

PRESIDENT HARDING SPEAKS BEFORE THE SEATTLE PRESS CLUB... Reviews Virtually the Entire United States Battle Fleet, and Gives Views About Naval Strength.

ALASKAN EDITORS WARMLY PRAISED... President Says Newspaper Men Cannot Understand What It Means to Publish a Paper There.

SPENCER SEES LOT OF SNAKES FOR DRY TOWN... 85 Killed in Front Yard of Engineer D. P. Keever.

LIGHTNING STRIKES RED. BURNING SLEEPING GIRLS... Bolster on Which Head Rested Cut in Two By Truck Bolt.

THE COTTON MARKET... Trend of Prices Downward Again, With General Market 23 to 36 Points Lower.

Furniture Forcibly Taken From His Home... Goldsboro, July 26.—High Constable Cuddington and W. B. Parker, furniture dealer, went to the home of Annie M. Jones, Peterson Street, broke down the door and took from the house furniture on which Parker claims the Jones woman owned a small balance.

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HERBERT SEASE PUT TO DEATH IN PRISON... Man Claimed 'An Act of God' Would Prevent Execution in Arkansas Prison.

SECRETARY HUGHES WRITES FOR INFORMATION... Asks Governor Morrison in Regard to Fish Laws Governing Catching of Fish.

BAPTISTS CHOOSE TORONTO AS NEXT ALLIANCE CITY... Washington and Atlanta Withdraw From Contest—Final Session of Alliance Held.

WOULD MAKE LEGGERS PAY FOR TEXT-BOOKS... Such a Bill Introduced in Georgia Legislature, Which is Now in Session.

WOOD URGES FILIPINOS TO ENLARGE FOREIGN BUSINESS... Manila, June 27.—The business of the Philippine Islands must be increased if the country expects to extend its activities in schools, public works and sanitation, Governor General Wood declared in a statement today.

Occupant of a Taxicab in New York Kills Two Policemen... New York, July 26.—Two policemen were shot and instantly killed tonight by the occupant of a taxicab at 64th Street and Second Avenue, a short distance from the new society colony established by leaders of New York's "400."

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FRENCH PREPARING REPLY FOR LATEST NOTE FROM BRITISH... Reply Will Accept Some Suggestions Made by British, and Will Reject Some of the Others.

WOULD COST MILLION TO REMOVE LENOIR COLLEGE... Deaton, Trustee and Member of Legislature, Says Rumors Are Without Foundation.

JOHNSON DENIES THAT HE SAID HE WOULD BE WINNER... Did Not Tell Ambassador Harvey That He Would Be Elected President If Given Nomination.

JULIAN B. BAKER IS FOUND WITH WHISKEY... Fined \$1,000 When Six Cases of Whiskey Were Found on His Yacht Near New York City.

Underwood Faces Mississippi Fight... Jackson, Miss., July 25.—The Mississippi Anti-Slavery League is opposed to Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, as a possible democratic presidential nominee, according to a formal statement issued today by Dr. T. J. Bailey, state superintendent for the league.

Policeman's Widow Given House and Lot... Wilson, July 27.—The widow of Policeman J. A. Sykes, who was shot to death several weeks ago when he attempted to arrest a negro, has been presented a house and lot by the people of Wilson. The lot was given to Mrs. Sykes by W. E. Smith, president of a local bank, and a fund with which to erect a home was contributed by hundreds of citizens. Mrs. Sykes is the mother of four little children.

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INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA. (By the Associated Press) The legislature of North Carolina meets biennially in January. It is also subject to special call of the Governor. The Governor is elected for a term of four years and may never serve again as chief executive of the State. The State Supreme Court is composed of five judges. They are elected by the people except in case of death of an incumbent, when the Governor has the power of appointment to fill out an unexpired term. The Governor of North Carolina at the present time is Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, in Mecklenburg county. The Lieutenant-Governor is W. B. Cooper, who when elected was a resident of Wilmington, but has since removed to Charlotte. He is also president of the state senate. The council of state, which corresponds to the President's cabinet, is composed of the secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer and superintendent of public instruction. John G. Dawson, of Kinston, is speaker of the house of representatives. He is also chairman of the state democratic executive committee. W. N. Everett, secretary of state, is a native of Pitt county. He is serving the unexpired term of the late J. Bryan Grimes.

