

## TO CONFRONT CONGRESS WITH HOME SHORTAGE

A MILLION HOMES SHORT IN THE UNITED STATES, THIS SAID, AND SOLONS' INVESTIGATIONS MAKE IT OBLIGATORY ON CONGRESS TO TAKE HOLD OF PROBLEM MANFULLY

(By Col. Winfield Jones.)

Washington, Nov. 22.—Shortage of homes throughout the nation is as pressing and bothersome a problem as revision of the taxes, immigration, the soldier bonus, any many of the other matters of reconstruction that must be grappled with and solved by the next Congress.

It is estimated by members of Congress and government officials that there is an actual shortage of at least 1,000,000 homes throughout the country—that is "that number of families have not at this time suitable habitations. This condition, particularly in the congested industrial centers and the big cities is certain to lead to unsanitary conditions which are reflected unfavorably on the national health. Any condition that does that is bound to result in a lowered production by labor, and a consequent loss in resources of the nation.

A special Senate committee has been investigating, during the Congressional recess, the housing conditions, and is from members of that committee that the statement comes that 1,000,000 additional homes are needed.

Private enterprise cannot be depended upon to overcome this shortage, at least at this time. The prices of labor in the building trades, and particularly the cost of all building material, have caused contractors and builders to halt operations that were planned, and to defer new building plans for a more propitious time, when both the costs of labor and materials are considerably lower. This condition is the principal cause of the homes shortage at this time. These statements need no verification, for any newspaper reader who reads this correspondence is aware that such conditions exist in his own community, in more or less degree.

Senators who are familiar with the housing conditions believe that the problem could be solved with a Congressional Act establishing Federal home loan banks, similar to the farm loan banks, which could finance the purchase of homes along the same lines that the farm loan banks operate, to assist farmers in buying agricultural lands.

That the conditions in some sections are desperate was shown by the hearings conducted by the committees. In Chicago there was testimony to the effect that 500,000 people in that city are not properly housed. Conditions in the other large cities are equally deplorable. The committee estimate that probably 20,000,000 persons in the United States are not housed as they should be for the best health conditions. Truly a condition that needs speedy action by Congress.

An illustration of the appalling conditions that exist in some of the great cities was shown in Chicago, where in one district seventeen persons were occupying one house. Such conditions contribute largely to unrest and crime, in the opinion of the Congressmen. Much of the crime is due to the lack of proper and sanitary surroundings for children, committee men said.

It is the general opinion in Congress that the more home owning the less crime and the more patriotism. The man who owns his own home is a natural foe to bolshevism.

It is not unlikely that a housing bill will be pushed at the December session of Congress, to relieve the conditions, which in some sections are as bad as in the slums of European cities. The legislation will be promoted, not only to secure homes for the homeless as far as possible, but also to conduce to break the tie-up in the building trades, which are practically at a standstill in many cities because of the high cost of all building materials. One illustration of the rise of cost of building materials is seen in the price of ordinary window glass. This has increased in price 300 percent in the last four

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE MUST DOFF HATS

Chicago, Nov. 22.—The wheels of justice were about to revolve when Justice Frank F. Aring, of Oak Park, noticed that two women spectators still wore their hats.

"You women have equal suffrage now and this court is no respecter of sexes," said the Judge. "Off with your hats."

But the women—Mrs. Oscar McCann and Mrs. Frederick Ritter—would not off with them. The Justice insisted. The women stood pat. "All right," said His Honor, "keep 'em on then. Each of you is fined \$5 and costs for contempt of court."

## SOVIETS BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS

Warsaw, Nov. 22.—Negotiations for a permanent peace between Soviet Russia and Poland has been broken off.

It is reported the Russians refused to proceed because more Polish troops had not been withdrawn to the armistice line.

## IN MAYOR'S COURT

Wm. Blackman, disorderly conduct, \$2.

Reginald Hines, speeding, \$7.85.

Wm. Jones, speeding, \$7.85.

Dave Recter, disorderly conduct, \$3.85.

