

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS
AND OTHER NATIONS FOR
SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South-
land Will Be Found in
Brief Paragraphs

Foreign—

The General Federation of Labor of France has been ordered dissolved by the courts.

Chin Mei, Yin Mei and Mei Ling, Shanghai Chinese girls who are expert silk workers, are going to America to show how silk is reeled in Chinese filatures at the International Silk Exposition that is to open in New York in February, says a dispatch from Shanghai. The girls are to demonstrate how the silk is unreeling from the cocoon and reeled into skeins.

The cabinet of Premier Leygues at Paris suffered a defeat in the chamber of deputies. The cabinet resigned after its defeat. The action had been expected since Leygues' policies have been considered as affronting England and unsettled internal affairs.

A Tokio dispatch received said newspaper dispatches from Vladivostok reported that the chief engineer of the Albany was shot by a Japanese soldier while he was returning to his vessel and who died shortly afterward.

The young women who in several Irish districts have had their hair cut off by Sinn Feiners for associating with the police and soldiers have lodged claims for compensation for malicious injury. The price placed on their lost hair varies from \$1,500 to \$2,500. When Geneva saw the last of the delegates of the first assembly of the League of Nations leave, it breathed a sigh of relief. For no one had murmured a suggestion that the seat of the league should be moved away from here. It is taken as definitely settled that Geneva will be the capital city of the league.

Greek forces, says a dispatch from London Times, from Smyrna, are advancing in three columns nineteen miles of Bana.

A military alliance between Germany and the entente to crush Bolshevism was urged by General Ludendorff, former quartermaster, general of the German army. Ludendorff declared that sooner or later western Europe must face the "Soviets in armed combat." A defensive policy is useless, he declared.

An American radical arriving in Berlin says that the Russian Soviet government is worse than the czarist government. He states that he had lived under both regimes, and knows whereof he speaks.

Washington—

Details of the United States policy toward Soviet Russia have been made public. The gist of the details is that the United States has no intention of restoring the former boundaries of the Russian empire, nor to impose on any non-Russian territories the rule of the great Russia.

Admiral Gleaves, commander of the Asiatic fleet, has abandoned his intention of proceeding to Vladivostok to conduct an inquiry into the killing of a United States naval lieutenant by a Japanese sentry, the navy department has been notified.

American passenger steamship officials, appealing to the house judiciary committee for modification of the Volstead act, frankly declared they would be unable to compete with ships of foreign registry for the trade of the world unless permitted to handle liquors for use by patrons beyond the three-mile American limit.

Reduction of the American forces of occupation in Germany from fifteen thousand to eight thousand has been ordered by the war department.

Five witnesses recently testified before the senate immigration committee that the United States was in no danger of a "flood" of undesirable aliens and that no "emergency" existed to justify the suspension of the present laws and adoption of the Johnson bill prohibiting immigration for one year.

A bill proposing federal regulation for the coal industry and empowering the president to fix prices and profits in case of emergency or shortage has been introduced in the senate.

Secretary Daniels, of the navy, on receiving word of the safe return to Mattice of the navy balloonists, addressed to them the following message: Warmest congratulations. News of your safety received with immense relief. The navy is proud of its intrepid air force which you and your companions represent.

Dr. Francis X. Derzum, the Philadelphia neurologist, who was called into consultation during the early stages of the illness of the president, recently visited the white house for the first time in two months, and spent some time with the president's personal physician.

A plea for consideration for the ultimate consumer was made by Senator Thomas of Colorado, who is a Democrat, before the senate finance committee recently, while his holding hearings on the house emergent tariff bill designed to protect the farmers.

A dispatch from El Paso, Texas, says Gen. Francisco Murguía, commander of the northern zone of Mexico, under the Carranza regime, has taken the field in opposition to the Obregon government of Mexico.

A Vera Cruz dispatch to the state department says definite program for a new revolution in Mexico to be headed by Candido Aguilar, son-in-law of the late Carranza, is disclosed in letters forwarded to President Obregon.

Indorsement by nineteen national organizations of a comprehensive code of principles for regulation of highway traffic has been announced in Washington.

Chairman Benson of the shipping board announces that the board has recently taken the position that all ships will be disposed of in an orderly and businesslike manner in accordance with the provisions of the new shipping act.

Abandonment of the plans for the inaugural ball is reflected by the big drop in the price of ball and party gowns in the leading stores of Washington.

Further delay in reaching a vote in the senate on the bill for federal operation of the nitrate plant has been offset, and the bill will be passed at this session undoubtedly.

