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## MR. GEORGE W. WILSON HAS WITHDRAWN HIS NAME FROM SOLICITOR'S RACE

John Carpenter, of Gastonia, Has Entered Name—He, Stephen B. Dolley and Marvin L. Ritch Are Entered Mecklenburg Situation.

(Charlotte Observer.)  
That George W. Wilson, of Gastonia, has withdrawn from the race for solicitor in the 14th judicial district and in favor of John Carpenter, of Gastonia, who yesterday filed his name as a candidate by wire, is the information received from Mr. Carpenter, through some of his friends in the city.  
Mr. Wilson, who has been solicitor for the last 12 years, is said to be in a sanatorium in Philadelphia taking treatment, and is reported as having sent a telegram yesterday to friends of Mr. Carpenter in Gastonia, announcing his withdrawal because of the condition of his health, and in favor of Mr. Carpenter.

With his withdrawal and the entrance of Mr. Carpenter, the race will doubtless become a warm contest, since Stephen B. Dolley, former service man and captain of the Gastonia military company, has been in the race for some time. Announcement is also made from Raleigh that Marvin L. Ritch, of Charlotte, has also filed his name as a candidate for the solicitorship in this district.  
Mr. Carpenter has been the leader of the democratic party in Gastonia county for some time, serving as chairman of the county executive committee. He is a lawyer with a splendid reputation, particularly in criminal practice. Charlotte friends profess that he will make a splendid race, saying that he is well known and popular in both Gastonia and Mecklenburg counties.

Mr. Dolley has been active in his campaign for several weeks and it is believed that he will have a splendid following, particularly among the former service men. Mr. Ritch has been a candidate for this position before, having opposed Solicitor Wilson four years ago. He was also a candidate in the democratic primary for the district of two years ago.  
Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, will not be opposed in the race for the judgeship in this district, neither by a democrat nor by a republican. News in the mails before the closing time for filing notices, and had not received the notice of the board of elections in Raleigh at midnight yesterday. It is not thought, however, that opposition will develop to him.  
The withdrawal of Dr. J. M. St. David, son of Charlotte, and the announcement of John Carpenter, leaves Congressman A. L. Bullock alone in the democratic field for Congress in the ninth district. Two years ago, he was not considered for the race.

## PLAN TO ERECT HUGE SCIENTIFIC MUSEUM

Washington Building Where Sun Spots and Rotation of the Earth on Its Axis May be Observed.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 23. Plans for the erection in Washington of a \$1,200,000 building as the home of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council and a center for American scientists, of which funds were announced yesterday by Dr. C. L. Walcott, president of the National Academy, at the opening session of its meeting here. The building, which is expected to be completed in seven months from next fall, Dr. Walcott said, is a gift of the Carnegie Foundation of New York. Facing the Lincoln Memorial in Potomac Park, from the north, the structure, it was said, will be of simple classical style, rising three stories from a broad terrace and having a frontage of 200 feet.  
In addition to serving as a conference center for scientists, the institution will be designed, it was said, as a "great museum" of the progress of scientific achievement. A large auditorium and a lecture room on the main floor will be surrounded by seven exhibition rooms, in which the most important scientific discoveries will be illustrated for the benefit of the public.  
One of the most interesting features of the building for the visitor will be a colossal telescope mounted on the dome of the rotunda which will throw a large image of the sun on a white surface and demonstrate to the actual vision of the layman the natural phenomenon of sun spots. He will see the spots change in number and form from day to day and move across the disc as the sun turns on its axis.

## S. A. L. GETS NEW EQUIPMENT

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 24. — Plans of the Seaboard Air Line Railway to obtain approximately \$4,400,000 for new equipment by the issue of equipment certificates through a subsidiary corporation were approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## Plaintiffs In The Hospital Suit File A Long List Of Complaints Of Irregularities In The Election

Alleged That Election Was Unconstitutional, That It Is Not a Necessary Expense For Gaston County, That The Manner of Conducting Registration Books Was Illegal—Plaintiffs Declare Their Property Will Be Injured By Establishment of Hospital in County—Attorneys Ask For Bill of Particulars—To Be Heard Before Judge Finley in Charlotte.