WOODROW WILSON POINTS THE ROAD AWAY FROM REVOLUTION... Boston, July 26.—Former President Woodrow Wilson, writing under the caption, "The Road Away From Revolution," for the August number of the Atlantic Monthly, sounds a note of warning that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually. This is the first time since his illness that Mr. Wilson has made public his views upon present-day problems in the United States and throughout the world. They will be preserved in permanent form between covers. "In these dreadful and anxious days when all the world is at unrest and look which way you will, the road ahead seems darkened by shadows which portend dangers of many kinds, it is," says the one who commanded the ship of state during the World War, "only common prudence that we should look about us and attempt to assess the causes of distress and the most likely means of removing them." "Makes Religious Appeal. Then, avoiding the partisan, he analyzes the existing state of American civilization. The writer goes briefly to the root of the matter of making essentially what is a religious appeal for all who are to be contented and within reach of happiness. "What has this to do with America? "It was against capitalism," he declares, "that the Russian leaders directed their attack, and it is against capitalism un-

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DELIGHTED WITH STATE SCHOOL FOR YOUNGSTERS... Superintendent of Kansas Reformatory Makes Visit to Jackson Training School. Mr. A. H. Alphin, superintendent of the Kansas school for boys, spent Wednesday here, having come to Concord to get a boy who was paroled from his school and who had violated his parole. The boy was arrested by local police officers. While here Mr. Alphin visited the Jackson Training School, the State's school for boys located near here. To local police officers who accompanied him on the inspection of the school, Mr. Alphin expressed delight with the institution, its management and the spirit manifested by the students of the school. The institution is one of the most modern he has ever visited, the Kansas told Concord officers. While talking to Chief Talbirt of the local police department, Mr. Alphin expressed delight and some surprise at the fine spirit of progress seen in every part of North Carolina he traversed in reaching Concord. He was particularly struck with the beauty and size of the churches and school houses he saw while here, and paid a fine tribute to the good roads system of the State. Mr. Alphin was accompanied to Concord by Dr. Alphin, his brother, who lives in Concord. The name of the youth Mr. Alphin came to Concord to get was not made public by the police officers, who stated they arrested him at the request of the school authorities.

UNDERWOOD DECLARES U. S. MUST AID EUROPE... Urges Business Men to Do Duty as Well as Soldier Did; Sees Disaster in Off-Birmingham, Ala., July 25.—The United States must concern itself in European affairs, Senator Oscar W. Underwood declared here today, speaking before a luncheon club. "The duty of the United States toward Europe is clear," he declared. "Our soldiers did their duty; let us pray to God that the business men of the United States will not flunk in their new."

AMERICAN SEAMEN ESCAPE FROM SOVIETS... Russian Guards Placed on Ship Were Seized by Crew of American Ship. (By the Associated Press.) Nome, Alaska, July 27.—Officers and crew of the American trading schooner Iskum of Tacoma were being congratulated here today on having freed themselves from the custody of the soviet government of Russia. Owners of the craft had been informed that trade with Russian countries was carried on at the risk of the trader, and that therefore the American State Department could do nothing. In that dilemma the men of the Iskum seized the soviet guards, placed them aboard their vessel to keep the craft in Siberian waters, put the custodians in irons and escaped, and crossed from the Bering Sea to Nome. Today the Iskum, which belongs to the Phoenix Northern Trading Co., of Nome, is lying here, and the erstwhile guards are in the custody of the American authorities.

PUT OIL OF MUSTARD IN HIS EIGHTEENTH STEIN... Jokers May Cause Death of Chicago Professional Gormand. Chicago, July 27.—For a year "Professor" Bengo has astonished onlookers here by eating enormous quantities of food and drinking copious draughts of liquids. Today he is in a hospital near death, as a result of a trick played on him while dining on an exhibition last night and two men are held in jail pending the outcome of his condition. Bengo had downed his seventeenth stein of beer in a saloon last night after dispatching a quantity of sausage and a half dozen of eggs. Some one poured oil of mustard in the eighteenth stein. He drank the doctored beverage and collapsed. Physicians say he may die.

