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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAD SPLENDID YEAR

Reports of Executive Secretary, Treasurer and Other Officers Yesterday Show Local Commercial Organization in Flourishing Condition.

Approving the annual report of the executive secretary and other final reports, adopting suitable resolutions upon the death of Col. C. B. Armstrong submitted by a committee composed of Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D., Joe S. Wray and W. T. Rankin and receiving an excellent report from the committee composed of S. N. Boyce, Geo. B. Mason and Miles A. Carpenter regarding the proposed assistant county agent work, the 1920 board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce wound up its affairs Thursday afternoon and turned the administration over to the new board.

The retiring administration was composed of Fred L. Smyre, president; A. G. Myers, first vice president; S. A. Robinson, second vice president; S. N. Boyce, treasurer; C. C. Armstrong, Wade S. Banes, R. Hojo Brason, C. D. Gray, Jno. R. Rankin, A. E. Woltz and J. O. White, directors.

Through the excellent interest taken by President Smyre the treasurer's report showed that not a single member of the chamber of commerce is in arrears. This was considered a remarkable showing by those present and one few similar organizations can show at the close of their fiscal year.

The annual report of the secretary shows one of the most active years in the history of the organization. The secretary has had the close co-operation of the officials at every turn, as well as the membership and while, for brevity's sake, much of the year's work was omitted, the report is even then somewhat lengthy. It will be received by the membership in the next few days.

A splendid tribute is paid the memory of Colonel Armstrong in the resolutions adopted. He was a charter member, a member for years of the board of directors, a vice president and a president of the Chamber of Commerce and always took a close interest in its affairs.

Mr. Boyce's report was one of special interest. He stated that his committee had gone thoroughly into the matter, had conferred with County Agent C. Lee Gowan and had decided that the placing of an assistant agent here to take charge of the agricultural clubs as proposed by the extension service is a very important matter for Gaston county. The committee then took up the matter of financing the amount needed to meet the state aid offered and secured an appropriation from the county board of education. The matter was then placed before the Kiwanis Club and as a result, he stated, the Kiwanis Club will undertake to finance the balance needed and to take over the work for the year as its special project. The extension service is only offering this service to five counties. The chamber of commerce has thus completed its work in connection with the matter and it is now in the hands of the Kiwanis Club. Upon motion of Mr. S. A. Robinson the report was adopted and a vote of thanks was tendered the Kiwanis Club for showing such interest in the matter and definitely assuming the project.

Many other matters of a more routine nature were acted upon at the meeting.

SEEK EARLY ACTION ON TARIFF BILL

Senate Supporters of House Emergency Bill Anxious to Push Hearings.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Plans of senate supporters of the house emergency tariff bill to press for early action were manifest again today, when the senate finance committee resumed hearings on the farmers' relief program.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, asked George D. Briggs, representing the National Sheep and Wool Bureau, to confine his testimony to subjects not already covered. Later Acting Chairman McCumber interrupted arguments with the witness to insist that the hearings be not delayed by committee members.

With interest in the fate of the Fordney emergency tariff bill increased by the formal announcement of Senator Penrose, chairman, that he would use his influence to secure its passage in the senate, the senate finance committee today continued its hearings on the measure. At the same time the house ways and means committee was prepared for the second session of its hearings on revision of the permanent tariff laws with additional witnesses called to discuss the first schedule dealing with paints, oils, and other chemical products.

Representatives of the wool interests appeared before the senate committee yesterday to urge protection for their industry against foreign competition, which they declared was threatening its extermination.

When closed a new kitchenette forms a cabinet attractive enough to help furnish a dining room.

FRED M. ALLEN BEGINS FIFTH YEAR HERE

RE-elected Executive Secretary at First Meeting New Board of Directors of Gastonia Chamber of Commerce.

Electing Fred M. Allen executive secretary for the year, his fifth term, deciding to be represented at the Southern Tariff Congress in Atlanta the latter part of the month because of its important bearing on southern industries, and transacting much other business the new board of directors of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce took over the affairs of the organization from the retiring board Thursday afternoon. In the absence from the city of President A. G. Myers, First Vice President S. A. Robinson occupied the chair. Other members present were Vice President J. O. White, Treasurer S. N. Boyce, Directors W. E. Haynes, E. G. McLeod, Chas. Ford, A. J. Kirby and G. Rush Spencer.

