NEW YORK CITY IN GRIP OF INFLUENZA

More Than 2,000 New Cases Are Reported Within A Space of 24 Hours -Number of Cases in Chicago Less -Courts Stopped in Memphis-Three Deaths In Gastonia.

"Three deaths from influenza and pneumonia in Gastonia since the disease became epidemic in that city a week or ten days ago and one death in Beaufort, where about 150 cases in a mild form exist, represent the fatalities in North Carolina from the malady," says Monday's News and

"As a precautionary measure the Beaufort authorities closed up the schools a week ago but so far the schools have not been closed in Gastonia. About forty cases of the disease in a mild form exist at Graham and the State health department has sent two nurses to aid in their treat-

"Fuquay Springs reported a number of cases last week and the schools were closed there, but are expected to reopen again this week. A few cases are also reported from near Cary in Wake county.

Except for sporadic cases in a mild form, the State health department has received no reports from other places that would lead to the belief that an epidemic is in sight. Every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease in this State."

Two Thousand Cases in New York. New York, Jan. 25 .- Despite the strenuous efforts being made by the health authorities to check the spread of influenza there were 2,855 new cases of the malady reported during the missioner Copeland announced tonight. This was an increase of 494 over the previous day. Deaths from the dis- a half interest in The News. ease numbered thirty, a decrease of Mr. John H. McNair, Laurinburg

same period there have been 159 influenza and 1,099 pneumonia deaths.

Health Commissioner Copeland has called a conference for tomorrow afternoon of the nursing emergency council and all other organizations having any facilities that may be useful in controlling the influenza epidemic. It is planned at this time to co-ordinate all efforts of the various organizations with the health department.

Decreasing in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 25 .- Influenza and pneumonia cases are decreasing it was sioner Robertson.

During the last twenty-four hours Dr. Robertson said, 1,350 cases of inwere reported. During the same period there were fifty deaths from inbuenza and fifty-one from pneumonia. Stops Memphis Courts.

Memphis, Jan. 25 .- Sixteen cases of influenza in mild form were reported ry of life insurance. to the city health authorities today, making a total of seventy-two thus far reported. A majority of the churches of the city suspended services today and all theatres remained dark. The courts will not hold sessions this week and the schools have been ordered closed beginning tomor-

Land, Labor and the Farm Income.

The views of many farmers in the quality and amount of work get poorany more than he is able to manage threshing machines. himself, with the help of the neighwhen prices take a tumble, as they are bound to."

ent conditions, it can not be denied views. The three big subjects of the 25 day are the cost of labor, the price of Dr. E. C. Brooks, the state superinland, and the cost of living. At present there is a tremendous urge behind school attendance has resulted in virprojects to raise wages still higher, tual elimination of the one-teacher four days while on a trip from New another strong tendency toward higher school. This is an evolution altogethprices for land, and a popular clamor er acceptable to this believer in larger of the crew was washed overboard. of unusual vigor for lowered food school districts and bigger school bod- The coal became exhausted before

prices. and farm products the subject of a thousand teachers of the state, which price-lowering campaign, the farmer include the 2,000 really prepared to may well bestir himself to look after teach, cannot cope with the education- His books and teacher are but helps; are being invited to send representahis own interests.—Wallaces Farmer. al problem without heavy recruitment. the work is his.—Webster.

LIVE ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Paragraphs of Interest To North Carolina People About North Carolina Matters Clipped and Culled From The State Papers.

Hickory is to have a new 100-barrel flour mill the outfit to cost when com pleted about \$50,000.

Stantonsburg is building a \$50,000 school building and has added two acres to the school grounds.

The Presbyterians, who have as esmbly grounds at Montreat, have started a movement for two hundred thousand dollars for improvements

Eight new dentists who applied for license before the North Carolina Observer. Gastonia reports from state board of dental examiners have four to five hundred cases of a mild received their license to practise dentistry in this state.

Plans for a new high school building containing 16 class rooms, manual training, domestic science, and music rooms, have been adopted by the Lexington school board.

A suburb of Hickory, Highland, is to have during the coming year a yarn mill. The machinery has been purchased and the whole proposition will amount to \$400,000 or \$500,000.