Nathan Harrell, disturbing religious worship, sent to Recorder's Court.

## RED AFFILIATION CONVICTS MALONE

London, Nov. 22.—Cecil L'Estrange Malone, a Liberal member of the House of Commons, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for making seditious utterances in a public speech.

He was accused of affiliations with the Soviet army when he was arraigned in the police court.

The prosecutor alleged that Malone had in his possession a number of training books for Soviet army officers. The preface of one book, according to the prosecutor, contained the following:

"We are soldiers of the Red Army. Soon we shall be fighting in five continents. We shall not lay down our arms until the world is ours."

Malone was arrested by a British Staff officer in Trinity College, Dublin, on November 10. He had gone to Ireland to deliver a speech on Bolshevism. Malone was brought back to England for arraignment.

Miss Mary Wooten spent the weekend with her friend, Miss Catherine Phillips in Rocky Mount.

Mr. H. T. Bryan left today for Richmond and other points.

Plate glass has increased 400 percent in the same period. Building materials of all kinds have kept step with the mounting prices of other commodities.

While Congressional action to relieve the situation is somewhat nebulous in the minds of senators and representatives the legislation probably will take the form of a National Housing Commission, which would control a revolving fund of \$100,000,000, or even \$500,000,000, to be used in building homes in co-operation with state and municipal governments. The problem is so huge and such great sums of money will be needed that cooperation of state and municipal governments is imperative if the whole situation is to be relieved.

There is some opposition in Congress to creation of any more large government boards, to operate along quasi-paternalistic lines, such as the Federal Farm Loan Bureau, the War Finance Corporation, and others, including the revolving fund for use of the railroads.

## LABOR AND BOSSES MAY JOIN HANDS

PLAN A POLICY OF "HUMANIZING INDUSTRY," SAYS WOLL

## SOLVE INDUSTRIAL ILLS

Washington, Nov. 22.—Organized labor of America has agreed to join hands with employers in "humanizing industry" under a policy formulated by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor here. The agreement was outlined by Matthew Woll, vice-president of the Federation.

"Originally the so-called efficiency engineers went about their work figuring workmen as commodities, to be measured much as so much steel and iron," said Mr. Woll. "Now apparently the workman is to be considered as an actual human factor in industry. Such a course we have long contended would be the solution of all our industrial ills."

It was determined by members of the executive council not to issue a public statement on the detailed results of the executive council meeting.

## ROCKY MOUNT—HOST TO METHODIST CONGREGATIONS

Rocky Mount was filled with Methodists yesterday, the occasion being the meeting of the annual conference which has been in session for several days, and Rocky Mount measured up to the occasion. Practically all the pulpits in the city were filled with Methodist brethren and all preached to overflowing congregations.

The sermons by Bishop Darlington at the First Methodist and Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe at the First Baptist were pronounced powerful. These churches were filled even to standing room. Several congregations, Goldsboro, Williamston, Wilson, Whiteakers, and Tarboro attended almost en masse.

In the afternoon, memorial services were held for the ministers who have died during the year.

At the close of this service came the ordination of the Fourth Year Class, it being a rule of the Methodist Church that a minister is on trial for four years before taking final vows. He is thus given a chance to find himself and recant, if he is mistaken in his calling.

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist Church of this place was in this class and was yesterday received into full connection. In the large audience were his father and mother, the former having served 43 years as a Methodist preacher; there were also his wife and infant daughter, who behaved as if she had been accustomed to preachers and conferences all her life and the local congregation were for the most part present.

Conference comes to a close today. Other churches asked for Mr. Earnhardt but it is most gratifying to those who know him and his work, that he will return to Tarboro for another year.

## HARDING NEARING PANAMA CANAL

Aboard Steamship Parishama, Nov. 22.—Harding's trip to Panama is nearing its end.

He is expected to reach Cristobal tomorrow.

The present-elect will spend five days inspecting the canal and in sight-seeing.

