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## STATEMENT OF NEEDS OF STATE COLLEGES

The student body of the North Carolina College for Women are now conducting an active campaign in behalf of the educational program in the state of North Carolina, and are determined to do their part to bring the facts of the situation before the people of the state, that they may urge the legislature to do what is urgently necessary if the college is to go forward in its work.

Miss Gladys Wells, who as representative of the local college attended the meeting in Raleigh of student representatives of the University of North Carolina, State College of Agriculture and Engineering, the East Carolina Teachers Training School, and the North Carolina College for Women, yesterday outlined the plans of the colleges to get the information before the people, and especially stressed the work of the college here.

Miss Wells outlined the plans of the committee as follows: Each college will get out special editions of its publications, setting forth the facts, and these will be mailed out widely by the students themselves; a three-headed organization will be formed in each state college, with a central joint committee, to meet again in January; a local committee in each college of five or six members; and county clubs among the students of each college, with county chairmen.

During the Christmas holidays the clubs will work through personal interviews in the local communities and cooperate with the alumni and alumnae in reunions. Articles will be sent to the local county papers. Reports will be made from each county and funds will be provided for the work. Aid here will be sought from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce by the student body in pushing its plans. Student speakers will be sent out wherever desirable, to appear before representative audiences in the state. Printed folders will be enclosed in all letters sent out bearing essential facts in the case, and stickers and stamps will be attached to pieces of mail and automobile windshield. A pageant may be staged sometime in January. Each student is to write personal letters to three or more influential persons in her community and to her local representative in the legislature.

The following statement has been prepared by the joint committee which met in Raleigh:

To the People of North Carolina: We, representing the students of the University of North Carolina, the North Carolina College for Women, the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Engineering and the Eastern Carolina Teachers Training School, present to you this simple statement of the critical condition now existing in our higher educational institutions.

"The facilities of our higher educational institutions are pitifully inadequate. Every phase of college life is congested because of dormitory conditions, necessitating three or four students to crowd together in a single room, because of the inadequate classroom accommodations, because of the inadequate dining arrangements, and because of the general inability of the colleges to properly accommodate and instruct their students.

"Our present students now live under conditions described above. Of those who graduated from our high schools last year, 2308 had to be turned away from our colleges this fall.

"But, although the present situation is serious, the thought of the future of our educational institutions is cause for alarm. Five years ago the

## ADMIRAL McCULLY GIVES 7 RUSSIAN ORPHANS FINE HOME

20 Year Old Wine Soaked Cakes Awaited Them on Arrival

ABSENT SEVEN YEARS

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 7.—A fruit cake soaked in wine for 22 years will be taken from its sealed container and placed on the festal board around which Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully and the seven Russian orphans, whom he has brought to the United States for adoption, will assemble, when they arrive at the McCully's home in Anderson, Saturday or Sunday. Mrs. Carrie Pretwell McCully said today that she had saved her Christmas cakes awaiting the arrival of her son and the little foreign waifs, who will be reared and educated here. The beautiful colonial home looked tonight for all the world like the "house of a thousand candles" as the illuminated chandeliers cast their softened glow through the frosted windows. The whole household buzzed with excitement.

Mother McCully, her sister, children and grandchildren, were as busy as live bees preparing for the reception of the gallant naval officer absent for seven years, and whose homecoming is made doubly impressive by the accompanying arrival of the seven Russian children, who are to become members of the happy McCully family. Miss Viga Norwood Patrick, niece of Admiral McCully, young, beautiful and of a charming personality, said nothing would please her more than to assume the responsibility with her uncle of raising and helping to educate the children. "I feel now like I would be willing to devote almost the rest of my life to the welfare of this happy little circle," she said.

Admiral McCully is a bachelor and hasn't had the training, nor will he have the time to devote to his "family," for he is now enjoying his first leave from the navy in seven years.

## BABY TALK DEPLORED BY A TEACHER

Chicago, Jan. 11.—By candlelight or by moonlight, Mrs. Evelyn F. Houghton, an instructor to children of defective speech in the grammar schools of Evanston, Ill. is crusading for the abolishment of "baby talk."

