

# FIGHT IS PLANNED TO SECURE BANKS

DECISION OF COMMITTEE CAN BE REVERSED ONLY BY THE RESERVE BOARD.

## MAY INCREASE THE NUMBER

Federal Reserve Board Cannot Be Expected to Reverse Itself, However.

- Where Banks Will Be Located.
- Washington.—The cities selected for regional banks are:
  - Boston New York
  - Philadelphia Cleveland
  - Richmond Atlanta
  - Chicago St. Louis
  - Minneapolis Kansas City
  - Dallas, Tex. San Francisco.

Washington.—There was every indication that the announcement of the reserve districts and cities by the reserve bank organization committee had given the signal for a determined struggle upon the part of several cities which were disappointed to overturn the committee on the decision and bring about a redistricting of the country, or at least a change in the reserve cities named.

Under the law the decision of the organization committee is not subject to review except by the federal reserve board. This board probably will not be named by President Wilson for several weeks, but in the meantime it is believed that those disappointed with the committee's announcement will bend every effort toward paving the way for changes. It was pointed out that both Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Comptroller of the Currency Williams of the organization committee, are ex-officio members of the reserve board, and hardly could be counted upon to reverse themselves. The president has given no intimation as to whom the other five members will be.

The committee's plan was criticized in congress and there were reports of keen disappointment from several cities which were in the race for reserve banks and which failed to secure them. Three members of the senate banking and currency committee, two Republicans and a Democrat, found fault with the plan.

## REBELS TO ATTACK TAMPICO

Admiral Fletcher Predicts Federals Will Abandon Gulf Port.

Washington.—Following closely on official advices from George C. Carothers, American consular agent at Torreon, of the flight of the federal troops from that city, came a prediction from Rear Admiral Fletcher that the important gulf port of Tampico probably would be abandoned by the federals without a fight.

Administration officials made no comment on the Torreon result and official sentiment is not likely to crystallize until more is known of the battle itself and its effects in Mexico City and elsewhere.

Mr. Carothers' report of the fall of Torreon lacked detail, particularly with reference to losses sustained on both sides and the movements of the retreating federals.

Torreon, Mexico.—Torreon, strewn with victims of a six-day battle, was occupied by Villa's rebels while the federals fled. The capture marks the climax of the first campaign of the revolution to oust Victoriano Huerta from Mexico City. It gives the Constitutionalists virtual control over the whole northern tier of Mexican states.

The fighting began and was almost continuous. At first Villa attempted assaults on the strong federal positions in daylight, but these proved too costly, so the days were spent in cannonading and the nights in assaults.

Positions were taken and lost time and time again. Several night attacks sent the federals scurrying from strong positions, but at daybreak the federals evacuated.

## Gunmen to Be Given Reprieve.

Albany, N. Y.—Unless Governor Glynn changes his mind, a reprieve for the four New York gunmen, under sentence to die in Sing Sing during the week beginning April 12, will be granted. If granted, the stay of execution will be until after the second trial of Charles Becker, who, with the gunmen, was found guilty of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. District Attorney Whitman has said he intends to try Becker a second time as soon as possible, but it will be from three to six months hence.

## Monroe Doctrine Not Obsolete.

Philadelphia.—The principle of the Monroe doctrine is just as alive now as it ever was and President Monroe's declaration is not an "obsolete shibboleth," according to statement at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Speakers with few exceptions were in agreement upon the general principle of the doctrine. Rear Admiral Chester urged a concept of action among American republics in a policy of "America for the Americas."

## GALLANTRY



CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR.

## CASHIER ACCUSED OF THEFT

MAYOR BROWN OF GALLATIN, TENN., IS ARRESTED BY U. S. MARSHALL.

Employee of Tennessee Mining Department Arrested as an Accomplice in Bank Robbery.

Nashville, Tenn.—The arrest of Will B. Brown, mayor of Gallatin, and assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Gallatin, on a charge of embezzlement, and the arrest of Herbert B. Jackson, of Gallatin, an employee of the state mining department, on a charge of conspiracy and aiding and abetting Brown in embezzlement, came as a sensational climax in the reported robbery of the Gallatin financial institution on the morning of Friday, March 20.

The warrant on which the arrests were made was sworn out before United States Commissioner Harry Luck at Nashville by Edward J. Brennan, special agent of the department of justice.

The warrant charges Brown with embezzling more than \$30,000.

Jackson was arrested in Nashville by a federal officer. He was taken before United States Commissioner Luck, and his bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Brown was arrested at his residence at Gallatin by United States Marshal Will Jones and Detectives Kiger and Jacobs of Nashville. He was brought to Nashville in his own automobile.