It was decided to appoint a committee of three to cooperate with similar committees from other organizations regarding the work being undertaken by Community Service, Inc., in Gastonia. The preparation of a budget was left to the steering committee as was also the matter of remodeling the new quarters. The new board was in session nearly an hour and took hold of things with an evident determination to make 1921 the best year yet for Gastonia.

SCIENCE AIDED IN LOCATING BALLOONISTS

Meteorologists' Knowledge of Air Currents Enabled Them to Follow Flight of Balloon.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 7.—The flight of the American naval balloon from Rockaway, N. Y., to James Bay illustrates the remarkable accuracy with which meteorologists can follow the course of air currents, said Sir Frederick Stupart, director of the government observatory here, today.

He called attention to the fact that on December 23, he forwarded a chart to Ottawa which showed that if the then missing balloon was traveling at a height of 1,500 feet, its line of flight would cross James Bay slightly east of Moose Factory at 8 a. m. on December 14. This forecast of direction proved accurate to within a few miles.

The discrepancy between the time estimated by Sir Frederick and the actual hour of landing is accounted for by him by the fact that apparently the balloon did not travel at the hypothetical height of 1,500 feet. The velocity of air currents differs very greatly at varying altitudes, he explained.

Sir Frederick said the meteorological bureau had received letters from Niagara Falls and other towns hundreds of miles westward, reporting that the balloon had been sighted.

ANTI-JAP FEELING TENSE IN TEXAS TOWN

New Arrivals From Japan Warned Not to Settle on Land They Had Purchased.

(By The Associated Press.)
HARLINGEN, Tex., Jan. 7.—Pending the arrival of a real estate dealer from California, who is said to have sold farms to Japanese in various sections of the Rio Grande valley, no efforts will be made here by the citizens committee to compel the two Japanese families to leave Harlingen.

The Japanese, including four children, arrived here Wednesday from California and were met at the train by a committee of citizens and informed that their presence in the valley was undesirable. The real estate agent will be asked to refund the Japanese the amount paid for two farms.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 7.—Developments were awaited in the situation created yesterday by the arrival at Harlingen, Tex., yesterday of the Japanese families bringing agricultural implements and who proposed to settle on a 282 acre tract of land near Harlingen.

Anti-Japanese feeling at Harlingen was described as intense. The Japanese have been warned by a committee of citizens and American Legion posts that it would be dangerous for them to settle on the land.

The Japanese are at the Harlingen hotel awaiting advices from S. Kishi, who, they declare, sold them the land for the account of Z. Yamatao, of Los Angeles. A committee of citizens are meeting all trains looking, members said, for Kishi and other Japanese.

The Japanese, T. Okuma and O. Okuma, brothers, said that they paid \$273 an acre for the land they intended to occupy, and had no intimation that there was anti-Japanese feeling in the Rio Grande valley. They said that the plot of 282 acres had been divided into 40 acre tracts for settlement.

American Legionnaires in other valley towns are keeping in touch with the situation by telephone, it is said.



Lieut. Col. C. C. Culver

2049—Lieut. Col. Culver of the U. S. Army Air Service upon whom the University of the State of Nebraska has conferred the honorary degree of Electrical Engineer in recognition of his work in the past six years in the development of voice communication flying and the application of the radio telegraph and telephone to aeroplanes.

U. S. WILL NEVER BE LITERALLY DRY

So Says Prohibition Commissioner Kramer—Sentiment, However, is Growing Stronger For It.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The United States will never be literally dry, Prohibition Commissioner Kramer declared today, though he expressed the opinion prohibition is here to stay. Sentiment throughout the country, he said, is continually growing stronger for prohibition and practical prohibition will come after the present generation, which is familiar with liquor, is gone, he continued, though there probably always will be some few individuals who will make intoxicants in their homes. The sons and daughters of the men of today, he asserted, will grow up without a taste for liquor.

The commissioner declared that despite evidences of law breaking in some sections, the country as a whole is behind the amendment to the constitution. New York and the east, he asserted, cannot be considered as reflecting the attitude of the country at large and in general west of Pittsburgh the country is dry.

