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THRONG ATTENDS FINAL RITES FOR REV. JOHN H. HALL

Sorrowing Friends from All Parts of Albemarle District Pay Homage to Beloved Minister

WAS PRESIDING ELDER

Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, Intimately Associated With Him for 35 Years, Delivers Eulogy

Former friends and acquaintances from all parts of the Albemarle gathered yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist Church here to pay sorrowing tribute to the memory of Rev. John H. Hall, formrely presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Conference, who died at his home here Tuesday morning after a long illness. The services were held at 3 o'clock.

The Methodist choir softly sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," as the funeral procession entered the main auditorium of the church, and the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of the First Methodist congregation. The opening Scriptural lesson was read by Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, and the second by the Rev. C. B. Culbreth, presiding elder of the district.

A duet, "Face to Face," was sung by Mrs. J. Wesley Foreman and Mrs. Bob Fearing, preceding a brief eulogy of the Rev. Mr. Hall by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, and former pastor of the First Methodist Church here. Dr. Wilson had been associated intimately with Mr. Hall over a period of 35 years, and paid him homage as a Christian gentleman, above all, and a capable minister of the Gospel.

The closing prayer was by the Rev. L. S. Massey, pastor of Hertford Methodist Church ,and the services at the church closed with the hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," by the choir.

At the grave in Hollywood Cemetery, the committal service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Culbreth, presiding elder, and the benediction was by Dr. Wilson. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings.

The active pallbearers were Harold Overman, Ben Banks, M. Leigh Sheep, L. R. Foreman, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, C. E. Thompson, Dr. W. W. Sawyer and W. C. Sawyer. The honorary pallbearers comprised the officials of the First Methodist and City Road Methodist churches, together with M. R. Griffin and J. S. Seeley, Sr.

MRS. CHOREY WINS CHEST OF SILVER

Four Others Receive Honorable Mention in Table Setting Contest

Mrs. Stanton Chorey of Sound Neck was the winner of the chest of Community Plate silver, Tudor pattern, given by the Louis Selig Jewelry Company in the tablesetting contest put on by Miss Marcia Albertson, Pasquotank County home demonstration agent, which closed Tuesday.

Twenty-one contestants tried for this prize, representing nine of the County clubs. Four of the contestants winning honorable mention were: Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. W. W. Garrett, Mrs. Walter Riddick and Mrs. Paul Walston.

The judges, Miss Pauline Smith, district agent of Washington, N. C., and Miss Helen Gaither of Hertford, Perquimans county home demonstration agent, with Miss Marcia Albertson, started at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and drove from Riverside to Sound Neck, to Newbegun, Nixonton, Body Road, Corinth and Forks stopping at the home of each contestant where they found the tables set awaiting their inspection.

Miss Marcia's holiday began Wednesday and ends January 2, then she will attend the Demonstration Agent's Conference and Institute at Raleigh from January 4 to 19, so that she will not meet with the clubs for regular work until after that date.

HOUSTON IS BUILDING

Houston, Dec. 17. — Building permits issued here have now passed the $30,000,000 mark. Building for the year, including Houston's suburbs is expected to total $37,000,000.

MONEY IN PEACHES

Sacramento, Dec. 17.—The 200 tons of peaches developed in this state in 1925 netted growers $35 a ton for the best quality and the output will be virtually all disposed of by January 1. Cantaloupes very very profitable, 14-250 carloads being shipped and bringing steady prices.

CALLED TO BEDSIDE

The Rev. W. T. Phipps, pastor of the Pasquotank Methodist Circuit, has been called to the bedside of his mother in a Baltimore hospital. She was to undergo an operation Thursday.

DENOUNCES WAYS OF PROSECUTION AND RESTS CASE

Washington, Dec. 17.—Denouncing methods employed in the prosecution before the general court martial convened to try him, Colonel William Mitchell today rested his case without replying to the prosecution demand that he be dismissed from the Army.