The Parent-Teacher Association at Albemarle held a meeting recently at which it decided to improve the school grounds, a committee being appointed to solicit the \$2,000 necessary for the improvements.

The state suffrage meeting opens in Greensboro today. Men as well as women will take an active part. The speakers include Chief Justice Clark, Miss Marjorie Shuler and Mrs. Raymond Brown.

Will L. Poston, facing trial next week on charge of having killed his neighbor, Otho Morrow, was found dead in his cell in the Statesville jail Friday, having hanged himself to the cell door during the night.

A. L. G. Stephenson and W. R. past twenty-four hours, Health Com- Bunn, owners of the Zebulon News, have recently purchased a two-story brick building for a home for their number of cases reported during the paper. Mr. Bunn recently purchased

three from yesterday, while seventy- capitalist, is said to be worth more five persons succumbed to pneumonia. than \$8,000,000. He is one of the Since January 1 there have been a state's biggest cottom growers and is total of 8,799 influenza and 3,187 interested in many cotton mills as well is danger of fire every time he drives was his legislative record that he was years were wasted. What better in-

In a downpour of rain Sunday E. C. Stone, of Durham, driving along the street in his car struck Miss Annie Windley, but did not hurt her seriously. Mr. Stone took her to the hospital where it was found her injury consisted in a cut on the nose and a bruise across the forehead.

Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, had doubled the amount to be given as a prize for the best essay on Malaria making the sum \$50 instead of \$25. The North Carolina Landowners Association is conducting an anti-malaria contest in announced today by Health Commis- the public schools of eastern North Carolina.

Friends of the management of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance fluenza and fifty-one from pneumonia. company all over the south, as well as in this state, will rejoice in the wonderful showing made by this great southern life insurance organization for the year 1919, which was probably one of the hardest years in the histo-

> The next session of Fayetteville Presbytery will be held at Red Springs in February. Dr. W. W. Moon, of Union Seminary at Richmond, and Dr. W. J. Martin, president of Davidson College, will deliver addresses on the "Million Dollar Campaign for Education" in the auditorium of Flora Mc-Donald College on Thursday evening,

February 12th. One thousand four hundred and forty farms in Caldwell county sowed 13,536 acres in grain last year and corn belt are reflected in the letter of a harvested 75,067 bushels last summer subscriber who writes: "The labor and fall, according to the report of question is bothering us here. The John M. Crisp, register of deeds, who compiled the report for the Agriculer every year in spite of the increased tural Department at Raleigh. During wages. I don't know that it is much the threshing season Mr. Crisp issued inducement for a man to try to do license to 26 owners or operators, of

The trustees of the Methodist Chilbors. In spite of this difficulty, land dren's Home at Winston-Salem exis soaring right up and is selling at pect to secure a manager in a few prices ranging from \$175 to \$550 an days to direct the campaign to be conacre. Where are we going to land? ducted throughout the bounds of the Some will land in the county house Western North Carolina conference to raise a fund of \$100,000 with which to provide needed new buildings for the Whether or not every one shares institution and \$75,000 to establish a this farmer's troubled outlook on pres- substantial nucleus for an endowment fund. The plan is to start the camthat he has some grounds for his paign in March and conclude it April

ies. However, it intensifies problem Wth labor high, rent or taxes high, of teacher procurement. The twelve

OF MUCH INTEREST TO COTTON FARMERS

A Probable Large and Interesting Sale of Low Grade Cotton Made by The American Cotton Association-To Be Exported to France and

The undersigned has been requested by J. S. Wannamaker, President of represent the Association in Johnston County in securing options on low grade cotton for exportation to France and Belgium. Very much to my gratification the Association has an offer ping points:

Low middling at 41 cents. Strict good ordinary at 39 cents. Strict ordinary at 37 cents. Ordinary at 35 cents.

I know that this will be interesting to the members of the Association and still more interesting to the fellows in the State-wide primary to be held who have been knocking the Association. Nevertheless, we are making progress. At the New Orleans Convention, held last September, a delegate from another State suggested that the Association importune the Federal Government to look after the sale of our cotton in the foreign markets. A delegate from North Carolina suggested that we had better take the initiative ourselves rather than wait on Uncle Sam for such an important mission. The latter idea was adopted and the Association has about

accomplished the sale of 300,000 bales. The writer has never doubted for one moment the justice and feasibility of the Association's plans. We hope to make other sales of still greater magnitude. I have all the correspondence on my desk in regard a position of leadership. Following to this sale, and I will be glad to be his agricultural training, he soon acinterviewed by any cotton grower of the county who feels an interest in the Association, whether a member of the Association or not.

