oasis Temple of the Shrine which has jurisdiction over the western portion of the state, was swelled to approximately 4,600 members by the election of 225 candidates who are to take their final degree here late today. The candidates were busy today registering for the ceremony.

The report of the Mosque committee, of which Dr. W. F. Randolph, of Asheville, is chairman, indicated today that work on the proposed mosque here will start within the coming year. The Shriners already own the lot, and have worked out plans for financing the building.

Dr. Randolph also presented the report on hospitals for crippled children late yesterday, and the plan of the national organization to assess each Shrine \$2 a year for construction of the hospitals was greeted with applause.

With Our Advertisers.

One of the safe deposit boxes at the Citizens Bank and Trust Company assures you that your valuables in it are safe. And by depositing money in this bank you are assured that you will have money in your old age.

The W. C. Correll Jewelry Co. has a complete line of Christmas goods, all guaranteed.

Household cabinets make Christmas cheer last all year. Sold here by H. B. Wilkinson.

You can find Christmas gifts for everyone at The Musette, Inc. in a new ad, today the company points out some of the attractive things it is offering for Christmas.

The Buck's Sale at the Concord Furniture Co. closes tomorrow. If you want to get in on the good things offered you will have to act now. New ad today sets forth some of the fine things offered by the company during the sale. Read the ad, and visit the store at once or it will be too late.

Accidentally Wounded While Hunting.

Mr. Jack Bost, a prominent young man of No. 10 township, was seriously injured Thursday afternoon while hunting with cousin when he received a full load of bird shot in his right leg. The shooting was accidental.

The accident occurred about four o'clock, and Mr. Bost was rushed to the Concord Hospital by Dr. J. A. Patterson his physician. An examination showed that all of the blood vessels and the main nerve in his leg had been severed, and it was feared this morning that he would lose the leg. The shot entered the leg directly behind the knee.

Mr. Bost is 21 years of age, the son of Mr. Tom Bost. He was wounded when the gun in the hands of his companion was accidentally discharged.

Card of Thanks From Miss Lipe.

Editor Times and Daily Tribune: I wish to thank most heartily all of friends who were so loyal to me and made it possible for me to win the first prize in the Salesmanship contest recently closed. I shall always remember you and shall ever be ready to render you service as I may be able. To both the papers and to the Contest Manager I wish to extend my most hearty thanks.

VIVIAN LIPE.

Slight Earth Shock. San Francisco, Dec. 7.—A slight earth shock which lasted five seconds was felt here last night.

London has nearly 350,000 more women than men.

ASTORIA, OREGON, IS SCENE OF BIG FIRE

Business District in Ruins by Fire Which Broke Out at 2 a. m. and Burned Many Buildings.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$15,000,000

Leading Hotel, the Principal Stores and All Banks Destroyed—One Person Lost Life During Fire.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The business district of Astoria was laid in ruins by a fire which broke out shortly after 2 a. m. today, and despite efforts of the local fire department and reinforcements from Portland, Oregon, 27 blocks, causing a loss estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

One life was lost in the fire, according to reports available at 8 o'clock. Morris Staples, automobile dealer, and President of the Astoria Bank of Commerce, dropped dead. Two other business men who were missing and believed dead, later were accounted for.

The First Report.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 8.—Ten blocks of the business district were wiped out, two lives were lost, and property damage estimated at \$15,000,000 as a result of a fire which broke out shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Most of the big houses were burned. Firemen aided by forces from the Portland department, dynamited buildings in an effort to check the flames.

The men reported to have lost their lives were Morris Staples, president of the Bank of Commerce; and W. H. Felton, owner of the largest furniture store in town.

The buildings destroyed included the leading hotel; the principal stores, and all the banks.

URGES GOVERNMENT TO ABANDON 'SPOILS SYSTEM'

If Men Were Appointed For Merit the Government Would Save Much Each Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.—An appeal to Congress to power to turn the back on the "spoils system" and adopt a thoroughgoing application of the merit principle was made by Richard H. Dana, Boston, president of the National Civil Service Reform League, in a speech tonight before the annual convention of the League.