Difficulties experienced with prohibition agents were to be expected, he declared, but as a body they were doing their duty. Most of the enforcement agents, Mr. Kramer described as men who could "take a drink in order to carry out their orders," but his best agent, he said, was a Methodist minister.

TOBACCO GROWERS FACE GRAVE PROBLEM

Meeting of Burley Producers at Louisville Considers Proposition of Planting No Crop This Year—Prices Ruinous.

(By The Associated Press.)
LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 7.—Tobacco growers, bankers and warehousemen were meeting today in an effort to find a solution of the situation in central Kentucky created by failure of tobacco buyers to offer prices satisfactory to the growers for the 1920 crop. Growers met at 10 o'clock this morning, while the meeting of bankers and warehousemen was set for this afternoon.

Delegates from every county in the burley tobacco belt, which is composed of central Kentucky and portions of southern Indiana and Ohio, were expected to attend the meeting of growers. The call for the meetings stated that a proposition to agree not to plant tobacco in 1921 would be voted upon and that efforts would be made to work out a satisfactory plan for selling the crop at satisfactory prices.

Sales opened this week were discontinued when prices offered ranged only from \$1 to \$30 a hundred pounds, as compared with prices three times as high a year ago.

Prior to the meeting of growers it was stated that an effort would be made to adjourn the session until night. This was prompted by the fact that the bankers and warehousemen would not meet until the afternoon and no arrangements for financing any movement by the growers could be made until it was seen what financial arrangements could be made.

Efforts to get the burley tobacco growers association to endorse the meeting of growers failed last night when the board of directors adopted a resolution saying that the association would back any agreement reached between growers and bankers and warehousemen.

Charles Lind, president of the Fayette county farmers' union, was chosen temporary chairman of the growers meeting by the committee which issued the call.

A new kitchen sink faucet is equipped with a bubbling fountain type of drinking attachment.

WOMEN ASK SOLONS FOR CENSORSHIP OF MOVING PICTURES

Representatives of State Federation of Women's Club Besiege Legislators—Also Interested in Primary Bill.

(By Max D. Abernethy.)
RALEIGH, Jan. 7.—House members, following a thirty minute session Friday morning, were besieged by representatives of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of the state who are in Raleigh in the interest of the proposed bill for statewide censorship of all moving pictures.

In the Raleigh delegation of women, Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro, and Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, president of the state federation, are here asking support of the proposed measure.

When the house adjourned at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning the censorship bill had not been introduced, but it is understood that it is now being drafted and will come up for consideration along with the general run of new bills either Saturday or Monday.

The women came down to Raleigh primarily in the interest of the bill for the censorship of moving pictures. They are equally interested in the proposed fight to wipe the statewide primary law from the statute books. And while here they are doing some effective work among the legislators to prevent the destruction of the law as it now stands.

Ever that Chen Wright's salary bill for increase of all constitutional officers introduced in the house at the opening session would go by default was expressed by house members Friday when adjournment was taken without a report on the measure from the committee on salaries and fees.

BILL WOULD CHANGE JUDICIAL SYSTEM

(By Max Abernethy.)

RALEIGH, Jan. 7.—The introduction of a bill in the house at the opening session of the legislature by Representative Crisp, of Dare, and which will be acted upon soon, would make the "riding" of a superior court judge from July 1 to June 30 instead of to December 30 under the present law.

If the bill passes muster without change the State will be divided into five divisions of four districts each instead of the two districts and a judge will not ride the same district, under the provisions of the constitution, "often than once in four years."

Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the North Carolina supreme court, favors the changes suggested in the Crisp bill. "We now have the most anomalous system in the world by which a judge nominated by one district rides the other districts without their people having any part in his selection," the chief justice writes of the system. "This was to prevent the election of a Republican judge by any district. By the four district plan the nomination and election could be made by the four districts over which the judges ride and they would be so arranged that all of them would be Democrats."

Making the point that the "rotation" system is in force nowhere else except in South Carolina and in this State, Chief Justice Clark says:

"It would be a decided improvement in the administration of justice" if the change as suggested in the bill is made. "Under the four-district system every judge would be home every Sunday and would never be very far away. The strain would be much less on him and the State treasury would save largely in his traveling expenses. The modification of dividing the State into two divisions has worked well, and the further restriction of rotation by having five divisions is much to be desired."

