

SENATOR NORRIS IS AGAINST PRESIDENT ON MUSCLE SHOALS

Leader of the Insurgent Group in Senate Says the President's Plan is Indefensible. FORMAL REPLY TO PRESIDENT Says the Plan Would Set Precedent That Would Be Followed in All Parts of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Coolidge's recommendations on the disposition of Muscle Shoals, as contained in his annual message are indefensible, Senator Norris, of Nebraska, one of the leaders of the republican insurgent group in the Senate, declared today in a formal statement. "He does not seem to realize that in this question we are dealing with the natural resources of our country, and that whatever disposition we make of Muscle Shoals we will be establishing a precedent that will be followed from the Atlantic to the Pacific and will extend through the lives of unborn generations," the statement continued. "We all know that President Coolidge is opposed to anything that has the least tendency toward putting the government into business if it is of such a nature that private parties and corporations can make any profit out of it. He complains that this question which he deems so little important, has consumed already too much time of Congress. Yet he recommends that this Congress shall pass a law which shall provide for a committee to make a further investigation, and then to report their decision back to Congress for such action as Congress decides to take. His own recommendation, therefore, proposes that we begin the discussion all over again, and defer the final settlement of this important matter for several years. If these recommendations are followed with the discussion in Congress still to come, more time will be consumed as a result of this recommendation than has been taken up in the past by this important subject."

PRaise MESSAGE OF CALVIN COOLIDGE

Tar Heels, Disagreeing in Part, Say Message Best President Has Written

Washington, Dec. 8.—Members of the North Carolina delegation today praised President Coolidge's long message to the Sixty-Ninth Congress although all of them dissociated from some of the proposals made by the President. Senator Simmons and Senator Overman agreed that it was perhaps the strongest message ever made by Calvin Coolidge. Representative John H. Kerr declared that the message showed that President Coolidge is coming around "by indirect methods to the great ideals of Woodrow Wilson in the determination of our proper attitude to the rest of the world."

Senator Simmons, while praising the message in part, declared the message "deficient in specific suggestion of remedies for known evils, in halting in initiative, too acquiescent in conditions as they are, and almost barren of suggestions of a constructive nature."

Raleigh to Salisbury Short Route.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Road makers who wish to split the Raleigh-Chapel Hill drive in half after they get up to Nelson, are now interested in a short route from Raleigh through to Pittsboro, Siler City, Asheboro and Salisbury through one of the best sections of the state.

A soil road properly oiled and maintained would solve the double-track threat from Salisbury to Raleigh and extended on either end, boosters say. From Raleigh to Salisbury by way of Asheboro and Lexington could be greatly shortened. It is almost a bird line. The road would run to Cary and Apex, then dash across to Pittsboro. From there it would go to Siler City, on to Asheboro and so on. It is the nearest a straight line drawn between any 100 miles in North Carolina, perhaps. A good road well oiled and kept, would carry the bulk of the lighter traffic. The Lillington and Dunn turnpike of oil and sand is sufficient proof.

No Opposition to Parker Nomination. Washington, Dec. 8.—No opposition was apparent in the Senate here today to the confirmation of John J. Parker, of Charlotte, as Judge of the United States Circuit Court, whose nomination was sent to the Senate by President Coolidge today. Judge Parker has been serving on the bench under a recess appointment.

Seven-Year-Old Child Dies of Hydrophobia.

Reidsville, Dec. 8.—Estelle Claybrook, seven years old, died in a Martinsville hospital a few days ago following a bite from a mad dog. The little girl was accustomed to walk more than a mile to school. About three weeks ago while returning from school about a half-mile from her home and alone, she was attacked by a mad dog, and bitten in several places. She was immediately given the anti-toxin and for a while it was thought she had been made immune to the disease which caused her death. She was carried to the hospital and found to have an advanced case of hydrophobia, from which she died.

Bicycles are so popular in France that there is one for every seven persons.

World's Fair Planned For Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A world's fair, spread along the new ten-mile parkway waterfront here, has been planned for Chicago, either in 1934 or 1937, the respective anniversaries of the incorporations of the village and of the city charter, but probably in the latter year.

Wed Chinese



This is Mrs. John Wong of Seattle, Wash., American girl who married a Seattle Chinese. She has asked the police to make people stop trying to get her to leave him because of his color. "I love him and he's good to me," she asserts.

TAXES AND FINANCES ARE GIVEN ATTENTION

More Spectacular Issues Are Held in Background For the Present.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Taxes and appropriations had the whole stage to themselves today on Capitol Hill, while the more spectacular issue of the new Congressional session, including aviation and prohibition, awaited their terms impatiently. Driving ahead with the tax bill despite the House pausing only long enough to receive President Coolidge's annual budget proposing expenditures of \$160,000,000 in excess of the appropriations for the current year. The Senate, lingering over the formalities of getting organized after the summer's interlude, was in recess until tomorrow.

