FIGHT BEGINS ON THE ABSENTEE LAV

JUDGE REFUSES TO GRANT AN INJUNCTION BUT GRANTS A HEARING TO PETITIONER

PLAINTIFF IS

The Suit for an Injunction was Based on The Allegation that The Law is Unconstitutional

Raleigh.

The Republican party opened fire on the absentee voters' law when attorneys representing J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham, Republican candidate foor State treasurer, appeared before Judge John H. Kerr, at Louisburg and asked for an injunction against the State Board of Elections and against the State Auditor and the State Treasurer to stop distribution of ballotts for these voters.

Judge Kerr declined to grant the in junction but upon the complaint of the plaintiff made an order directing the members of the Board of lections, State Auditor, W. P. Wood and State Treasurer R. B. Lacy to appear before hi min Raleigh on Thursday, the injunction should not be issued.

Jenkins, the plaintiff, is a candidate for State Treasurer on the Republican ticket and it is in his capacity as the nominee of his party that he seeks to enjoin the Board of lections from distributing absentee certificates and votes in the State. The complaint against the auditor and treasurer is made in his private capacity of tax To all whom these presents shall payer and is for the purpose of enjoining the auditor from issuing warrantts and the treasurer from paying the warrants—for the printing of the certificates, envelopes and ballots.

School Levies Unrestricted

County tax levies to provide funds for the operation of the public schools of the State for the constitutional Constitution extending the right of term of six months cannot be restricted by legislative enactment under the 10 per cent promise, and the commissioners of any county are empowered to levy whatever additional rates that are deemed necessary declares an States in the United States. opinion rendered by Attorney General James S. Manning, in response to a query from the State Tax Commis-

Five counties in the State had appealed to State Superintendent Brooks after they had found that the year's school budget could not be covered by the amount of last year's income plus the legislative allowance of 10 per cent increase. Dr. Brooks has held throughout that the General Assembly could not limit the necessary income of schools when the constitution requires that they shall be oprated for six months.

Further Census Reports.

1910, 2,571; 1900, 2,441.

Washington.—The census bureau announced the population of the following places in North Carolina:

Asheboro, 2,559; Ramseur, 1,014; Randleman, 1,967; Franklinsville, 631; Liberty, 636.

Scotland county: 1920, 15.600;

1910, 15,363; 19200, 12,553. Laurel Hill township: 1920, 3,182;

Spring Hill township, including Wagram town: 1920, 2,617; 1910,

2,300; 1900, 1,318. Stewartsville township, including East Laurinburg and Laurinburg

towns: 1920, 7,455; 1910, 6,915; 1900,

Movement of Guard Units Movement of North Carolina Na-

tional Guard units to Camp Glenn for the first encampment since the mobiliation of troops there in 1916 for service on the Mexican border began and three companies went into camp there.

The units which will compose the camp, September 7-21, iclusive, are Co. A. 1st N. C. infantry, Winston-Salem; Co. B, 1st N. C. infantry, Winston-Salem; Troop A. N. C. cavalry, Lincolnton; Troop C, N. C. cavalry, Hickory; Machine Gun Company, 1st N. C. infantry, Durham.

State League Pennant

The Piedmont baseball league season ended with Raleigh and Winston-Salem tied for first place, High Point third, Greensboro fourth, Durham afth and Danville last. At a meeting it was agreed by the presidents of the Raleigh and Winston-Salem clubs to play a three-game series to decide which of the two teams win the second half of the season, the winner to meet Greensboro, winner of the flirst shalf, in a post season series for the pennant.

Three Death Warrants Signed Death warrants for three Iredell

county men, all under sentence for murder, were signed by the Governor ther their pleas for commutation.

Alexander was tried last January gust of last year.

Violations of Law Increase.

National prohibition has caused an enormous increase in the number of criminal cases tried in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, according to statistics compiled by S. A. Ashe, Jr., deputy clerk of the court.

There were 493 convitcions in the court during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1919, the effective date of the war-time prohibition act, as compared with a total of 726 for five preceding years. The lightest number of convictions in any one year previous to last year was 180, in the year ending June 30, 1918.