BOLD DIAMOND ROBBERY PULLED OFF IN NEW YORK... Thief Calmly Walks Away With Tray of Costly Gems. New York, July 25.—Theft of jewelry valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000 from a showcase in Saks & Co., Broadway department store, was disclosed by the police today. Strolling casually up to the ring counter yesterday, a young man slid back one of the panels of the showcase while clerks were waiting on other customers, and walked out with a tray full of platinum rings set with diamonds.

Call Charlotte Minister to Church in St. Louis... Charlotte, July 26.—A committee from the Central Presbyterian Church at St. Louis, Missouri, will be at Charlotte in a few days to confer with Dr. Albert S. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, about a call recently extended to him to accept a call to the St. Louis church. Dr. Johnson was first invited to become pastor of the church six years ago, a few months prior to his coming to the Charlotte church from the South Highlands Presbyterian Church at Birmingham, Ala. The St. Louis church congregation is the largest of the Southern Presbyterian faith there.

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WILL SUGGEST THAT STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE... N. C. Commercial Secretaries Association Expected to Approve Plans for Organization of State Chamber. STATE TO HELP WITH ITS MONEY It is Pointed Out That Such an Organization Would Be Great Factor in Advertising the State.

WINE WITH DOPE IN IT DRUG ADDICTS' TIPPLE... Alcohol and Opium Ashes Composed New Drink in New York. New York, July 27.—Opium addicts in New York's Chinatown have taken to drinking a "wine" made of alcohol and opium ashes, detectives said today after they plunged through the skylight of a house in that district and arrested two Chinese merchants who occupied the premises. The liquor, known as "shee quai," it was said, was a brown fluid and had the same effect on the imbiber as smoking three pipefuls of opium. The raid was made after detectives had been informed that many persons were frequenting the premises. The house was placed under surveillance, but it was found that a signal was necessary to gain admittance through the door. A quantity of the supposed liquor was found, but only the two merchants, who described themselves as Lee Wah and Wong Hing, were in the place. They were taken to police headquarters.

CHANGE OF VENUE DECISION EXPECTED SOON... All Affidavits in Garrett Trial Have Been Presented and Arguments Have Begun. (By the Associated Press.) Cumberland Courtroom, Va., July 27.—All affidavits have been presented and the docket cleared for final arguments on the State's motion for change of venue in the trial of the Garrett brothers when Judge White recessed court at noon today. The arguments are expected to be concluded by adjournment tonight and decision will be rendered at once. During the recess it was learned that police guards had been advised that they would be sent home tonight subject to recall Monday and this was taken as an indication that Judge White will hold no court Saturday, although he had made no announcement. It was also learned attorneys for the defense are preparing to leave tonight for their homes.

McLendon to Publish Most Famous Sermons... Greensboro, July 26.—Local publishers will shortly issue to the public a volume of some 200 pages containing the most famous of Rev. B. F. McLendon, of Bennettsville, S. C., the "Cyclone Mack" of national reputation, who is each night preaching to thousands in connection with his evangelical campaign here. The book will contain 12 of Mack's hottest offerings and is expected to come from the press before the end of his campaign here. Among the sermons which will appear are: "Scribes and Pharisees," "Weighed in the Balances and Found Wanting," "Sail On," "Let Us Run the Race," "Fire," "Sensational Preaching," "Twentieth Century Christianity," and "Evolution."

Situation Grave... Atlantic City, July 27.—Gravity of the crisis in the anthracite wage negotiations now in a chaos after a split yesterday over the closed shop and the checkoff was indicated this afternoon with the arrival of full scale committees of both operators and miners.

Henderson Rams Destroyer... Seattle, Wash., July 27.—The navy transport Henderson, carrying President Harding and his party returning from a tour of Alaska, rammed the destroyer Zellan in Puget Sound 40 miles north of here, according to a wireless message received here from the Henderson.

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