

WHITE HOUSE HINTS DO NOT MEAN BIG LOT

And Hints All That Cautious Cal Is Giving to Indicate His Leaning in Republican Primaries

HOT FOR PEPPER

Pennsylvania Incumbent Has Hard Fight on Hands to Keep His Seat in Upper House of Congress

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Washington, May 18.—How much attention do the people—particularly those who vote—pay to a hint from the White House? For a hint is all they will get in the primary campaigns this year and it's on a hint that President Coolidge bases his hopes for a re-constitution of the Senate and House with supporters of his administration.

The first hint came a few days ago when Secretary Mellon went to Pittsburgh and delivered a speech in support of Senator Pepper who is having a hard fight to win in the today's primaries against Representative William Vare.

And the third hint came today with the announcement that former Governor Stikney of Vermont—a law partner of Attorney General Sargent—and the lawyer entrusted by the President with the arrangement of his father's estate—would be a candidate against Senator Dale who has alienated the political affections of the White House by voting to override the President's veto on the bonus and sundry other things.

Mr. Stikney speaks of his reluctance to enter the Senatorial contest and states that he is doing so only because he wants Mr. Coolidge upheld in the state of Vermont.

In all three cases, the President himself has not spoken. He has known of the plans of his cabinet and he knew of the plans of former Governor Stikney. But he has not come out openly and asked for public support. His belief is that the people are wise enough to take a hint.

The danger of a direct statement, of course, is that if perchance the administration's candidates do not win the result will be hailed, as it was in Illinois, as a repudiation of Mr. Coolidge. And that would not be politically comfortable even though 1928 is somewhat distant and the pendulum of popularity can swing backward and forward many times 'twixt now and then.

Mr. Pepper is liked by the President. He has no particular opposition to Mr. Vare who is a powerful political factor in Pennsylvania, but he would rather see Senator Pepper retained. Yet the rumors that have been wafted here and there that Mr. Pepper will be lucky to squeeze through and that need be no surprise if Mr. Vare wins by a substantial plurality.

Governor Pinchot is a third candidate in the field who is bound to draw from the dry side so that the prohibition vote will be divided between Messrs. Pepper and Pinchot while the "wets" range themselves with Representative Vare. Under the circumstances the prohibition issue may be the controlling one at the polls, all of which makes today's primary very important to the wets and dries especially since the wets have been claiming ascendancy. Even before the result is known, one might as well forecast what each side will say. If Mr. Vare wins, the dries will answer that Pennsylvania is a wet state anyhow and that the vote of the dries was unfortunately divided between two candidates. The wets would proclaim it as the turning of the tide toward modification of the Volstead Act. If either Senator Pepper or Governor Pinchot should win, the primary will be viewed as a great achievement for the cause of prohibition. The post-election statements could be written now which means that on no side is there a crystallization of sentiment on issues from which national inferences can be drawn and the truth is the race is a clash of ambitious personalities.

SUGGESTS WAY OUT ON COTTON PROBLEM
Atlanta, May 18.—Establishment of foreign branches through which surplus cotton goods might be marketed instead of dumping them upon domestic markets and bringing about a paralysis of business and prices below cost of manufacture was advocated by W. C. Varen of Moultrie, Georgia, president of the American Cotton Manufacturer's Association here today.

Sunday Law Status Is Taken Up In Court Session

A case in which Al Munden, colored, was charged with operating as a merchant without the proper city license, provided the basis for an extended discussion in recorder's court Tuesday morning as to what regulations there were, if any, governing the conduct of business in this city on Sunday.

Munden submitted the case, and was fined \$5 and costs when he admitted that he had operated without a license. He had run a small restaurant on North Harney street on Saturdays and Sundays until he was arrested Sunday night a week ago. Asked to appear in court without the formality of a bond, Munden declared he was frightened, and skipped town for a week. He said he since had sold out his little business to another colored merchant, who had taken out the required license.

"I want to know the status of our Sunday law," Trial Justice Sawyer declared, in disposing of the case. "I want to be informed as to what right a number of day-shops are keeping open under on Sundays here. If they are within the law, I have no objection."

