

AUTO ACCIDENTS IN
SEVERAL CITIES IN
COUNTRY KILL SIX

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MINERS KILLED
AT CROSSING

At New Haven, Conn., Two Men Were Killed When Bus and Truck Crashed in the Street.

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Two young women, sisters, were killed today and another water and a man were injured, when a city ash truck skidded and ran on the sidewalk.

The dead are: Amelia Chiralleo, 18 years old, and Frances Chiralleo, 23. Both sustained fractured skulls. The truck struck them and crushed them against a house.

Two Miners Killed.—Scranton, Pa., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Two miners on their way to work were killed and three injured, two of them seriously, when a Delaware & Hudson passenger train struck an automobile on a grade crossing here today.

Two at New Haven.—New Haven, Conn., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and eleven others hurt, two seriously today, when a Boston & New York bus collided with a truck on the Boston Post Road in West Haven.

SMITH CHALLENGES THE
SENATE OVER CONTEST

Counsel Says Senate Without Power To Exclude Man Appointed to Fill Term.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The right of the senate to exercise its power it has claimed in determining who shall be admitted to its membership was challenged before the Senate election committee today by the state of Illinois and its senator-designate, Frank L. Smith.

Refused the oath of office pending a further inquiry into the financing of his campaign, Smith came before the committee flanked by a notable group of local defenders, who argued that Illinois was being deprived without warrant of the equal senate representation guaranteed her by the constitution.

The Illinois Attorney-General, Oscar Carlstrom, accompanied the senator-designate to the committee room, and the plea that the senate had acted illegally was supported also by James B. Beck, of Pennsylvania, formerly Solicitor-General of the United States. He is one of the lawyers who have interested themselves on behalf of William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, against whom a campaign expenditure fight also is in progress.

Beck laid special emphasis on testimony before the Senate campaign funds committee that Smith collected no campaign funds, and had instructed his campaign manager, Allen F. Moore, not to accept any funds that might be regarded as binding him to any person or interest.

Will Mine Zircon in State.

(By International News Service.)

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—For the first time in more than fifteen years, the mining of zirconium will be resumed in North Carolina, it was announced here today by the department of conservation and development.

Zircon, a metal formerly used in the manufacture of incandescent lights, has enjoyed a renewed demand recently, the announcement said, and this has led State Geologist H. J. Bryson to believe that new uses for the material will be found.

The metal, which is produced from zirconium silicate, is found in parts of Henderson, Madison and Iredell counties, according to the department of conservation and development report.

Mexican Divorces Not Binding in Illinois.

(By International News Service.)

Woodstock, Ill., Jan. 27.—Mexican divorces are not binding in McHenry county, Judge Edward Shurtliff has ruled.

Dr. Hyde West, prominent physician, had no right to marry his office girl, Florine Richter, after the doctor's first wife had gone to Mexico and secured a divorce, the jurist held.

Furthermore the physician would commit bigamy if he lived with the girl, and the jurist's ruling also permits the wife to enter the new \$28,000 bungalow the doctor had built for himself and second wife. She was also given dower rights in all of Dr. West's property.

Trying to trace their ancestors puts many people up a tree.

"HEAVEN"

AT THE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY NIGHT

Miss Elisabeth Baumgartner Will Sing—You Will Be Delighted.

Exiled Priest



Father Gustavo Cabellero arrived in New Orleans in exile from Mexico, where he was charged with violating religious laws. The priest, although born in Cuba, was a naturalized American.

(International News Service)

CHINESE GIRL FIGHTS
BETROTHAL AS BADE

Parents of Village Ploughman Seek To Force Marriage to Rich Maiden.

Peking.—The legality of China's age-old system betrothing children before their birth is now being tried out in the High Court in Peking in a case where the girl refuses to marry the man to whom her parents have promised her a few months before she was born. The girl is now 18 and educated—the fiancé is an illiterate village ploughman.

Twenty-two years ago a Mr. Han and a Mr. Tsao were both residents of the little wind-swept village of Tsai Yu Chen, on the plain south of Peking. They were neighbors and good friends, and before their children were born they had agreed that if one should be a girl and one a boy, The Han baby is now the heroine of the present lawsuit and the Tsao boy is the one she wants to jilt.