A bill of complaint containing some 12 or 15 articles and charges has been filed with the clerk of the court against the board of county commissioners by the plaintiffs, J. Math Armstrong, A. F. Gaston, W. R. Ford, E. E. Summey, J. A. Rhyme, E. D. Stroup, A. F. Childers, J. W. M. Jenkins and L. E. Dickson, in the suit instituted to contest the recent tuberculosis hospital election. The complaint is a lengthy and voluminous legal document of some 10 or 12 typewritten pages. A full text of the complaint will appear in tomorrow's paper. The summary of the complaint is that the act ordering the election was unconstitutional, in that it is a local and special act relating to health, that it is not a necessary expense of Gaston county and that the commissioners are without authority to levy the special taxes imposed, that the expense which the defendant board can raise is required to pay the necessary expenses of the county, that the board failed to give due and proper notice of the election and of the registration for same, that the board failed to publish notice of said election at some place in the several townships of the county, that the registration was conducted illegally in that the books were not kept open at the proper times and places, that many were registered by telephone and that the wives of many electors were registered by proxy by their husbands, that many were placed on the books who were not lawfully entitled to register and vote in the election, etc., etc.

## MARVIN RITCH GIVES HIS VIEWS ON SOLICITORSHIP

Says He Is in the Race to the Finish and Will Deal Justice to All If Elected—Refers to Recent Mill Disputes.

With the entrance of Marvin Ritch of Charlotte into the solicitor's race in the 14th judicial district, the withdrawal of Solicitor Wilson and the entrance of John Carpenter, of Gastonia, the political situation has become decidedly interesting. Another Gastonia attorney, Capt. Stephen B. Dolley, is also a candidate.  
When interviewed on the streets of Gastonia this morning pertaining to his candidacy for solicitor, Marvin L. Ritch, of Charlotte, said the following: "I have decided to run for the Democratic ticket for Solicitor in the Fourteenth District. It has not been placed there for the purpose of raising or withdrawing it in any political way. The fight is on and I am in it to the finish. If elected, I believe, capital, labor, officialdom, and the public will prove at my hands a square deal, and nothing more. It will be my purpose to always endeavor to try to go to the bottom of all questions arising, and find out where the truth is, and what should be done in the premises."  
"Yes, in case of serious industrial troubles, I hereby pledge myself to do such drastic action as will safeguard the best interests of the mills, as well as that of the workers. Perhaps the good people of Gastonia will give me credit for knowing a little about the various angles of this subject. It ought to be made perfectly clear at this time, however, to both capital and labor, that in their various grievances which are sure to come in the community in the future, that neither of them have any corner on the solicitorship of this district."  
"Law enforcement is not a light task and requires a man for some time against the law of the land, and so I intend to do my job, and then neglect it, as I will, and nine more years are to go free. It is this kind of law enforcement which is causing all of our heart aches and pains, poverty, mental troubles and all. I think I have said enough for the public to judge, judge as to where I stand on all these vital questions."

## LITTLE HOPE FOR RECOVERY OF AUGUSTA BALL PLAYER

(By The Associated Press.)  
GREENVILLE, S. C., April 24. — While attending physicians and hospital officials say that he passed a very bad night, little hope is entertained that Herma Merritt, third baseman of the Augusta baseball team of the South Atlantic League, can survive. The injury he had suffered early Saturday morning, when the automobile in which he and four other members of the Augusta club were proceeding from Greenville to Augusta was wrecked. Mr. Merritt suffered a broken back, and while physicians say that he may live for several weeks or even a month, they see no possibility that he may recover. An operation probably will not be attempted, physicians said, noting that he accomplished as a result of such an operation.

## WILBUR DAVIS, FIRST BASEMAN, IN TROUBLE

Left Fielder, Orion Masters, Pitcher, and Weidell, Catcher, Other Occupants of the Car, Escaped with Minor Bruises and Scratches, although it is said that Davis may be out of the game for several days as a result of his injuries.

## DEACONS CANCELLED ACTRESS' APPEARANCE IN CHURCH

NASHAU, N. H., April 24.—Virginia Pearson, motion picture actress who was to have spoken at the First Baptist Church last night, was prevented at the last minute by the deacons. They instructed the pastor to announce that the action was not for "the good of the church."  
A crowd that filled the auditorium for the first time in its history had appeared to hear Miss Pearson tell of "efforts to raise the morals standard of the stage." She said afterwards that she was invited to speak by the pastor, adding that the action of the deacons was "apparently the work of people who think that actors and actresses are damned forever."

## GENOA CONFERENCE SETS ITSELF AGAIN TO TASK OF EUROPE'S PROBLEMS

Announcement by German Delegates That They Would Not Reply to Allies' Second Note Is Received With Relief—Had Begun To Despair of Success of Conference.