Prosecuting Attorney J. Henry LeRoy, Jr., stated he could find nothing in the city ordinances specifically barring any business from keeping open on Sundays, except barber shops. He quoted the State law prohibiting any one from engaging in his usual vocation on Sundays, except in the line of necessary work, but stated it had been rendered largely inoperative by subsequent Supreme Court decisions, in which it had been held that to keep a store open on Sunday, for instance, was not an indictable offense, though any citizen had a right to sue for the one dollar penalty imposed for violation.

City Clerk John Snowden was then summoned, and was requested to examine the old city ordinance with a view to finding the exact status of the Sunday merchant, particularly applying to businesses other than drug stores, hotels, restaurants and news stands.

In this connection, Trial Justice Sawyer expressed the opinion that the city would well afford to spend a little money to employ several lawyers to classify, codify and arrange for publication a complete set of the city ordinances to date, so that the courts and others interested in the enforcement of the law would have a definite authority, in readily available form.

DAY DREAMS ARE BAD FOR CHILD

Atlantic City, May 18.—Day dreams are in reality evil things which sap the emotional strength of a child or adult and weaken his grasp on reality, declared experts at the convention today of the National Health Congress.

The teacher should study those pupils who are inattentive and aid them in overcoming the vitiating day-dreaming habit, Dr. Henry C. Schumaker, Philadelphia psychiatrist, asserted in one address.

"His fantasies are full of magical solutions of all his difficulties and are for him a much more pleasurable activity than school work," he said of the dreaming child. "The teacher should try to uncover the deficiency in his environment or personality make-up, for which the day-dreaming is a compensatory function. It is her duty as a teacher to guide the child that he will adopt reality and abandon the fantasy where the principle of egotistic pleasure predominates."

COMMITTEE AGAINST IMPEACHMENT MEEKINS
Washington, May 18.—Recommendation that no action be taken on the petition to impeach Federal Judge Isaac Meekins of North Carolina was made today by the House Judiciary subcommittee.

No impeachment offenses were alleged in the affidavits filed by Daniel F. Hickey, former revenue employe's report to the judicial head. The charges made last year and repeated recently in a letter addressed to the House included collusion with Federal officials for tax fixing, while Meekins was counsel for the alien property custodian when that office was held in New York. Without touching on these matters the subcommittee report says they have no bearing on the Meekins judgment and therefore do not call for impeachment proceedings.

PASQUOTANK PEAS CROP MOVING IN INCREASED BULK

Many Carloads Expected to Go From Elizabeth City in Next Few Days, With Favoring Weather

QUOTED \$2 TO \$3.50

Difficulty Experienced in Obtaining Sufficient Baskets; Peak Looked for Early Next Week

Beginning on a major scale today, pea shipments from Pasquotank County were expected by commission men and others in close touch with the crop to ascend steadily in volume until the peak is reached, probably early next week.

Norfolk Southern Railroad officials here announced today that three refrigerator carloads were shipped out yesterday, although five more had been placed for loading, and probably would move today. Also they stated that orders had been received for 16 cars today and that 23 cars from across Albemarle Sound, in the vicinity of Mackerays, had been received this morning, on their way to the Northern markets.

Commission merchants reported quotations ranging from \$2 to \$3.50 a basket on the New York market, with no sales reported. They declared the tone of the market was a little weaker, due supposedly to the arrival of considerable stock not of the highest grade.

The heavy volume of May peas now about to move from here has brought several complications in its wake which are causing concern alike to growers and commission merchants. The bulk of the crop this year, due to weather conditions, apparently is maturing at one time, and this is complicating the problem of finding sufficient pickers. Also, there is a shortage of baskets, which here and there is causing difficulty in turning them out fast enough to meet the demand. For instance, two commission merchants reported having bought 10,000 baskets each in Portsmouth yesterday.

Locked Doors Foil Would-Be Burglar

On the heels of a highly disturbing experience with a supposed burglar which fell to the lot of P. C. Cohoon, member of the City Council, when he encountered a strange negro in the dining room at his home on Eringhauss street Saturday night, Dr. H. E. Nixon, well known local dentist, reports a similar experience Sunday night.

Hearing a noise at the door opening on the side porch of his home on Church street, Dr. Nixon started downstairs, pistol in hand, to investigate. The door was locked, and resisted the efforts of the would-be invader, who then turned his attention to the front door. This also was locked, and by the time Dr. Nixon had reached the foot of the stairs, the "visitor" had fled. It was a little after 9 o'clock at the time.