Rising from his place before the bar when court met to hear the closing arguments, the air crusader made a brief statement saying that he had shown truth of the public utterances which led to disciplinary charges against him, but had be answered by misinformation and untruthful evidence on the competency of which the court had refused to pass. "To proceed further with the case would answer no useful purpose," he concluded.

MOUTH ORGAN IS VERY LATEST NOTE IN MUSIC

And Nobody Knows When the Jew's Harp Mania Will Hit the Fancy of Old Broadway

STARTS A "COLLEGE"

Professor Bora Minnevitch Hangs Out His Shingle to Teach the Art of Playing the Harmonica

By ROWLAND WOOD
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New York, Dec. 17.—Professor Bora Minnevitch hung out his shingle in Broadway yesterday and began matriculating students in New York's latest "college"—a school for professional instruction in harmonica playing.

Friends of the "Professor" thought he was joking when he told them of his plans, but a visit to his school convinced them otherwise. The old mouth organ of a decade ago, described slightingly by musical dictionaries as a "musical toy" has experienced a remarkable popular revival, at least in this city, and from all indications its wheezy strains soon will be vieing with the twang of the uke, the wail of the saxaphone and the more or less musical sounds of divers other instruments of the jazz age.

"It's a good instrument, and one of its greatest attractions is that it is easy to learn to play," said the professor. "I have signed up a half dozen pupils already and I expect to increase the enrollment many fold."

The mouth organ professor conceived his idea of starting a harmonica school as a result of his own success with a somewhat elaborated mouth organ which he plays in two popular Broadway shows.

His act was emulated by a dozen vaudeville performers and everywhere the old mouth organ seemed to make a hit with the audiences. The mouth organ craze really started in New York, however, with the inauguration, by the Park department of a series of harmonica contests for children. Thousands of children practiced up on the instruments and many of them pushed the art to a point where they could blow forth very creditable music.

All that New York needs now to make its circle of musical schools complete is a school for instruction in the art of playing the jew's harp.

Koch Unable To Form A Cabinet

Berlin, Dec. 17. — Dr. Erich Koch today notified President Von Hinderburg of his inability to form a cabinet. This action has been forecast by a decision of the Socialist Democrat party that it could not take part in the coalition government.

SENATE TAKING UP WORLD COURT ISSUE

Washington, Dec. 17.—After a delay of nearly three years the Senate today heeded the repeated urgings of the White House and began a debate on a resolution proposing American membership in the World Court. The resolution of adherence upon which the debate was begun was offered by Senator Swanson of Virginia, ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, without the approval of Chairman Boral.

REPORT NO CHANGE CHINESE SITUATION

Tient Sin, Dec 17.—There has been no change in the situation in the war area in this vicinity since General Tin Chang Ling, governor of Chi Hli Province, on Monday inflicted two defeats on the National Peoples' Army, which is supporting the cause of Marshal Feng Juhsing, present ruler of Peking.

SOUTH ATLANTIC COASTAL ROUTE MAKING STRIDES

President of Highway Association Commends State Senator Williams Upon Services Rendered

EXPRESSES THANKS

Contract for Chowan Bridge, Important Link in North and South Road, Will be Let Tuesday

The Atlantic Coastal Highway, on which Elizabeth City is situated, has made more wonderful strides this year than any other highway in the United States, according to a letter from P. O. Miller, of Jacksonville, president of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, to P. H. Williams, of this city, one of North Carolina's two State chairmen.

This highway runs from Maine to Florida, following the short route along the Atlantic seaboard, and thus is 200 miles shorter than any other North and South route, according to association officials. In the course of the year, a great new bridge was opened at Savannah and many miles of hardsurfacing were finished.