W. M. SANDERS, Smithfield, N. C., Jan. 26.

The Farm Garage.

present. The engine may backfire and ignite the chaff on the floor, or there may be a slight leak in the gasoline tank so that sufficient fumes will collect in the barn to be ignited from the lantern when the farmer goes about his evening chores. The best place for the automobile is in a special garage, separated from the other buildings or so arranged as to preclude the fire menace. Wooden floors have no place in a garage; cement is

The garage as a fire hazard is being recognized by the state fire marshal He reports that 250 public garages in Indiana were destroyed by fire last year, and that 75 per cent of these fires could have been prevented by the exercise of care. No statistics are given as to the number of private garages that were burned nor of buildings consumed by fire because of improper handling of automobiles and gasoline. The fire marshal has issued some rules that apply to the country as well as to the city. They are as

follows: "Do not permit smoking about the garage, or near cars when tanks are being filled. Do not permit open lights or flames in the garage. Use only incandescent electric lights. Do not permit the motor to remain running while the gasoline tank is being filled. Do not yourself, or permit anyone else to light a match to see how much gasoline is in the tank. Do not handle gasoline except in approved safety cans. Do not use gasoline for cleaning purposes except in a room separated from the main garage by a fire wall. Do not permit accumulations of oily waste, but deposit such waste and rags in approved waste cans. Do not fail to provide a sufficient number of fire extinguishers, pails of sand and other fire retardants. Do not fail to keep the garage clean. Do not permit cars to be stored in barns, nor in other frame buildings with wooden floors."

A general observance of these rules would result in fewer garage and other fires with their consequent loss of life and property.-Indiana Farmers' Guide.

Steamer Picked Up By Cyclone.

The Norwegian steamer, Puna, was tendent, states that the enlarged driven 1,500 miles off her course by a cyclone blizzard which raged for York to St. Johns, N. F. One member land was reached and all available woodwork was burned.

JUDGE BIGGS WILL LEAD GARDNER FORCES

Raleigh Lawyer to Lead the Gardner Forces in the Democratic Primary For the Democratic Nomination for Governor .- Gives His Reasons for Taking Up the Fight.

Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, will be Max Gardner's campaign the American Cotton Association, to manager for the primary fight for the nomination for Governor. Judge Biggs will direct the campaign from Raleigh. He has had much experience in politics and is regarded as an able Democrat. He was a delegate to the for 300,000 bales of low grade cotton first Democratic National convention at the following prices, f. o. b. ship- that nominated Wilson for President. In a statement given to the press Judge Biggs gives his reasons for taking charge of the Gardner campaign, as follows:

"I have agreed to manage the campaign of Lieutenant Governor Gardner for the nomination for Governor in June because I know he is eminently fitted for the discharge of the responsible duties of this high office.

"He is in the prime of a vigorous manhood. He is an experienced legislator, a wise counsellor, a successful farmer and business man, thoroughly in touch with the needs and aspirations of our people. He was educated at the A. & E. College and the University where he was a leader by reason of his manly qualities and intellectual endowments. Admitted to the bar, he soon became one of the leading members of the profession. After completing a technical training at the State College, he taught for several years at that institution, and then located in his native county of Cleveland, where he at once rose to quired large farming interests and for some years he has been one of the largest and most successful farmers in this section of the State and he is likewise a successful man in other

business enterprises. "Mr. Gardner was first elected to the State Senate in 1911 and again in The farmer who uses his barn for Senate in his second term by election many pathetic examples of dishonest, a garage is courting trouble. There as president pro tem. So splendid inefficient, lawless men whose early in or out. In fact the danger is ever nominated by the Democratic Primary vestment can we make of our time, in 1916 for Lieutenant Governor without opposition. As the presiding offimentarian was recognized by all, his fairness and courtesy were always in evidence and no better testimony of his eminent fitness for the high office of Governor could be desired than the fact that most of those who have served with him in the Senate are enthusiastically supporting him for elevation from his present position to that