A former president of the Chicago board of trade told the house agricultural committee recently that if the United States wanted to do business like Russia, his country could get along without exchanges.

Ex-service men and women will be permitted to compete in all civil service examinations from now on.

For the first time in the history of the country the majority of the population is in the cities. It is shown that 51.4 per cent of the country's population is now in the cities.

Guy F. Allen of Somerset, Md., has been nominated by the president to be treasurer of the United States.

Lieutenant Farrell and Lieutenant Hinton of the lost balloon, after their arrival at Mattice, Ontario, seemed inseparable until Farrell was shown copies of a news dispatch, which he interpreted to reflect on his stamina. Hinton, it seems, had sent the dispatch to his wife, and in some manner the letter found its way into the newspapers. The scrap resulted, and they are returning to the United States in an ugly frame of mind toward each other.

Domestic—

Surgeons despair of saving the life of John Orlander, latest victim, with his wife and two children, of a fiend who, the authorities believe, is the same that seven years ago claimed forty-five persons as his victims in a trail of terror that reached from Lafayette, La., to Houston, Texas.

The Southern Swine Growers' Association met in Columbia, S. C., discussed important matters and elected officers for the ensuing year. The next place of meeting will be decided by the new executive committee.

Joseph Grichvich, five years old, committed suicide in Detroit, Mich., by shooting himself in the head. The boy had been punished for coming home with wet feet and sent into the kitchen to dry them. A moment later the family was startled by a pistol shot and found the boy dying on the kitchen floor.

There is such a thing as being too impetuous in the choice of a mate, but to court a girl for twenty years and then marry some one else is carrying precaution much too far for Miss Lillian Boyle, daughter of a contractor at Hammonton, N. J. She is suing James E. Baker for \$40,000, not so much for the money, but to teach him a much-needed lesson.

A repetition of the nation-wide stage strike of the actors may ensue as a result of the breach of relations between the Actors' Equity Association and the Producing Managers' Association.

Merriment along the gay white way of New York City received a severe jolt recently when police made the rounds of all cabarets and dance halls with orders to rigidly enforce the state excise law forbidding them to remain open after one o'clock.

The planters' warehouse at Crowley, La., containing 25,000 bags of rice was recently destroyed by fire, the loss being \$250,000, covered partially by insurance.

Charles Evans Hughes of New York, some time candidate for the presidency, is in the limelight as being the probable choice for secretary of state in the Harding administration.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., recently called on President-elect Harding seeking the appointment of General Wood as secretary of war.

Mary Garden, celebrated actress, has been elected head of the Chicago Opera Association. She is the first woman in the history of the world to head such a large institution.

William Beard, a miner held in connection with the killing of James Morris, a guardsman at Jasper, Ala., was recently taken from the Walker county jail and lynched.

The convention of the American Bar Association will be held in Cincinnati August 30-September 1 and 2. John Wagner, a moulder of the West Milwaukee (Wis.) shops, said he certainly would refuse a fortune of five hundred thousand dollars willed to him by Otto Burlingame of Buffalo, N. Y., whom he was reported to have saved from drowning 30 years ago.

Resolutions adopted at a meeting in New Orleans of Louisiana bankers, merchants, cotton farmers and owners of cotton growing land favored denial of credit to planters who refused to curtail 1921 cotton acreage 50%.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE
DESIGNED TO LESSEN THE
CRIME OF LYNCING.

EXPENSES OF INAUGURATION

Salaries of Treasurer, Auditor and
Secretary of State Are Fixed at
\$4,500; Attorney Gen. \$4,000.

Raleigh.

Senator McCain, of Vance, rose to a point of personal privilege and denied newspaper reports published locally that he was leading an insurrection to have the old-time custom of the lieutenant governor making committee appointments changed so that the senate itself might organize and parcel out its committees.

This statement, together with the introduction of a bill by Senator Taylor "to promote the due administration of justice and to lessen the crime of lynching," consumed the major portion of the time of the upper house, prior to Governor Bickett's swan song.

The House.

The house appointed an inaugural committee, composed of Representatives Everett of Rockingham, Pharr of Mecklenburg and Hill of Duplin. A joint resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$1,200 or so much of it as is needed to cover the expenses incident to the inauguration of Governor-elect Cameron Morrison, was introduced.

Jan. 7.—The senate committee of salaries and fees at a meeting this afternoon, following a brief session of the general assembly, agreed to recommend increases of \$1,500 over the present salaries of all constitutional officers.