Indulgence by fond parents in the language she outlaws seriously hinders development in their children of good speech, Mrs. Houghton explained at a meeting of the Mother's Club. Babies often learn to stutter, stammer and slip in after life because of "baby talk," Mrs. Houghton warned. "And," she added, "that goes for grownups. They are learning how to impede their speech, and often they learn it too well."

graduates from four-year high schools in the state numbered 800. The past spring they numbered 3,000.

In presenting these facts in the name of the boys and girls of North Carolina who desire the training which our educational institutions, if properly supported, can give, we are confident that the citizens of the state will respond in a noble fashion to this urgent need."

## VARIED COMMENT ON BLANDS 35 CHILDREN

Raleigh, N. C. Jan. 11.—Since wide publicity was given to the fact that Reuben Bland, of Robersonville, Beaufort county, was the proud father of 35 children, he and Mrs. Bland have been deluged with letters from persons all over the United States and Canada.

The letters are from both women and men. A man in Ohio wrote: "I read the story about your large family aloud to my wife. 'There's a man who ought to be given a medal,' I told her, 'There's a man who ought to be hanged,' she retorted." A writer in Oregon sent this: "Reuben, Reuben, I am thinking of you. You are quite a nifty man."

To your health I now am drinking. You have done what few men can. From Navarre, O., Bland received this: "I'm the father of eight children, and I have an awful time keeping them in food and clothing. I've worried a lot, but since reading about your big family, I realize that I'm a lucky guy."

## SWORD USED BY WOLFE AIDE IN BATTLE OF QUEBEC

Jan. 11.—To the already large collection of Colonial relics now on exhibition in the rotunda of the Pennsylvania Museum, Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, there has just been added a sword which belonged to Joseph Lovering, aide-de-camp to General James Wolfe, the hero of the battle of Quebec. Every school boy and girl is familiar with the illustrations of this celebrated historical event reproduced from the painting "The Death of General Wolfe," by John Trumbull, the painter of that period who is known for his historical works illustrating the American Revolution. The sword has been lent to the museum by Henry Briant Cox, Jr., a direct descendant of Joseph Lovering, the officer who caught Wolfe as he fell, and a son of Ruth Lovering Cox, of No. 109 South Twenty-first street.

Scaling the Heights of Abraham on the night of September 12, 1759, Wolfe was shot three times, the third lodging in his breast. His aide-de-camp cried out, "They run! Who run?" demanded Wolfe like one roused from a sleep. "The Enemy," was the answer. General Wolfe then signified that a regiment should be sent to cut off their retreat and learning that his orders had been obeyed, turned on his side and murmured as his last words, "Now God be praised! I die in peace." This is the scene depicted in Trumbull's picture in which the general appears dying in the arms of his aide-de-camp who wore the sword which is exhibited to the public for the first time.

## HOLLOW PRISON BARS HIGH PRESSURE WATER

A new type of bars designated for prisons are of hollow metal, filled with water. These pipes are all connected with a central pump, and the water is kept under high pressure. Thus, the slightest break in any bar would cause a powerful jet of water to spurt. To continue filling the bars would be almost impossible. Also the fact that there was a leakage somewhere would be registered on a dial on the central pump, and lead to speedy investigation.

## BODIES OF DON PEDRO AND WIFE TAKEN BACK TO BRAZIL

They Banished At The Birth Of The Republic In 1889

THE LAST CHAPTER

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 11.—The last chapter of Brazil's history as an empire was written today with the arrival from Portugal, aboard the Brazilian battleship Sao Paulo, of the bodies of former Emperor Dom Pedro II and Empress Thereza Christina, who were exiled on the birth of the republic in 1889.

Accompanying the bodies were Baron Muatiba, the former Emperor's secretary; Count Dou, husband of former Princess Isabel, and his son Prince Pedro de Braganza. All of them are returning to Brazil for the first time in 31 years.

Isabel, who as regent signed the decree freeing the slaves one year before the family was exiled, was unable to come, as she is suffering bad health.

## SNOW 18 INCHES DEEP AT ROANOKE VIRGINIA

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 11.—One of the heaviest snows in the history of Roanoke has fallen in the last 24 hours. It has reached a depth of from 15 to 18 inches on a level and was still falling but with evidence of early cessation at 9 o'clock. Vehicular traffic is practically suspended and at least one building has collapsed under the weight of snow on its roof.