The budget estimates were sent to the Capitol by messenger, and the President's accompanying message, outlining details of the government's fiscal program was read to the House by its clerk, just after the day's session began at noon. Several House sub-committees already are at work on appropriation bills to fulfill the budget needs enumerated by the President. Two of these measures making money available for the construction of new buildings are nearing completion and will be brought before the House next week.

NEW FARM FEDERATION OFFICERS NOT CHOSEN

Election Postponed Until Later in Day—Reports Are Submitted.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Delegates to the seventh annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation continued in a perfunctory open session today while in closed committee rooms and in other secret places the organization's leaders devoted themselves feverishly to politics. Reading of the reports of the general resolutions committee, and the election of officers, both set for early forenoon, was postponed until late today. The chief issue involved in both was support of the McNairy-Haughn plan for an export corporation to take care of the selling of American crop surpluses, and thereby prevent price falls for home consumption from being dependent upon the world price. Lines were drawn strictly, and a determined fight on the convention floor was forecast.

Otto Declares He is Glad to Get Back to Old Place.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—Otto Wood, accompanied by four Irredel officers, arrived today near noon and was served lunch which he greatly appreciated. He declared that he was glad to get back. Mr. Wood with a wink advised the prison authorities that he rode to the Dodge chariot of "a friend in Ashland, West Virginia." There is no end to the jocularity of Mr. Wood. He never did tell the prison authorities who his friend is. "I think he came from the Dodge agency," Mr. Wood said. But he would not swear to it. Mr. Wood went back contentedly. Last year when he took his usual leave, he came back raging and swearing that he would leave again if they did not fix up things for him. Things were fixed and Mr. Wood could say nothing. He complained of sanitation, but the institution blew the top off the register for efficiency in sanitation. Mr. Wood hasn't a kink of any sort and if he breaks out again it must be in a new place.

Mayview Receivers Made Permanent

Greensboro, Dec. 8.—A temporary receivership for Mayview Manor whopany, at Blowing Rock, was made permanent here today by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby of federal district court, Western North Carolina district, signing an order to that effect. T. H. Coffey, of Blowing Rock, and J. H. Beall, of Lenoir, are named permanent receivers, they having been temporary receivers.

Kipling's Condition Unchanged.

Burwash, England, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Rudyard Kipling's condition was unchanged this morning.

More Bitter Remarks Heard In Court Case Of Colonel Mitchell

CITY OFFICIALS WILL BE HEARD

Mayor and Other Officers In Lowell, Mass., Are Charged With Conspiracy and Fraud.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Ten Lowell officials, including the mayor and former mayor, were arraigned in the Superior Criminal Court here today on several indictments charging conspiracy and fraud in the making of contracts, and purchase of supplies, larceny and the altering of public records.

BOY CARVES HIS NAME ON HEROES' ROLL

Throws Himself in Front of a Car to Save Younger Sister.

Burlington, Dec. 8.—Harry Cole, eight, carved his name on the honor roll of boy heroes when disregarding his own safety he threw himself in the approach of an automobile in an effort to save Jesse Warren, four, a playmate. "In his attempt Harry was knocked down and suffered a dislocated foot, while Jesse progressed barely beyond the reach of his would-be rescuer, was knocked down and the Ford car passed over his body without any of the wheels touching him. His face was lacerated in addition to minor cuts and bruises. The two boys, whose homes are in Haw River, were in Burlington visiting at the home of Miss Fannie Williamson, Jesse's aunt, on Plaid street. They were playing on the sidewalk in front of the home, in front of which two cars were parked with a short distance between.

Durham Ministers Ashamed of Manning's Action.

Durham, Dec. 8.—Increased at the office of Mayor Manning by endorsing the petition circulated here the past week by representatives of a national organization in favor of amending the Volstead act, which petition is to be presented to Congress, ministers of Durham this afternoon passed resolutions to the effect that they were heartily ashamed of the mayor's action, and declaring they did not believe that this represented the real attitude of the people of Durham. They declared that the majority of the church members of this city were in favor of the strict enforcement of the Volstead act and called upon the courts to pass more severe sentences upon all those who violated the prohibition laws. The resolution was several hundred words in length and was one of the most caustic documents ever put out in the form of an official message to the world at large by any ministers here.

Wilson Man Falls From S. A. L. Train

John D. Price in Hospital at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 8.—John D. Price of Wilson, N. C., suffered a fractured skull and other injuries when he fell from the door of a speeding northbound Seaboard Air Line passenger train near here today. In a dazed condition at the hospital here tonight he was unable to talk out but had a railroad ticket to Philadelphia.

Such Is Fame! Cal Never Heard of 'Red.'

Washington, Dec. 8.—"Red" Grange the football star, here for a professional game, was presented by President Coolidge at the white house today by Senator McKinley, of Illinois. The "Galloping Ghost," who was in the executive offices but a moment, said the President shook hands with him, asked him where he lived and wished him luck.

Ernest Brown and Charles Andrews, of Charlotte, are spending the day in the city.

Effort to Question Authority of "Winged Defense" Failed Under Ruling of the Court.

