

Wants Congress Approve Huge Naval Expansion

Administration Plan Involving Outlay of \$750,000,000 Is Presented in House.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Congress was asked by the administration today to authorize the second largest Naval building program in the history of the nation.

It proposes the ultimate construction, at a cost of approximately \$750,000,000, of 71 war vessels, which would include 25 additional light cruisers, nine destroyer leaders, which are practically the equivalent of scout cruisers, 33 submarines and five aircraft carriers.

The plan was transmitted to Speaker Longworth by Secretary Wilbur, who said that he had been informed by the Director of the Budget that the "proposed legislation is not in conflict with the financial program" of the President.

The Naval Secretary said that the new vessels would be constructed under the terms of the Washington arms treaty and that in the event of another naval arms conference, the President could be empowered, in his discretion, to suspend, in whole or in part, the proposed construction.

Within a few minutes after the program reached the Speaker's office Chairman Butler, of the House Naval committee, introduced a bill drafted by the Navy Department to put the program in legislative form.

The chairman declared that the Navy, in submitting the program, had not specified any date for its completion, and that until the date was set, he personally would not vote for it.

At the Navy Department, however, it was made clear that the Navy once given the funds to proceed, intended to get the program completely under way in five years.

Secretary Wilbur said that the average expenditure each year during that time would be about \$150,000,000.

The secretary pointed out that construction of the ships asked for would extend over a period of ten years, or it would take four years to build the vessels laid down in the fifth year. It takes four years, he explained, to build an aircraft carrier, about four years to complete a cruiser, two years to finish a destroyer and three years for submarines.

JUDGE THREATENS TO PUT LAUGHING SPECTATORS AS FLOGGING TRIAL IN JAIL

"Sheriff, bring up here the next man or woman who laughs and I'll put them in jail as long as the law permits me to put them there."

This did Judge N. A. Sincate clamp down in Wake Superior court Wednesday on tendencies of spectators to giggle at remarks or witnesses. The ultimatum came during the testimony of Sam Green, one of the two men alleged to have been flogged by a band of men of which G. E. Belsho, on trial, is accused of having been a member. A deputy was stationed at a point of vantage to watch for violations by spectators, but there were no more infractions.

Earlier in the testimony of Green, the Negro, after telling of the flogging he received, said: "They told me to run, and I run." This brought laughter and Judge Sincate declared: "Anybody that's civilized enough to laugh at a thing as gruesome as this is not civilized enough to stay in the courtroom, and I will eject them from the courtroom."

PRISONER ROLLS DICE IN COURT AND WINS HIS FREEDOM

Birmingham, Ala.—Haled before Judge H. B. Abernathy, in the Birmingham court of misdemeanors, a negro merchant charged with shaking dice was offered the chance to "pass his way to freedom."

Out of his knees went the defendant with a pair of dice. From his bench at the bench Judge "AD" Abernathy at the instant looking over the courtroom floor, a dozen wide-eyed spectators leaped forward to watch the outcome.

"Never, it is," exclaimed the prisoner.

He who heeds residents' complaints, every quarter in the city, they are familiar with the name of the "roll call" day.

Committees were appointed and plans laid for Farmville's first community Christmas tree. Mrs. Starling Gates and Mrs. Bert Taylor were designated as new members by the President. Heads of the first grade teachers with one exception, Miss Per-

Fire Destroys Store Here Tues.

Building Occupied By A. H. Nichol Burns Tuesday; Contents Destroyed.

The frame building owned by Mrs. E. E. Moore, of Wilson, and occupied by Nichol, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning at 5:00 o'clock. This, the last frame store building on Main street, had been used as a fruit store by Nichol, Syrian merchant, for several years. Firemen had little difficulty in controlling flames as near by buildings were damp from a recent rain, and the weather was calm.

SQUARE DANCE HERE ON DECEMBER 23RD.

There will be an old fashioned Square Dance at Kott's Warehouse Friday night, December 23rd. Music will be furnished by a String Orchestra, composed of some of the best fiddlers in Eastern Carolina. The public is invited. The warehouse will be decorated and heated.

MAJOR BENJAMINE MAY CHAPTER D. A. R. MEETS

Mesdames Mary Moye Patterson, J. E. Bynum and Miss Addie Bynum were hostesses at the December meeting of the Major Benjamin May chapter of the D. A. R., held in the Rotary Room on Saturday afternoon.