"Let me ask the administration," said he, "whether there is any other issue it could now take up which would so appeal to the public at large and so rebound to its own credit in the history of the country. Experience has shown that any flagrant abuse of patronage loses votes for the party responsible."

Mr. Dana said that counting employees of states, counties, municipalities and townships, the army of civilian public employees in the United States numbers above 3,000,000, or one for every seven families. The payroll of this army is about \$3,000,000,000 a year, of which \$600,000,000 is spent by the federal government.

One quarter of the total salaries paid, Mr. Dana charged, is wasted on superfluous employees, unnecessary duplication of work, inadequate management and antiquated methods.

"Could waste be stopped in the public service," he said, "there would be a saving to our over-taxed country of \$700,000,000 a year."

The Civil Service Reform League proposed two methods of eliminating this waste, Mr. Dana said. First by turning efficiency and employment experts into the various departments to replace the inefficient, standardize work, modernize methods and put promotion on a basis of merit instead of seniority, or political pull. Second, by requiring that officials in the higher grades, responsible for the management of the lower grades, be selected on account of fitness.

Mr. Dana appealed to the administration, to Congress and the general public at large to support this program.

"We as a country," he said, "have let matters drift on too long," he said, "we are not only wasting our patrimony, but are continuing to bad habits which are becoming more firmly fixed."

Literary and Historical Association. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—The annual convention of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association opened here tonight, with the addresses by William H. Boyd, Durham, president, and Dr. John E. White, president of Anderson College, as the chief numbers on the program.

The accomplishments of the association during the past year and plans for 1923 were discussed by Mr. Boyd, while Dr. White has as his subject, "1890-1900, The Turn of the Tide for Popular Education in North Carolina."

The opening session was held at the Woman's club and was opened with an invocation by Rev. Henry G. Lane, Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. After the meeting, a reception was tendered members and guests of the association.

At the morning session tomorrow, the organization of a North Carolina Poetry Society will be the principal business before the association.

LIST FOR SUBSCRIBERS FROM NEW BERN

- We shall be glad to acknowledge through the columns of our paper all contributions to the fund to be sent to relieve the sufferers from the New Bern fire. The following have been received:
E. L. Morrison 3.00
W. F. Goodman 5.00
Mrs. W. F. Goodman 5.00
High School 10th grade English 2.00
J. F. Bunn 2.00
Mrs. J. C. Gillson 1.00
Mrs. G. B. Lewis 3.00
Forest Hill Junior Epworth 2.00
Lewison 5.00
E. C. Barnhardt 5.00
Dr. R. M. King 5.00
C. A. Cannon 10.00
Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 25 (cash) 15.00
J. M. W. White 1.00
Mrs. J. A. Sims 1.00
Mrs. M. M. Gillson 2.00
Miss Jean Maxwell 5.00
Mrs. J. A. Praetner 1.00

THE RED CROSS GIVES \$35,000 AT NEW BERN

For Rehabilitation Work.—Announcement Made Today by Chairman Payne.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.—The American Red Cross has appropriated \$35,000 for rehabilitation work at New Bern, N. C., which recently met disaster by fire, according to announcement today by Chairman John Barton Payne.

This money will be used to rehabilitate 500 negro families and 50 white families, and also to ration 1,000 persons for 60 days. The appropriation was made on recommendation of Jos. C. Logan, manager of the Southern Division of the American Red Cross.

INDICTMENT AGAINST JUDGE OF ELECTION

Returned at Greensboro, But Linney Refuses to Divulge Name of Man. Greensboro, Dec. 7.—A United States court yesterday the grand jury returned a true bill of indictment against a Democratic Judge of election in North Carolina for refusing to allow an alleged qualified voter to vote at both the election, November 7, this year, and at the election two years ago.

District Attorney Frank A. Linney refused to make public the name of the indicted election judge until a capias had been issued.