Police thus far have reported no progress in the search for the unbidden caller at the Cohoon home. Mr. Cohoon, returning from downtown, was attacked by a burly negro with a club as he entered the dining room of his home, and the latter escaped after Mr. Cohoon made a dash upstairs for a pistol.

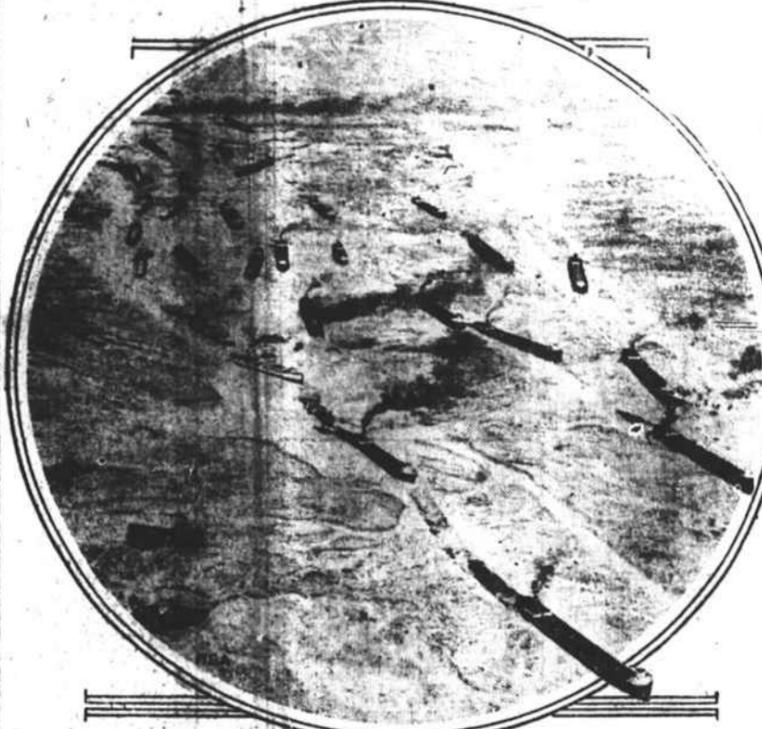
MORE COMES TO LIGHT ABOUT THE HORNED BABY

H. G. Godfrey, local insurance man, desiring to relieve himself of the implication of having started a rumor regarding a negro baby with horns has handed this newspaper a copy of a letter written by Miss Nellie Armstrong, of Gum Neck, to Miss Eva Copeland, 17 Fleetwood street, this city. The section of the letter regarding the infant follows:

Have you heard the latest? What do you reckon—a devil was born at a negro's house to Crosswell sometime ago. I guess I will tell you the story as I don't have anything else especially to tell you. But any way an agent was going around selling Bibles and he went to this ladies house and asked her to buy a Bible and she said 'dam the Bible. I had rather have a devil in my house than a Bible.' So in a few days a devil with horns was born there. I guess God showed her that she could have a devil there. He found he was three days old they started to dress him and it told them not to dress him and it was a devil and he told them when he got six months old he was going to take his mother to hell. And Eva, when he was week old he got right out of the bed and got in the fire and began playing in it. O, there is a lot more about it but you just can't begin to tell. About four carloads of negroes from down here went Sunday to see it. I imagine it is a circus."

COTTON MARKET
New York, May 18.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 15.20, Oct. 17.45, Dec. 17.47, Jan. 17.41, Mar. 17.50.
New York, May 18.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.70, points unchanged. Futures, closing bids: July 18.17, Oct. 17.48, Dec. 17.454, Jan. 17.35, March 17.48.

Ice Pack Delays Fleet of Great Lakes Steamers



Nearly forty huge Great Lakes steamers, bound for the head of the lakes for ore and grain, were held for several days in a great ice jam. The foot of Lake Erie, just outside Buffalo harbor, wedged in the ice, it was many hours before the boats could break through and get out to open water. This picture was taken from an airplane shortly before the boats got out.