Defense Counsel Said He Excused Assistant Judge Advocate Because of Condition of Mind.

Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—An effort by the prosecution to question the authority of part of Col. Wm. Mitchell's book "Winged Defense," failed today before the army court martial trying the air officer. Maj. Allen Gullion, the assistant judge advocate, sought to bring the subject before the court through testimony of Capt. Thos. C. Hart, a navy officer, and to prove that Col. Mitchell had "deliberately cribbed" some of the passages, but the court held that it would not be advisable to open up such a phase of the controversy. The rule "false in one, false in all" was argued by Maj. Gullion, who asserted that the testimony should be received to "impair the accused as a witness."

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Washington, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Upon 1,682 white stone crosses that mark the resting places of unknown American army dead in France, the American government will chisel this legend: "Here rests in honored glory, an American soldier, known but to God." The epitaph was selected by the Battle Monuments Commission, headed by General Pershing, and has been approved by Secretary Davis.

INTER-CITY MEETING OF ROTARY IS HELD

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Raises Prize Corn.

China Grove, Dec. 8.—J. A. Patterson and P. J. Cross, prominent farmers of Rowan county, have just been notified that they are winners of first prizes on the ten-ear and single-ear exhibits of corn, respectively, at the Chicago Fair.

Women Who Are Sitting in New Congress



Here are the three new women members of the new Congress. They are, left to right, Mrs. Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, Mrs. Florence P. Kahn of California and Mrs. Edith Rogers of Massachusetts. From the way their eyes are cast down, it appears they aren't as used as most congressmen to having their pictures taken.

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DISCUSSES DRY LAW IN ANNUAL REPORT

Blame for laxity in enforcement of the prohibition law cannot be placed solely on the government, but part of it must be assumed by "reform leaders" who slowed down and let themselves be put on the defense when they should have advanced on all fronts, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary, declared in his annual report read today to the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The report endorsed the remarks of President Coolidge in his message to Congress on the 18th amendment, upholds the enforcement policy adopted by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the Treasury, and attacked the men "with great fortunes" who "are doing all they can to break down the authority of the law to which they owe their lives, their fortunes and their safety."

BRABHAM MAY SUE WINSTON NEWSPAPER

Also Understood He May Start Action Against Hotel—Confers With His Friends and Counsel. Winston-Salem, Dec. 8.—M. W. Brabham, of Nashville, Tenn., indicted here several days ago upon the charge of violating the state hotel law and who is to be tried for the alleged offense on December 15th, arrived in the city last night and it was understood that today he was in conference with relatives and friends from South Carolina, who met him here, and with his attorneys. It is understood that suit for a large amount will in all probability be brought against a local newspaper in connection with an article appearing in the paper and that suit may also be brought against a hotel here. While nothing was given out, it was the impression today that Mr. Brabham was here to consult with his counsel and friends relative to the proposed suit or suits.

Will of J. S. Myers Filed For Probate.

Charlotte, Dec. 8.—The last will and testament of the late J. S. Myers, prominent Charlotte citizen, for whom Myers Park was named, was filed for probate in the clerk of the Mecklenburg county court's office Monday. The instrument, dated June 27, 1923, leaves the estate practically intact. The income goes to Mrs. Mary R. Myers, wife of the testator, during her life time. The value of the estate is estimated at between \$275,000 and \$300,000. Mr. Myers disposed of a considerable portion of his estate several years ago to his children. The principal charity bequests in the will are \$5,000 each to trustees of St. Peter's Hospital and to the Good Samaritan Hospital, the latter a negro institution, to be used in the charity wards of these two hospitals there.

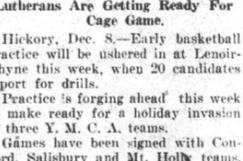
Winston-Salem Has Population of 70,756.

Winston-Salem, Dec. 9.—The population of Winston-Salem near the opening of 1926 is 70,656, compared with 48,305 in 1920, an increase of 50 per cent, according to a survey just completed for the afternoon paper here. The special survey shows male citizens number 35,306 and females 35,350. Those over 21 years old total 40,116.

Berenger Coming Soon to Washington.

Paris, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Henry Berenger, the French ambassador-designate for the United States, expects to sail for New York at the end of December or early in January.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS:



Generally fair tonight and Thursday, colder in northern portion tonight. Moderate to fresh northwest winds.

Advertisement for Concord Perpetual Building & Loan Association. Text includes: 'NOW IS THE TIME To Subscribe for Stock in the 75th Series of the Concord Perpetual Building & Loan Association. Books open at Cabarrus Savings Bank, Concord and Kannapolis, N. C. Thirty-seven and a half years successful business. Hundreds of homes built and paid for, and many thousands of dollars saved through this old reliable association. Take stock with us now and be ready for your check when our 75th series matures. If you want to build or buy a home there is no better plan than the B. & L. plan. 25 cents a week carries one share which amounts to \$100.00 in 6 1-3 years. Prepaid shares at \$72.25 will grow to \$100.00 in six and one-third years. ALL TAX EXEMPT.'