Agreement was also tentatively made on increases in the salaries of superior and supreme court judges of \$1,000 each. A joint committee session will be held Monday morning at 11 o'clock to work out a joint committee bill.

Jan. 8.—The introduction of a bill by Representative Lawrence, of Albemarle, in the house entitled "An act to require all railroad crossings of federal aid roads and state highways to be either overhead or underground crossings in North Carolina," featured the 30-minute session of the legislature today.

This bill does not apply to crossings in cities and towns or at crossings where gates or other means of protecting life and property are provided and efficiently operated.

Jan. 10.—The increased salaries for the constitutional officers of the state foreshadowed in favorable committee work and a well-aimed blow at the abolition of the office of state architect were the high spots in brief sessions of the senate and house today.

Into the very short session in the house this afternoon young Mr. Glover of Nash shot the bill to do away with the office of state architect, a nice paying position created two years ago under a bill fathered by Senator McCain of Vance and approved by the state building commission.

Jan. 11.—Nothing of general interest to the state at large was introduced or acted upon in either body of the general assembly.

Jan. 12.—Passage on all three readings of the bill providing salary increases for the secretary of state, the treasurer, the auditor, the attorney general and the superintendent of public instruction, and the introduction of a bill by Representative Peyton McSwain of Cleveland county, making officials serving in these offices more than two terms of four years each ineligible for the office in the future furnished headlines for Tuesday's session of the general assembly.

Under the salary increase bill passed by the secretary of state, the treasurer and the auditor will get \$4,500, the superintendent of public instruction \$5,000 and the attorney general who is not required to give his full time to the office, \$4,000.

Budget Commission Reports.

Jan. 13.—Against approximately \$20,000,000 asked for by the institutions of North Carolina, educational and otherwise, for improvements and enlargements which are deemed imperative, the budget commission has recommended to the legislature the appropriation of only \$5,000,000. Instead of the university being allowed the \$5,000,000 sought for it, the commission would give \$1,000,000. The University of North Carolina is given \$990,000 and Women's College \$540,000.

Compensation Law Reported.

The commission appointed at the special session of the general assembly to study various workmen's compensation acts and devise a bill for adoption in this state, made its report. The proposed bill which accompanies the report contains ninety sections. The commission has, in the main, followed the provisions of the Virginia law.

The scale of compensation is 60 per cent of the weekly wage for a gradual period not to exceed 500 weeks except in the case of total disability.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Taking issue sharply with the Yadkin county jury that found Ithob Baity guilty of murder in the first degree in May, 1920, and sentenced him to death by electrocution, Governor T. W. Bickett maintained that the prisoner was guilty only of murder in the second degree and thereupon commuted the death sentence to imprisonment for thirty years in the State's Prison.

The Governor was supported in his findings by Rev. T. A. Caudle, a minister of the Gospel who went with the sheriff of Yadkin county to Baity's still, the young man, surprised in his operations shot down the sheriff. It was also supported by the judge who tried the case, and by many citizens of Yadkin who petitioned for commutation.

Baity, who served in the heavy artillery at Verdun, St. Mihiel and through the Argonne forest, had a war record that appealed strongly to Governor Bickett.

"With this record and upon the evidence in this case, it would be a frightful thing for the country for which he offered his life to electrocute him when he is twenty-three years old, he said.

Were I to permit it I would never sleep again. The death sentence is commuted to thirty years in the State's Prison."

State Now Outranks Kentucky.

North Carolina shoved Kentucky from the top rung of the ladder as a tobacco growing state during 1920, the Tar Heel State's crop ranking first both in acreage and value. Kentucky had long topped the list of tobacco producing states, but the "Blue Grass" commonwealth dropped into second position last year. North Carolina's crop exceeding the value of the Kentucky crop by \$27,000,000 according to Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician.

This state has heretofore been the king of the bright leaf belt, with Wilson the largest bright leaf market in the world. Kentucky is the leading burley tobacco producing state of the Union, with Lexington the greatest loose leaf market in the world. Although the Old North State is now king of tobacco states, Lexington still holds sway as the largest of the loose leaf markets.

Conference for Social Service.

The North Carolina conference for Social Service will hold its annual meeting here January 25, 26 and 27.

The Woman's Club building has been offered to the conference and the sessions except the large night meeting will be held there. Dr. E. C. Branson of the University is the President of the conference, and the executive committee is made up of Mr. McAlister, Mr. R. F. Beasley, Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. E. C. Brooks, W. S. Rankin, Miss Elizabeth Kelley, Mrs. C. C. Hook, Dr. H. W. Odum, Dr. E. C. Lindeman and Mrs. Thos. W. Lingle, Secretary.