From the standpoint of this part of the highway, much importance attaches to the letting of contract by the State Highway Commission next Tuesday for construction of a $600,000 bridge across the lower Chowan River near Edenton. This, it is anticipated, will serve to link this part of North Carolina with the remainder of the State in a way only partially accomplished through construction of the Winton bridge, many miles farther up the Chowan. It is expected also that completion of the bridge will serve to bring many more tourists through this part of the State.

President Miller's letter to Mr. Williams follows:

"As the year draws to a close we feel very much gratified with the results obtained regardless of the many difficulties that we have had to contend with and I am sure it will be very gratifying to you to learn that the Atlantic Coastal Highway has made more wonderful strides this year than any other highway in the United States.

"This condition of affairs is due altogether to the splendid, unselfish support and co-operation given us from time to time by yourself, and other chairmen of the association, and we are under everlasting obligations to all of our State and county chairmen for the work they have performed in the interest of this great movement.

"We are taking this opportunity to express to you our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for the services you have rendered, and to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year."

ELIZABETH CITY BOY ON ALL-STAR ELEVEN

Wilfred Jones, Now Attending Bingham, Winning Many Football Laurels

To Wilfred Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, 3 Harney street, this city, are going many football laurels this season. He is on the fast eleven of Bingham Military School, at Asheville, playing left end, and is included in the State's all-star prep school team by M. L. Rich, of Charlotte, one of North Carolina's best known sports writers.

Wilfred entered Bingham this fall, and promptly made the football team. He is a born athlete, and soon attracted attention by his work on the field.

"Jones, of Bingham, is a clever end and a classy receiver of forward passes," comments Rich, in discussing the merits of the eleven players he has picked from all parts of the State as the best team available from prep school material.

THROWER OF BOMB ACQUITTED TODAY

Lemberg, Poland, Dec. 17. — Stanislaw Steiger, whose trial of charges of throwing a bomb at President Wojolechowski aroused international interest, was aquitted today.

ONLY 6 MORE

BURGLARS BLOW OPEN VAULT AND POSTOFFICE SAFE

Lexington, Dec. 17.—Burglars last night blew the vault of the Carolina Banking and Trust Company and the safe of the post office at Denton, 20 miles east of here, in this county, according to a telephone message.

Approximately $300 was stolen from the post office safe. The vault of the bank was wrecked and employes have not yet been able to gain entrance to check up on the loss. No clues to the burglary have been found and the hour of the robberies has not yet been determined.

First Snow Flurry Visits This City At Daybreak

Heralding the early coming of winter, the season's first faint flurry of snow descended upon Elizabeth City early Thursday morning as an appropriate reminder that Christmas is close at hand. The snow fell for a few minutes at daybreak, and was observed only by those who have not succumbed to the temptation to sleep late these chilly mornings. It left no trace on roofs yards, or streets. Probably it wouldn't have, anyway; but intermittent rainfall the day and night preceding left everything damp, and disposed of the last scant possibility.

Winter will arrive in formal fashion next Tuesday, December 22, at two hours and 37 minutes past midnight, central time. The day before, however, will be the shortest of the year.

There will be but two eclipses during 1926, the least number possible, according to Turner's North Carolina Almanac, and both will be of the sun. The first will be a total eclipse on January 14, invisible in America, and visible in the Indian Ocean, Africa, the Philippine Islands, and adjacent regions. The second will occur July 9 and 10, and will be visible principally in the Pacific Ocean. In the southeastern part of the United States the sun will set with a very small eclipse on its southern "limb," wholly invisible north of Charleston and Atlanta.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS PLEASING SUCCESS

Proceeds Completed Paying for Piano at the Primary School

The Christmas plays, given by Third Graders from the rooms of Mrs. T. B. Cook and Miss Lucille Leltoy Wednesday afternoon in the High School auditorium, were delightfully successful.

The little folks had been skillfully trained and acquitted themselves beautifully on the stage. The High School orchestra very kindly assisted in making the entertainment pleasing by their playing.

