

NEAR EAST RELIEF GAINING HEADWAY THROUGHOUT STATE

N. C. Delegation in Washington Write Endorsement to Colpel Bellamy.

CALL MUST BE HEARD, SAYS SEN. SIMMONS

RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—The Christmas appeal of the Near East Relief, sent to nearly all prominent citizens of North Carolina last Saturday by Josephus Daniels, honorary state chairman, has already brought forth hearty endorsement from many persons of prominence all over the state according to announcement today by Col. George H. Bellamy, the state chairman for North Carolina.

Practically the entire North Carolina delegation in Washington, hearing of the appeal, have written or wired their unqualified endorsement to Col. Bellamy. Congressman Kitchin and Congressman Brinson have not yet been heard from, both being away from their offices on account of illness.

Official Washington is more familiar with the dire need in the Bible lands than the people in the states. Congress chartered the organization when the senate refused to accept a mandate over Armenia and supervises its works of feeding and clothing over 110,000 orphans, and feed 550,000 refugees daily at its soup kitchens.

"I take this opportunity to give my highest endorsement to the very commendable work of the Near East Relief in North Carolina and other parts of the country, and do not believe this great humanitarian work can be praised too highly," Senator Lee S. Overman wrote to Col. Bellamy.

Senator Simmons wrote, while the people in the past few years have been called on for most every kind of contribution, this call from the children in the land where Christ lived and died cannot and must not be denied. "I have no doubt that all of the people of North Carolina will meet the just demands of the situation in the Near East," Senator Simmons concluded.

Congressman Edward W. Pou expressed the keenest sympathy and best wishes that North Carolina will again lead all the states in the union in going over the top in the national Near East Relief drive.

Congressman Charles M. Stedman declared that it gives him great pleasure to endorse the work and said that he knows of no measure which should appeal more to humanity than the work of the Near East Relief.

Zebulon Weaver, in a letter to a constituent, expressed gratification that the sympathy of the American people for the Armenians continues so great. He described the plight of the Near East people as a world tragedy.

William C. Hammer of Ashboro, who is making a name for himself at his first session in congress, assured Col. Bellamy of all the support he could give him.

Robert L. Doughton of Laurel Springs declared that the many millions who are suffering for the help we could so abundantly give them should appeal very forcibly to every impulse within our being.

A. L. Bulwinkle of the ninth district expressed the hope that every North Carolinian will remember in the most substantial and generous way the tens of thousands of Armenian children who are starving because their parents were murdered for refusing to renounce Christ and all that He stood for and become Mohammedans.

H. L. Lyon of the sixth district declared that if North Carolinians could realize the suffering and starvation facing the unfortunates in the

RUSSIAN NOVELIST TO PRINT T. B. BOOL

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17.—Maxim Gorky novelist and formerly relief official, looked rited and ill when he arrived here enroute for Berlin. He said his principal purpose in visiting Germany was to secure the printing of manuscripts which circumstances had not permitted to be done before.

"It is a big parcel," he said, "which I bring along and its contents are of the greatest importance to humanity for they include a new method for the treatment of tuberculosis.

In food and fuel Gorky said Russian scientists were comparatively well off, thanks to the support which they have had from abroad, but what they mostly needed was moral support encouraging them to new efforts and it was from that point of view that it was essential their works should be published.

"The position of Russian intellectuals is terrible and practically hopeless," said Gorky. "It means that as dreadful a catastrophe as could ever fall upon a nation has fallen upon Russia. Investigations made by Professor Manukin show that in Petrograd 22 percent suffer from anemia, 29 percent have cancer, 11 percent are drunkards and 16 percent gone mad.

"A few days ago two professors tried to escape from Petrograd. One succeeded in passing the frontier into Finland but the other one was shot.

Gorky said there were no children in Russia now. They were all grown up and death was printed on their faces. They were no more human beings, they were starving dogs. They had forgotten all human expressions except the one "give us bread", and incessantly day and night they cried for bread.

Wedding at Macclesfield.

A quiet but beautiful wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, when Miss Ora Ellington of Macclesfield became the bride of Mr. Walter Langley of Fountain, Rev. A. F. Lupton of Tarboro officiating. Promptly at the appointed hour the minister entered the living room, where the vows were spoken, and took his place. Little Miss Julia V. Howard, the only attendant, escorted next, carrying a basket of beautiful white flowers. She was followed by the bride and groom.