He said that it was the first time in 20 years that a similar case had been in prospect before the United States court. The District Attorney declared that the voter, who was not allowed to vote was running for a township office and was actually elected to that office.

FOUR IRISH REBELS ARE EXECUTED TODAY

Leaders of the Irish Insurgents Who Held the Four Courts Building in Dublin.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows, together with two other Irish rebels were executed in Mount Joy prison this morning. It was official announced.

Roderick (Rory) O'Connor, and Liam Mellows were leaders of the band of Irish insurgents that held the Four Courts building in Dublin, in its stand against the Free State troops last June. Each was taken prisoner when the building was captured after a three-days siege.

Shoot Soldier in Reprisal. Lndn, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Dublin correspondent of The Evening Standard reports that a party of men today entered Mercer's Hospital and shot a Free State soldier lying in one of beds in reprisal for the execution of Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellows.

GINNINGS TO DECEMBER 1

North Carolina 790,766, South Carolina 493,084.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned prior to December 1 amounted to 9,318,144 running bales, including 157,729 round bales counted as half bales; 22,610 bales of American Egyptian, and 4,845 bales of Sea Island, the Census Bureau announced today.

Ginnings to December 1, this year by states include North Carolina 790,766; South Carolina 493,084; Virginia, 23,205.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 4 to 17 Points on Higher Liverpool Cables.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 4 to 17 points on higher Liverpool cables, better Manchester trade reports and a more optimistic feeling over European affairs promoted by the steady opening of the stock market and firmness of foreign exchange.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady. Dec. 24 '21; Jan. 24 '22; March 24 '22; May 24 '22; July 24 '22.

Three women in Ohio hold commissions as deputy game wardens.

C. M. IVEY CHOSEN ALDERMAN AT LARGE

Selected by Other Aldermen to Serve the Unexpired Term of J. F. Dayvault, County Commissioner.

W. O. ALLEN IS MADE PATROLMAN

Several Paving Petitions Laid on Table Until Next Meeting.—Corporate Limits Question Up Again.

A variety of matters were taken before the board of aldermen at its regular December meeting in the city hall Thursday night, and the board disposed of with a majority of the subjects presented to them.

The most important task of the aldermen was to elect an alderman to succeed Mr. J. F. Dayvault as alderman-at-large. Mr. Charles M. Ivey was chosen by the board, and he will fill the unexpired term.

As a successor to Mr. Henry McClure as a patrolman the board chose Mr. W. O. Allen, who formerly was speed cop for the county.

The tax on the Smith Greater Shows was reinitiated at the request of the Concord Military Company, which is sponsoring the shows.

Mr. L. T. Hartsell appeared before the board and asked for sewer accommodations for the lots on the rear of the Concord Hospital and the property of Mrs. P. M. Lafferty. There is no sewer line on Church Street immediately adjoining the lots, and City Engineer Long was ordered to make an investigation and determine what sewer accommodations should be made.

The owners of the lots propose to erect houses on them, it was stated at the meeting.

The matter of extending the corporate limits in the northwest section of the city was again before the board. It is proposed now to extend the line down Gibson street to a point inside the Mose Upright property and leave out six families which do not want to become part of the city. The board will receive blueprints of the limits at the January meeting and act definitely at that time.

In view of the fact that residents on Vance street between Pearl and St. Charles streets, are claiming damages for the widening of the street, the board ordered stopped all work being done on the street by Blythe Bros. & Co., paving contractors. The board members will visit the street Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to make an investigation.

Petitions for paving on the following streets were laid over until the January meeting: Chestnut, Cedar to the Cannon Mill, Marsh from Union to Church, extension of Tournament to High street, and Barrow.

At the request of Chief Talbirt, of the police department, the board authorized the purchase of a sidecar for the police department motorcycle. Chief Talbirt also pointed out that mattresses and blankets were needed in the city jail, and he was authorized by the board to purchase them.

The board will meet again Monday night to sell the street and sidewalk bonds.

Endorse Governor's Shipping Proposition.