The conference has secured for its chief out-of-town speaker Judge Cathryn Sellers, of the juvenile court being the latest development in the state's program for looking after wayward boys and girls.

Colonel Thompson to Speak.

Secretary Meredith being unable to attend the convention of the North Carolina division, American cotton association, Col. W. B. Thompson, of New Orleans, president of the Louisiana division of the association has been secured for the evening speaker. A telegram from Colonel Thompson states that he will make every effort to be present. He is one of the best known cotton men in the south and a close student of economics as applied to the present existing situation, will be able to advance some valuable suggestions and advice.

Strenuous Drive for Quota.

During the month of February strenuous efforts will be made in North Carolina to reach the state's quota of the \$35,000,000 for Methodist educational institutions in the south.

Plans are now under way for the drive with the first state meeting in Asheville February 7.

The Charlotte meeting will be held February 8. The schedule for other meetings in the state is as follows: Greensboro, February 10; Durham, February 11; Raleigh, February 12; New Bern, February 13, and Wilmington, February 14.

Final Act of Clemency.

As his final act of clemency, Governor Bickett commuted to 30 years' imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Kohler Holdslaw, Catawba county veteran of the world war, for the murder of John Gabriel, and granted a conditional pardon to W. L. Exum of Lenoir county.

Holdslaw's mother and father were at the state prison visiting their son in Death Row when the announcement was received there that the young man would be saved from the electric chair.

Press Association Adjourns.

A ringing appeal by J. L. Horne, Jr., editor and publisher of The Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, urging newspapers to encourage the country's legitimate advertising agencies by refusing to pay fat commissions directly into the hands of advertisers, featured the closing session of the meeting of the North Carolina Press association at Charlotte.

Adjournment was taken after a day of addresses and discussions of questions of questions of general interest.

NOTE TO JAPAN AS YET UNPUBLISHED

POSITION OF WASHINGTON AS
TO KILLING OF AMERICAN
OFFICER PROBLEMATIC.

TO REOPEN THORNY QUESTION

Uneasiness is Felt in Many Japanese
Cities Regarding Relations With
the United States.

Tokio.—Government officials have not as yet made public the text of the American note protesting against the shooting of Naval Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok. Publicists, however, express the belief that Washington has not only asked reparation with guarantees removing a probability of similar incidents in future, but also has again pointed out to Japan the wisdom of reducing if not withdrawing altogether, her troops from Siberia.

This would open the old thorny question which Japan, herself has been finding difficulty in settling. A division of opinion exists in government circles as to the Siberian problem, it is reported.

The correspondent of The Associated Press, who has just returned to Tokio from a visit to many of the larger cities of the far east, found some uneasiness everywhere regarding relations between Japan and the United States. In well informed circles these misgivings appeared to be based more upon what was described as "Japan's resentment to any American policy calculated to curb Japanese expansion in Asia," than upon the California question. The latter problem, while touching Japan's national prestige and the interests of Japanese in America, is apparently not regarded with the same seriousness as are some other problems which materially affect the interests of Nippon at or nearer home.

Harding Declines Invitation.

Washington.—President-elect and Mrs. Harding have declined an invitation to attend a charity ball to be held here March 4 as a substitute for the discarded inaugural ball. The committee in charge announced that Mr. Harding had replied that he could not with propriety attend a ball of any sort at the time, in view of opinions he had already expressed against holding an inaugural ball.

100 Thrown Into Bay.

Rio Janeiro.—At least three persons were drowned and 17 injured when approximately 100 passengers were thrown into the bay here by the collapse of a gangplank being used by passengers boarding steamship Tras-Os-Montes. It is believed many more lost their lives.

Special Session April 4.

Washington.—President-elect Harding practically has decided to call a special session of the new congress on April 4, members of the house and ways and means committee were informed by Chairman Fordney, who has just returned from a conference with Mr. Harding at Marion.

Refused to Review.

Washington.—The supreme court refused to review a judgment of the supreme court of California holding that the United States railroad administration was not immune from damage suits arising from the operation of a common carrier in that state.

To Meet January 25.

Paris.—Premiers Lloyd George and Briand will meet for a conference on German disarmament and other matters now awaiting settlement on January 25, it was announced here. The date for this conference was at first for January 19.

Tobacco Sales Again Begun.

Lexington, Ky.—Selling of the 1920 crop of burley and cigarette tobacco in central Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, was resumed after a delay of 13 days due to efforts of persons interested in the growing of the crop to force prices to a higher level.