(By The Associated Press.)  
GENOA, April 24. — The Genoa conference, which has been alternating between fears and hopes, and between political crises which threatened to destroy it, although, set going today, the task of negotiating the economic life of Europe.  
The announcement that the German delegates might refuse to reply to the Allies' second note, which they did not wish to see the success of the conference, was received everywhere with frank relief. The relief, for almost everybody was beginning to despair of the success of the conference and in economic adjustment. In all quarters there were words of praise for the patient efforts of the Italian leaders to maintain harmony so that the conference might concentrate upon the constructive problems for which it was organized.  
Six subcommittees were scheduled to hold meetings today, and the committee of experts on the Russian question made plans to take up serious discussion on the presentation of Russia, prepared by the Allied experts whom they met in London. This report concerned not only the question of handling of Russian debts, but also matters vital to negotiators in their relations with Russia, bearing on the legal protection for them to have in their dealing in Russia.  
The German delegation has withdrawn for the present its noted memorandum, issued as an answer to the experts, because it is in contradiction with the later Russian note accepting the Allies' terms as a basis for discussion. Russian spokesmen explained that the memorandum, which the powers found unpalatable, merely voiced the opinions of the Soviet delegates at the first stage of the negotiations, whereas now they have decided to modify their earlier opinions.  
They were careful, however, to make the reservation that this modification was contingent upon the successful outcome of the present negotiations, and that the conference has proceeded so far as to have a basis for discussion. Russian spokesmen explained that the memorandum was not to be regarded as a final position, but merely as a starting point for the negotiations, and that they have decided to modify their earlier opinions.

## COLUMBUS CITY MANAGER VICTIM OF ASSAILANTS

Mayor Receives Threatening Letters Demanding Removal of City Manager and Superintendent of Public Works.

COLUMBUS, Ga., April 24. — Today, between noon and six o'clock, the "Columbus Times" published the following letters received by Mayor H. H. Hamer, Mayor and City Manager H. W. Hinkle, and the "Columbus Times":  
"The letters received yesterday by the heads of the city government, threatened the lives of the city officials, should the mayor or his subordinate, the city manager and H. W. Massay, superintendent of public works, within 48 hours, resign. The reason for the sending of the missives is not known."  
According to the press account on the city, they were mailed on the night of April 23, and reached the city limit before expiring during the early afternoon.  
Mayor Hinkle was held on one of the main streets of Columbus on Friday morning by three men who were reported by his later to have placed his automobile in a garage. While not seriously injured, the manager is at his desk today with his head in bandages.  
Adding more to the seriousness of the situation, it is said that the letters directly refer to the attack on the city manager Friday.  
The city has offered \$1,000 for the assassins of the city manager.

## FRANCE WILL UNDERTAKE ALONE TO ENFORCE TREATY OF VERSAILLES IF GERMANY FAILS IN REPARATIONS

So Declares Premier Poincare in Speech at Bar Le Due—May 31 Is Important Date for France—On That Day Germans Must Accept Conditions or Default in Their Payment.

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## France Will Undertake Alone To Enforce Treaty Of Versailles If Germany Fails In Reparations

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full light the sympathies which have developed in the darkness between the bolsheviks and the Germans. How many persons, wrested from their confidence yesterday, will not now admit that the Cabinet was right in desiring to insist for the moment on eight-monthly military service?"  
M. Poincare referred to the discoveries of stacks of arms and munitions in Silesia, the formation of police organizations in Germany composed of former non-commissioned officers, which he said, were so easily transformed into a framework of military forces. He instanced these things, as well as the post-Communist agitation, to justify the precautions of France.  
"Things are going on in Germany," he said, "as if the pan-Germans were watching for an opportunity to foment trouble sooner or later, on their eastern frontier with a view to getting back by force the Polish regions taken from Germany by the treaty of Versailles."  
"What is going on in Genoa," continued the Premier, "singularly confirms all we know of the state of mind of the great part of the empire. How long back had Germany prepared the treaty with the Soviet government and are we sure the treaty has been completely fulfilled? Is it not accompanied by secret clauses? It is simply a shield for political and military intentions."  
At any rate, added M. Poincare, the coming together of Germany and the Soviets was a great menace to Poland and an indirect menace to France.  
HILL HEIRS MUST AGREE OR COURT WILL ACT  
ST. PAUL, MINN., April 23. — Petitions of contending heirs of Mrs. James J. Hill for appointment of either the Northwestern Trust Company or Lewis W. Hill as administrator of her \$12,000,000 estate were denied by Probate Judge Howard Wheeler in a decision filed today.  
Judge Wheeler held that the controversy among the nine children had disqualified both applicants. Unless they agree on an administrator or administrators by May 5 the court will make its own selection.  
The controversy resulted in a long hearing in probate court here, with one contending group of seven heirs of the late empire builder, headed by James N. Hill, of New York, the eldest son, and seven more heirs, headed by Lewis W. Hill, chairman of the great Northern Railway, joined with the sister in the opposition.  
Exactly the same situation obtains for the little estate. If Poland and these border states now march with France, the danger of a double attack comes from Germany and from Russia may be postponed. But everyone in Europe knows, not a few in Washington know, that a great Russian offensive against Poland is already in preparation. If France and the entire world, then, ultimately be hurled into a war, it is not the slightest degree related to the purposes for which the conference was originally called. The economic phase is over if it cannot be restored. What is taking place is the frank maneuvering on both sides for advantage in the public opinion of the world in the clash which is now with night inevitable.  
The financial the French has not withdrawn from Genoa has no other significance than the recognition that the Russo-German move has bestowed upon France an enormous advantage, which can best be exploited upon the spot. Threatened a few days ago with isolation in the world France is now assured of the aid of Poland, of the little empire of Belgium, also menaced by a fresh German attack.