(By the Associated Press.) Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 8.—Twenty-two chambers of commerce in North Carolina have endorsed Governor Cameron Morrison's shipping line corporation commission, according to an announcement today by Norman Y. Chandler, president of the North Carolina Commercial Secretaries Association.

Western North Carolina "is strong for the proposal," said Mr. Chandler, naming Asheville and Hendersonville as two of the cities voting in favor of the plan. Votes received from the eastern section indicated that the entire territory is supporting the governor's proposal, he asserted.

The balloting is expected to be completed within the next several days, it was stated.

Farley's Ready with Christmas Clothing.

Farley's Store is ready with your Christmas clothing, and you can get an account with this company by paying \$1.00 down, and the rest in easy payments. The company now has a charming array of women apparel, including coats, suits and dresses. Also a full line of men's clothing. New ad today will interest you.

Mr. W. H. Scarborough is now with the U-Save-It Store, on West Depot Street.

CARUSO MEMORIAL CANDLE

Weighs a Ton, and is Expected to Last For 1800 Years.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Enrico Caruso Memorial Candle, the largest in the world, has been completed in the studios of Antonio Ajello & Bros., No. 357 East One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, and will be shipped to Italy in the next few weeks. It cost \$3700 and was made on the order of an orphan asylum in this city, of which Caruso was a generous benefactor.

The candle is five feet in circumference at the base tapering to 18 inches at the top. It is 16 feet high and weighs a ton. It is of antique Greek design, with Roman Renaissance relief work, and represents the work of five men for four months.

Four steamship companies have offered to transport the huge candle to Italy without charge. It will be placed in the Church of Our Lady of Pompeii, Italy, the last Church in which Caruso worshipped.

On the suggestion of Cardinal Vastell, it will be burned 24 hours on each All Souls' day, November 2.

The candle is made of chemically treated beeswax. It burned one day a year, it is estimated it will last for 18 centuries. Antonio Ajello would not reveal the name of the institution which raised the money for the work.

The inscription on the candle is: "Offerta a Maria SS. di Pompeii in Suffragio del Nostro Benefattore, Enrico Caruso, A. D. 1921."

In English this is: "Offering to the Most Holy Mary of Pompeii in behalf of our benefactor, Enrico Caruso."

The makers invited students and artists to view the candle before it is shipped. For the next few days it will be on exhibition between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m.

FRENCH TIGER PAYS BRIEF VISIT TO HOME OF WILSON

France's War Premier and America's War President Meet for First Time Since Signing of Treaty at Versailles.

Washington, Dec. 6.—America's wartime President and France's war-time Premier met here late today for the first time since the signing of the treaty at Versailles more than three years ago. The meeting was at the St. Street home of Mr. Wilson and lasted just a little more than a quarter of an hour.

M. Clemenceau described his visit as one of the utmost cordiality and affection as between old friends, adding that he and the former President had talked a little about old times in Paris and also about "the past and present."

Mr. Wilson made no reference to the purpose of the visit of the former Premier of France to America or the subject matter of his addresses in this country. M. Clemenceau continued, but neither he nor the other men present told the mention of his name and of the "Fourteen Points" had elicited more applause from the French statesman's audiences than any other one thing.

Describing Mr. Wilson as somewhat stouter than at the time of his visit to France, M. Clemenceau said he appeared as mentally alert as ever and that there was no noticeable difference in his voice. Also he declared that the former President showed a great clearness of view and precision of thought.

COW A VOLSTEAD VIOLATOR.

Inhales Sil Fumes, Eats Mash and Gives Milk With a Kick.

Beaver Fall, Pa., Dec. 8.—Beaver county has a cow which is declared to give milk with an alcoholic content that violates the Volstead act. The wonder was discovered when County Detective Kid and Miss Amanda Holl, county probation officer, visited the home of Mike Baskaha in Monaca. A jug of moonshine on a table in a bedroom prompted the officers to investigate. They found a still in operation close to the family cow.