Following the announcement from Representative Woltz, of Gaston, that he would lead the fight for retention of the present Statewide primary law in the lower house there has been a decided drop in "repeal the primary" stock. The repealists will have the hardest fight of their lives to get a bare majority of votes in the House while the Senate will defeat any bill seeking to wipe the statute from the books.

When Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner reached Raleigh one day prior to the opening session he declared that it was well nigh an impossibility to find a legislator who would really befriend the primary. Since that time, however, he has done some mighty effective work for the law himself and the announcement from Representatives Woltz and Pharr that they would oppose repeal makes it certain that the act is not going to be destroyed outright by the Neal-Murphy-Bowie wing of the General Assembly.

The most effective argument that friends of the primary are using is that its repeal will alienate the women voters in North Carolina. In the convention it is argued, the women will not be given an opportunity of expressing their wishes as to candidates with the same degree of certainty as by popular vote. "An act to promote the due administration of justice and to lessen the

LORD MAYOR OF CORK HAS HIS FREEDOM

Though He May be Finally Deported by Order of the State Department, O'Callaghan Will Probably Have a Chance to Testify Before Irish Committee.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Regardless of what final action is taken on the admissibility to this country of Donal J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who arrived at Newport News Tuesday night as a stowaway without a passport, developments of the last 24 hours appeared today to have removed all obstacles to the achievements of the purpose for which he came here. Action of Secretary of Labor Wilson yesterday in paroling O'Callaghan on his own recognizance was believed to have insured free opportunity for his appearance before the committee of the Commission of One Hundred investigating the Irish question on January 17, the date of the next meeting.

With O'Callaghan's case not yet having been formally referred to the state department by the department of labor, the fact that the former department, as indicated by Acting Secretary Davis, was not disposed to issue the passport restrictions in the lord mayor's favor had no bearing today on his status. Speculating that the lord mayor's parole left nothing to prevent his coming to Washington to testify before the commission even though he should finally be deported, Secretary Davis said the labor secretary's parole order had been issued without consultation with the state department.

Although Secretary Wilson early today had taken no formal action on O'Callaghan's appeal from the decision of the board of inquiry at Newport News excluding him from this country, it was understood that on account of the friction which was said to have developed between the state and labor departments over the admissibility of aliens without passports, the labor secretary would sustain the appeal without referring the case to the state department. Such reference, however, it was pointed out would be the usual custom of the department of labor in such cases.

REP. JULIUS KAHN CONFERS WITH HARDING

MARION, O., Jan. 7.—Representative Julius Kahn, of California, chairman of the house military committee, came to Marion today at the invitation of President-elect Harding, to discuss the question of army reorganization and general preparedness.

The conference was one of a series to be held by Mr. Harding with those who are in charge of military and naval legislation with a view to reducing appropriations for the two establishments, developing a reserve personnel for both army and navy and agreeing on a definite policy to be pursued until a possible plan of disarmament is worked out by an association of nations. Later the president-elect will confer with Chairman Bacon of the house naval committee.

INDIANA MOB TRIED TO LYNCH NEGRO

(By The Associated Press.)

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Rufus Jones, negro, alleged assailant of a white woman, was taken from the Clark county jail early today to the Indiana state reformatory, a few blocks distant, for safekeeping after a mob of several hundred persons had gathered around the jail earlier in the night with the avowed intention of lynching him.

Members of the mob came from Union, a nearby village, where the victim lived. It apparently lacked a leader and easily was dispersed by deputy sheriffs. A little later Jones, who had slept through the demonstration, was taken in a police machine to the reformatory.

Jones is charged with entering the woman's home early Wednesday evening. She declares she first was robbed of about \$40 and then dragged across the road to a secluded spot, where she was subjected to indignities.

The city was quiet today. A species of orchid in Porto Rico seems to prefer to grow upon telegraph and telephone wires.

Crime of lynchings" is the title of a bill introduced by Senator Taylor, of Wayne. The bill provides that whenever an indictment charges the commission of a capital felony the judge shall have the power to remove the indictment for trial to some adjacent county prior to the arraignment of the defendant without the presence in the court of the prisoner.