The bride was attired in a handsome suit of grey with accessories to match. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Ellington of this place. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Langley motored over to Fountain where they will be at home in the future.

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES PUBLIC ULSTER'S REPLY

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Ulster cabinet's letter, definitely rejecting the British cabinet's invitation to enter the Irish Free State was made public at Mr. Lloyd George's official Downing street residence. The letter dispatched by Premier Sir James Craig protests, as was forecast by an unofficial report in Belfast, against Ulster's interests being involved in the Anglo-Irish treaty without her being consulted.

Miss Clemmons left today for her home in Troy to spend Christmas.

Mr. Henry Bryan returned last night from a trip to Richmond.

Bible lands they would give of their means unstintingly.

H. S. Ward of the first district congratulated Col. Bellamy for his work on behalf of the Near East Relief and expressed the feeling that much will be accomplished by North Carolina.

FRANCE REFUNDS TAX TO AMERICANS

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Several French newspapers are protesting against what they term "the misplaced generosity" of the government in refunding to Americans when they return to the United States the ten percent luxury tax they have paid on purchases. The newspapers say the government is giving away hundreds of thousands of francs in this way which rightfully belongs to the country.

Americans have read these protest with not a little surprise. Many who have tried to get back the total of their luxury tax, have discovered the difficulties are many. The first and most essential demand of the government officials at the port of embarkation is that all receipts of purchase must be presented. Luxury tax concerns women almost entirely and most of them forget or lose these receipts.

Those who know of this demand are comparatively few, so the luxury tax, so far as most homeward bound Americans are concerned, usually remains in France.

OFFICER EDWARDS TAKES BOOTLEGGER

Officer C. L. Edwards wound a tight web around his victim, a bootlegger, last night, when the dispenser of monkey rum alighted from train No. 57.

Tilman Singleton, who with three other negroes, came in on the afternoon train with a brand that, judging from its odor, was foreign to any other intoxicating beverage ever known in these quarters, cut up a peculiar "air" at the station upon his arrival and created the suspicion of Officer Edwards, who kept one eye on his man until he was positive he made no mistake in believing the heavy parcel which Singleton carried contained spirits of a fiery vintage.

Tilman first darted into the waiting room but did not stop there, as the officer was on the watch; going thru the room and across the tracks, he placed the suit case upon the ground and again returned to the waiting room. Officer Edwards was suspicious of a gun and thought Tilman had made the second trip into the adjoining room to remove his weapon. However, this proved not to be the case.

Tilman was approached by the officer, who demanded that he come out with a clean story of the contents of the suitcase, whereupon the bootlegger declared it contained a gallon, excepting the half pint which he had drank in the waiting room when the officer appeared to be anxious to make an arrest. He was brought to the city jail, where he awaits a hearing before the federal authorities, charged with commerce in liquor.

Tilman's three friends were not arrested.

CREW OF AMERICAN BARK IS RESCUED

PANAMA, Dec. 17.—The crew of fifteen of the American bark Harvard wrecked while on the way to Honolulu from Tahiti, was rescued by the British steamship Baron Inchaape after drifting 48 hours in life boats. The men were taken to Balboa by the Baron Inchaape and are now on their way to San Francisco on the steamship Hawkeye State.

Dormitory Burns.

OCALA, Fla., Dec. 17.—Fire destroyed the girls' dormitory and the laundry at Fessenden Academy, one of the best known schools for negroes in the southeast, 8 miles north of here. The students escaped without injury, but lost all their effects.

250 DROWN IN TIDAL WAVE THAT SWEEPS PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Savannah Bank Closed, Cashier Indicted for Alleged Shortage.

SECURED CITIZENSHIP PAPERS THRU FRAUD

MANILA, Philippine, Dec. 17.—More than two hundred and fifty natives were drowned by a tidal wave which overwhelmed two towns on the island of Negros.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Plans to bring the Roma, America's largest airship, from Langley Field here on her first cruising flight, was abandoned today, when her engines developed minor trouble which made the flight inadvisable.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 17.—The Commercial bank posted a notice today that the institution had been closed by direction of the state bank examiners. Cashier Reilly is under indictment for alleged shortages.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Max Hans Martin, Indiana dentist, is apparently a man without a country. Judge Anderson today revoked his American citizenship papers and Martin, who said his birthplace was Germany, was regarded as an alien. The government charged Martin obtained citizenship by fraud.