## EARNHARDT BACK HERE AS PASTOR

Advice from Rocky Mount received by Mr. G. P. Hood this afternoon states that Rev. D. E. Earnhardt has been re-appointed to St. James Methodist Episcopal Church, Tarboro, and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson remains as presiding elder of the Washington district of which Tarboro is a part.

The congregation of the Methodist Church have become so attached to Mr. Earnhardt during his service here that it will be good news to them to know that he will return to this charge.

Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., left today to attend the Brotherhood Convention which is in session this week in Atlanta, Ga.

## COTTON MILL MEN FIGHT POWER RATE

TWO HUNDRED APPEAR BEFORE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

## AFFECT ALL BIG USERS

(By Llewam)

Raleigh, Nov. 22.—Some two hundred cotton manufacturers are assembling in Raleigh today in response to a summons from the state corporation commission. They are to present their cases to the commission in rebuttal of the Southern Power Company's promulgation of an increase in rates of from 25 to 30 percent. Cotton mills, and some other manufacturing plants, in the Piedmont section obtain their power from the great hydro-electric plant of the Southern Power Company, which was put into commission by Buck Duke after the expenditure of untold millions. Some of the plants are entirely dependent on the power company and the owners of the plant have been registering a vigorous kick over the increased rates planned.

It is alleged by a representative of the Cannon cotton mills at Concord, that it means a difference of over sixty thousand dollars a year payment for power for their number of mills. Plants at Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte, Salisbury, High Point and a number of manufacturing centers are interested. The corporation commission is giving them an opportunity to tell it all about their grievance. Whether it will hold good with the commission, however, is something else — of which this deponent saith nothing.

## "JUSTICE JOHN" DEAD IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., Nov. 22.—John Jeter Crutchfield, celebrated police court magistrate, who has presided over the local court for the last 32 years, died here yesterday, after an illness of about two weeks. He was 76 years old, and was a prominent Mason and veteran of the war between the states. For the past two years he has been suffering from asthma.

Justice Crutchfield was born in Richmond, September 20, 1844, and was educated in the public schools here. His court was known throughout the country as "Justice John's court," and was a regular stopping place for tourists. His flow of ready wit and remarkable insight into human nature brought him into national prominence, and many magazine stories have been written and stage impersonations built around the celebrated "One John."

The funeral was held this afternoon from the First Baptist church and was in charge of the Masons. Interment was made in Hollywood.

## THE "DIVINE SARAH" WILL DIE ACTING

Paris, Nov. 22.—Sarah Bernhardt, the divine and indomitable, who, despite her recent illness, is to appear in "Daniel" at a Paris theatre, but that she felt sure that her death would eventually come while she was acting a part before the public.

"Don't you really fear the fatigue of daily performances, at your age?" asked an intimate friend during one of the rehearsals of "Daniel."

"No," she responded, "the theatre is my life, my soul. How could you think that I should renounce it even for one day?"

"I will make you a prophecy: I shall die acting, and in a piece of my own choosing."

Mrs. Jackie Daniel Thrash has returned from Asheville where she attended the U. D. C. general convention and a visit to relatives.

Mrs. S. E. Porter, Annie Hart and Mrs. Sallie Porter are at home from Rocky Mount, where they attended the Methodist conference.

One of the few women locksmiths in America is Mrs. C. C. Doble of New Orleans.

## AID FOR ARMENIA BEING DISCUSSED

BALFOUR SAYS UNITED STATES WOULD MAKE IDEAL MANDATORY

## AMERICA SURELY HELP

Geneva, Nov. 22.—The possibility of American aid for the Armenians was discussed in a debate by the Assembly of the League of Nations on resolutions demanding intervention by the League in Armenia.

A. J. Balfour, of Great Britain, said the United States would make an ideal mandatory over Armenia and that the League had been unable to accomplish anything with the Armenia situation.

Dr. Dansen, of Norway, estimated that sixty thousand men would be a sufficient force to deal with the situation and that if the Assembly appealed to the whole world he believed the United States would do its share.

