

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—

Serious extension of civil war that has taken place in North China may bring about the greatest changes that have taken place in that country since the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty.

A meeting of all the available members of the Irish cabinet gave further prolonged discussion to the British government's proposal relative to a decision.

The Turkish Kelmalist forces are reported from Athens, Greece, to be preparing for a last-ditch stand at Angora, which has become the objective of the Greek armies in their mad dash through Turkey.

A Constantinople dispatch says that the Nationalists in the Sivas sector have been ordered to Angora to undertake to stop the Greeks in their mad on-rush through Turkey.

Affairs in Spanish Morocco, where native tribesmen and Spanish soldiers have been fighting for several days, are fast becoming tranquil, says an official communication received in Madrid, Spain.

The cornerstone of the new library of the University of Louvain, planned as a gift of the American people to the people of Belgium, was laid recently in Louvain, with elaborate ceremonies.

The government's set policy of maintaining dead secrecy in the Irish negotiations is having a boomerang effect. Serious criticism is developing, especially through the houses of commons and lords, and it is becoming evident that the premier's hand will be forced within a short time unless the terms of Lloyd-George's proposals are divulged.

Opposition is particularly apparent in their case of lords, where Lord Salisbury announces that he will introduce a resolution on August 3 asking for explanations. At the same time the insurgents in the lower house are growing obstreperous.

No new developments about the Irish question are reported in Dublin save that de Valera and the premier are known to be in constant communication on issues apart from the main problem.

Washington—

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A bi-partisan movement in the senate has gotten behind the administration plan for agricultural credits as a substitute for the Norris bill.

Col. Guy D. Goff, assistant to the attorney general, will be assigned as head of the justice department's special bureau for the investigation of government war-time contracts.

Favorable report on the administration bill giving the treasury blanket authority to conduct negotiations for the funding of the allied debts, has been ordered by the senate finance committee.

Census figures show that in 1920 63.9 per cent of male alien residents in this country were either naturalized or are on their way to naturalization.

There was an increase of 4.2 per cent in the foreign born males between 1910 and 1920, despite the stoppage of immigration during the war.

Lord Northcliffe, famous English newspaper man, would not discuss the withdrawal of invitations to a British embassy dinner, when questioned by a newspaper representative.

Aggressive measures have been adopted by the shipping board to insure fair treatment for American merchant ships in the award of trading privileges in foreign ports.

That the pellagra situation has been greatly magnified, that there has been no famine and no starvation, but that there is an increase of the disease over last year which warrants the attention of the people, is the statement of Senator W. J. Harris of Georgia.

By a vote of 177 to 84 the house recently passed a joint resolution for relief of states in the cotton belt which had given aid to farmers forced from the fields in established non-production cotton zones through efforts to eradicate the pink boll worm.

The parcel post system is now operating at an annual of approximately \$50,000,000 a year, declared Congressman Steenerson chairman of the house committee.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair announces that he intends to stamp out "fake income tax experts," in connection with the prospective revision of the tax laws.

Bi-partisan senate forces, it is believed, have cleared the way for early passage of an agricultural credits bill embodying the administration plan to make the war finance corporation the administrative agency.

An agreement has been reached by the house and senate conferees on the hospital section of the Sweet bill for consolidation of government agencies dealing with former service men.

Advices received by the state department indicate that the American prisoners in Russia will be freed at an early date.

An unprecedented change in the ratios of the acreage devoted to leading crops in the cotton belt had been shown this year; eleven million acres have been cut from the cotton, rice and tobacco acreages and slightly less than two-thirds of this area has been taken up with wheat, corn, oats, hay, potatoes and other crops.

Attorney General Daugherty declares that his study of the Debs case has progressed to the point where he can dictate recommendations for the president's consideration in a short time, but he will withhold making a report until the president returns from his vacation.

Informal negotiations over the date for the disarmament conference have been begun. The American government suggests Armistice Day for the time to begin.

President Harding, it is understood, has definitely accepted an invitation to speak in Birmingham, Ala.

Closing of the New Orleans naval station as soon as practicable in the interests of economy is announced by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy department.

America's call to the leading world powers for an armament limiting conference at Washington is now unanimously approved. With Japan's acceptance of the suggestion, the last to come in, details of the arrangements for the conclave are being perfected and the formal invitations will be issued by President Harding within a short time.

November 11—Armistice Day—has been suggested as the president's preference for a date on which to open the conference.

