

## N. C. SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET HERE DECEMBER 28TH

### President N. C. Shippers Association Calls Meeting At Goldsboro At 11 A. M.

**President Calvin Woodard Cites Many Reasons Why the Shippers of the Section of the State Should Take Immediate Action Regarding the Shipping Rate Case of the State Which is Being Attacked by Virginia.**

Wilson, Dec. 19.—President Calvin Woodard of the Eastern North Carolina Shippers Association gives out the following statement as to the complaint of the shippers of the State of Virginia recently filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission in an effort to increase the State rates of North Carolina.

Mr. Woodard expresses amazement at the boldness of this attack. In the rate that is often referred to as the Eastern Rate Case proceedings initiated by the Chambers of Commerce, principally of Eastern North Carolina, in 1919, removed many of the rate discriminations against this State in favor of the so-called Virginia cities. Since the winning of this victory by the North Carolina shippers Virginia has constantly endeavored to off-set the same. The shipping interest of that State have held several conferences in an effort to overcome the victory of North Carolina shippers and have perfected a splendid organization and on Dec. 12th filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington to attempt to increase the State rates of North Carolina, hoping in that way to handicap the North Carolina shippers which of course will enable the Virginia jobbers to maintain the old advantage they enjoyed prior to the winning of the case above referred to.

In the complaint of the Virginia shippers, not only do they attack the State rates of North Carolina but the North Carolina classification. The Virginia authorities state that the rates of North Carolina are too low as compared with the rates from Virginia to North Carolina but also state that North Carolina classification is lower than that classification applying to the traffic of the Virginia cities.

President Woodard states he has no fear of the outcome if the business men of North Carolina, particularly the Eastern section of the State, recognize the seriousness of the situation. Mr. Woodard stated it was somewhat like the proceedings in the court "if a man is sued no matter how unjustly the action might be unless he is represented or makes appearance in court he will lose by default."

The Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington are simply judges and can only render the decision upon the evidence placed before them and if Eastern North Carolina does not present evidence to off-set the charges of Virginia no matter how unreasonable and unjust they may be we will lose by default also.

Due to the fact the competition from Richmond and Norfolk is felt more direct and more keenly in Eastern North Carolina than in other parts of the State and due to many potential advantages it is felt Eastern North Carolina has peculiar interest somewhat different from the Central and Western parts of the State and the shippers in this territory should perfect an organization that will function entirely in their interest. With this in view the Eastern North Carolina Shippers Association was recently organized.

Meeting of the members of this Association and farmers, manufacturers, bankers and all citizens interested has been called to meet in Goldsboro December 28th at 11 o'clock A. M. in the rooms of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce.

United States Senator F. M. Simmons, Governor Cameron Morrison and several Congressmen from the Eastern section have signified their intention of attending this meeting. Both Governor Morrison and Senator Simmons are deeply interested in this subject and greatly desire to lend their influence and assistance to the business men of this territory in the coming fight.

There is no consideration that has arisen in numbers of years that directly affects all classes of people more than this complaint of our freight rates on the part of Virginia and it is not only in the interest of the jobbers and wholesalers but the farmers and manufacturers of Eastern North Carolina that his organi-

### ON TRIAL



Philip E. Fox, former Ku Klux Klan publicity agent, is shown here with his wife in courtroom of Fulton county court, Atlanta, Ga. Fox is on trial for the killing of Captain W. S. Coburn, Klan official, in the latter's office.

### ARGUMENT IS IN PROGRESS AT FOX TRIAL

Appears Certain That Case Will Soon Go to Jury.—Hard Fought.

Atlanta, Dec. 20.—Working grimly throughout the night to select out-jury trying the case of Philip E. Fox charged with the murder of William S. Coburn, Ku Klux Klan attorney, defense began yesterday when the introduction of evidence was completed.

Early today it appeared certain that the case would be placed in the hands of the jury before night. The verdict, if Fox is found not guilty of the charge of murder in the first degree, will automatically free him. If he is found guilty of the charge, he will face hanging. A third possibility, a verdict of guilty with recommendation for mercy, carries with it a fixed penalty of life imprisonment.

Robert Allen, Dallas, Texas, attorney, was scheduled to carry on the continuation of the defense argument with the convening of court this morning. He was to be followed by Hugh Dorsey, former Governor of Georgia. Mr. Dorsey was to close for the defense. Solicitor John A. Boykin chief of the state's staff of attorneys, was elected to deliver the final prosecution argument.