A memorandum by the American delegates to the Phil-Armenian League, directed to the Assembly of the League of Nations, sets forth that "the greatest and most urgent need of the Armenian people today is that if settled political institutions with security from aggression." As to sovereignty, it says: "In our opinion the sovereignty of the Armenian race reposes in the people, themselves inhabiting those political areas in which the Armenian race is dominant."

Geneva, Nov. 22.—The League Assembly adopted a resolution inviting the Council of the League of Nations to confer with the powers with a view to constituting a force to end hostilities in Armenia.

## NOTED MUSICIAN DIES IN POVERTY

Asheville, Nov. 22.—William John Robjohn, musician and composer, known internationally as Caryl Florio and yesterday morning in comparative poverty in a sanitarium at Morganton. He was born in Tavistock, Devonshire, England, November 2, 1834, coming to Asheville in 1891 to become first organist in All Souls Episcopal church, Biltmore, and to take charge of the music affairs of the late George W. Vanderbilt.

He was the first boy soloist at Trinity church, New York city, where he attracted the attention of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII. In 1861 he became an actor, later becoming engaged as teacher, pianist, conductor and composer. He brought out Gertrude Corbett in Grand Opera at the Academy of Music, New York, in June, 1875. Since then he produced his own operas in some of the leading theatres. He is especially known for his hymns.

## BANDITS HOLD-UP PITTSBURG TRUST

Pittsburgh, Nov. 22.—Three armed bandits held up the employees of the Metropolitan Trust Company of Pittsburgh and escaped in an automobile with the funds.

## APPLIES TO COURT TO STOP DANIELS

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Western Union Telegraph Company has applied to the District Supreme Court for an injunction to prevent Secretary Josephus Daniels from interfering in the construction of a cable between Miami and Miami Beach, Florida.

## BANDITS CAUGHT ROBBING TRAIN

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 22.—Seven bandits have been caught after a gun battle for robbing a Pennsylvania freight train at Metuchen, New Jersey, of silk which they had placed on a truck.

One policeman was wounded in the gun play.

## MEMBERS FIGHT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, Nov. 22.—The House of Commons suspended its session after Joseph Devlin, nationalist, came to blows with a unionist member over the Irish question.

The shortest taxi ride in Berlin costs five dollars.

## N. C. LEADERS DECLINE TO ENDORSE BUTLER

## KNIGHT CAPTURED WITH 'MOONSHINE'

Federal Officer C. G. Jenkins brought in Cornelius Knight, of No. 3 township, with two gallons of "moonshine" liquor, strong as lye and just as deadly.

Commissioner Frank Pender gave a hearing and bound the accused over to the April term of Federal Court which meets in Wilson, under a bond of three hundred dollars.

## 9 MILLION BALES GINNED TO NOV. 14

Washington, Nov. 22.—Cotton ginned prior to November fourteenth amounted to 8,920,776 running bales, the Census Bureau announced this morning.

## FARMERS MEET TO GET RELIEF

Washington, Nov. 22.—The National Board of Farm Organizations met here this morning to consider legislation to relieve the farmers as a result of the falling prices of farm products.

## BASE EXPENDITURES DOWN TO ACTUAL NEED

Washington, Nov. 22.—Chairman Good, of the House Appropriation Committee, said that he would make an effort of economize in government expenditures to actual need.

He said the War Department was heading for a deficit of from fifty to one hundred millions of dollars at the present rate of expenditure.

## WILSON'S MESSAGE ON TAX REPEAL

Washington, Nov. 22.—The Government's tax programme providing repeal of excess profits taxes and sharp revision of income surtax provisions is practically ready for submission to Congress by the Wilson Cabinet, according to Treasury officials. Lowering of revenues are not contemplated by any of these proposals, they said.

Secretary Houston's report is expected to assert that the excess profits tax discourages commercial enterprise, rewards overcapitalization, confirms great corporations in their monopolies, encourages extravagance and wasteful management, and therefore tends to aggravate the high cost of living.