In January he was elected for a second term as mayor of Gallatin. This is said to be the only public office that he has ever held. Brown is married and has two children.

## CRITICIZE DIVORCE LAWS

Chicago Judge Says Juvenile Courts Are Related to Divorce Courts.

Chicago.—No divorce should be granted any person who has a minor child, unless the child shall have been provided for to the satisfaction of the court, is the conclusion of Adeler J. Pettit, chief justice of the circuit court, in an analysis made public of the first annual report of the new municipal bureau of divorce and marriage statistics.

The close relations between divorce courts and the juvenile courts as indicated in the number of petitions for the care of dependent or delinquent children, is the outstanding feature of Judge Pettit's analysis. Juvenile court records since July, 1899, showed 50-353 petitions for the care of children. Of these, the report indicates that approximately 33,750 cases were the direct result of divorces or the neglect of parents through drunkenness or desertion, which would have constituted sufficient grounds for divorce.

## Bigamist Records His Crimes.

Oakland, Cal.—"Sir" Harry Westward Cooper, bigamist, and forger, has been beguiling his prison sentence in South Africa by making a list of as many of his crimes as he can remember. A copy of this received was received by Chief Petersen of the Oakland police department, who has begun proceedings to have Cooper brought here to answer a charge of bigamy. An outline of Cooper's autobiography follows: Three bigamous marriages; five elopements which did not end in marriage.

## Hines Wins \$15,000,000 Suit.

Jackson, Miss.—Contentions of the Edward Hines Lumber company in a suit involving \$15,000,000 worth of timber lands in this state, were upheld in a decision of the Mississippi supreme court here. The state attorney general brought suit against the company to enforce a law providing that corporations could not hold more than \$5,000,000 worth of land in Mississippi. The supreme court held the law constitutional, but decided it affected only domestic corporations.

## FREE TOLLS LOSE IN HOUSE

MAJORITY FOR REPEAL LARGER THAN WILSON SUPPORTERS EXPECTED.

220 Democrats Stood by the President and Only 52 Voted Against Measure.

Washington.—The national house of representatives, after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote on the repeal bill was 247 to 161—a majority of 86 votes in support of the personal plea of Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States.

This verdict on the issue which has absorbed congress for many weeks came at the close of a stirring day, made memorable in the annals of the house by a party division which found Speaker Champ Clark, Majority Leader Underwood and other Democratic chieftains lined up in open opposition to the president on an issue which the latter had declared vital to his conduct of the nation's foreign policy.

On the final vote 220 Democrats in the house stood by the president, giving him in "ungrudging measure" what he had asked "for the honor of the nation" in its foreign relations. Twenty-five Republicans and two Progressives also voted to sustain the president. Fifty-two Democrats followed Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood to defeat.

## NEGRO WOMAN IS LYNCHED

Mob at Muskogee, Okla., Hanged Negroes to Telephone Pole.

Muskogee, Okla.—Marie Scott, a negro woman who killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man, by driving a knife into his heart, was taken out of the Wagoner county jail and hanged to a telephone pole. The mob, which was masked, overpowered the jailer, a one armed man, threw a rope over the woman's head and dragged her out of the jail.

The county attorney of Wagoner county has started an investigation.

A knock at the jail door aroused the sleeping jailer, alone in the office. A voice outside said an officer was there with prisoners. The jailer opened the door and faced twelve revolvers. He was bound quickly and his keys taken from him. He then was thrown in the corner.

The mob pulled the screaming woman from her cell, tied a rope about her neck and dragged her to a telephone pole a block from the jail. An hour later the sheriff cut down the dead body.

## \$100 a Month Willed to a Dog.

Boston.—"Pete Crafts" will continue to enjoy luxuries uncommon among dogs. The probate court approved the will of his late master, John Chancellor Crafts, which provides a fund of \$1,200 a year for the upkeep of Pete. Relatives who had been cut off without a cent contested the will, alleging "undue influence." At the hearing witnesses told how Pete had presided at the head of the table at "birthday parties" given in his honor and that his master considered the dog a greater friend than any man.

## Clarke New Senator From Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark.—Figures received from the primary election of last week show that Senator James P. Clarke has won in the senatorial race over Judge William F. Kirby. The official vote of Poinsett county, as given by the chairman of the Poinsett county committee, gives Clarke a majority of 1,181 and in the state of 730. The total vote of the state, official except from Poinsett, which comes from the chairman of that county's central committee, is: Clarke, 88,448; Kirby 87,745.