Investigating Balloon Flight.

Rockaway, N. Y.—The naval board of inquiry appointed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels met here to begin its investigation of the balloon flight of Lieutenant Kloor, Farrell and Hinton.

Georgians Pledge Reduction.

Macon, Ga.—Committees of business men are at work in practically all militia districts in Georgia, it became known, obtaining signatures to pledge cards to reduce cotton acreage one-third this year.

Briand Forms French Cabinet.

Paris.—Aristide Briand formerly French prime minister, has succeeded in the task undertaken by him to form a cabinet in succession to the ministry of Premier Lignés.

House Tariff Bill Reported.

Washington.—The house emergency tariff bill, as amended by the finance committee, was presented to the senate by Senator Penrose, the committee chairman, who promised that he soon would "make every effort to press it to early passage."

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO
CAROLINIANS.

Greensboro.—Thieves smashed the plate glass front door of the Pomona Mercantile company's store here and removed goods valued at \$2,000.

Winston-Salem.—In default of two bonds, aggregating \$1,500, Fred Dobbins, a negro, is in jail awaiting trial on the charge of stealing two cars in this city.

New Bern.—An effort is being made in New Bern, fostered by the chamber of commerce, the Rotary club and the Woman's club, to substitute the city manager form of government for the present aldermanic system.

Charlotte.—Telegrams to Mrs. John C. Kilgo state that Bishop Kilgo was operated on at the Union Memorial Hospital at Baltimore by Dr. John M. T. Finney, and that his condition was good following the operation.

Red Springs.—The British embassy at Washington has notified President Vardell of Flora Macdonald college, that the ambassador, Sir Auckland Geddes, will reach Fayetteville, accompanied by his private secretary.

Concord.—The body of a young white man was found beside the railway tracks in this city. Papers found in his pockets bore the name of J. B. Taylor, of Arlington, Ga., and he also carried a Woodman of the World receipt from the Winnsboro, S. C., camp.

Kinston.—Operatives in the Kinston Cotton mills, Orion Knitting mills and the latter's branches here and at Beaufort have started working four days a week, it was announced, this being an increase of one day over the schedules of the last few months.

Burlington.—With reports from several of the large tobacco markets of this state in the office of the Burlington chamber of commerce, that organization has given out the fact that the Burlington market for the weed soared high above the average reported in other markets. The average here ranged around \$24 to \$26.

Raleigh.—Retiring Governor Thomas Walter Bickett, takes up the practice of law in Raleigh, and has accepted employment as attorney for Congressman R. L. Doughton, of the Eighth North Carolina district, in the contest started by Dr. Ike Campbell, for the seat in congress to which Mr. Doughton was declared elected.

Greensboro.—A two-story frame building, used by the Sanitary Mattress company as a storeroom, was completely destroyed by fire.

Wilson.—Elder Thomas Felton, one of the oldest and most substantial citizens of this county died at his home near Saratoga in his 81st year.

Raleigh.—D. J. Ward, sixty year old man under sentence of death from Columbus county for murder in the first degree will not die in the electric chair, his sentence having been commuted to thirty years imprisonment by Governor Bickett.

Charlotte.—The Charlotte internal revenue tax division has absorbed the Statesville division, with P. G. Kiser, chief division deputy of the Charlotte division, in charge of the enlarged district, according to instructions received by Mr. Kiser.

Asheville.—Death has claimed Arthur Raymond Lutchford well-known landscape artist, who came to Asheville two years ago from Havana, Cuba, seeking health. Prior to his trip to this city he was engaged in work upon the famous public parks of the Cuban city.

Durham.—Charging that they set fire to and destroyed a house several miles west of this city in order that he could not move into it on the following day, Gilliam Riley had a warrant issued against Frank Kurtz, white, and Sam Green, colored, charging them with arson.

Charlotte.—John F. Orr, for 50 years with the First National Bank, has resigned as cashier, Robert C. Johnson succeeding him. Mr. Orr was teller, then cashier, beginning service under the first president, R. Z. McAden.

Huntersville.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Huntersville here it was decided to increase the capital stock of the institution from \$10,000 to \$20,000. It was also decided to increase the number of directors from nine to 17.

Wadesboro.—A reception was held in the school auditorium in honor of the teachers by the Parent-Teacher association. The occasion was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Statesville.—D. J. Craig is planning to erect at an early date a number of substantial residences on a tract of land located in South Statesville, just south of the railroad. There are 30 acres of land in the tract, and Mr. Craig expects to build 15 or 20 houses thus relieving in part the acute housing problem.