Members responded to roll call by reading clippings pertaining to the Constitution and government. Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, chairman of the tree planting committee reported thirty trees planted since the last meeting. Mrs. E. B. Beasley, of Fountain, read a splendid paper on "The Source of American Ideas," and Miss Daphne Carraway, of Wilson, a story hour artist of note, told the story of a colonial Christmas. The lesson on the Constitution of the U. S. A., was led by the regent, Mrs. T. C. Turnage. The Christmas suggestion was carried out most successfully in decorations and refreshments.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE

The annual Christmas Dance will be conducted by Mrs. J. H. Harris, every member being a skilled musician. The warehouse will be beautifully decorated in Christmas colors. Parasols and canes will be given as favors. Preparations to heat the building to make it comfortable for those who attend, are being made. This promises to be one of the largest attended dances ever held in Eastern Carolina.

MRS. HODGES HOSTESS

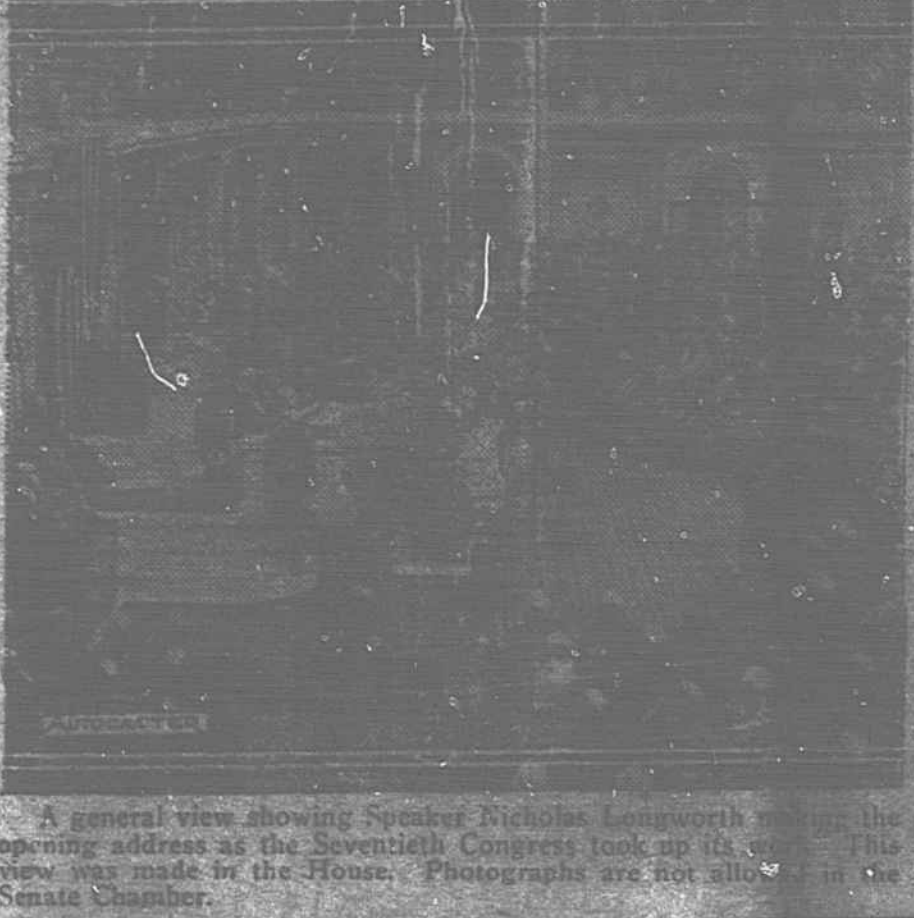
Mrs. A. C. Hodges was hostess to the Literary and Art Department of the Woman's Club on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. L. M. Cox, president of the department, presided. Mrs. J. H. Harris read a clipping concerning the Art Exhibit from the Grand Central Art Galleries of New York, brought to Raleigh last week by the N. C. Art Society. Mrs. J. W. Lovelace sketched the life of La Forge, a contemporary of Whistler. Chicken salad, pickles, saltines, sandwiches and coffee were served and palmellas were given as favors.

"La Mode"



It is possible to acquire a round sun in a single deal.

Seventieth Congress Opens



A general view showing Speaker Nicholas Longworth making the opening address at the Seventieth Congress today. The view was made in the House. Photographs are not allowed in the Senate Chamber.

Farm Aid To Be Fighting Issue In This Congress

Farm relief is expected to be the fighting issue of this session of Congress. Supporters of the McNary-Haugen bill have expressed their confidence over the recommendation made by President Coolidge in his message to Congress, and have served notice that the attitude of the farm group which is to go ahead with the veto measure has not changed.

Chief among the reasons advanced for the farm relief from the presidential message is the position of a Federal Farm Board, which after a revolving fund to help cooperative organizations.

Commenting on the McNary-Haugen bill, committee says: "The new light on the subject of farm relief is the McNary-Haugen bill."