But when the little girl was five years of age her father made money and moved to Peking. Here he has become very wealthy and the daughter has had advantages of college and foreign education. The Tsao boy has never been to school. His aged father is poor and is one of the village ploughmen.

Two months ago the boy's father sent word to Mr. Han that the time for the marriage had arrived. The girl met her unwealthy fiancé and rebelled. Now Mr. Tsao is suing in the Chinese courts—not for monetary damages but to force the father to force the girl to carry out a promise to marry made several months before she was born. All of the younger generation of Chinese are watching the case with intense interest.

FIRE IN ROCK HILL
CAUSES BIG DAMAGE

Several Buildings on Main and Trade Streets Destroyed by the Flame.

Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Damage estimated at approximately \$125,000 was done by fire here early today that destroyed several buildings on Main and Trade streets.

Buildings destroyed included the Cloud Dry Goods Co., Manhattan Bank, Rock Hill Drug Co., and the Phillips Drug Co., the National Union Bank and J. Friedhelm Bros. store were damaged.

The fire originated in the Manhattan Cafe and spread rapidly.

Investigate Sudden Rise in Stock.

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The New York Stock Exchange today began an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the recent sensational advance in the common stock of the Wolcott & Lake Erie railroad which is believed to have cost bear speculators over \$2,000,000.

Members were asked for detailed information concerning long and short accounts at the close of business on each of the trading days between January 22nd and January 29th.

Youth Takes His Own Life.

Chicago, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The decapitated body of Frank B. Forgy, 22 years old, of Crescent Iowa, a student at an extension university here, was found on the Illinois Central Railroad tracks early today. Found on the youth's body was a note indicating he had committed suicide. He asked the police to notify his father, W. O. Forgy, at Crescent.

Traps for Hotel Thieves.

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Hotel thieves so many articles of value from one of the big hotels that an electric trap was set. One morning a fashionably dressed woman was caught with a valuable vase from the hotel drawing room in her suit case. Merely moving the vase had rung an alarm in the manager's office.

KELLOGG HOPES HE
CAN ARRANGE PACT
WITH THE CHINESE

Secretary Considers Prospects for New Treaty Conferences "Reasonably Hopeful" Now.

HAS MADE OFFER
TO TWO PARTIES

Hope Warring Factions in China Can Get Together and Consider American Proposal.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg considers prospects for new treaty conferences with qualified Chinese representatives "reasonably hopeful," although he has not yet received any direct indication that the two major political factions in China are approaching an agreement to appoint a joint delegation for that purpose.

It was not disclosed at the State department on what confidential information the secretary based his hope of an adjustment. The progress of the Chinese civil war may have much to do with determining the question.

The secretary declined to comment on the statement issued last night by Dr. Alfred Sze, the Chinese minister in Washington, asking for immediate steps to abrogate the existing unequal treaties. Dr. Sze still is the accredited minister of the Peking government, but if he has any authority to speak for the Cantonese regime the State department is not aware of it.

Mr. Kellogg also refused to say anything about the Porter resolution asking for independent American action in China.

Cruiser Ready For Duty.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Three American cruisers today were ordered to Honolulu for possible use in China.

PAUL SETTLE TRIAL MAY
COME TO CLOSE TODAY

Negro Is Being Tried on Charge of Attempted Criminal Assault on White Girl.

Wentworth, N. C., Jan. 29.—(AP)—With all indications that it would be wound up today, the trial of Paul Settle, a 22-year-old negro, is charged with attempted criminal assault on a white girl of Reidsville.

With two lawyers appointed by the court for his defense, Settle is attempting to prove an alibi. He took the stand yesterday and denied that he is guilty of the attempted assault. He admitted, however, under questioning of the solicitor that he had been arrested once before on assault on a negro girl.

The black is being closely guarded, as the state is attempting to weave its web of conviction around the negro. When he was arrested in Reidsville, last week, a mob of 500 persons made a wide search for him in what is thought to have been a lynching frame of mind. Fearing a repetition of this, authorities are keeping a close watch over the young negro.