DEMOCRATS ARE FAST MAKING UP

McAdoo-Smith Factions Purring But They May Scratch Again Later

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 18.—Considerable interest is being manifested in Democratic circles here in the apparent getting together of the Smith-McAdoo factions of the party on the abrogation of the two-thirds rule. Almost without exception everyone who has been asked for an opinion has been in favor of abolishing this rule in National Convention procedure.

The further fact that Governor A. W. McLean not only is in favor of the abolition of this rule, but is a pioneer in the fight against it came to light when, in discussing the present situation, it was learned that when he was a delegate from North Carolina to the Democratic Convention in Omaha in 1904 and was a member of the Committee on Rules, he offered a resolution proposing to abolish the two-thirds rule.

"But I did not get very far with my resolution," he remarked with a smile as he failed to get a second in the committee. However, the idea seems to be growing in popularity now. That was his first experience in a big political convention and he was somewhat disappointed that the first resolution he had offered had failed because no one would second it.

However some are inclined to look upon the apparent harmony springing up between the Smith-McAdoo groups with a grain of salt, holding that it does not necessarily indicate that there is the harmony that appears on the surface.

HOTEL STOCKHOLDERS MEET MONDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the stockholders in Elizabeth City's new \$400,000 hotel will be held at the courthouse Monday night at 7:30 o'clock for the adoption of a charter and by-laws, and transaction of other business incident to completing the organization of the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation, which will manage the property.

All stockholders have been urged strongly either to attend the meeting, or to mail in their proxies, properly filled out, in order that the quorum necessary to transact business may be obtained. Members of the general hotel committee remind also that the initial payment of 10 per cent on hotel stock is due Thursday, and should be met promptly, in order to provide funds for the initial expenditures required in beginning the hotel building program.

DIES AT SOUTH NORFOLK
The funeral of Mrs. Arthur Johnson, who died Sunday morning at her home in South Norfolk, will be conducted from the home in that city on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Bettle Smith of Pasquotank county and is well known and highly esteemed in this section. A number of friends and relatives from this city and County will attend the funeral Wednesday at South Norfolk.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, three children, her father, four brothers, and two sisters.

MEETING CALLED FOR BALL FANS

Prospective Four-Ten League to be Discussed Wednesday Night

Baseball fans here will meet at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night at 7 o'clock to form a preliminary organization with a view to insuring this city's entry into a prospective four-ten league, of which the other members would be Hertford, Edenton and Suffolk. All interested fans have been asked to attend, in order that the situation may be gone over thoroughly, and that immediate steps may be taken for formation of a team.

Edenton and Hertford are reported to be keenly interested in baseball this year. Word received from Hertford is to the effect that the fans there organized last week, and are already going actively about the job of forming a team. Edenton fans are declared to have taken similar steps Monday night. Suffolk has promised to let the fans here know something definite by the last of the week as to whether that city would be interested in becoming a member of the proposed league. The Suffolk Chamber of Commerce is taking up the matter with those interested in baseball there.

Hearty support of the idea of forming a semi-pro team of college players, similar to that which provided excellent sport here last year, is given by Pratt Fearing, one of the prime movers in the plan for organized baseball this season. Mr. Fearing had advanced a suggestion that the old Twilight League be revived, feeling that it might be impracticable to undertake the more ambitious type of baseball; but he declares he is heartily in favor of semi-pro ball if that can be obtained here.

Secretary Davis Will Visit State

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 18.—North Carolina will be host to a distinguished visitor on Thursday, May 20, when Secretary of War Davis will come to the State to pay a visit to Fort Bragg.

He will arrive in Raleigh early Thursday morning and from here as the guest of Gov. McLean, will motor to Fort Bragg where the day will be spent in inspecting the military reservation. He will motor back to Raleigh that evening with the Governor and then return to Washington.

TICKETS GO ON SALE FOR "THE GYPSY QUEEN"

Tickets go on sale at Bell's Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock for the operetta, "The Gypsy Queen," to be presented by the Seventh Grades Friday night in the Grammar School auditorium.

The curtain will rise at 8:15 o'clock and the entertainment will be made up of pretty costumes, dainty dances, and joyous choruses. The stars are Alice Barrow, Catherine Nicholson and Renie Williams and they will be ably supported by a cast of 75 Seventh Grade girls and boys. The High School orchestra will also assist.