An even larger difference is noted in the amount of fines imposed. Last year Judge Henry G. Connor, who presided over the court, levied fines aggregating \$99,406, while for all of the five years preceding last year he exacted on \$78,637 in fines from the defendants in his court.

The influx of liquor cases has also increased the percentage of convic-

The standard used by the Attorney General of the United States in determining the efficiency of a court is the number of cases terminased. Until the past year the docket in this district has been kept almost entirely clean. For the five-year period ending June 30, 1919, 1,135 cases were commenced in the court and 1,109 disposed of. Last year 752 cases were instituted and 667 terminated, the largest number gotten off the calendar in a previous year having been

Suffrage Amendment Certified.

Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby September 16, and show cause why has certified to Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of North Carolina, the ratification of the nin-e teenth amendment by the required three-fourths of the States of the Union and has declared that the amendment "has become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the Unred States." The proclamation fonows in part:

come, Greeting:

"Know ye, that the songress of the United States at the first session, Sixty-sixth Congress begun at Washington on the nineteenth day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, passed a resolution as follows, to-wit: Joint Resolution, proposing an amendment to the suffrage to women.

"And, further, that the States whose legislatures have so ratified the said proposed amendment, constitute three-fourths of the whole number of

"Now, therefore, be it known that I, Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of Section 205 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, do hereby certify that the amendment aforesaid has become valid to all intents and surposes as a part of the Constitution of the United

More Population Figurec.

Washington.—Census of Anson county, 28,334; increase, 2,869 or 11.3 per cent. Incorporated places: Lilèsville, 440; McFarlan, 219; Morven, 631; Peachland, 196; Polkton, 575; South Wadesboro, 293; Wadesboro,

Bladen county, 19,761; increase, 1.755, or 9.7 per cent. Incorporated places: Abbottsburg, 78; Bladensboro, 549; Clarkton, 368; Council, 92; Dublin, 99; Elizabethtown, 335.

Governor will Open Fair.

Gov. Thos. W. Bickett has accepted an invitation to open the Craven county fair on September 14th. Congressman S. M. Brinson will introduce Governor Bickett to the thousands who will be there for the big fall exposition.

Former Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo, who will make an address on September 15th, is expected to draw thousands to the fair on the day following.

Notaries Public Appointed.

The following notaries public were commissioned by the governor:

Annie James Love, Durham; Edna J. Almond, Gastonia; Nellie Andrews. Chapel Hill; Gertrude F. Harris, Henderson; J. P. Powell, Thomasville; Eva Thorpe, Greensboro; Alise Ross Bales, Windsor; E. Vivian Gates Farmville; May Oettinger, Kinston; Susan G. Wooten, Tarboro; James M. Stevens, Wilmington.

Some New Enterprises

The following charters were issued by the Secretary of State:

Tighman Motor Co., Wilson, with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and \$46,500 paid in by T. C., T. W., and M. M. Tighman, Wilson.

Bank of Effand, Effand, with an authorized capital of \$25,000 and \$10,-000 paid in by J. I. Clayton, C. M. Pope and Dan Graham, Efland.

The Bank of Mt. Gilead files an amendment to its charter increasing the authorized capital stock from \$35, 000 to \$100,000.

Winner in Prize Contest.

Prize winners in "My Home Newspaper Contest," conducted by the Tar Heel Clubs News, have been awarded after he nad declined to consider fur- and the first prize for the best letter written on the home newspaper was given to Dolletta Bost, Route 6, Alfor the murder of Jim Rayle in a bemarle. The contest was open to the Statesville pool-room on the right of boys and girls who are members of December 23, and found guilty of mur. the North Carolina Agricultural and der in the first degree. The Sinclair Home Clubs. The judges were Dr. negroes were tried last October for Clarence Poe, editor of the Progresthemurder of Deputy Sheriff Lloyd sive Farmer; Mr. R. W. Haywood, Cloaninger at a camp meeting in Au- editor of the News and Observer; Mrs. W. T. Bost and Mr. Santford Martin.

IN FULL CONTRO

FLAGS ON PRINCIPAL PLANTS ARE BOTH RED SOCIALIST AND BLACK ANARCHIST.