## "PROSECUTE EVERY MAN GUILTY OF CORRUPTION"

Washington, Nov. 22.—Promise that every employe of the shipping board or emergency fleet corporation guilty of corruption would be "run to cover" and that every person who offers or accepts a "glittering bribe" in connection with shipping deals would be prosecuted to "the fullest extent of the law," was made in a statement issued last night by Guy D. Goff, general counsel of the board and recently nominated by the President as aboard member.

Mr. Goff explained that his statement did not apply to any particular case but was made in view of the general charges that had been "banded about" and in order to show the public the shipping board was alive to its obligations.

## D'ANNUNZIO BALKS AT TREATY TERMS

Fiume, Nov. 22.—D'Annunzio, the insurgent commander at Fiume, declared he was unalterably opposed to accepting the Treaty of Rapallo, settling the Adriatic dispute between Italy and Jugo-Slavia, and would continue fighting until the just claims of Italy had been met.

Belgrade, Nov. 22.—Prince Regent Alexander of Jugo-Slavia has ratified the Rapallo treaty.

Miss Mary Park Mitchell was operated upon this morning at the hospital for appendicitis. Latest report states she is doing as well as can be expected.

## BOTH SENATORS AND THE TEN CONGRESSMEN WILL HAVE NAUGHT TO DO WITH 'OLE MARION' IN HARDING'S CABINET—STATE FINANCE COMMISSION MAKING SLOW HEADWAY ON BUDGET

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.—The circulation of the recommendation of Marion Butler for appointment to a cabinet office under the Harding administration at Washington has failed to secure the signatures of the most prominent democrats whose endorsement was solicited. Governor-elect Morrison, Governor Bickett, Senators Simmons and Overman and all the ten congressmen declined to endorse Butler for the job, although a few lesser lights in the party feel for the scheme, including two supreme court justices, two state executive state officers (Hoke, Clark, Grimes and Lack) signed up, as did the venerable Major Graham of the state agricultural department.

The belief is expressed here today that the Sampson Fox knows he stands no chance at all of landing the place. That his purpose in seeking the endorsement of leading democrats was to use them in a campaign yet to come in which he plans to figure here in North Carolina. If that was his game, Butler's political play will not work—for the reason that it has proved that the leading democrats of the state will not recommend him to any body for anything. Financing the State Administration.

The state budget committee which has been working on the financing of the state for the next two years, on a report of recommendation to the submitted to the General Assembly when it meets in January, is making slow headway. It has been in session since the first of last week, but finds it more than difficult to make ends meet in making calculations and allotments. More money is needed than they can find. Every state institution and every state official is needing and asking for increased appropriation and salary. And it stands to reason that they should have it if it can be had. Therefore the levying of a state tax next year is said to be considered, despite the "rigid economy" decision that announced that there would be none. While this has not been finally agreed on it is believed that everybody had rather see a small state tax levied than to see the state institutions for the insane, blind, deaf and dumb, crippled children, feeble minded, and like public cares of the state neglected or, only half way provided for. The state budget commission has not completed its recommendations to the legislature and will make no announcement till that body convenes.

## WILL NOT OPPOSE RETURN OF KING

Paris, Nov. 22.—The French government will not oppose by physical force the return of former King Constantine to the Greek throne, which the foreign office regard as inevitable.

Athens, Nov. 22.—Premier Gounaris says "please call the attention of Americans to the fact that the Italian government is now united and that we are no longer trying to assassinate others."

## SURPLUS DISPOSAL METHODS REVISED

Washington, Nov. 22.—Major General Chamberlain, army inspector general, declared in his annual report that immediate revision of the methods of disposing of surplus government stores would be made as recent investigation indicated that speculators had purchased cement from one government department for one dollar a ton and sold it to the War Department for six dollars per ton.

## HARRISON'S MOTHER DEAD IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Nov. 22.—Mrs. Constance Harrison, mother of President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway, died at her home here today.

Mrs. W. E. Wakaley and children, of Orange, N. J., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hart.