Fine Arts Study Helped by Gift.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 29.—The Carnegie Corporation has awarded to the University of North Carolina \$5,000 in material to be used in the study and teaching of the fine arts. This gift is the result of a suggestion of Edgar Wind, member of the faculty in the philosophy department.

The whole question of the development of a school of fine arts in the University is under consideration by a faculty committee of which Dr. George Howe is chairman. Dr. Howe recently visited several of the large institutions of the country to gather information about training in painting, sculpture, and architecture, and his report will be the initial step in the formulation of a University policy with regard to this branch of culture.

War Risk Week.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—During the late war the United States insured, at a very low rate, nearly 5,000,000 members of the armed forces against death or total permanent disability. Since the close of the war many of the ex-service men have permitted their rights to lapse. In order to give the veterans an opportunity to take up their lapsed policies, President Coolidge has issued a proclamation designating the week beginning next Monday as "War Risk Week," when special effort should be made to inform the veterans of their rights to reinstate lapsed war risk insurance up to July 2nd next, after which time, under the law, no further reinstatement can be made.

Coolidge Shakes 1,200 Hands in 27 Minutes.

Washington, Jan. 29.—What is believed to be a speed record for handshaking at the White House was made Thursday by President Coolidge.

He received 1,200 women's Christian Temperance Unionists and insurance agents in twenty-seven minutes, shaking hands with them at the rate of forty-five a minute.

Stop Importation of German Pig Iron.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—An anti-dumping order against importation of German pig iron into this country was issued today by Secretary Mellon.

Distributors of radio equipment report that d-vices intended to operate receivers from house lighting circuits topped their sales in 1926.

Smith-Hargett Highway Bill
Will Very Likely Be Made Into Law

The Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel
By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The Smith-Hargett bill, designed to give the highway commission greater latitude in the location of highways, has a favorable chance for passage by the general assembly.

This seems to be the consensus of opinion among the public generally and members of the legislature today, following the hearing held before the two committees on roads Thursday night, and a day's discussion of the hearing and the arguments presented by those for and against the bill. It is not to be taken for granted that the bill will be accepted entirely as it now is written as it is very probable it will be changed slightly, perhaps by an amendment. But a bill will undoubtedly be passed having the same effect as this bill would have.

The chief, and to many minds, the only objection which the opponents of the measure mustered against it was that it gave the highway commission too broad powers particularly with regard to the abandonment of roads. The opponents of the bill stressed the point that under it, if enacted, the highway commission would be empowered to abandon or discontinue almost any of the roads of the present highway system, if in its judgment it thought it wise to do so. And in his able speech against the Smith-Hargett bill and in defense of the present law as it stands, Judge L. C. Varner, of Lumberton, mentioned the case of Charlotte, which has some eight state highways running through it at present, holding up the possibility that under this bill the highway commission might decide to abandon all but one of these roads, and use it as the "stem" for all the others. It was something of deeply impressing those who heard this argument.

So in order to eliminate this bugaboo in connection with the consideration of this bill, it is now considered likely that an amendment to the bill will be offered, limiting this power of the highway commission only to those roads not yet officially designated as a part of the state highway system. Thus, under such an amendment, any possibility of the abandonment or discontinuance of any highways already constructed or adopted as a part of the state highway system would be forestalled for all time.

Much interest was taken in the hearing and the snail of the house and the gallery was packed to capacity with almost the entire membership of the general assembly present. The first to appear in favor of the proposed bill was Frank Page, chairman of the highway commission, who said that according to the first test construction put on the highway law of 1921 by the Supreme Court, virtually all of the roads built so far by the highway commission had been built in violation of the law. He showed how hundreds of miles of construction had been saved through the abandonment of certain old roads and by using the stems of existing roads for the traffic of two different highways in several places. According to the most recent Supreme Court decisions, this cannot be done, and roads cannot be abandoned if they were originally shown as a part of the state highway system on the legislative map of 1921.

Following Mr. Page came James Fuller, of Durham, who spoke against the bill and in favor of the existing laws as interpreted by the Supreme Court. Mr. Fuller, incidentally, is the law partner of Associate Justice Douglas of the Supreme Court who wrote the Newton case opinion and the Robeson county case opinion, the two opinions which the Smith bill is intended to circumvent by clarifying the original highway act with regard to the powers of the highway commission to locate roads.