of the Governorship. "I am satisfied that his candidacy will appeal to the favorable consideration of the Democratic voters because his political and private life are clean; his ability and fitness have been demonstrated. He is the candidate of no school in the northern part of the faction of the party; if nominated and county to a district just west of Kenelected he will do equal and exact justice to all. Successful in his own af- children Tuesday January 6th. The fairs, he will bring to the discharge of truck has a splendid body on it with the State's affairs the same fine executive qualities he has displayed in dren enter from the rear end which the conduct of his own business.

"Always a Democrat, he has labored in season and out of season for the fit under this good body. The engine success of the party, giving his time is large enough to pull the loads in a and labor ungrudgingly, to the end city where the streets are paved and that its principles might prevail in the land is level but not on Johnston State and Nation.

ord and policies of the Democratic automobile. It is plucky and does its party in the war, he supported by best but is not strong enough to pull speech and otherwise, the great war so many children. We hear that the

"His friends present his candidacy to the Democratic voters in the June primary, confident that they will, in their wisdom, make him the standard of the truck and help push it up hill. bearer of the party in the approaching campaign, and his eloquence, engine to pull it. ing qualities will assure the party a great victory next November.'

In the Interest of the Consumer

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—The Department of Justice under Mr. Palmer is making further effort at the publicity that is the due of the consumer Speakers from Washington are to visit Raleigh in early February and meeting is to be held February 10th, at 8 o'clock in the House of Representatives.

The members of the North Carolina Merchants Association expect to consumer interested, and are the wage earner and the salaried man really eager to hold up their end of the ques-

Business Interests, Women's Organizations, Labor and Farming Interests, Women's Clubs, Fair Price Com-Every man must educate himself. mittees, Chamber of Commerce, etc., tives to this meeting.

BOONE NATIONAL PARK

Asheville, Jan. 25 .- The Boone purchase area containing 60,000 acres actually acquired by the government forestry service, and located on the headwaters of Wilson's creek and John's river in Avery and Caldwell counties, and the Mount Mitchell purchase area of more than 90,000 acres, actually acquired, located in McDowell, Yancey and Buncombe counties, have been consolidated and proclaimed by President Wilson as the Boone National forest.

More than 300,000 acres are included in the area specified by the proclamation but almost half of this amount is still owned by individuals.

The name Boone National forest has been given this large boundary because it was over these native forests that the great hunter, Daniel Boone, roamed for a number of years. The reserve almost skirts the Boone Trail highway in Wautauga county .-Greensboro News.

Early Training in Citizenship.

The problem arising in the reconstruction period demand quite as much devotion to country as those of the war. Conditions of Social unrest can only be settled by justice and right training in citizenship. The kindergarten provides this right training early in life. The hope of our nation lies in our children and all of the 4,-300,000 little ones of kindergarten age should have this training which only 400,000 are now receiving.

The democratic kindergarten is the ideal place for first lessons in efficiency, adaptability, and good citizenship. The games teach fair play, honesty and consideration for the rights of others; the patriotic songs and stories sow the seed of love of country; the block building, clay modeling and paper work lay the foundations of the skilled mechanic and teach head and hand to work together.

If more of our neglected little children could have this splendid training in honesty, efficiency and self-control, there would be a tremendous saving of money to the state in the mainten-1915, where he stood for progressive ance of reformatories, prisons and legislation and was honored by the asylums. Our park benches contain our money and our effort than to forestall this lamentable result of neglect cer of the Senate in the sessions of by early training in honesty, efficien-1917 and 1919 his ability as a parli- cy and adaptability, making citizens who are an asset and not a liability to the state?

Appreciation of the kindergarten is growing and parents all over the country should work to secure its advantages for their little ones, all of whom are entitled to receive them .- P. P. Claxton, Commissioner of Education.

Johnston County's First School Truck

Johnston county's first school truck to haul children to school was brought here from Raleigh about the first of the year. It was carried to Glendale ly. It hauled its first load of fifty seats lengthwise the body. The chilhas steps. The manufacturer made a mistake in putting a Ford truck outcounty roads. The truck has the same Thoroughly in accord with the rec- size engine as a Ford two passenger management has now limited the load to twenty five children and really wants to trade the truck. Sometimes the larger boys have had to get out All it needs is a good strong truck

Hebrews Plan A University .