The cow inhaled the fumes of the still, ate the mash and was so saturated with the stuff that it is believed to have affected her milk supply. Baskaha told the officers that he had been unable to meet the demand for her milk.

Detective Kid stated today that he had received information from persons who were purchasing milk from Baskaha that the latter was manufacturing and selling moonshine. He, however, could not vouch for Baskaha's story that the "kick" in the milk had given away the secret.

Funeral of Frank Bacon.

(By the Associated Press.) San Jose, Cal., Dec. 8.—Friends and relatives of Frank Bacon, widely known American actor, and creator of the role "Lightning Bill Jones," gathered today at the little town of Mountain View for the funeral services in charge of Mountain View Lodge of Masons, of which he was a member.

Sheriff on Job to Very Last Minute.

Asheville, Dec. 7.—While the newly elected Sheriff of Madison county was being sworn in, the retiring Sheriff, J. J. Ballew, was capturing two alleged distillers and their moonshine outfit, according to reports brought here yesterday.

Cotton Exchange to Observe Holidays.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—The New York Cotton Exchange today announced it would be closed on the Saturday preceding Christmas and New Year's.

NOT SATISFIED WITH REPUBLICAN TACTICS

Regiment of Ohio, Wants G. O. P. Leaders to Meet in Akron in February to Formulate Plans.

MUST SERVE THE PEOPLE IN FUTURE

Mr. Knight Charges That the Republican Party Has Been "Big Interests' Office Boy."

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 8.—Plans for a republican meeting at Akron in February "for the purpose of aiding and encouraging the republican party in Ohio to get back to first principles," were announced here today by Representative Knight, republican, of Ohio.

Fifteen or twenty "progressive" representatives, Mr. Knight said, will be there to hear an address by Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, on "The Necessity of Rededicating the Republican Party to the Service of the People."

"The meeting," said Mr. Knight, "will not be for the purpose of launching, aiding or encouraging any third party movement in Ohio, or to encourage the candidacy of any man for the Presidency."

It would, he added, be to re-dedicate the party "and get away from being an office boy for the special interests."

Mr. Knight declared in a statement that it was perfectly apparent "that Ohio is going to fall into the lap of the Democratic party in 1924, unless the republicans do something," adding that the Akron meeting would seek "to arouse and bring together those forward-looking republicans who are anxious that the party go back to the service of all the people."

Shriners to Meet at New Bern.

(By the Associated Press.) Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 8.—Notice of the midwinter business meeting and ceremonial of Sudan Temple, in New Bern, December 28, has been received here and approximately 3,000 Shriners and Masons of Eastern North Carolina are expected to attend.

Although the Sudan Temple was heavily loss from the fire of last week, Shrine officials there are making preparations to hold the ceremonial. The organization has contributed \$1,000 to the relief fund for New Bern. Shriners in this county will hold their regular fall banquet next week. At this time, special pullmans for the trip to New arrangements will be completed for them.

Well Known Physician of New Bern Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) New Bern, Dec. 8.—The body of Dr. Ernest Dunn, well known specialist of this city, was found in his bed room this morning, death being due to asphyxiation. The coroner is investigating. Near the body of Dr. Dunn was found that of his dog. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

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New Series Building and Loan Stock Concord Perpetual 69th Series Open Saturday, December 2nd CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK Concord, N. C., and at Kannapolis, N. C. Do you want a good, Safe, Tax Free Investment? Do you want to Build or Pay For a Home? Then take Stock in This Series. C. W. SWINK, President H. L. WOODHOUSE, Sec. & Treas. P. B. FETZER, Asst. Sec. & Treas.

Yours to Enjoy A comfortable old age will be yours to enjoy if you start a bank account and add to it each pay day. Let this strong bank help you.

Central School Auditorium TONIGHT 8.00 P. M. Johnson's Temple of Mystery Featuring the Premier Acts of the World's Famous Magicians. ADULTS 35c. CHILDREN 25c. Auspices Y. M. C. A. Don't Miss This Wonderful Show