Judge J. S. Manning, former attorney general of the state and for a time member of the Supreme Court, spoke in favor of the bill and cited the now famous Cameron case in substantiation of the contention that the highway commission does have the authority to locate roads and change routes and use "stem" entrances into cities and towns for several highways when they converge outside the city or town.

For a time it seemed as if the "amendment" were the advantage until Walter C. Feinstad, of Newton, spoke against the bill and showed so much bitterness that his speech is credited with having destroyed much of the favorable sentiment that had accrued to the opposition to the measure until he spoke. It is reported that three members of the committee who at first were entirely in sympathy with the opposition to the bill have since announced that they are in favor of it. It was Mr. Feinstad who led the legal fight of the town of Newton against the highway commission which resulted in the Newton case opinion, one of the two opinions that have figured largely in the controversy.

Thus, although opinion is closely divided and sentiment for the Smith-Hargett bill by no means preponderant, the general opinion seems to be that the bill is in a much more favorable position now than at any time so far, and its final passage is by no means improbable.

DISPOSITION OF GROVES
ESTATE IS BIG MATTER

He Left Two Children But Other Factors Are Expected To Enter Into It.

Asheville, Jan. 28.—Who will inherit the estate of approximately \$300,000,000 left by Dr. Edwin W. Grove, capitalist and builder of Asheville, St. Louis and Florida? The answer to that question will probably come from St. Petersburg, Fla., where close business associates expect that his will will be probated. Dr. Grove has two children, Edwin Grove, Jr., of St. Louis, and Mrs. F. L. Seely, of Asheville, but there are other factors that are expected to enter into the division of the estate. Dr. Grove had large real estate holdings in Florida, extensive business and residential properties in Asheville, including Grove Park Inn, the Battery Park hotel, the Grove Arcade, and Grove-mont, a model town in the Swannanoa valley. He also owns valuable property in St. Louis, including the Paris Medicine company, chief source of his wealth.

It will be recalled that for some months a suit for \$5,000,000 has been pending against Dr. Grove, the suit having been brought by Fred L. Seely, his son-in-law, who claimed this amount was due him on the basis of a contract made several years ago when Mr. Seely was connected with the Paris Medicine company. Mr. Seely did not visit Dr. Grove during his last illness and the two had not been on speaking terms for some time. At the time the suit was filed it was brought out that a will which did not take care of Seely according to the terms of the alleged, had been made. Some adjustment of the matter was pending at the time of Dr. Grove's death, it was learned on good authority, although no one could say just how far this had gone.

North Wilkesboro Votes Away France.

By a majority of 683 votes, the board of commissioners were empowered by the citizens of North Wilkesboro, in a special election held Tuesday, to let the electric distribution system and franchise belonging to that city to the Southern Public Utilities company, (the power trust). The city will receive \$65,000 for its plant from the purchaser.

Peter C. Lentz Dead.

Salisbury, Jan. 29.—P. C. Lentz, 78 years old, died this morning at his home in eastern Rowan.

Softest Cloth Known.

Paris, Jan. 27.—A wonderful new cloth, which is described as being "softer than the softest silk or wool, with a pliability greater than any known cloth," is a new material invented by a noted Paris garment designer. It is made from the fluffiest ostrich feathers, which are plucked from the quills, treated by a special process which only the inventor knows, and then woven into a cloth. The finished product is lighter in weight than the finest down, after which it is named. Although it is phenomenally light in weight, it is very durable, and is capable of effects in colors and patterns that are difficult to obtain in the materials now in common use.

Gambling for Bibles.

London, Jan. 29.—When Dr. Robert Wild, of St. Ives, Cornwall, died in 1878, he bequeathed \$250, the yearly interest from which was to be expended on Bibles to be cast for by dice on the communion table by six boys and six girls. The custom has been observed ever since, but the practice of using the communion table for this little gamble has been discontinued, and the dice throwing now takes place on a table placed on the chancel steps.