# SENATE HOLDS-UP CANAL TOLLS BILL

REPEAL MEASURE IS REFERRED TO SENATOR O'GORMAN'S COMMITTEE.

## NO UNNECESSARY DELAY

Spectacular and Heated Debate is Expected When Measure is Introduced.

Washington.—The administration bill to repeal tolls exemption for all American coastwise ships in the Panama canal, which passed the house amid spectacular scenes reached the senate and was referred promptly to the committee on inter-oceanic canals without debate.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the canals committee, who is marshaling the anti-administration forces, announced definitely that he would call a meeting of the committee for next Tuesday. Until that time, no formal consideration of the repeal measure or proposed amendments can develop. Although friends of the president had hoped to have the canals committee meet earlier, they decided to make no effort to induce Senator O'Gorman to change his plans. They will insist, however, upon action within reasonable time after the committee gets down to work.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, majority member of the committee, who will lead the fight in the committee for the administration, visited the white house and conferred with the president. Later he made the emphatic declaration that friends of the repeal bill would not submit to unnecessary delay in preliminary consideration of the bill, and flatly declared that the gauntlet of committee discharge would be hurled should an attempt be made to impede the progress of the measure.

That some members of the committee who oppose exemption repeal desire to have public hearings on the bill has become apparent, but administration senators insisted that such hearings were entirely unnecessary and that there could be no other reason for them except deliberately to cause delay.

"Public hearings on this issue are unnecessary," said Senator Owen, "and would unnecessarily prolong this controversy, which is a clean-cut issue and thoroughly understood by every senator. We are entitled to get away from congress early this time, and intend to do it if possible."

## NEW CHIEF OF U. S. ARMY

Wotherspoon Appointed Chief of Staff Succeeding General Wood.

Washington.—Maj. Gen. William W. Wotherspoon, now assistant chief of staff of the army, has been selected to succeed Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood as chief of staff at the end of General Wood's term, April 22. Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, commanding the troops at Fort Bliss, Texas, will be assistant chief of staff.

General Wood will assume command of the Eastern department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York.

The appointment of General Wotherspoon to be chief of staff had been expected, as it was in accordance with the practice of promoting the assistant chief of staff to the first place. So the interest of the army centered in the selection of an assistant chief of staff who might in turn succeed General Wotherspoon when the latter retires on account of age next November.

A short time ago it had been about settled that the position of assistant chief should be tendered to Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, in command of the Southern department with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Later a report was current that this tender was declined by General Bliss, and within the past week it began to appear that the choice would fall on General Scott. The latter made a favorable impression on the administration by the dispatch and thoroughness with which he personally settled the recent Navajo uprising.

## \$100,000,000 Capital for Reserve Banks

Washington.—The new federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve banks, no matter how many institutions the organization committee decides to set up. This fact became apparent when figures were made public from all national banks responding to the last call of the comptroller of the currency, made March 4. The statement giving these figures will be the last of the kind issued.

## Mississippi Bank Officials Indicted.

Natchez.—Investigation into the affairs of the First Natchez bank, which closed its doors on October 30, 1913, resulted in the indictment here by the Adams county grand jury of A. G. Campbell, president; S. H. Lowenberg, first vice president, and R. Lee Wood, second vice president of the defunct institution on the charge of accepting deposits after the bank was insolvent. The grand jury is investigating the savings department of the bank and other indictments are expected.

## BURNED TEXTILE BUILDING AT A. & M. COLLEGE



What was left of the Textile Building of A. & M. College at Raleigh which burned recently. The contract has been let for its construction on a larger scale to be completed by August 1st, and manufacturers of textile machinery are being invited to again donate machinery for its equipment. The equipment for the burned building was donated in this way in 1901.

# GREAT DEBATE AT THE UNIVERSITY

WINSTON-SALEM TEAM WINS THE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE FOR THE NEGATIVE.

## DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

## Raleigh.

The distinction won by Charles Roddick and Clifton Eaton the two 15-year-old boys of Winston-Salem, who representing their school in the second annual contest of the High School Debating Union of North Carolina held in Memorial Hall, at Chapel Hill, recently successfully defended the negative of the query, Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to include the initiative and referendum, is greater than is apparent on the surface. They were awarded the Aycock memorial cup it is true but more than this, the analysis by the lady, neither weighing 100 pounds, of a problem vitally affecting the life of the state and nation has been the best offered by any two students composing a team in a contest which included 150 schools and 600 debaters, who on the night of March 20 spoke to approximately 40,000 people.