Predicating his contention upon the testimony of several alienists and a number of other witnesses who testified regarding Fox's mental condition before and after the shooting, and to his previous character, the defense pleaded that Fox was insane at the time he shot Coburn. The defense also contended that the state had failed to establish a motive. Alienists testified that Fox was a "paranoiac," one of the most dangerous types of insane persons.

### A Woman Is No Older Than She Looks, And Sure Bobbed Hair Helps

#### OFFICERS KIWANIS CLUB ENTERTAINED BY MR. HUMPHREY

The monthly meeting of the Kiwanis Club was entertained for the last monthly meeting in 1923 by Kiwanian H. M. Humphrey.

Mr. H. M. Humphrey entertained at his home last night, the officers and directors of the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club, at a dinner party. It is a custom of the Goldsboro Club, that at their monthly meetings, some one of the directors entertain the members of the board at a luncheon or dinner party. The only new member elected to membership at this meeting, was W. W. Minton, of the Goldsboro News.

The activities of the Club for the year just closed was published in a previous issue of the News.

The officers and members of the board who enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Humphrey were: Messrs. Geo. K. Freeman, Dr. E. M. Howell, Royce Spence, L. A. Raney, Dr. A. H. Zealy, J. C. Vanstory, J. P. Staro, A. O. Clement, Thos. H. Norwood, and Dr. W. H. House.

There will be no meeting of the Club Monday night, Dec. 21, Christmas Eve night. But the Club will deliver Christmas dinner baskets, Tuesday, Christmas day, to some of the needy families of the city, this being a yearly custom of the Club.

#### The 51 Year Old Bride Who Married a 17 Year Old Groom Has Bobbed Her Hair, and Decided as a Precaution to Have Ceremony Performed Again in this State.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—To make more certain their union Burton S. Tucker, of Jersey City, N. J., and the wealthy widow of Joseph Simpson, took place in the attorney's office.

The license was issued this afternoon, and as no statements of permission had been filed by the parents of the young bridegroom, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker made a deposit of \$200, in case he should be sued for the penalty allowed in such cases under the laws of North Carolina.

Mrs. Tucker had bobbed hair, according to the correspondent. She was dressed in the latest style, he said.

### DEMOCRATS TO FAVOR BONUS, BUT FIGHT MELLON'S TAX

Senator Simmons of N. C. Served Notice That the Democrats Will Fight the Mellon "Millionaire Tax" Program, But Will Favor the Bonus.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Notice was served in the Senate today by Senator F. M. Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, that there will be Democratic opposition to what he characterized as Secretary Mellon's "millionaire tax" program. At the same time he said the Democrats would support the soldiers' bonus.

Mr. Simmons is the ranking Democrat on the finance committee which will handle both of these pieces of legislation. He declared the Democrats on that committee would vote to cut off taxes "but not in the way Mr. Mellon and the ministers and the profiteers want to take them off." He declared specifically for reduction in the rate on small incomes and for repeal of the so-called nuisance taxes.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the Christmas War Cry the President Sends a Message to the Salvation Army

The following autograph letter from President Coolidge to the War Cry, the official publication of the Salvation Army, is as follows:

I am glad to add my own to the expressions of good wishes and appreciation for the continuing useful work of the Salvation Army. Particularly at Christmas time, we are all reminded of the need for such services as this splendid organization has so efficiently rendered throughout the nation, and, indeed, most of the world. It is good to be assured that there will not be such heavy drafts upon its resources and energies this winter as in some other years, because of the more fortunate industrial position of the nation. But there will, of course, be, as always, many calls upon it for the sympathy, encouragement and assistance which it has so generously and sufficiently afforded to the unfortunate of the community. Knowing its past record, I have no doubt that this season, as always, it will meet in the fullest measure every demand upon it.

CALVIN COOLIDGE

### Three Masted Schooner Enveloped in Flames

Atlantic City, N. C., Dec. 20.—A three masted schooner, low on the horizon, early tonight was enveloped in flames following a terrific explosion. Coast guards, a federal dredge and speed boats, put out to the rescue of the crew.

### CHURCHES JOIN IN MOVEMENT PRESERVE SACRED SHRINES

New York, Dec. 20.—Methodist, Presbyterian and Protestant Episcopal Church leaders have joined in a movement to preserve sacred places in the Holy Land, and the outcome of their co-operation was hailed today as a step toward a world association of churches working for peace.

Representatives of the churches met at a dinner of the American committee working to keep intact the sacred places last night, and voted their support to a campaign to raise \$2,000,000 needed to pay off the indebtedness incurred by the Greek Catholic church in preserving for Christianity the Church of the Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Church of the Transfiguration on the Mount of Olives, and other shrines in the Holy Land.

Coast fishing is the greatest industry of Iceland.