ARCADIA BECOMES GREAT AIR CENTER

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—Arcadia, sixteen miles from here, becomes one of the great aerial centers in the United States with the enlargement of the Army Balloon School at Ross Field there to an Army Balloon and Airship School. The War Department has sent the largest non-rigid airship ever seen on the Pacific Coast, the Airship D3 which participated in the recent aerial bombardment of the German battleships off Hampton Roads, Va. This is added to a pony blimp, twenty captive balloons and eight free balloons now at the post. It is the first airship school in the west, and similar to the army school at Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

Construction work is under way for two great hangars at the field. The Airship D-3 is 198 feet long, 51 feet 3 inches wide and 58 feet high. It has a cruising radius of 790 miles at the cruising speed of 45 miles an hour, and a radius of 550 miles at high speed, 60 miles an hour. A crew of four operates the great airship. There are accommodations aboard for three additional officers.

The pony blimp which has been in operation at Ross Field since March is of the tractor propulsion type, being 35 1-2 feet long and 30 feet wide. It has a capacity of 35,350 cubic feet of gas, operated by two men, pilot and engineer, one of whom also operated the radio. The speed is 45 miles an hour at cruising with a radius of 570 miles, and 55 miles at high speed, with a radius of 380 miles.

ITALY PLANNING TO REOPEN TRADE WITH "RED" RUSSIA

ROME, Dec. 17.—Italy has no objection to resuming relations with Russia through the present Soviet government, under certain conditions, Premier Bonomi and Foreign Minister Torretta told the foreign affairs committee of parliament. These conditions, however, must guarantee Italy's interests. The government reserved full liberty of action as to the method of opening negotiations. The committee signified its approval of the government's attitude.

THE SOUTHERNER'S SATURDAY SERMON

(By Rev. B. E. Brown.)

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, everyone to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Nazareth, of Galilee, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife. And so it was, while they were there, she brought forth her first-born son, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.—St. Luke 2:1-7.

What were these taxes levied for? Where did this hard-working carpenter's money go? Why, it went where most poor men's tax money has gone from that day to this—it went to build battleships and equip armies and pay the expenses of war. Augustus Caesar was building a mighty fleet of great war triremes to patrol the coasts of his far-flung empire, and he was trying to raise and equip ten more legions to take the place of the six which had just been destroyed in the forests of Germany. He wanted to make his empire bigger, and so he proceeded to wring money from peaceful working-men to pay for it.

Is not that strange now, that one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-one Christmases passed before any really serious attempt was made to put an end to that sort of thing? But this is to be the most notable of all the Christmases since that time, inasmuch as it will mark a genuine movement to stop the practice of making men pay to get themselves killed, for a few men's gain or power.

Why did they have to go to a hotel when they could not get in there, why did they have to go to a stable? Because home-life, and hospitality, had decayed in that country, as it does everywhere during and after wars. The few people who had homes were too selfish to take a poor workman in, and so many people had gone to boarding a tthe hotel, that there was no room there for them. You see that same condition now. People want to escape the burdens of housekeeping, and live in boarding houses. Those who want houses for themselves, cannot get them. When the beauty and sanctity of home is restored to the world, Christ will have a more comfortable place to come to now, on the anniversaries of His birth.

RHINELANDERS EAT AMERICAN CHOP SUEY

COBLENZ, Dec. 17.—American "chop suey" has been introduced to the Rhinelanders—and they like it! The chop suey idea was conceived by an American soldier—Walter E. Smith who opened a shop when his enlistment expired after 15 years in the army.

Germans didn't pay much attention to the little cafe at first but curiosity got the best of them at last and finally they began patronizing the place, and the food served with Chinese trimmings, is quit popular now with the native men and women.

U. S. LEGATION STAFFS IN S. A. ARE INCREASED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The State Department is preparing to send Charles B. Curtis, of the bureau of Latin American affairs to Guatemala City as first secretary of legation. This move is the first effort on the part of the department to bring up the legation staffs in the Central American countries to full strength, it was said, and other transfers from Washington to posts in Central America are being arranged.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR MANUFACTURE

RALEIGH, Dec. 17.—Collector Gilliam Grissom is calling attention to certain manufacturers of a requirement in the new law which becomes effective Jan. 1, 1922, and which reads as follows:

"Each person required to pay any tax imposed by section 602 shall procure and keep posted a certificate of registry in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the secretary. Any person who fails to register or keep posted any certificate of registry in accordance with such regulations, shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each offense."