The house was packed and the proceeds of the entertainment completed the task of paying for the piano in the Primary School

NO NEW CABINET BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Berlin, Dec. 17. — The Reichstag has decided to recess until January 12 as the new cabinet is not likely to be constructed before the holidays.

TURKISH CABINET CALLED IN SESSION

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—Upon receipt of the League of Nations decision in the Turko-British dispute over the Mosul boundary line the Turkish cabinet at Angora was immediately called into session by President Kemal Pahsa.

Accident Prevention Campaign Now Waged

Fayetteville, Dec. 17.—An intensive accident prevention campaign will be waged here throughout this week by C. T. Matthews, director of accident prevention of the Carolina Motor Club, co-operating with local civic, commercial and educational institutions. R. H. Shelton, district manager and Edward W. Thornhill, of the Carolina Motor Club, also are in Fayetteville in the interest of the campaign and the motor organization.

Speaking engagements have been made for Mr. Matthews to address all local school children. He will also appear before various civic clubs that meet this week. The safety expert comes here from Wilmington where he spent last week furthering the State-wide campaign the Carolina Motor Club launched this spring in an effort to cut down the annual toll of the Monster Accident. Mr. Matthews is the only full-time director of accident prevention employed by a motor organization and his work has drawn high praise from the American Automobile Association, with which the North Carolina club, as well as 753 other motor clubs, is affiliated.

Congressman Davey Mild Of Manner But Has Nerve

By CHARLES P. STEWART
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Washington, Dec. 17. — Congressman Davey of Ohio is mild of manner, but he has nerve.

Otherwise he never would have dared to announce his application of a bill to suspend all civil service rules for two years, that President Coolidge may separate from 500,000 Federal employes enough of jobs.

Davey says himself that his bill, if passed, "will, for a limited period, give more power to the president (a Republican president and Davey's a Democrat) in time of peace than has been exercised by the war president."

Politicians know very well that it's risky to fire public servants, and the more an administration fires, the riskier it is. Still, the leaders would be inclined to take that risk at present, in the interest of a big saving, which would please the country even if it did create a good many sore heads.

But civil service rules stand in the way of much firing.

Succeeding them doubtless has occurred to the administration folk long before now. Yet how could they take the initiative? The measure would be questioned, of course. They'd be accused of advocating a general clean-out, in order to get their own henchmen in.

Now Congressman Davey, a Democrat, steps into the breach.

His bill unquestionable is a genuine economy measure. The government executive personnel ought to be cut down. If the administration is as nervy as Davey, it will be odd to see a Republican administration backing a Democratic congressman's bill; but it will be hard fought, too.

It is noteworthy that the first broadside against it comes from one of Davey's fellow Democrats, Congressman Black of New York.

Road To Currituck Is Still Passable

State Crew Boards Wheel Tracks at Point Where Mud Is Deep

Detour signs were put up Thursday directing traffic from Elizabeth City to Sligo to Moyock. The Moyock road was drained Wednesday and is in fairly good condition.

The road in front of Henry Gilbert's, just this side of Gilbert Run, was being boarded by the State highway crew this morning and this will make passable a very uncertain spot in wet weather. The left side of the road is passable this morning, though some of the cars had to be pushed through by those who met on the road. The road is being boarded on the old road bed, three boards being used for each track.

Though wet weather may inconvenience traffic to and from Currituck County, it does not appear that with the road boarded in front of Mr. Gilbert's and the detour by Moyock that the road will be impassable during the Christmas holidays. Two days of fair weather work wonders to the condition of the road. Roads that are slippery today become passable after 24 hours of sunshine and wind.

Italy's Queen Is Reported Better

Bordighera, Italy, Dec 17. — Dowager Queen Margarita, who is suffering from pulmonary pleurisy, was reported better this morning, her fever having somewhat subsided.