The victory was hard though clean won. Against the Twin-City team in Memorial Hall, filled as in commencement time, was pitted the strong team of Graham High School, Michael Kernode and Miss Flonnie Cooper, and the appearance of the latter, as the first woman ever on the stage in Memorial Hall, marked an epoch in the history of the University. Miss Cooper received an ovation and deserved it. Her speech was consistent, clear cut and well delivered, her enunciation being exceptionally good, while she entered into the spirit of the occasion with a zest.

Acting President E. K. Graham, who presided over the debate, in stating the object of the gathering, stated his opinion that it was the most significant meeting ever held in the state and in the light of the number of people affected by the contest from its inception through the preliminaries down to the final contest this declaration seems a simple statement of an apparent fact.

## Improve Mount Airy Station.

The corporation commission made an order recently, directing the Southern Railway Company to make improvements of the Mount Airy passenger station estimated to cost \$4,000, in accordance with plans and specifications approved.

## Agents Should Have License.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young has called attention to the fact that all agents in North Carolina who solicit insurance of any sort must have license therefor, and that it is a violation of the law if this is not done. Information has been received by the commissioner that certain companies are making a practice of sending out agents without providing license for them. Colonel Young says that any company indulging in this practice will have its license revoked, and will be prohibited from doing business.

## Instruct Militia at Charleston.

A joint encampment of instruction for field training of the regular army and the state militia of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida has been ordered by the war department to be held in the vicinity of Charleston, S. C., from July 1 to August 15, according to orders received recently by Adjutant General Moore, of South Carolina. Each state has a federal appropriation of \$15,000 for the expense of the campaign. Not more than three regiments will be encamped at one time, it is stated.

## Winston's Portrait Given to State.

Patrick Henry Winston, lawyer, orator, statesman and distinguished citizen of the Republic, found place in the legal hall of fame a few days ago when the portrait chosen by his children was presented to the state by Governor Craig and accepted by Chief Justice Clark.

The ceremonies in the supreme court room were brief. The court room was filled to standing and then overflowed. The interest would have been creditable had there been an unveiling occasion and a large number of prominent citizens not residents of Raleigh attended the exercises.

In the group of kinspeople were two of the great lawyer's remarkable gifted sons, Judge Francis D. Winston, district attorney, of Windsor, and Judge R. W. Winston of the Raleigh bar. Mrs. Frank R. Sprull, of Rocky Mount, a daughter; Miss Martha Byrr Sprull, a granddaughter; Mrs. Frank B. Webb, a granddaughter, of Durham; Miss Amy Winston, a granddaughter, of Raleigh; and many Raleigh friends of the family. Dr. George T. Winston, the eldest of the sons, was not present.

The portrait, a beautiful oil painting, stood in the rear of the room and was not plain to view until the exercises were over. Chief Justice Clark announced a recess of a few minutes between the hour of presentation and the resumption of court work. The people inspected the work of art then. Many prominent women of Raleigh were there. To their taste for the beautiful in art it especially appealed.

## Rural Community in Sampson.

Representatives of the state department of education and agriculture are back from Salemburg, Sampson county, where they took a hand in the establishment of the first "rural community" under the plan being promoted by the departments.

The organizers express themselves as delighted with the organization effected. The organization consists principally of committees on agriculture, health, education, church and morals, social and woman's work, the latter being subdivided into six departments of community endeavor by the women. A little later it is expected to establish a division of cooperative marketing. As yet there is no arrangement as to financing.

## Commencement Day in Wake.

Commencement day for the public schools turned out in long lines of marchers along with throngs of well ordered children from the schools out in the county, making the day one of especial significance and enjoyment. There were more than three thousand school children from Raleigh in line besides as many more from the county schools marching through the principal streets to the big auditorium.

## Many Join Corn Clubs.

There are 3,866 boys enrolled in corn clubs this year, according to Prof. T. E. Browne, of Raleigh, in charge of corn club work in the state and new enrollments are being made all the time.

## May Apply Express to State Traffic.

Officials of the Southern Express Company were in conference a few days ago with the corporation commission for consideration of the advisability of applying the schedule of express rates promulgated by the Interstate Commerce Commission for interstate business, to the intrastate business. No announcement is yet made as to this matter. The commission is especially investigating as to whether the change would reduce the rates generally, making a saving to the people and how much.

## Raleigh Opens New Hospital.

The Mary Elizabeth Hospital on Peace and Halifax streets had its house warming a few nights ago from 8 to 10 o'clock with hundreds of visitors who came, inspected the institution and met the owners Drs. H. W. Glascock and A. R. Tucker. The hospital opened next day and has already received applications for a number of patients who were entered on the first day. It is a building of capacity for twenty-five patients in an emergency and twenty who can be normally accommodated.