May Court Martial Fiske.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Court martial charges against Major Harold C. Fiske, district war department engineer at Chattanooga, are under consideration by acting chairman James, of the House Military Committee, because the chairman said Fiske solicited funds from a power company for conducting Federal power commission hearings looking toward the leasing of power sites on the Tennessee River.

Daughters End Drive.

Rockingham, Jan. 29.—The Kings Daughters have just completed a "drive" for new members, adding thereby a total of 21 to the membership.

About 700 progressive farmers attended the eight meetings held in Gaston County recently in the interest of better balanced farming. The Gaston Chamber of Commerce donated \$25 towards the expenses of the campaign.

SCORE KILLED AND
MANY INJURED BY
STORM IN ENGLAND

Cities and Open Spaces Alike in England and Scotland Damaged During the Storm.

SCOTLAND WAS
HIT HARDEST

In Ireland, Also, Damage Resulted, But Full Reports From There Are Not Available.

London, Jan. 29.—(AP)—From the south of England to the northern tip of Scotland, cities and open spaces alike, were damaged by a great rain and wind storm which began yesterday and still was in progress today. Seventeen persons were killed, according to reports received here, and a large indefinite number injured. The property damage was extensive.

Scotland appears to have been the hardest hit, nine deaths being reported from Glasgow, with 300 persons injured. Houses which had withstood storms for many years collapsed, street cars were overturned, and lives of pedestrians were endangered by all sorts of wreckage hurled through the air by the gale.

The storm swept over Ireland, doing considerable damage in Dublin, where scores of persons were treated for injuries. Numerous chimneys were blown down, including one at the Orpen-Hoskell, which crashed into an unoccupied ward.

Many fine old trees were uprooted in Phoenix Park. It is expected when wires are restored, Ireland will have further disastrous news to report. Steamers from Ireland told of rough crossings, during which the vessels were constantly in danger.

Although London was kept awake throughout the night by the sound of breaking glass and crashing signs, the rain coming down in torrents all the while, no serious damage in the city was reported. From other places throughout the path of the storm, widespread destruction is reported, but except in a few cases there was no loss of life.

PART OF THE BRITISH
PROPOSAL IS KNOWN

Virtually Agrees to Surrender Extra Territorial Privileges in China.

Shanghai, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Enough was learned from authoritative sources today to indicate that the British proposals for surrendering her extra-territorial privileges in China constitute the most significant development so far in the struggle of the Eastern republic to regain full control of her territories.

Although the meetings at Peking and Hankow between British and Chinese officials are shrouded in secrecy, it is known that England has made alike to the northern and southern Chinese governments the proposal virtually offering full tariff autonomy and complete sovereignty over all British concessions.

The British proposal is understood to contain only minor conditions designed to insure efficient administration of the areas which would be turned over to Chinese control, and guarantees for personal and property rights of foreigners involved.

Want Statewide Game Law.

(By International News Service.)

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Sportsmen and conservationists have lined up solidly behind the proposed bill introduced in the house last week by Representative Sutton, of Lenoir county, providing for the establishing of game preserves and a uniform game law.

The Sutton bill, if passed, would provide self-supporting game preserves, with a program of propagation of wild game that would restock parts of the state where various species of wild game are virtually extinct.

Would Reduce Tax on Tobacco.

(By International News Service.)

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Indications are that North Carolina tobacco manufacturers will make a concerted effort to have the proposed "privilege" tax on tobacco companies slashed in half. It is expected that a formal hearing before the joint finance committee of the house and senate will be held within the next few days. Representatives already have appeared before the committee and voiced their objection to the proposed levy.

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She's Hopeful



Frances (Peaches) Browning smiled confidently as she entered court during the hearing of her separation action against Edward W. (Daddy) Browning, New York real estate man.

(International News Service)

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady Today at an Advance of 1 to 4 Points.—Based Off Later.

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 to 4 points in response to relatively firm Liverpool cables and a renewal of week-end covering. There was a little more Southern selling here, however, particularly by brokers with Eastern belt connections, and the market eased after the opening. May selling off to 13.33 and October to 13.08 by the end of the first hour, or about 6 to 8 points net lower.