Every manufacturer of cereal beverages; of unfermented fruit juices or imitations thereof; of still drinks; of natural or artificial mineral waters, or imitations thereof; of finished or fountain sirups; of carbonated beverages, of carbonated beverages made by the use of finished or fountain sirups manufactured by such manufacturer; and every person conducting a soda fountain, an ice cream parlor, or other similar place of business who manufactures any sirups of the kind mentioned in section 602 (e), shall on or before January 1, 1922, or within 10 days after commencing business, and thereafter on or before July 1 of each year, make application for registry to the collector in whose district his place of business is located.

HUNGARIANS PROUD OF INDEPENDENCE

BUDAPEST, Dec. 17.—After the sitting of the National Assembly at which the dethronement of Hapsburg was pronounced, the members of the small farmers and agrarians party went to the Kerepes cemetery where Louis Kossuth is buried and the leader of the party, Szabo, Minister of wreath on the tomb, with an inscription on the ribbon "Kassuth, Thou has conquered."

In a short speech the Minister recalled how the hero of the war for Hungarian independence pronounced the dethronement of the Hapsburg in 1849.

Challenges Dry Worker.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 17.—Charles H. Allen, publisher of the Montgomery Advertiser, was to appear in police court to answer the charge of breaking the peace as a result of inviting Dr. Perley Baker, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, to fight.

Mr. Allen, it is said, approached Dr. Baker in the lobby of a hotel and after taking him to task for a charge Dr. Baker is said to have made in an address that the Montgomery Advertiser took \$17,000 off the brewers invited him to fight it out. Bystanders and policemen took a hand and Mr. Allen was arrested.

Elston's Friends Puzzled.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The friends of Congressman Elston here and at his home in Berkeley, expressed themselves as mystified by reports from Washington indicating he had taken his life.

Mr. Elston occupied a respected place in the community and his career, both as an attorney and as a member of congress, was regarded as successful. He was serving his fourth term in congress.

Mr. Elston had been active in California politics for some years. He was one of the original members of the Lincoln Republican League which was credited with effecting the election of Hiram Johnston.

CROWN FORCES USE LEWIS GUN TO STOP RIOTING IN BELFAST

U. S. Zeppelin Will Be Constructed in Germany, Is French Permission.

TIME EXTENSION FOR REPARATIONS REFUSED

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 17.—One was killed, six wounded, in renewed rioting in east Belfast section. The street car service was suspended and Lewis machine guns used against the rioters by crown forces.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The U. S. destroyer Graham and the steamer Panama, which met in collision last night, regained port safely today. Seven seamen were scalded by the bursting of steam pipes and were brought in by the Panama.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The council of ambassadors granted permission to the United States to contract in Germany for the construction of a Zeppelin of the L-70 type.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The allied reparations commission refused today to consider Germany's request for time extension in January and February reparations payment until the German government explains its inability to pay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Proposal for additional naval tonnage was declared by British spokesmen today to have been presented by France's conference delegation before naval committee of fifteen yesterday, continued to overshadow the limitation developments. The French delegation continued silent, but expected to push their proposal.

Volcano in the Andes

IN VIOLENT ERUPTION

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 17.—Eruption of a volcano in the Andes mountains, believed to be Mount Rhinohua in Chile is reported in dispatches received here. The township of Osorono, Union and San Pablo, Chile, were considerably damaged by falling rock.

Inhabitants of the town of Bariloche, Argentina, and the surrounding region awoke to find the sky overcast and the ground covered with volcanic ashes, fragments of rock falling intermittently, and clouds of ashes obscured the sun the entire day.

Incalculable damage is said to have been done to the grazing lands north of Lake Nahuel-Huapi, hot ashes covering the ground to depth of nearly six inches. The live stock there are in danger of starvation unless they can be transported from the affected zone.

Mrs. J. J. Lane has returned from Battle Creek, Mich.

Miss Belle Doub left last night for Washington City.

MARKET REPORTS.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat:		
Dec.	1.07 2-3	1.07 1-8
May	1.12 2-3	1.12 1-2
Corn:		
Dec.46 2-3	.46 5-8
May53 1-8	.53 1-8
Oats:		
Dec.32 1-8	.32 5-8
May37 7-8	.38
Peanuts: Virginia, 2a2 3-4c.		
Local Spanish, 85c.		
Cotton: Yesterday's		Today's
	Close.	Open.
Jan.	17.78	17.81
Mar.	17.75	17.75
May	17.44	17.39
July	17.01	17.01
Dec.	18.00	18.10