### PRESIDENT ASKS SPEEDY ACTION, WHILE CONGRESS QUIBBLES OVER CHAIRMAN

#### OFFERS BODY



George Vauxant (above), former French "ace," who was tried for murder, offered to sell his body after execution to give the money to a friend in trouble. He was imprisoned for life.

The President Asked for Speedy Action on Railroad Rates, and You Can't Even Agree on Chairman Who Must Handle That Legislation Says Sen. Harrison.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress got away today on a wave of oratory for a Christmas recess that will end January 1. Partisan politics held the center of the stage, but later, the recognition of the Russian Soviet government, and labor's role figured in the debate.

Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, opened the political discussion by twisting the Republicans upon what he characterized as their apparent inability to get upon "the really courageous" message of President Coolidge.

"The President with burning words urged speedy action on railroad rates," he said, "and yet you can't even agree upon the chairman of the committee which must handle that legislation."

Half a dozen Senators then got into the discussion with Senators Simmons, North Carolina, Fletcher, South Carolina, and Jones, New Mexico, Democrats, taking part in the debate.

Senator Brookhart, an Indiana "leader," interrupted Senator Harrison to remark that the Democrats had come forward with a legislative program, and the North Carolina Senator said he would outline what the minority program would be. He was wedded then with more or less of the announcements as to the attitude of his party on the railroad, bonus, freight rates, and relief.

### N. Y. EPISCOPAL TO OBSERVE TRUCE DURING CHRISTMAS

Bishop Manning Forwarded Letters to all Rectors Throughout the State Asking That a Truce be Observed Until After the Holidays.

New York, Dec. 20.—Bishop William T. Manning today forwarded a letter to the Rectors of all churches in the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, asking that a truce be observed in the religious controversy between the conservatives and modernists until after the Christmas season.

The letter was accompanied by individual memoranda to the minister requesting them to read the diocesan communication at their services next Sunday morning.

"Serious questions," the letter declared, "are before the Church at the time. But no one, however, has been unduly perturbed. The present questions are serious, and must be met faithfully, but as Bishop of the Diocese, I ask that controversial discussion of them shall be suspended during the Christmas season, and the gift of us, clergy and lay alike, give our thoughts to the message of peace and good will and brotherly love which the festival of our Savior's birth brings to us."

### OFFERS TO SELL WIFE TO WEALTHY NEGRO

Conflicting Statements by Two Women in Widely Separated Cities Make Motion Picture Man Much Sought After Person Today.

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—Conflicting statements by two women in widely separated cities yesterday and last night made Elmer La Male, motion picture director and theatre man, a much sought after person today.

The first woman, in a divorce complaint filed in the Superior Court, yesterday gave her name as Helen La Male, of Long Beach, near here, and charged her husband, Elmer La Male, with having attempted to sell her to a wealthy negro of Juarez, Mexico for \$500,000, \$150,000 of which sum she was to keep. She married La Male in Santa Ana, Calif., nine years ago, the complaint stated.

The second woman who said she was Mrs. Violet La Male, wife of Elmer La Male, motion picture man, stated in El Paso, Tex., last night that she knew of no divorce action against her husband, that they had been or the best of terms since their marriage in Dallas, Texas, three years ago, and that she expected him to return in a few days from Los Angeles, where he had gone two weeks ago, according to advices received here.

Efforts to reach either party to the divorce suit, filed here had not met with success early today.

### SEN'S BORAH AND NORRIS DENY RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES

Senator Lodge Announced that a Sweeping Investigation of the Russian Question will be Undertaken by the Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The State Department charges of revolutionary Soviet propaganda in the United States started diplomatic circles here today, launched the new Senate era its first debate over foreign affairs, and resulted in a promise of further disclosures that will bring the whole problem of Russia once more into review before the American republic.

Senators who repeatedly have urged formal recognition of the Soviet regime in Russia, started the Senate debate by amassing Secretary Hughes' disclosure of Soviet "instructions" for movement designed to raise the flag over the White House. Both Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, and Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, openly charged that there was no proof of such activities, and although no general reply came from administration quarters, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican floor leader, announced that a sweeping inquiry into the entire Russian question, would be undertaken by the foreign relations committee.

Whether the House will take up the question through an inquiry by its foreign affairs committee, was not indicated.

The contention in some quarters that the Russian government itself is not directing propaganda work in the United States is viewed by the State Department as merely a quibble.

### REPORT OF OFFERED MEDIATION DENIED

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press).—Enrique Cols, secretary of the Interior, denying reports that Washington had offered to mediate with those rebelling against the Obregon government, said Mexico has not officially received the proposition which "would have been rejected, as it would imply recognition of the rebels' belligerency."