REFUSES PLACE GIFT TAX IN REVENUE BILL

Washington, Dec. 17. — The House today refused to place the gift tax in the revenue bill. Representative Frear of Wisconsin, Republican, proposed continuance of the gift tax created two years ago with rates equal to inheritance tax levies, but his amendment was rejected without a record vote. An amendment offered by Representative Green, Democrat, of Florida, to kill the inheritance tax section of the bill was thrown out on point of order.

URGE REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

Washington, Dec. 17—Revision of the immigration law to permit entrance in excess of "limitations of skilled agriculturists" was urged today before the House immigration committee. Hugh MacRae of Wilmington, North Carolina, declared such modification of the law as to permit skilled agriculturists to enter this country would produce many benefits to the farming situation.

BROTHERS' FUNERAL TOMORROW MORNING

Funeral services for George W. Brothers, Sr., former resident of Camden County and for many years a resident of this city, will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church by Dr. J. H. Tharp, his pastor. Burial will be in Hollywood Cemetery.

The body is scheduled to arrive by the Norfolk Southern train tonight at 10:05 o'clock. Mr. Brothers died Tuesday morning in New Orleans, where he had gone to undergo an operation. He was about 72 years old.

Relatives have asked that all flowers be sent to Ziegler's funeral parlors Friday morning.

PERU WILL TRY TO TELL WORLD

South American Republic to Go on Air in Endeavor Reach U. S.

By ROBERT SACK
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Washington, Dec. 17. Peru will endeavor to talk itself heard in the United States by means of Station OAX at Lima, during the international radio tests the latter part of January. Word that the Lima station will broadcast in the 30 meter band OAX will use a wave length of 380 meters and will broadcast between 11 and 2 p. m., Eastern Standard time, during two nights of the international week.

Plans for Peru's participation in the tests have been completed and the program arranged for the French broadcasters. Across the Atlantic on the air from London, will be that of the Savoy Hotel, London, which will play there between 4 and 5 a. m. London time, to make it to be heard in American listeners late in the evening here. Many English listeners are going to tune in the American stations.

The British Broadcasting Company has announced it will transmit programs in order waves on the frequency of some of the leading American broadcasters, just prior to the tests, in order that the listeners in England may get their ears for the trans-Atlantic signals.

Sales of radio goods from the United States to the rest of the world will total $40,000,000 for the year 1925, according to estimates made public today by the Department of Commerce. For the first ten months of the year radio supplies valued at $27,569,000 were shipped to foreign markets, an increase of approximately 100 per cent over the exports for a similar period last year and it is believed that the final annual figures will bring the amount to $30,000,000 or more.

A total of 17 of the leading broadcasting stations of the country are reported by the Department of Commerce to have changed their transmitters to suppress harmonics. The stations are: KDKA, Pittsburgh; KFDM, Beaumont, Texas; KFJF, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; KGB, State College, New Mexico; KPRC, Houston, Texas; KTHS, Hot Springs, Arkansas; KWWG, Brown ville, Texas; WABY, Mount Clemens, Michigan; WABO, Richmond Hills, New York; WAPI, Auburn, Alabama; WBAL, Baltimore; WBAP, Fort Worth; WHAX, Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania; WHBI, Rossville, New York; WHDC, Grand Rapids, Michigan; WCAE, Pittsburgh; WCAP, Washington, D. C.; WCAR, San Antonio, Texas; WCAU, Philadelphia; WCX, Detroit; WEAF, New York; WEHK, Grand Rapids, Michigan; WFAA, Dallas, Texas; WFDF, Flint, Michigan; WFI, Philadelphia; WGBS, New York; WGHP, Detroit, by the sea, Florida; WHAP, New York; WHAS, Atlantic City; WJAD, Waco, Texas; WJR, Pontiac, Michigan; WKAR, East Lansing, Michigan; WLW, Cincinnati; WLWL, New York; WOAI, San Antonio; WOR, Newark; WPG, Atlantic City; WRC, Washington; WTAM, New York; WRR, Dallas; WRVA, Richmond, Virginia; WSAI, Cincinnati; WSB, Atlanta; WSM, Nashville, Tennessee; WSMB, New Orleans; WTAM, Cleveland, and WWJ, Detroit.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 17. Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 18.50, March 18.70, May 18.52, July 18.28, Oct. 17.85.