Senator McNary says: "President Coolidge advocates the principles of cooperation and thinks this would be a cure for the ills of the farmer. He is against the departure plan, such as was proposed by the National Grange, or against any plan suggesting price-fixing."

"The only course left now seems to be to conform the vetoed bill with the President's recommendation as far as possible and make the equalization fee Article 10 of the covenant. The message has not changed conditions and has not modified the attitude of the farm group who wish to go ahead with the vetoed measure. And there seems to be a good chance of passing it over the veto."

Representative Haugen, of Iowa, coauthor of the McNary-Haugen bill, takes much the same attitude, as do other leaders of the farm group, who are planning to go on with the fight.

But leaders of the farm group will not have smooth sailing by any means, for President Coolidge's stand on the farm question was warmly praised by the leaders of the group that has opposed the McNary-Haugen bill and similar proposals.

So the farm relief question, which from almost every point of attack, is a problem of business as much as of agriculture, appears to be coming back to Congress with a louder howl, more fury and more force than ever.

On one side stand those who feel that the farmer must continue, in the main, to work out his own salvation with some help from the outside, the exact amount of such help to be determined during the fight which now looms.

On the other side stands the farm group, grimmer and more determined than ever. That every indication points to the farm relief question being one of the chief fighting issues up before the Seventieth Congress.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS

The Women's Club met on Friday afternoon in the school auditorium with Mrs. J. M. Hobgood presiding. Mrs. W. M. Willis, welfare chairman, announced that book and bundle day would be observed on Tuesday of the next week. Mrs. Willis and Miss DeVisconti brought schools of the Welfare District meeting held in New Bern.

MISS FLANAGAN HOSTESS

Miss Lucile Flanagan was hostess to a number of her friends at a bridge party Tuesday evening at her home on George Street. After several progressions, Miss Lucile Mae Smith received top score prize, a beautiful neck of Congress cards. A delicious fruit salad course was served, each plate bearing its card which read: "Miss Lila Flanagan to Floyd A. Andrews, December 31, 1927."

"For the Bride" beautifully framed, was presented Miss Flanagan.

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Lindbergh Makes 2,000 Mile Non-Stop Flight Washington To Mexico City in 27 Hours

Musical Program To Be Given Mon.

Music Pupils of Misses Paul and Carothers To Perform In Auditorium Monday.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock there will be a recital by a number of pupils from the piano classes of Misses Louise Carothers and Miss Fannie Paul. There will also be selections by the High School Glee Club. The recital will be in the school auditorium and the public is cordially invited.

The program is as follows: "The Three Bears", Wright, Frances B. Joyner. "Rose Petals", Lawson, Virginia Carraway.

"Dust—Walls", Pessner, Primo, Annie Daniel Lewis. "Dorothy Carrots", Gaynor, Rachel Monk.

"The Young March", Raymond, El Joyner, Jr. "Spring Song", Op. 18, No. 1, Merle, Mary Wheeler.

"Bobbin' Dances", Orary, Mary Frier Boiss. "Winter Carnival", Danish Folk Song, Glee Club.

"The Mountain Dance", Marks, Mildred Horton. "Scherzo", Op. 101, No. 16, Gurlett, Hazel Moore.

"Patriotic Song", Op. 52, No. 8, Oley, Gilbert Wheeler. "The Merry Elf", Williams, Doris Grace Rountree.

"Folk Dramatic", Kately, Louise Lane Joyner. "Waltz Gaynor", Hazel Williamson. "The Dance", Op. 21, No. 4, 21st, Mrs. Baker.

"The March", Op. 221, John, Walter. "Scherzo", from Sonata in A major, Schubert, Elizabeth Lang. "Barnville", Op. 6, No. 3, Johnson, Virginia Gay.

"Minuet", from Sonata in E flat, Beethoven, Serene Turnage. "March of the Slaves", Mumm, Nanette Smith.

"Just a Smile", Martin, Thelma Jones. "The Wild Huntsman", Merkel, Sara Smith. "Tuneless, Funicula", Luigi Denis, Glee Club.

FARMVILLE WOMAN RECOGNIZED AS ALE SPEAKER IN NEIGHBORING TOWN

In its account of the Eastern Star banquet of Wednesday, November 20, the Daily Times, of Wilson, has the following words of praise for Mrs. J. W. Parker of this place:

"The speeches of the evening were delivered by Mrs. J. W. Parker of Farmville, and Mrs. Edna Smith, and we regret that we cannot publish them in full. The speech of Mrs. Parker we have never heard excelled in sentiment, expression, language or delivery. It was a fine appeal for the recognition of the ladies in Masonry, and the building of a home such as their efforts deserve. She eloquently disclosed the fact that women in all ages have stood by the side of man and helped him fight his battles for civilization and the race, and that the Eastern Star engaged in its work for humanity has spent its substance in this direction while other organizations had secured handsome homes as monuments to their endeavor. A very ovation of applause greeted both Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Smith when they had completed their speeches."

