

SEN. FLETCHER STRIKES BLOW FOR WATERWAYS

Urges Broader and More Comprehensive Policy On the Part of Federal Government

RAPS THE CONGRESS

Says That "Pork Barrel" Methods If Ever Used Should Be Abolished

Washington, Dec. 9.—A right lusty blow for a broader and more comprehensive policy on the part of the federal government toward the inland waterways of the United States was struck by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida today before the National Rivers and Harbors Congress now in session in this city.

Preliminary to a defense of the Oklawaha river project, which was the subject of considerable criticism during the long debate of the last river and harbor bill, Senator Fletcher satirically said that for a half dozen years he had been attending the annual meetings of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, and had felt, as he mingled with its members from all parts of the country that he was in "if not select, at least reputable society." But, he said, "since your last meeting I must tell you, though you may have read it, that you have been publicly declared to be gratuitous makers of 'pork barrel' proposals for legislation and the greatest lobby in the country."

"If there to be a grain of truth in the reckless statements made and published broadcast reflecting on the members of this congress, then the only course open to you is to adjourn and, hand in hand, tie yourselves, 'unhonored and unsung,' to the earliest train for home. Yes, there is one thing you should do before you dissolve, and that is adopt a memorial to the Congress of the United States to the effect that since you have been exposed, it would be useless for you to offer any suggestions or submit any petition to it, discredited as you are, and you hereby efface yourselves, individually and collectively, offer your most humble apologies for ever having existed at all and ask forgiveness for your presumption in assembling in Washington and listening to addresses by presidents of the United States cabinet officials, ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries, representatives and senators and leaders in economic thought, in order that you might the more clearly understand these great problems.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourselves—or you ought not. There's no half way business about it. You ought to go home and stay there, or you ought to stand on your rights and let the people know you are here. You ought to surrender abjectly, or stand your ground and fight. To my mind the old stoics had a good working philosophy—'don't jubilate, don't whine—fight.' Politics having been injected into the question of waterway improvements during the campaign just closed, Senator Fletcher reviewed the pronouncements of the two great political parties on the subject of river and harbor improvements for the past fifty years, and showed by reading from the republican and democratic platforms that both had stood for liberal appropriations for the navigable waterways of the country.

BRYAN AT RICHMOND. To Address Religious Bodies There.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, who is a delegate of the Presbyterian church to the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ, in America's annual convention which opened today, will address the convention.

GREENSBORO GETS ROWE

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—It is officially announced that "Ned" Rowe, formerly with the Asheville, Durham teams, has been chosen to manage the Greensboro baseball team next year. He will arrive in Greensboro soon after

THE BAPTISTS SPEND DAY AT WAKE FOREST

Six Hundred Attendants At State Convention Take Trip to the College

A GREAT GATHERING

The Reports of Work Done In the Schools Were Read and Addresses Were Made

(By T. W. Chambliss.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.—This morning more than six hundred messengers and visitors to the eighty-fourth annual Baptist State Convention went to Wake Forest by special train and the sessions to-day were held in the chapel of Wake Forest College. The reports from all educational institutions were read this morning and this afternoon. Rev. John R. Sampey, of Louisville, and Rev. Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta, addressed the convention. Later the special train brought the convention back to Raleigh and the evening session was held here.

Trustees' Report. The report of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College to the convention shows a healthy condition. This is the eightieth year in the history of Wake Forest College and from the modest beginning of sixteen students in 1834 there is now the enrollment of 445, an increase over last year of eleven. The first graduating class numbered four in the year 1839—the last graduating class numbered seventy-seven—in 1913. The student body is better provided for than ever before. The college hospital with its staff of three physicians insures medical attention. The new dormitory completed during the year at a cost of \$40,000, provides rooms for seventy-five students. The old dormitories have been vastly improved by the introduction of steam heat and running water.

New members of the faculty reported by the board are of more importance than the physical improvements. Dr. John W. Newell, Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins, and A. M. of Wake Forest, is appointed as associate professor of chemistry; Mr. Clarence D. Johns, graduate student of Harvard and master of arts of Chicago University, has been elected associate professor of political science; Prof. Roger P. McCutcheon, A. B. of Wake Forest, and master of arts at Harvard, has been chosen to conduct the department of English during the absence of Dr. Sledd, and Associate Professor Ira E. Hubbell, Prof. McCutcheon come from the University of Minnesota.

Student Body. Ninety-two per cent. of the student body are members of churches. Recently a remarkable revival meeting beginning in a faculty meeting and extending through the month of November, was led by Dr. W. R. Culom and the result was far-reaching and permanent. The annual budget of the college is now \$62,850 and the fees paid by students amount to about 40 per cent. of the amount, the remainder having to come from the endowment. An enlarging budget is made necessary by enlarging patronage, to say nothing of permanent improvements.