BOB REYNOLDS ON VISIT HERE

Opponent of Senator Overman in Primary Race Predicts Big Victory

Predicting confidently that he would win in the June primaries by a majority of at least 25,000, Bob Reynolds, of Asheville, candidate for United States Senator, visited Elizabeth City Tuesday morning. He planned to leave Wednesday on a short trip to Manteo, returning here the following day.

Mr. Reynolds had come in from a trip through Currituck and Camden counties, in which he shook hands with the folks and made himself generally acquainted. He said he had assurance of being given a large vote in this section, and that he was confident he would run well ahead of Mr. Overman here, as well as in virtually every other part of the State.

"You've got a wonderful section," Mr. Reynolds commented, in the course of a little visit to the Daily Advance. "Visiting these counties has been a revelation to me. I had no idea what splendid farms you have, and I'm glad to see your getting good roads."

"Whenever you're in Washington, drop around and pay me a visit," the Senatorial candidate commented with a smile, as he departed. He was accompanied by Mayor A. G. McCaskey, who is one of his avowed supporters, and by D. V. Meekins, managing editor of the Independent.

Mr. Reynolds is a tall, broad, friendly sort of a chap, who obviously prefers shaking hands with the people to the more formal business of making speeches to them. "I haven't made a single campaign address, and don't expect to make any," he commented.

RIVAL GOVERNMENT SET UP IN POLAND

Berlin, May 18.—Berlin newspapers say that a rival Polish Government has been set up in Posen under General Haller who former the Polish legion in the United States during the World War.

This step was taken after peace negotiations with Marshal Pilsudski's new government failed. Skirmishes between the troops of the two parties resulting in considerable casualties are reported to have already occurred. General Haller's forces are estimated at 27,000. The general is said to have ordered an advance preparation for an attack on Warsaw.

THE BALD HEAD CLUB OF AMERICA

held a convention in Bridgeport, Conn., and no doubt some half raising stories were told.

MERCHANTS WISE ON MAIL ORDER CATALOGUE WAYS

Bill Dollar Interviews Elizabeth City Business Men and Hears Truth Out of Town Spending

CAN PROVE HIS CASE

Home Town Merchant Sure That He Can Save Shopper Money Who Buy at Home Regularly

A merchant on whom Bill Dollar was calling was heard to remark: "We are careful students of the mail order catalog. We know it better than most of our customers."

"That is why we say without hesitation that we can do better by our people than they can. There is a whole lot in a person knowing what he is talking about when he makes a statement of that kind."

"We believe in the principle of knowing your foe before you fight him. We know retail mail order. We know its weaknesses and we are fighting it as hard as we know how. We haven't the least objection in telling you this either."

"Now we are not going to claim that we can understand the retail mail order houses on everything. That would be a stupid falsehood that we would not have any chance of making good on."

"The retail mail order houses offer some things way down. These are what they call 'leaders.' They get a person thinking well of them on some things and then soak it to them on others they do not know much about."

"We know this and we can prove it." "We know," continued the Elizabeth City merchant, "that we can save you money in the aggregate of your purchases. We will figure up with you on an average month's supplies, and actually show you where we can save you money."

"Some merchants are always asking for justice. We don't want it. All we ask is a fair chance to prove to you what we can do. We don't have no quarrel with people for trying to make their money go as far as possible. That is natural and proper. We have no right to appeal to you for your trade because we need the money or on the grounds of justice."

"But when we Elizabeth City merchants say we can save you money, we have established the right for a chance to prove our case, and when we have proved it that gives us a claim to your trade."

The Duplin (S. C.) Record comments on "How Mail Order Buyers Get Stung" as follows: "One of the best illustrations of the mail order joke come to our attention recently. A lady living in the small town of Belton in the center of the textile belt of South Carolina ordered some nice towels from a mail order house paying 20 cents each for them. They seemed to be a great bargain. The money was sent from the town and the towels came back. They were all that had been claimed for them. On the brand was a stamp made by Blair Mills, Belton, S. C. The lady's next door neighbor ran the mills and she could have bought the towels for \$1.95 a dozen at home."