Another plea for the release of Eugene V. Debs and other political prisoners was presented to President Harding by a delegation representing the Socialist party and the political amnesty committee.

Although the conclusion of the diplomatic advisory council of Japan, which has been meeting in Tokio, are expected to decide finally the course of that country with respect to participation in the proposed far eastern conference, it is stated authoritatively that Japan will ask assurances that a formal agreement as to the scope of the conference discussions be reached prior to the meeting.

Herbert Hoover announces that the American people are taking care of three and a half million orphan children in ten different countries. No American orphans are included in the number.

Domestic—

The ancient and honorable game of golf is co-responsible in a divorce suit in New York filed by Mrs. Rachel B. Hayward of Montclair against Sterling P. Hayward.

Bandits broke into the Colonial club at San Francisco on Powell street, lined up the guests against the wall, took their money and escaped.

D. L. Flynn of Elkhardt, Ind., fireman, was fatally hurt, and A. J. Johnston, engineer, severely scalded, when the New York Central train, No. 28, struck a heavy automobile truck at New Carlisle, Ind.

Louisiana is in the midst of one of the greatest rent and building wars in the history of the country, in the view of real estate men and contractors. Outside firms have entered the field and giving estimates on building far below those of local builders.

Injunction proceedings brought by the U. S. Mail Steamship company against the shipping board because of the seizure by the board of nine steamships that had been allocated to the company were transferred to the federal courts by New York State Supreme Court Justice Burr on application of the board.

Elimination of noon lunches and of practically all meats and sugar foods is the best means of surviving the hot weather of July and August, Dr. Rebecca B. Mayers of Detroit, declared in an address before the twenty-fifth annual convention of the American Osteopathic association at Cleveland.

Two unmasked white men held up officials and employees of the Bank of Bauxite (Ark.), forced the cashier at the point of revolvers to hand over all the cash on the counter and, after looting the bank, held up a taxi driver and made him drive to a point outside of town where they fled into the wooded hills.

B. P. Crum and George W. Jones, counsel for the American Railway Express company, have filed with the Alabama Public Service commission a tariff which will become effective on one day's notice, if approved.

Musicians in every leading vaudeville and moving picture theater in New York have received two weeks' notice of discharge. The notice is because the workers refused to discuss a 20 per cent reduction in wages.

The Presbyterian church in this country gained 55,456 communicants last year; total membership now is 1,692,558.

An explosion at the office of the Los Angeles Gas and Electric company on Aliso street near the bed of the Los Angeles river, blew the roof off the building and was reported to have injured a number of employees.

Pete Herman is richer by \$22,330 as the result of his recent fight with Joe Lynch, when he recovered the bantamweight boxing title. Herman is now anxious to fight Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland for the featherweight title.

Reports that Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, near Charlottesville, Va., is on the market, were confirmed by Jefferson M. Levy, former congressman and present owner of the historic estate. Mr. Levy says the upkeep has become too burdensome, and he is compelled to sell it.

PELLAGRA REPORTS VERY ENCOURAGING

POST DISPATCH OF ST. LOUIS,
WIRED FOR INFORMATION,
AS TO SITUATION.

FEWER DEATHS THAN USUAL

For First Six Months of 1921 There
was a Decrease of 13 Fatalities
From This Cause Over 1920.

Raleigh.

In response to an inquiry as to reported famine and pellagra conditions in North Carolina from the St. Louis Post Dispatch, W. H. Richardson, private secretary to Governor Morrison, wired the paper that there is no famine or unusual prevalence of pellagra in this state.

In a statement declaring the reports of pellagra and famine not applicable to North Carolina, the State Board of Health declared:

"Pellagra is not a reportable disease in North Carolina and there is, therefore, no way of checking the number of cases except through the number of deaths reported. For the first six months of 1921 there was a decrease of thirteen in the number of deaths from this cause in North Carolina. A decrease is shown for each month up to June, which latter showed an increase of four. The total number of deaths reported for 1920 as having been caused by pellagra was 297. The total number reported for the first six months of 1921 was 116. If the same average is maintained for the remaining six months of the year, 1921 will show a net decrease of sixty-five deaths from this cause.

Wage Agreement is Reached.
The statement is made authoritatively that all of the crafts on the Southern Railway system have agreed with the officials as to wages to be paid skilled and unskilled labor and that the contract between the company and workers will be signed when fourteen minor points as to rules governing working conditions have been settled. Information comes from the same authority that these points are already near an agreement and that the delay in signing the contract will be incident principally to the approval of the National Labor Board.