Coming from the senator from Wayne county, where an unsuccessful attempt was recently made to lynch three negroes, the bill already has a strong argument for its passage. It is predicted that it will be enacted without serious opposition.

NAVAL BALLOONISTS STILL LOST IN WILDS

Scouting Parties Covering All Trails in Hope of Finding Them—Bunch of Reporters Ready to Greet Them.

(By The Associated Press.)
COCHRANE, Ont., Jan. 7.—Scouting parties, composed of veteran trappers, Indians and newspaper correspondents, today were pushing along various circuitous trails northward in the hope of intercepting the three United States naval balloonists who are trekking back to civilization from Moose Factory, where they landed Dec. 14 after a hazardous flight from Rockaway, N. Y.

Lack of actual knowledge of the aeronauts' progress and impatience to hear first hand the narrative of their thrilling drift through stormy clouds and of their heroic battle against cold and starvation after landing, led the scouting squads to follow up their several speculations regarding the route chosen by the officers Indian guides. It was generally agreed here today that harring unforeseen trouble, the balloonists had arrived by tonight at either Clute, Maticee or Cochrane.

Postmaster W. A. Goodling, at Clute, was in such a state of expectancy all yesterday afternoon and last night, that a party of 50 men from there early this morning, fully confident of meeting the southbound party without going far afield.

The failure of the balloonists to arrive last night did not shake his confidence that Clute was chosen as the destination of the Indian guides. The special Pullman car for newspaper correspondents, however, was kept here, with steam up, ready to rush to any point reporting the aeronauts' arrival. Many men here acquainted with the north country still cling to the belief that either the Massanibi or Abitibi river trails were chosen. The former would bring the party out at Maticee and the latter terminates here.

NORTH CAROLINA GETS TWO MORE CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Closing its open hearings, the house census committee went into executive session today to draft a reapportionment bill based on the last census.

The basis for representation was fixed at one member for every 218,979 inhabitants. Under this bill the states would gain as follows:

- Alabama 1, Arkansas 1, California 5, Connecticut 1, Georgia 1, Illinois 3, Maryland 1, Massachusetts 2, Michigan 4, Minnesota 1, New Jersey 2, New Mexico 1, New York 4, North Carolina 2, Ohio 4, Oklahoma 1, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 1, South Carolina 1, Tennessee 1, Texas 1, Virginia 1, Washington 1, West Virginia 1, and Wisconsin 1.

No states would lose any representation. Under the committee's bill the states would have representation as follows:

- Alabama 11, Arizona 1, Arkansas 8, California 16, Colorado 4, Connecticut 6, Delaware 1, Florida 4, Georgia 13, Idaho 2, Kansas 10, Indiana 13, Iowa 11, Kansas 8, Kentucky 11, Louisiana 8, Maine 1, Maryland 7, Massachusetts 18, Michigan 17, Minnesota 11, Mississippi 8, Missouri 16, Montana 2, Nebraska 6, Nevada 1, New Hampshire 2, New Jersey 11, New Mexico 2, New York 17, North Carolina 12, North Dakota 3, Ohio 26, Oklahoma 10, Oregon 4, Pennsylvania 40, Rhode Island 1, South Carolina 8, South Dakota 3, Utah 2, Vermont 2, Virginia 11, Washington 6, West Virginia 7, Wisconsin 12, Wyoming 1.

The bill provides that in case of any increase in the number of representatives in any state such additional representatives shall be elected at large until the state legislatures pass redistricting laws.

INVESTIGATING EXPRESS RATES IN GEORGIA

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The interstate commerce commission today began an investigation into the state express rates in Georgia, ordering a hearing held before Examiner Keene on February 9th at Atlanta, Ga.

The commission says that by an order of November 23, the Georgia state commission refused to allow the American Railway Express Company to increase state rates 12.5 per cent to meet the raise recently granted in interstate commerce. The railroads have protested to the commission that such action worked as a discrimination against competitive interstate traffic.

SIX BURNED TO DEATH

ENGLAND, Ark., Jan. 7.—Six persons were burned to death and two probably fatally burned in a fire which destroyed the Royal Hotel and Cafe here early today.

Thoroughly clean ivory can be brilliantly polished with powdered magnesia.