This is merely a clear illustration of the necessity for town builders to look around before sending money away. It is also clear that merchants having mail order prices beaten to a frazzle will never get the business of their own neighbors unless they tell them they have the goods by advertising in their home paper. Advertising to the merchants only weapon against the mail order houses. Mr. Merchant—advertise what you have to sell. It pays the mail order house and it will pay the merchant too."

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SAYS MEMBERS OF CREW WERE DRUNK

New York, May 18.—Seventeen of the passengers of the Clyde Liner Seneca who were among those taken from the steamer when it went aground at Miami, Florida, Sunday morning, upon their arrival here today signed a statement charging that some of the crew were under the influence of liquor.

Although the statement criticized members of the crew, the Seneca's commander, Captain B. W. Leek, was highly praised. The signed statement also charged that members of the crew donned life preservers ahead of the passengers thereby causing much concern to the women on board.

A special train of Pullman cars brought 193 of the Seneca's passengers to the Pennsylvania terminal. The statement asserted that liquor was sold openly on the Seneca and a portion of the ship's crew were under the influence.

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BUSINESS MEN MAY BE VICTIMS SAYS LEONARD

Probably Will be Accused of Opposing Education Because They Are Against Sales Taxes

WILL GO ON RECORD

Merchants of the State Will Insist on Rights and Believe They Have Governed With Them

Goldsboro, May 18.—"It now appears that the educational forces will endeavor to finance the eight months school term through a sales tax or some other special tax levied on the merchant of the State, and the merchants may be put in the position of opposing an eight months school term if they oppose sales taxes."

"Such was the declaration here today before the North Carolina Merchants Association of J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the association, in his annual report.

In this effort, the educational forces have "the avowed support of a local or organization with many votes and much real or imaginary political strength," Mr. Leonard added.

"This convention should not only go on record against sales taxes and their kind, but should immediately inaugurate an active campaign against such, and should get into politics to the extent of seeing that the right kind of men are sent to the next General Assembly. The character of the personnel of the next Legislature is of more than usual importance because of the progress that already been made toward putting the State's affairs on a business basis under the leadership of our present Chief Executive. Nothing should be allowed to retard or hinder this progress."

Mr. Leonard referred to "the defeat of the special merchants tax and sales taxes proposed during the last General Assembly" as "the greatest service that your Association has rendered the merchants of the State," and pointed to the fact that "you were warned in your last convention by no less personage than the great business Governor of the State of the danger of further attempts to place the burden of sales taxes and other special taxes upon you."

Mr. Leonard next referred to the so-called "bad check law" passed through your efforts during the last General Assembly, and pointed out that "two Supreme Court judges have declared the law unconstitutional, but that, due to the way the cases have come before the Supreme Court, that body has not yet passed upon the validity of the law. If there is real danger of the law being declared unconstitutional, it should be strengthened in the next General Assembly. Mr. Leonard recommended, he added that being declared unconstitutional, being declared unconstitutional, the spirit of our constitution rather than the latter is considered by the Supreme Court."

The secretary recommended that the merchants should give hearty support to the proposal in Congress looking to the "endless chain selling system," and an emphatically recommended that House Bill 10, providing for the metric system of weights and measures, be opposed.

The report reviews the 10 years since Mr. Leonard assumed the post of secretary, and told of the association's growth, from 12 local associations with a membership of 719; 83 local associations today with a membership of more than 2,000. He also told of some of the accomplishments of the Association during the decade, and reviewed the reasons for the organization.

Mr. Leonard has assumed a "militant" attitude on a number of subjects during the year, he told the Association. "One last fight made during the year is significant because the winning of that fight saved the merchants of the State handling electric fixtures between \$30,000 and \$50,000. Your association was largely responsible for the securing of a new ruling from the Attorney General and the State Commissioner of Revenue which relieved stores not usually engaged in the electrical business from the payment of the license taxes imposed upon electricians. In another instance I challenged and condemned statements given national publicity by the head of a national credit organization which I considered unfair, unjust, and defamatory to the good name of the merchants of North Carolina."

The Governor is commended by the report for calling the survey of women in industry, and it is recommended that the agency making the survey be given thorough cooperation. Reference is also made to the opposition by the merchants during the last session of the Legislature to the proposal "to place stores and mercantile establishments under the provisions of the laws regulating the (Continued on page four)