TROOPS GUARDING THE BANKS

Working Men in All Factories Are Obliged to Give Certain Amount of Time to Military Drill.

Paris. - Travelers arriving from Italy describe the seizure of the metal works by workmen as possessing odd features. Flagstaffs on the principal plants bear two flags-red for the socialists and black for hte anarchists. Many private houses display red flags, especially in Milan.

Government troops guard the banks but do not interfere with the occupation of the works. Transport workers allow no movement of government troops from one part of Italy to another. The ministry of war at Rome recently endeavored to send some regiments to northern Italy but the trainmen refused to move them.

The Italian government has informed the manufacturers' association that it does not wish to employ troops in clearing the factories, but that a far better course is for the employers to negotiate a compromise with the workmen's committee. The employers have agreed for the present not to go near their own works so as not to expose themselves to forcible ex-

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Cuban Candidate Talks

Havana, Cuba.-Personal passions cannot be allowed to force Cuba "down to the level of countries where the administration can be defeated only by a revolution," declared Jose Miguel Gomez, liberal candidate for president of Cuba, in a statement.

"There will be no more revolutions in Cuba,' he said, "because there will be no more usurpations of power."

The coming elections will have a decisive influence on the future of the republic, in the opinion of Senor Gomez, and a liberal triumph his state ment says, would mean the restoration of democracy and law, reorgan!gation of the public administration and peace with forget ulness of ani mosities, due to past happenings, and the impossibility of consenting to their repetition.

Coast to Coast Air Mail

Chicago.—An extensive daily coast to coast air mail service was begun when planes left five citie; for points across the continent.

One plane will leave each morning from New York with mail for San New York, and from Chyenne, Wyo. New York, and from Cheyenne, Wwo., to San Francisco, one from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, one from Chi cago to San Francisco every day ex cept Sunday, and one from Chicago to New York every day except Mon-

Mecklenburg Farmers Firm

Charlotte.-Evidence that the Mecklenburg county branch of the American Cotton Association is the most vigorous farmers' organization ever formed in Mecklenburg county was furnished by the fact that a courthouse full of farmers assembled at 10 o'clock morning and spent until 1 o'clock talking over phases of the cotton situation. Unanimausly they decided not to sell cotton for a cent less than 40 cents a pound up to November 1 and for an additional cent on the 40-cent price each month thereafter.

France Paying Loan

New York.-Another installment of \$4,000,000 in gold from France arrived on La Torraine, making a total of approximately \$20,000,000 in gold shipped here by France to be applied to her half share of the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan maturing October 15.

Serious Shipping Situation

Tokio.—Depression in the shipping business in Japan has become so serious that the government has dispatched officials to Kobe and Osaks, the great shipping centers, in search of remedies.

Lecture Bureau Approved

Peking, China.-The Peking government has approved a proposal made by the minister of education for the establishment of a lecture bureau. American and other foreign educators will be invited to lecture.

6,000 Cholera Deaths

Tokio.-Fifteen thousand choleor cases have been reported officially from Korea, with six thousand deaths. in the present epidemic.

Sugar Prices Lower.

New York -The Arbuckle Sugar Refining Company reduced their list price of fine granulated sugar from 17.1 to 15 cents a pound. All refiners in the market now are quoting this being supplied by second hand deal. land relative to annexation with Hickers at 14 to 14 1.2 cents.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHOOT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Washington. -The population of Laurinburg, N. C., is 2,643, the census bureau announced.

Gastonia.-The 16th annual convention of the deacons of Kings Mountain Presbytery was held in the Dallas Presbyterian church.

Charlotte.-Eighty-seven marriage licenses were issued in Mecklenburg county during the month of August, it was announced at the office of Register of Deeds W. M. Moore.

ganton at the present, business, politics social and other activities being in the background. Mount Airy .- On Wednesday, September 15 the Surry tobacco market

will open here with the strongest

corps of buyers ever gathered to-

Morganton.-The McLendon meet-

ing is the center of interest in Mor-

gether in this market. Charlotte.—Housing 8,00 students in buildings adequate for 6,000 is a problem which is causing H. P. Harding, superintendent of schools, much concern these days.