New York, Dec. 17.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.35, a decline of 10 points. Futures closing bid: Jan. 18.54, March 18.77, May 18.55, July 18.25, Oct. 17.83.

MASSED CHOIRS TO SING CAROLS CHRISTMAS EVE

Observance of Old Yule Custom Planned This Year in Half Hour Program at Elks' Home Here

MANY TO TAKE PART

Joint Rehearsal to be Held Sunday Afternoon in "Y" Gym; All Churches Asked to Take Part

Massed choirs from the churches of the city will sing eight old time Christmas carols at the Elks' Home at Martin and Fearing streets Christmas Eve night from 9 to 9:30 o'clock in observance of a beautiful old custom that has fallen somewhat into disuse as the mercenary side of things has encroached upon the sentimentals in the observance of the glad holiday.

This was decided Thursday night at a conference of the choir leaders of the six largest churches here at the Chamber of Commerce. Those present were: Mrs. J. R. Barrett, of Christ Episcopal Church; L. E. Skinner, of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church; Urner Davis, of the First Methodist Church; Mrs. L. S. Blades of Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. H. D. Walker, of City Road Methodist Church. These leaders will be in charge of the program.

All choirs in the city will be invited to take part in the singing, and through the grouping of so large a body, a beautiful and inspiring rendition of the old sacred melodies is expected. The first rehearsals of the individual choirs in their respective churches were scheduled for Thursday. A massed rehearsal will be held in the Y. M. C. A. gym at the Community Building Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Ready permission for the giving of the program was granted by J. T. McCabe, exalted ruler of the Elizabeth City Elks. The fraternity is planning an elaborate program Christmas morning for the underprivileged children of the city, which will include presentation of many gifts.

The carols to be sung the night before Christmas are: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by night;" "O Little Town of Bethlehem;" "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear;" "Angels from the Realms of Glory;" "Joy to the World;" "Holy Night;" "O Come, All Ye Faithful;" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

Christmas caroling is not new in Elizabeth City, this being one of the few towns in America in which Christmas carols have been sung on Christmas Eve night for the last 15 years.

Says 25 Per Cent Of City's Trees Are A Menace

Ninety per cent of Elizabeth City's shade trees are diseased. Twenty-five per cent are beyond aid and should come down. Sixty-five per cent can be saved for a time by tree surgery.

These are the figures of Joseph A. Fraim, tree surgery expert from Norfolk who is in the city and at the suggestion of City Manager Ferebee has given the situation here a preliminary general survey. As a result of his report City Manager Ferebee is expected to recommend at the next meeting of the City Council that Mr. Fraim be employed to make a detailed survey of the trees of the city, spot those which should come down, and give an estimate of the cost of treating those that can be saved.

Mr. Fraim ascribes the decay of the city's splendid shade trees to the ruthless methods of the public utility companies in the past. The trees have been hacked at and left with fresh cuts exposed to dry rot, he says, and the diseased condition of most of the trees in the city is the result.

Mr. Fraim would recommend that crepe myrtle trees be planted in the place of the stately elms that have to be removed. Norfolk, he says, is preparing to plant 15,000 crepe myrtles. Roots of the crepe myrtle, he declares, do not raise sidewalks, bulge out curbs, or stop terra cotta water mains. It is also a particularly hardy tree, he says, less susceptible to and more easily kept free of disease than any other shade tree. Besides they can be kept down to such shape and height as not to interfere with cross arms on light and telephone poles.

Among the trees which Mr. Fraim describes as a menace to pedestrians is the spreading beech at the corner of Main and Martin streets.