Noted Jewish scholars from all parts of the world will meet soon in Switzerland to prepare the foundation of a Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The cornerstone of the university has been laid already on top of the Mount of here. The rear sleeper of the first of Olives.

Thirtieth Division On Screen.

The war department of the United States has ordered an intensive advertising campaign during the next few weeks with a view to securing more recruits. Wilmington is hoping to be in Raleigh in full force. Is the have shown in all the theatres of that dead which were available tonight city moving pictures of the Thirtieth were those of Mrs. Peden and her two Division in action.

"Seats of the Mighty."

"It's a good thing a man does not have to pay for but one seat on the stock exchange," said a man in cotton town. "A seat on the exchange for a man to deceive himself.-Bensold recently for \$109,000."-Ex.

NOW IS 150,000 ACRES N. C. WOMEN MAY VOTE NEXT FALL

Will Get "Right" Before Next Election, Is Belief of Some-Just So Majority of States Ratify Anthony Amendment, N. C. Women Can Vote

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Opinion prevails that the women of North Carolina will be able to vote in the general election this fall, if not in the primaries that precede the election.

This viewpoint is held by one of the best posted constitutional lawyers in North Carolina, who expressed himself today. His name is not given, because he gave his opinion over the telephone, in response to a question asked him from one of the state departments.

The question came up as to whether, if a majority of the states ratified the Anthony amendment and North Carolina did not, the women of this state rould vote in city, county and state as well as in national elections.

The conclusion was reached that whenever women can vote at all, under the constitution of the United States, they can vote in any and all elections, provided they are duly qualified. It was pointed out that if the constitution says that sex shall be no bar to suffrage, then women who can vote in one election can vote in all.

Whether the suffragists will press for ratification at the special session has not been definitely announced. There are some who, even though they have not been avowed suffragists, favor the passage by the legislature of a woman suffrage law, in order that it cannot be said that North Carolina was forced into the suffrage column by the action of other states. The weakness of this position, however, is that the state's suffrage laws cannot be amended without an amendment to the constitution, and by the time that could be passed, the Susan B. Anthony amendment would have gone into full

No one can forecast whether the North Carolina general assembly will ratify the Anthony amendment. It is probably more generally believed, nowever, that it will, as it is now almost a foregone conclusion that the states ratifying the amendment will be sufficient to append it to the constitution and that North Carolina will not stand in the way of of public sentiment.

It is generally believed that if the women of the state are given the ballot before the primaries it will have a bearing upon the gubernatorial nomination, as one candidate is looked upon as an avowed advocate of suf-

That the enfranchisement of women will affect the general political complexion of North Carolina is not thought likely. The majority of them no doubt, will vote the democratic ticket, just like the majority of men have been in the habit of voting since reconstruction days.

Women's influence will be felt most largely in the selection of candidates within the ranks of the major political parties. In the matter of law enforcement, schools and other public welfare measures, they contend they are most interested.

Suffrage leaders vow they will see to it that the double standard ideaif such an idea exists—is abolished in the courts; that when a woman is sent to a reformatory the man in the case must also be sent to a place of correction. In school matters they promise to take an active interest. Further, they will, they say, give more attention to the study of juvenile delinquency than is being given and will probe the enforcement of woman and child labor laws .- W. H. Richardson, in News and Observer.

TRAINS COLLIDE AND SEVERAL ARE KILLED.

Rear Sleeper Telescoped on Canadian Pacific.-Many More Were Injur-

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 25.-Fifteen persons are dead and a large number injured as the result of a collision today between the two sections of the Canadian Pacific express for Vancouver, which occurred about 11 miles east section, which was stalled, was telescoped by the locomotive of the second section and eight passengers were killed outright, seven dying later from their injuries.

At the hospital where the injured were taken it was stated that no further deaths were expected among the survivo s. The only names of the young sons, who were on their way to Calgary. The two boys were killed outright and Mrs. Peden succumbed later to her injuries.—Associated

It is the easiest thing in the world jamin Franklin.