Invite Wallace and Roosevelt.
Washington, (Special).—Headed by Senator Overman, a delegation from North Carolina called upon Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt with invitations to address the Southern Tariff congress at its session in Greensboro, August 15 and 16.

Both the secretaries were said to have given assurance they would make every effort to be present.

Date of Execution Fixed.
J. T. Harris, Ridgecrest merchant, under sentence of death for the murder of F. W. Monnish, Alabama churchman, will go to the electric chair October 20 unless executive clemency intervenes, this date having been set for his execution by Governor Morrison.

Postmasters Appointed.
Washington, (Special).—William W. Studdert, of Washington, North Carolina, has been designated for appointment to West Point, with Clyde F. Gregson, Elizabeth City, first alternate, and Carroll R. Holmes, second alternate, Farmville.

The postmastership at Salemburg has been declared vacant.
Walter N. Anderson has been commissioned postmaster at Suit.

Sick Man Secures Pardon.
Richard Blackwell, Wake county man serving a chain-gang sentence for selling whiskey, was granted a pardon by Governor Morrison. Physicians informed the governor that Blackwell has only a short time to live.

New Director Takes Charge.
R. A. Kohloss has taken charge of his new job as prohibition enforcement director for North Carolina, succeeding Col. T. H. Vandertord.

Executive Clemency Denied.
Governor Morrison has denied to give pardons for the following: Robert Greer, Wake county, stealing automobile; Vick Williams, Union county, serving seven year sentence for second degree murder, and John Knight, Wake county, selling whiskey. In the case of Knight, whose mother is reported very ill, Governor Morrison said he would grant the prisoner a 60-day parole if he could be convinced that the mother's condition is as serious as reported.

Women's Training Corp Camp.
The Raleigh Woman's Club, during the presidency of Mrs. E. H. Griffin, was largely responsible for the establishment of the second United States Training Corps Camp for Women in Asheville last summer; and two Raleigh women, Mrs. T. W. Bickett and Mrs. B. H. Griffin, have been moving spirits in putting over the third encampment now being held. Mrs. Bickett is commandante of the Southeastern Division, and Mrs. Griffin has been commissioned "Colonel" and is Chief of Staff.

Exceptions to Rate Decision.

Coincident with the filing here of 37 exceptions by cotton mills to the rate increase recently granted to the Southern Power company, it became known that the power company will also except to the order of the corporation commission.

Judge J. Crawford Biggs filed the exceptions for the mills, the names of practically all the attorneys in the case heretofore appearing on the document registered.

Revision is asked of all the rates fixed by schedules submitted with the power company's petition. Exception is taken also to the assumption of jurisdiction by the commission, and this question will get the first try out in the courts. If the exceptions are overruled, as members of the commission have stated they will be, the appeal to the courts will be primarily to settle the question of whether or not the commission has the right to fix power rates for the corporation, operating both in North and South Carolina.

Last Day For Filing Returns.

July 31 is the last day for filing returns on the capital stock tax and returns must be in the hands of collectors of internal revenue on or before midnight of that date, according to a statement issued by J. W. Bailey, Collector of Internal Revenue. Blank forms are available at the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue. Form 707 is required for domestic and 708 for foreign corporations.

"The capital stock tax is a special excise tax imposed on corporations with respect to carrying on or doing business. The tax on domestic corporations is \$1 for each \$1,000 or so much of the fair average value of its capital stock for the preceding year ending June 30, as is in excess of \$5,000.

Bank Cases Sent Back.

The noted case of the 250 state banks in North Carolina against the federal reserve bank of Richmond to cause the federal bank to honor state checks on which exchange has been collected, an injunction proceeding emanating in Union county, has been sent back by Judge E. Y. Webb, of the federal court, to the state courts, where testimony will be taken on an issue to make permanent the temporary restraining order issued by Judge W. F. Harding in Mecklenburg superior court.

Cotton Improvement Work.

The cotton studies and cotton improvement work of the division of agronomy of the North Carolina State college and experiment station have attracted the attention of cotton experts and students of foreign countries.

During the past two years representatives from Russia, China, India, Japan, Sweden, South Africa, and Belgium have studied the methods and work being conducted here on the college and station farms, and elsewhere in the state.

Several Charters Issued.

Charters were filed with the Secretary of State for the following corporations to do business in North Carolina:

Renfro Hosiery Mills of Mount Airy, with \$200,000 authorized capital.
Wilmington Merchants Association, of Wilmington, with \$1,000 authorized capital and \$100 subscribed.