Albermarle.-W. E. Springs, foreman in charge of the painting crew for the Tallassee Power company at Badin, was electrocuted, death having been the instant result of the shock received.

Asheville.-The merchants association in a meeting held decided to protest against the city's importing and selling meats and other foodstuffs. and a 'special committee was appointed to draft a letter and submit it to the city commissioners at an early

Washington. - Capt. Thomas G. Hearn, formerly infantry officer at Camp Grant, Illnois, has been assigned to Davidson college. This announcement was made from Senator Simmons' office.

Salisbury.-Miss Agatna Surratt, bookkeeper in the office of a local insurance company's office, is the first Rowan woman to be appointed notary public, she having received her commission from Governor Bickett.

Henderson.-The business men of Henderson have become thoroughly aroused over the action of the Virginia Corporation Commission and the cities in that state in their petition to the Interstate Commerce Commission to give a rehearing in the matter of adjustment of the freight rates as between the two states.

Durham .- With many prominent state officials and citizens attending, the funeral services of Victor Silas Bryant, prominent attorney, were conducted at the home on Morehead Heights.

Burlington.—The local company of the National Guard has about completed arrangements for the encampment. Captain Copeland, company commander, is very much gratified with the interest and enthusiasm the members have shown in the work.

Asheville.-F. W. Monnish, aged 60, was shot and killed at Ridgecrest by J. F. Harris, 52. Monnish, a prominent business man of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was walking along the main street when Harris poured three shots into him from a shotgun.

Rutherfordton.-George Flack, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Rutherford county, died at his home near Gilkey. He was 85 years old and was a Confederate veteran, having served four years in the Confederate army.

Wilmington.-Selecting Hendersonville as the next meeting place and electing Cyrus D. Hogue. Wilmington. as commander over Walter Clark, Jr., by a small majority, and Miss Alice Gray of Winston-Salem, as vice commander, the North Carolina depart ment of the American Legion adjourned.

manager of the Hendersonville power and light company, was seriously injured at that town during the Labor day automobile races when the car driven by Grant Kramer of Hendersonville struck him.

Boone.-The school has secured the services of Prof. Miller of New York state to have charge of the agricultural and other kindred work in the school, looking after the campus, and such. He is well prepared for his work.

Greensooro .- The Greensboro Ministrial association has lifted its voice against Sunday sport, passing a resolution urging the Greensboro Country club not to strike out a provision in its charter relating to Sunday gaples.

Hickory .- Major J. D. Elliott has appointed Councilmen N. W. Clark and E. Lyerly and City Manager R. G. Henry to confer with the town auprice, but most of the demand still is | thorities of West Hickory and High-



LOS ANGELES POST GIRL MEMBERS WHO MADE HIGH SCORP



Sergeant Mildred Mobley, Marine corps, and Yeoman (f) First Ca Pearl Bonham, both members of the Los Angeles post of the American gion, made high scores in the "getting-their-name-on-the-dotted-line" comtion in the post's recent membership drive which brought in 1,200 new m bers. They had their station beside a sign board in front of the post

TO WAR AGAINST SWINDLERS | IN THE "MISSING MEN"

National Organization Takes Steps to Swing Full Force to Stamp Out Practice.

National and departmental officers of the American Legion have recently brought to light several instances in which unscrupulous swindlers have successfully capitalized the grief of the next of kin of Americans who lost their lives in the world war, and the organization's national headquarters has taken steps to swing the full force of the more than 9,600 Legion posts behind a movement to stamp out the

The mother of a dead soldier whose grave had never been located recently was told by one of these parasites that he would visit Washington, if she paid his expenses, and find out at first-hand what could be done. Later, the impostor reported success and advised the bereaved family that the body would be sent home. A brother became suspicious and by a personal call at the war department learned that no inquiry ever had been made.

Another woman, whose son had not been heard from since he was reported wounded while fighting in the Argonne, received a letter signed with her son's name, asking her to send him money. She made a trip to Cleveland, O., only to find that the letter was a hoax. Later, she received a telegram signed with her son's name and notifled the police in the town from which the message had been sent. The man who had attempted to defraud her was

At the instigation of the Legion, police of a California city are on the trail of a man said to have made a practice of corresponding with the next of kin of deceased soldiers with a view to defrauding them. He wrote a letter purporting to give first-hand information concerning the death of one of these missing soldiers, whereas investigation showed that the writer of the letter had never been outside the United States during the war.