Report Chowan College. The report of Chowan College, located at Murfreesboro, tells the story of better conditions. Dr. T. T. Speight has recently been employed to take the field and secure a sufficient sum to meet the indebtedness against the institution. Prof. G. E. Lineberry, for five years secretary of the board of secondary schools, was chosen to the presidency last August and is now in charge with a faculty of fourteen. He reports ninety-five students enrolled. Chowan clubs are being organized among the alumni of the institution and these clubs have now a loan fund for students of \$400.

Oxford Report. Oxford College reports through its president, Prof. Hobgood, an enrollment of over 100, and bright prospects. Wednesday morning a special train bringing seventy of the young ladies from Oxford College attended the convention at Wake Forest.

Windsor School, Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 9.—The State Department will conduct an investigation into the charges against James Mark Sullivan, the American minister to Santo Domingo. It was announced today.

THREE GERMAN CRUISERS SUNK BY THE BRITISH

The Scharnorst, Gneissenu and Leipzig Sent to the Bottom Off the Falkland Islands. Hundreds of Lives Were Lost. Two Colliers Were Also Captured. London Goes Wild when News Is Heard—Emperor William Seriously Ill. The Allies Said to Be in Dixmude.

LONDON, Dec. 9. (Central News Cable)—The wildest excitement prevailed here following the news that the German cruisers Scharnorst, Gneissenu and Leipzig had been sunk by the British fleet. The German boats were sighted yesterday off the Falkland Islands and an action followed during the course of which the Scharnorst, flying the flag of Admiral Count Von Spee, the Gneissenu and the Leipzig were sunk. The Dresden and Nurnberg escaped while being pursued. Two colliers which followed the German boats were captured. The Vice-Admiral reports that the British casualties were very few. Some survivors were rescued from the Gneissenu and Leipzig.

UNCONFIRMED RUMOR SAYS ALLIES ARE NOW IN POSSESSION OF DIXMUDE

AMSTREDAM, Dec. 9. (Central News Cable)—An unconfirmed rumor reaching this place is to the effect that the Allies now occupy Dixmude and that their advance has extended as far as Zeveqote, near Chistelles. While unofficial, this news is believed to be true.

EMPEROR WILLIAM SUFFERING WITH SEVERE ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA

BERLIN, Dec. 9. (Central News Cable)—Emperor William is seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia and is violent to those who are attending his bedside. The court physicians are administering every aid to the afflicted monarch and it is their opinion that, unless some complication occurs, he will be out again soon. However, he has been advised not to return to the front

THE BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL FUGITIVE

Easily Pick Up Scent of Man Who Fired Into Convict Camp

A dastardly attempt to wreak vengeance on some one, either the guards or one of the prisoners, was made last night by an unknown party who fired a bullet from a rifle into one of the tents at the convict camp near the county home, in which were sleeping a number of prisoners. The guards heard the report of the rifle and a second later the bullet plunged through the side of the tent and lodged in a trunk near which a prisoner was sleeping.

Sheriff Lane was notified of the affair and upon his suggestion, Deputy Sheriffs Bayliss and Wetherington took the bloodhounds and went to the camp. The dogs struck the trail and followed it to a point where the person who fired the bullet is believed to have gotten into a carriage and driven off. Fortunately no one was injured.

STATE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE

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THE MUNICIPAL TREE IS ASSURED

Will Be Erected About One Week Before Christmas

It is now an assured fact that New Bern will this year have a municipal Christmas Tree. The Journal has for several weeks been urging this and Mrs. D. S. Congdon, chairman of the City Beautiful Club, yesterday informed the paper that all arrangements had been made for the erection of the tree.

The Municipal Christmas Tree will in all probability be erected at the corner of Middle and Broad streets (the same spot occupied by one last year) and will be erected about one week before Christmas. It will be brilliantly illuminated with colored lights and will be most attractive. On Christmas eve or Christmas day, appropriate exercises will be held around the tree and these will without any doubt prove to be a real feature.

BOMBS DROPPED ON DOVER

London, Dec. 9.—Five bombs have been dropped on Dover, England, sixty miles from London. Lieutenant Kaspar and Lieutenant Otto of the Kaiser's army flew to Dover, starting near Ostend.

ITALY IS NEUTRAL UNTIL OFFENDED IS HER MESSAGE

On Day That Her Interests Are Menaced She Will Go to War

FINAL ULTIMATUM

If the Powers Don't Want Further Trouble They Must Be Very Careful

Rome, Dec. 9. (Central News Cable)—Italy's attitude of neutrality will be abandoned on the day that the interests of Italy are threatened in the Adriatic, Balkan peninsula, the Levant or Africa. Until then she will remain neutral.