Audubon Welfare Association, Inc., of Audubon, non stock corporation.

Credits Being Liberalized.

Washington (Special).—Much has already been accomplished toward liberalizing credits, and much remains to be done. Senator Smmons said, following conferences with senators and high government officials. He feels confident that legislation will pass at an early date "which will afford great relief not only to the farmers but to the banks in the agricultural districts.

Farmers Signing Contracts.

"Before sunset of January 1, 1922, the limit set by the contract for co-operative marketing, seventy-five per cent of the cotton and tobacco growers in three states of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina will be signed up for co-operative marketing," declared Dr. J. Y. Joyner, head of the tobacco growers' association of the three states, in an address before the students of the State College summer school.

Governor Pardons Sick Convict.

Governor Morrison authorized the pardon of Richard Blacknell, convicted at the December, 1919, term of superior court and sentenced to serve 10 years in the Wake county jail, subject to being worked on the roads.

Blacknell later developed an acute heart affection, whereupon County Physician, Z. M. Caviness advised the governor of the prisoner's condition, stating that he could not live much longer, and suggested a pardon for him. Later, Solicitor H. E. Norris joined in a recommendation for clemency.

Corporations File Exceptions.

Every statement in the corporation commission's Southern Power company order was bitterly attacked in exceptions filed by the Cannon, Johnson, and Gastonia groups of cotton mills, and the Buckeye Cotton Oil company, and the power company will attack the order from the other flank in exceptions filed formally.

A lesser attack was filed by the Piedmont Power and Light company of Burlington, and but one friend was found for the order, that being the Shelby group of mills.

PLANNING TO MEET EXPECTED DEMANDS

REGULAR SERIES SHORT-TERM
BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY
FINANCE CORPORATION.

FARM AND RAILROAD RELIEF

Officials Contend That Interest on
the Bonds Will Not Be in Excess
of Five and a Half Per Cent.

Washington.—Issuance of regular series of War Finance Corporation short-term bonds may begin in the near future in the event of passage by Congress of the pending legislation to broaden that body's powers to include the making of advances for agricultural and railroad relief, officials said. Methods of financing for funds to carry out the large demand likely to be made on the corporation if the enabling legislation is enacted, officials asserted, may follow the general policy of the treasury in raising money for its current needs.

With authority to issue between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 obligations as Congress may finally determine, officials explained, the corporation would probably go about obtaining funds as their need arose. Under such a policy, officials declared, the corporation might begin with the issuance of between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000 in short-term bonds maturing in six months or a year and with interest at the most favorable rate prevailing at the date of issuance. At present, officials contended, the rate might be as low as 5 1/2 per cent on six months' paper.

Seek German Colonists.
Memphis.—Negotiations are in progress with a colony of ten German farmers and their families, who plan to come to the United States this fall, to secure their settlement on a tract of cut-over timberland in the Mississippi Delta, it was announced.

Ex-Champ Comes Back.
West Palm Beach, Fla.—Lieutenant W. Milton Farrow, 72, one-time champion rifle shot of the world, staged a come-back here before the local rifle and revolver club by making ten successive bulls eyes, a perfect score of fifty, at 300 yards.

Decline in Cotton Crop.
Washington.—Decline of the cotton crop during July resulted in a reduction of 230,000 bales in the forecast of production issued by the Department of Agriculture, a total of 8,203,000 being estimated.

Home For Retired Clergy.
Jacksonville, Fla.—The Retired Ministers' Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church has completed negotiations for the purchase of a hotel at Eustis, Fla., as a home for retired clergymen.

Reds Not Mobilizing.
Riga.—Leon Trozky, the bolshevik war minister, in an interview with the Rosta agency at Moscow, denied all reports in circulation that the bolsheviks are mobilizing against the states bordering on Russia.

Men Harnessed to Plows.
Mexico City.—Men harnessed to plows and engaged in sturdy cultivation of the soil are not an uncommon sight in the state of Morelos, according to travelers in that region. Beasts of burden are scarce.

Lightning Strikes Launch.
Perry, Fla.—One man was killed, two seriously injured and several others narrowly escaped drowning when lightning struck a launch with a fishing party aboard during a severe electric storm off the gulf coast.

Will Repatriate Hungarians.
Budapest.—An agreement between Hungary and Soviet Russia for the repatriation of the Hungarian prisoners in Russia was signed July 28 at Riga, it was announced here.