Lemuel Bolles, Legion national adjutant, has urged all posts and departments to assist in warning relatives of missing heroes against paying any money for information or service of this nature, as both the Legion and the war department are willing to provide all available authentic information at all times without charge.

Asheville.-W. H. Bangs, general "40 MEN AND EIGHT HORSES"

Organization Within Organization Attracting Large Membership From Men Who Served in France.

Formed as an organization within an organization, Le Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux of The American Legion is attracting a heavy membership from the ranks of those veterans who recall the days and nights of rolling by box car over the rails of France. Charters for local voitures are being issued by the Chef de Chemin de Fer at Philadelphia, and a distinctive chapeau with a bronze badge has been adopted.

Much mystery enshrouds the doings of Le Societe, which possesses a ritual all is own and demands an initiation fee of \$2. Only members of the Legion are eligible to belong to the society and termination of membership in the Legion brings with it elimination from 40 Hommes. Almost 1,000 members of the new society, it is expected, will be in Cleveland during the Legion convention September 27, 28, 29, at which time they will effect a permenent organization.

Additional Cases in Which Info tion Is Being Sought by Rela tives and Friends.

The search carried on in the

Call" of "Missing Men" department the American Legion Weekly for solution to the mystery attending death or disappearance of 2000; in France and on the seas incithese cases: 358TH INF., CO. M.-Will the mi who was with Sergt. John W. Sa

when he charged a machine gun and was killed near Vilcey, France tember 12, 1918, write to Florens Berney, 404 Walnut street, Alexan "U. S. S. OTRANTO."-Private @ Mott went down with this vessel w she sank in a storm off the lrish at

His parents want information about death from survivors. Write his m er-in-law, John C. Doolittle, Savani 59TH INF., M. G. CO.-Private I mond M. Schmidt, reported wounded to ber 3 or 4, 1918, died October 8 at Par Field hospital, Cussey, France M wants to hear from anyone who i

her boy shortly before he died and in whether "he said anything on his is bed." Address Mrs. Matthew 8th 507 Rush street, Dubuque, Ia. 94TH AERO SQUADRON-H Key, Box 116, Holdenville, Okla, like to hear from some one who Lieut. Raymond J. Saunders, and could give details relative to his in France, and where he was build seen in combat with twelve enemy

about fifteen miles northwest of Vi

October 22, 1918. MISSING IN ACTION .- Private ard Delbert Philo, Ninety-fifth com Sixth marines. Reported wound Soissons drive, July 19, 1918. In Se ber, 1919, mother received notice "Philo Lionard" had died and was he in France. She does not believe her boy. Comrades are reported to seen him alive and well in the fa 1918. Address his sister, Mrs. H Johns, 107 Glenwood avenue,

LEGION'S DEBTS ARE REDUCE

Creek, Mich.

Claims Against Organization & Been Lowered \$30,000 Per Month Treasurer Announces.

The reduction of the indebtedness the American Legion from \$343.69 \$197,214 in five months, or at the of approximately \$30,000 a month. been announced by Robert H. Tro national treasurer, at Indianapolis. statement covers the indebtedness to June 30.

The high mark of \$343,648 reached on January 31, and since there has been a steady reduct the deficit. In a previous annual ment Mr. Tyndall declared that the gion's old indebtedness of borrowed last summer for preliming organization work, had been pall full.

The treasurer's books show that indebtedness of \$197,214 outst on June 30 is offset easily threefold the assets of the American Lep The deficits at the end of the first months of the year are shown in

following table: January 31, \$343,648.13; Febra 29, \$294,183.88; March 31, \$256,963 April 30, \$238,254.47; May 31, \$240.5 91; June 30, \$197,214.22.

Greeks Honor Defender. Naming their organization after Immortal defender of Therm more than 350 Greeks of Gars

have organized Leonidas Post 253 of the American Legion. charter was granted with the que cation that the post conduct its ings in the American language membership be not restricted Greeks.