## HUGE TEXTILE PROFITS BY FALL RIVER COTTON MILLS

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 11.—A new high record for dividends was made by the cotton mills of this city during the year 1920, according to a summary issued today. The total dividends paid during the mill year of 1920 amounted to \$9,982,300 an average of 29.148 per cent, on a capitalization of \$36,060,000. The best previous record was in 1918 when there was disbursement of \$6,085,326 for a rate of 18.789 per cent.

The total for 1920 is \$5,132,405 in excess of the amount distributed to stockholders in 1919 and \$3,900,974 in excess of 1918, even though that year was considered the banner of all-time. The list shows an unusual number of large dividends paid during the year, ranging from 65 per cent. down to 16.12 per cent on common stock.

Miss Thelma Little returned to her home in Ayden Sunday afternoon after spending a few days with her friend Miss Sarah Crockett Tamlyn.

## COTTON MARKET

January	17.00
March	15.71
May	15.85
July	16.01
October	15.99
Local Market	14 cents.
Cotton Seed	30 cents per bushel.

## STOP COMPLAINING, STOP TALKING ABOUT A PANIC

To The Editor:

Let us not forget this year that all glad and appreciate the fact that we is not gold that glitters, yes let us have the privilege to live in such a profit by last years mistakes. You splendid section of the world where see for the past two or three years we nature has done so much for us. This have gotten fabulous prices for our is not the first time we have had to labor and produce and we had more take low prices for our produce. The money than we knew what to do with. trouble is with us we started off too high, right in the tree tops and land- We simply could not stand such un- usual prosperity. We bought high price land, automobiles and any thing else big we wanted. We split the roads wide open looking for pleasure and a good time. We did not value a dollar and now we mind it, credit last year was cheap, money plentiful and most anyone could get it without security or character. self demand was side tracked and forgotten, extravagance and revelry took its place. Modesty was crucified by society and buried beneath the sands of time. Many people in the State do get rich quick were taking all kinds of chances in speculation, yes in many cases they lost their heads and were swept off of their feet in a hurry to beat the other fellow to it.

In all probability the human family drifted further in 1920 from the straight and narrow way, than in the same period of time in the history of this great country. And suddenly while we were marching swiftly along in our vain glory. Some one has said "Money is Out". Some of us took our lives, others got mad and swore they would not stand it. This for the first time aroused us to a real sense of reason and then we began to think about the great wave of prosperity which had swiftly gone by. And then with no other explanation than what mental fools were to have so much money last year and let it all get away from us. Now while we have had to nut and are now facing these past mistakes and resent troubles. Still we have a great deal to be thankful for. Just think about the millions of poor people in some parts of the world today facing starvation for bread. And we live in the greatest country on earth with full smoke houses and barns just packed full with the real stuff of life and some to spare and yet we complain because we made mistakes and lived too high.

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## ALARM CLOCK IN CHICKEN HOUSE TO STIR LAZY LAYERS

Berwick, Pa., Jan. 11.—Councilman Lester Lutz is somewhat of a chicken fancier, and several weeks ago tried placing electric lights in his chicken house that would switch on about 4 A. M., as a means of getting more eggs. The chickens failed to be aroused even by the light.

Lutz then got an alarm clock and put that in the house, so it would ring every morning at 4 o'clock, lights being switched on at the same time.

"I was getting only six eggs a day," Lutz said, "from a pen of 20 Leghorns, so I tried the electric light stunt recommended by the Department of Agriculture. The hens didn't seem to get up, and you have to get them up to make the lighting do any good. So I put in an alarm clock a week ago. Since then I have been getting 12, 13 and 14 eggs a day."

## DENIM PRICES FALL TO 17 CENTS FROM PEAK OF 55 CENTS

Down Come Overalls To Retail Price Of \$1.50 Instead of \$4.50 And Upward

New York, Jan. 11.—Overall denim prices were revived today by one of the largest manufacturers on a basis of 17 cents for \$2.20 indigos. The top price in the open market last year in second-hand trading was 55 cents, and the highest price named by agents was 44 cents.

The new prices mean that wholesaler of overalls will be able to sell on a basis permitting retailing at \$1.50, instead of \$4.50 and upward. The new price is more than 50 per cent. below the Government price fixed at the inception of the war, and probably is lower than most mills can meet.