No particular news feature was emphasized in connection with the decline, but there was talk of a probable falling off in spot demand. Some traders seemed to be anticipating increased spot offerings when the time for new crop preparation approaches.

Liverpool cables said there had been fair month-end calling and good continental buying in the market there, with demand supplied by realizing and hedge selling.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 13.49; May 13.62; July 13.84; October 14.07; December 14.23.

Closed Steady.

New York, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady: March 13.33; May 13.54; July 13.75; October 13.98; December 14.15.

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Experience and ability cost nothing extra if you do your banking at the Citizens Bank and Trust Company. That institution serves as executor or trustee at very moderate fees.

Ladies' slippers, 50 cents up, at the G. A. Moser Shoe Co. Silk hose, free with purchase of small sizes. See ad today.

The Perry Clothing Co. opened for business today at 37 South Union street. This is a new firm, which will sell ready-to-wear for ladies and men, either cash or credit. Read announcement in another column today.

"The Magnesian of the Cross" will be the subject of the sermon at the Methodist Protestant Church Sunday morning.

At the Baptist Church Sunday night the pastor will use as a subject for his sermon "Heaven." Miss Elizabeth Baumgartner, a blind musician, will sing.

Read the new ad. of Wrenn the dry cleaner, of Kannapolis, in today's issue.

Sterling values in sport and dress coats at Robinson's. The season's newest and smartest styles humbly priced, says new ad.

Emory H. Smith Dead.

New York, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Emory H. Smith, forty years old, president of the Merchants Dispatch Transportation Company and son of the late A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central Lines, died today.

Fraser Revival

COURT HOUSE
Two Services
Sunday

3 P. M. "Christ, No Ghost"
7:45 P. M. "The Signs of the Times and the Near Second Coming"

Tonight 7:45
"Hard Work—Poor Wages"
Seats Free—Bring the Sick
Sick Prayed For at All Services

BOTH BRANCHES OF
STATE LEGISLATURE
IN BRIEF SESSIONS

It Did Not Require More Than Ten Minutes For Solons to Complete Their Work Today.

MANY MEMBERS
OUT OF CAPITAL

Several Local Bills Were Given Consideration.—Both Will Meet Again Monday Night.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Ten-minute sessions cleared both branches of the General Assembly today. The House ran its total of new bills to 330, with the introduction of 40 state-wide measures, thirteen local bills; passed eight bills, all of a local nature, and adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday night.

After brief committee reports, the Senate turned in four new bills and adjourned until Monday night at 8:30 o'clock.

Among the bills passed by the House was one prohibiting the practice of palmistry in Buncombe county. Only a handful of Assemblymen were in their seats for the abbreviated sessions.

Senator Royall, of Wayne County, sent forward a bill proposing an amendment to the constitution which would limit ad valorem taxes with certain exceptions to a rate of \$2.50 on the hundred dollar valuation, and classifying intangible property for taxation, with the provision that the rate to be fixed on this type of property be left to the General Assembly.

The Wayne County man also offered a bill designed to facilitate the liquidation of banks. Instead of having an insolvent bank wound up by a receiver, appointed by the courts, these banks under the Royal bill would be liquidated by an agent of the Corporation Commission. This would place state banks under provisions similar to those applying to National banks which are liquidated by National bank examiners.

Senator Broughton offered the other two new bills. One would amend the inheritance tax law so that property would be charitable, or benevolent, institutions or similar agencies would not have to pay inheritance taxes, even though such institutions or agencies are not domiciled in the state. The other bill would provide that five copies of the Supreme Court reports and other public documents be furnished to the law schools at State University, Duke University and Wake Forest College.

CAM MORRISON HEADS
CHARLOTTE CHAMBER

Says "Progress" Will Be Keynote of His Administration During the Year.

Charlotte, Jan. 28.—Former Governor Cameron Morrison today was elected president of the Charlotte chamber of commerce for the ensuing year. Mr. Morrison succeeds Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, who served as president for the past five years.

"Progress," Mr. Morrison said, will be the keynote of his administration at present. However, he said that he had no definite plan outlined for presentation at today's meeting. He did point out that unity of purpose and "push" are the outstanding needs of the chamber of commerce at this time.