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many good people of Farmville who have been so nice to, and helped us since the fire Tuesday evening, which destroyed our store. Especially do we wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. J. L. Taylor and all those who contributed to the fund we raised for our use in this time of need.

A. H. Nichol and family.

RECEIVES BANNER TWICE IN TWO YEARS

News came this week of the local Presbyterian Sunday School, that it had again won the banner offered by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, of Richmond, Va., for having the larger contribution per capita for Sunday School extension work.

Each fall a Rally Day is observed and a collection taken for Sunday School extension. The local school has won the banner for the past two years and will have the privilege of having it prominently in the school building for another year.

Auto Theft Gang Using New Trick

State Department Thinks It Is On To Widespread Operations In State.

Raleigh, Sept. 15.—Leland Harris, head of the automobile theft bureau of the State Department of Revenue, thinks he is onto widespread operations of a gang of auto thieves in this State, who for a time baffled discovery by use of a novel trick.

The State of Tennessee has no title registration law and the title of automobiles coming from that State can only be traced through bills of sale.

The gang, according to evidence in possession of the State Department, has supplied itself with blank checks which these bills of sale are made out and obtain titles from North Carolina, Virginia and other adjoining States after first changing the motor number of the stolen automobile.

Albert Callers, now in a hospital in Asheville and who is wanted in several cases of auto thefts, is considered a key man in the gang, and another is said to be Ben Pressnell, of Seaycross, Chatham County, who has several brothers, and who is alleged to have shot Callers.

Still another said to be identified with the gang is Bob Griser, another man wanted on several charges of auto theft.

This gang is alleged to have operated extensively in Guilford, Chatham, Lee, Randolph and other counties. According to officials, about 90 automobiles have been stolen in this manner.

The interest you have to pay on borrowed troubles is heavy.

ROBBERIES MAKE HIGH HAULE AT GREENVILLE

Greenville, Dec. 15.—Several major robberies have been perpetrated in Greenville during this week and large quantities of merchandise have been stolen. Principal losses were McKay's Ladies' Store from which forty-two dresses and coats were removed and the Greenville Supply Company, from which about \$1,500 worth of cigarettes were stolen during last night.

Health Champions

At 2:50 p. m. the presidential band played the "Star Spangled Banner" as Colonel Lindbergh entered the presidential stand and received greetings first from President Callles and then from ambassador Morrow.

As the American airman greeted Mexico's chief executive, a great roar of cheering rose among the thousands of spectators rejoicing in the safety of the intrepid aviator for whose safety they had entertained grave doubts only a few minutes before.

Overcoming the utmost efforts of the police the crowd overflowed into the huge landing field and swarmed toward the famous little monoplane bearing the magic name "Spirit of St. Louis."

Col. Lindbergh left Bolling field, Washington, at 12:29 p. m. Tuesday. His arrival at Valbuena flying field today at 2:39 p. m. was 27 hours and ten minutes after his brilliant hop off. He had estimated that the trip would take him 26 hours.

The American aviator, apparently lost his way while en route from Tampico on the Gulf of Mexico to Mexico City, being reported as far west of the Mexican capital as Yurria in the state of Michoacan.

SUNDAY TO BE 'ROLL CALL' DAY AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday will be known as Roll Call Sunday in the Christian church. Every member is not only requested, but is urged and expected to be present. Not only will we have roll call on the above date but at the morning service the first steps will be taken to enter upon the first unit of the Church Pentecostal Program. This service will be unique and different from any that has ever been held in the Christian church here before and for that reason every church member will want to be present and participate in the service. Come answer to your name and have a part in making the church the "greatest" church it has ever been in its history.

All other services for the day will follow in their usual order. The pastor was mighty happy to have 29 in all in attendance at the one day convention and banquet given in Wilson on December 6. It was a great program and greatly appreciated by all.

Spending of fruit, the first apple caused a lot of trouble for the first pair.

Marie Annan of Kingston, Kan., who scored 97.5 out of a possible 100, and J. Earl Christensen of Blanchard, Ia., who scored 97 out of 100, and were declared America's health champions in the "2-11" club contest held in connection with the International Live Stock show here in Chicago. Miss Annan is five feet five and a quarter inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. Christensen is five feet and ten inches tall and weighs 132 pounds.