## EUROPE FACES GREATTEST POLITICAL CRISIS SINCE STIRRING DAYS OF 1914

Not One But Several Wars Are Within Easy View—Process of Disintegration Is Steadily Going On—Russo-German Pact Threatens Ruin of Smaller States Lying Along Russian and German Frontiers.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 23. — Not since 1914 has Europe been in the presence of a political crisis as menacing as that of the present hour. Not one but several wars are within easy view, and in some of them, there is not a shadow of doubt as to the process of disintegration being steadily moving forward. The Russo-German pact in Europe is steadily bringing into view the process of disintegration of the present hour. Not one but several wars are within easy view, and in some of them, there is not a shadow of doubt as to the process of disintegration being steadily moving forward. The Russo-German pact in Europe is steadily bringing into view the process of disintegration of the present hour. Not one but several wars are within easy view, and in some of them, there is not a shadow of doubt as to the process of disintegration being steadily moving forward. The Russo-German pact in Europe is steadily bringing into view the process of disintegration of the present hour.

## McLEAN FOR GOVERNOR IN 1924 AND GARDNER IN 1928 IS THE SLATE

Everybody Now Whooping It Up For Governor Morrison—Bailey Is Disheartened—Not Believed That He Has Any Intention of Running For Governor.

(By The Associated Press.)  
RICHMOND, April 23. — Two unions affiliated with each other for political purposes were somewhat tall and fat in the face of the state Democracy in the state convention yesterday.  
If there is a word of comfort in the Democratic platform for the frainers of the questionnaires which the state union fixed up for candidates, a dozen per cent do not disclose the speech. The Republican party answered most of the questions as the opponents would have desired them. Those which were dodged were approached in much more friendly way than the Democracy came to the scratch. The Democrats have ignored the two unions.  
The convention sat down on the union in more ways than by writing platforms. It not only refused to give it any; and nearly everywhere in the east the Democratic leaders are going before their people defending what is called "extraneousness" in the public business and candidly telling them that government never will be cheaper than it now is.  
Bailey Getting Disheartened.  
So situated with this spirit has become the public thought that there are thousands of possible wagers that J. W. Bailey will never run for governor but he will turn in and clamor the Morrison administration, as he worked for him before the 1920 election. A noticeable loss of enthusiasm has been discovered in Mr. Bailey's recent utterances. He has said a lot about reducing taxes, but reducing them is something else. From now rather than to him come hints that Bailey is getting disheartened; that he knows the futility of attempting to cut government revenues or pruning public offices. Notice in the Morrison-Watts rating element of the party believes that Bailey is going to run for governor. They never did believe it and events have so shaped themselves since the convention that one with difficulty sees where Bailey can get into the race.  
Gardner's retirement at the convention complicated the thing for Bailey. The Shiloh man, instead of appealing to the disintegration of the slate, definitely declared against "back-pedaling and retraction." Emissary Warren, who is to represent Baileyston in the 1923 general assembly, conferred with Governor Morrison and his allies, who fought him to an exhausting fight in 1920, seems to have made up his mind to withdraw, together as their field marshal, give the order to advance, and Sumner Burgwyn comes in from the deep east to tell the people that he has ceased to promise any more in taxes.

## COOPER FOR GOVERNOR

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 24. — Appointment of Lieutenant Governor W. R. Cooper, of North Carolina, to the Federal farm loan board to take the place of A. F. Lever, of South Carolina, resigned, was recommended to President Harding today by Senator Overman, of that State. Mr. Cooper is a banker of Wilmington, N. C.

## ERWIN BERGDOLL MUST STAY IN LEAVENWORTH

WASHINGTON, April 24. — The Supreme Court today denied the application of Erwin R. Bergdoll, of Philadelphia, for a writ of habeas corpus. Erwin, a brother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, is now serving a sentence of four years in Leavenworth for failure to perform military service during the war and contended he was illegally convicted.

## OVERMAN RECOMMENDS COOPER FOR BOARD

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