Mrs. James Adams and daughters, Misses Gladys and Margaret Priscilla Adams, and Mrs. J. H. Chambliss, of Norfolk, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city.

SHIPPING NOW IN FULL SWING ON THE RIVERS

But Last Vessels Are Hurrying to Port on the Great Lakes After the Busiest Season

GREATEST SINCE 1916

With Exception of 1923 and Shipments of Soft Coal Totalled Into Millions of Tons

By J. C. ROYLE
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New York, Dec. 17.—The last vessels of the season now are scurrying to port on the Great Lakes but the shipping season still is in full swing on the rivers. The volume of freight handled on the Great Lakes in the season just closed was the greatest since 1916, with the exception of 1923. Shipments of soft coal to all upper lake ports exceeded those of 1924 by 2,915,000 tons before the Sault Sainte Marie locks were closed. The total up to December 1 was 25,856,000 tons.

The iron ore shipments down bound totalled 54,081,000 tons, a gain of 11,457,000 tons.

The receipts and shipments of grain at Duluth and Superior elevators showed a rather heavy falling off from the record breaking movement of 1924 but from August 1 to the closing of the Soo locks, they have been well up to normal. Receipts of all grades were 97,829,059 bushels, including 2,327,448 bushels of grain in bond. That compared with 161,336,760 for the corresponding period last year.

Wheat receipts at Duluth and Superior were 51,775,480, a drop of 34,887,000 bushels. Oats made a better showing with receipts of 17,274,970 bushels as compared with 15,508,417 last year. Barley with 12,399,160 bushels showed a gain on receipts but rye totalled only 6,840,306 bushels as against 14,529,087 last year.

Owing to lack of interest on the part of exporters, shipments from Lake elevators dragged, amounting only to 84,683,983 bushels as compared with 141,094,847 last year. Loadings were heavy just before navigation closed and stocks at the head of the lakes were reduced 18,000,000 bushels leaving space for a similar amount to come in from the country before navigation re-opens next spring.

The situation, despite the drop in shipments, is felt in the Northwest to be highly favorable to the farmers, apart from corn and rye. High premiums were paid by millers for spring wheat and durum carrying high per centages of protein early in the crop movement. Farmers showed a disposition to hold their grain and many of them cashed in their elevator receipts during the sharp advances of early December.

Farmers of the Northwest are watching with interest and no little apprehension the moves of the Soviet government to re-enter the agricultural market on a big scale. Over 16,000 farm tractors with plows and other equipment and spare parts have been ordered in 1925 by one Russian trading company. They will all be ready for 1926 spring plowing in Russia. Over 3,000 pure bred sheep have been bought here and shipped to Russia to restore the sheep and wool industry of that country.

Huge tonnages of steel are going down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. The Carnegie Steel Company has a tow of 12 barges carrying 12,200 tons of steel now enroute to New Orleans in charge of the steamer Clyde. At the gulf port the products will be reshipped by rail to Houston and Galveston. Another shipments of practically the same size has just been loaded for Memphis for distribution to points South, West and North of that point. The Jones and Laughlin Company has a seven barge tow on its way down the Ohio to Southern points and will continue river shipments all winter. Steel men say Jones and Laughlin are saving $2.50 a ton on every shipment from Pittsburgh down the Ohio. The Carnegie company is spending large sums to increase its barge equipment. Transportation experts place the tonnage on the Ohio this year at 15,000,000 tons. Coal, sand and gravel constituted the larger part of the tonnage, which closely approached $150,000,000 in value.

Freight, it is claimed by river men, can be carried by water for 20 per cent less than the rail rates on the same commodities between the same shipping point and destination.

PROTEST TO WASHINGTON

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Strong protests have been sent to Washington by the Harbor and Navigation Committees of the Chamber of Commerce, against the order that all Shipping Board vessels shall be loaded and unloaded on an eight hour day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowden spent Tuesday in Norfolk.