VIOLENT COMBAT IS IN PROGRESS IN BELGIUM

Paris, Dec. 9.—Violent artillery combats are in progress in Belgium along the Aisne river on the heights of the Meuse. The French guns are maintaining the advantage.

WARSAW IS NOW THREATENED FROM NORTH

London, Dec. 9.—The city of Warsaw is now threatened from the North. The German forces from Milwa are pushing forward all along the railroad leading through Novo Georgievsk on Russian soil to the Polish capital.

London, Dec. 9.—An official communication issued tonight says that British-Indian troops are now in possession of the country from the junction of the Tigris Euphrates to the sea.

SWITZERLAND WANTS TO OBSERVE ITS NEUTRALITY

Berne, Dec. 9.—Prof. Hugo Claparede of the University of Geneva, son of the Swiss minister to Berlin, has been dismissed from the University by the Swiss federal council on the ground that his expressed views concerning the violation of Belgian neutrality are inconsistent with the observance of neutrality by Switzerland.

ALL WAR'S ATROCITIES ARE NOT OF THE ARMY.

Rotterdam, Dec. 9.—The police today raided a building which they suspected was being used by men who were exporting cocoa to Germany. They discovered not only quantities of cocoa ready for shipment, but many barrels of sand and sawdust with which the thrifty exporters were plentifully adulterating the cocoa.

FLYING EAGLE IS VERY SWIFT

Racing Boat Surprises Local Marine Craft Enthusiasts

Several hundred motor boat enthusiasts yesterday went down to the foot of Craven street and inspected the "Flying Eagle," the speed boat which was brought here on the previous day by H. H. Kramm of Torrington, Conn., who is demonstrating engines for The Standard Company who manufacture marine engines. Many persons who read the account in the Journal yesterday morning of the boat making the trip from Oriental to New Bern, a distance of twenty-six miles, in fifty-five minutes were rather doubtful of its powers, but Mr. Kramm opened their eyes by pulling off a few speed stunts.

From the black beacon to the red buoy in the mouth of Neuse river just below the city is said to be two miles. Mr. Kramm says it isn't that far, but an official timing showed that he covered the distance in two minutes and fifty-seven seconds.

Mr. Kramm will leave this morning for Wilmington, shipping his boat by rail, and will give demonstrations there for a few days.

MONEY FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF THIS CITY

The Journal to Help Them Make Christmas An Enjoyable One

TO GIVE CASH

Attractive Proposition to Lads and Lassies Who Will Do Little Work

Knowing that the boys and girls of New Bern are anxious to make some extra money for Christmas, the management of the Journal has devised a plan by which they can do this with but little effort; whereby they can make several dollars between now and the day of Old St. Nick's visit without being compelled to ask father or mother for it.

The plan is this: Go to some one of your relatives or friends who is not a subscriber to the Journal and get them to agree to take the paper for a period of ten weeks and to pay the carrier-boy at the end of each week. On another page will be found a coupon which you may have them sign and collect the first week's charge, ten cents in advance. Bring this to the Journal office and you will be given a ten per cent commission on the entire subscription or ten cents for every coupon which you bring in.

Any bright boy or girl can easily get five or six new subscribers each afternoon after school hours and that will mean fifty or sixty cents each day. There are two remaining weeks before Christmas Day and if you start early you will have several dollars by that time.

Don't be afraid to start in to work today. The soliciting of the subscription is an easy matter. Tell your relative or friend that they need to take a home paper, a paper which keeps them informed on affairs of the home city and its surroundings section and of State, national and world wide interest. Tell them that in the Journal they get all of this and that they get it for a small sum of one dime, ten cents of the tenth part of a dollar.

Its nine chances to one that you get the subscription and each one means a commission for you. If you don't thoroughly understand the plan come down to the Journal office and the circulation manager will be glad to more fully explain but don't delay. There will be other boys and girls at work and you know it's the early bird that catches the worm."

Remember that it must be a new subscriber and don't forget to have them fill out the blank. The Journal reserves the right to refuse and subscription which it does not see fit to accept.

FRANK DIES ON FRIDAY, JAN. 22

Judge Hill Re-Sentenced Slayer of Little Mary Phagan

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—Leo M. Frank, convicted of killing Mary Phagan, a girl employed in a pencil factory in this city, was today re-sentenced to death for her murder.

Judge Hill fixed the day of execution on Friday, January 22.

Frank vigorously protested his innocence and he and his counsel both declared that they would fight to the end.

WASN'T DOROTHY.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 9.—A young woman, who had in her possession a Bible, on the flyleaf of which was written the name "Dorothy A. nold," today denied she is or ever knew the missing Eastern heiress. The police are inclined to believe her statement.

TRAITOR SENTENCED TO DIE

London, Dec. 9.—Nicholas Ahlers, former German Consul of Sunderland Borough, today was convicted by the Durham Assizes of high treason and sentenced to death.