China Honors Goucher.
Peking.—A presidential mandate has been issued conferring the third grade of the China Ho decoration on Rev. John Goucher, president of Goucher's Women's College, Baltimore.

More National Banks Operating.
Washington.—National banks in operation June 30 numbered 8,178, representing a net gain of 82 for the fiscal year, says a statement issued recently by Comptroller of Currency Cressinger.

Fifty Per Cent Cut in Candy.
New York.—A cut of approximately 50 per cent in the price of all candy from gumdrops to bonbons was announced by a chain candy store company, following a general agitation against high prices of these and other commodities.

Munitions Factory Closed.
Paris.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Danzig says that the arms and munitions factory there has been closed by order of the council of the league of nations.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO
CAROLINIANS.

Kinston.—Financial difficulties may be accepted by authorities here as the sole reason for the killing of Mrs. Edie Redd by Lannie Best and Best's suicide.

Marion.—Tannie White, a well-known young man, of Marion, son of Mrs. Mamie White, met death in an automobile accident near Johnstown, Pa.

Charlotte.—Lewis Long, whose alleged handling of liquor has brought him into a sudden flare of light, was given eight months by Recorder Judge J. Laurence Jones.

Winston-Salem.—J. T. Simpson, tobacco warehouseman and leading citizen, had his right arm amputated above the elbow at a local hospital. His condition is regarded as favorable.

Rutherfordton.—The street dance given here by the Fred Williams Legion Post, No. 75, was a great success. Over 2,000 people witnessed the dancing. About fifty couples took part.

Morganton.—W. A. Self, of Hickory, and Ervin & Ervin, of Morganton, have been employed as counsel by Sidney Kincaid, of Chesterfield, who is charged with wife murder.

Weldon.—Mr. W. R. Harvey, the treasurer of Halifax county, died of acute indigestion at his home in Littleton. Mr. Harvey was for several years chairman of the board of county commissioners and about two years ago was elected treasurer.

Elizabeth City.—The first barges to arrive at this city since Elizabeth City was included in the government barge service, in operation between New Bern and Washington in eastern North Carolina and Norfolk, Baltimore and Philadelphia, have reached this point.

Salisbury.—Miss Willie Stone, who was almost decapitated in an automobile wreck at Sepencer is resting well at a local hospital with prospects of recovering. Glass cut her throat from ear to ear, the gash lacking only a fraction of being deep enough to cause almost instant death.

Winston-Salem.—The local fire department has received a check for \$2,404, this being its share of the firemen's relief fund from the state insurance department.

Salisbury.—The Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium, one of the best known institutions of its kind in the state, will be closed unless it can be turned into a general hospital.

Lincolnton.—The Wampum cotton mill, of this city, will start up night work some time during the week.

Durham.—The marriage of Mrs. Brodie L. Duke, the fourth wife of the late founder of the tobacco industry in Durham, to Isaac R. Strayhorn, prosecuting attorney for Durham county, was announced.

Statesville.—The number of people attending the county-wide picnic held at the Iredell test farm is estimated at from twelve to fifteen thousand. Over two thousand vehicles were counted on the ground.

Chapel Hill.—R. S. McRae, 70, said to be the only blind postmaster in the United States, died suddenly at his home here. He was named postmaster at the beginning of the Wilson administration in 1913.

Lenoir.—J. J. Mackey, of the maintenance department of the state highway commission, was in Lenoir and took over the Lenoir and Hickory road, and J. E. Davis, of this place, was made superintendent of same.

Shelby.—Lee M. Gold, who lived the life of a miserly hermit, died last week and left all of his estate except five dollars each to his two brothers, to the Double Springs Baptist church. It is estimated that his estate will be worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Manteo.—The closing exercises of Dare county teachers' summer school was held in the court house at Manteo. A mock program of graduating exercises was carried out by the student teachers.

Greenville.—The contract for the construction of the hard-surfaced road from this city to Ayden was awarded by the district highway commission to Cheatwood-Driscoll & Co., contractors of Richmond, Va. The contract provides for the completion of the road in 200 working days.

Kinston.—Residents of Browntown, a negro community in Greene county, are disturbed over the appearance of a bear in the place on several occasions recently. The animal has been seen by two or three persons.

Greenville.—The Greenville Chamber of Commerce has united with the different sections of the county of Pitt for a greater Pitt county Bureau of commerce. The American City Bureau of New York directed the reorganization campaign. The membership is now over 300.