

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
and Will Be Found in
Brief Paragraphs

Foreign—

Uncertainty of the Irish situation has caused the British government to change its plans and instead of pro-roguing parliament as had been intended, it will be adjourned until to some time soon.

The special meeting of the council of the League of Nations to take up the question of upper Silesia, referred to it by the allied supreme council, will be held in Geneva soon.

The unanimous vote of the French academy recently voted to ask the premier and foreign minister to do their utmost to secure the adoption of the French language as the official medium of speech at the Washington disarmament conference.

Chancellor Wirth, Foreign Minister Rosen and Dr. Haniel von Halmhausen under-secretary of the foreign office conferred with representatives of the coalition party with regard to the forthcoming peace treaty between the United States and Germany.

Walter L. Brown, director of the American relief administration, has arranged for another conference on the subject with Maxim Litvinoff, representative of the Russian relief committee.

Plans for the funeral of King Peter of Serbia, who died recently after a long period of ill health were discussed but no definite determination was reached. The government has urged upon the people to rally round Prince Alexander who has been acting regent.

Reports from the United States that she may suggest control of China by an international commission are understood to have been considered at a recent meeting of the Japanese cabinet in Tokio.

The Caruso Memorial funded by a fund received from the Metropolitan Opera company of New York, will take the form of an annual scholarship at the Conservatory San Pietro Majella for singers.

Questions menacing the solidarity of the alliance between France and Great Britain have been satisfactorily settled, Lloyd-George recently announced in the British house of commons.

Serious earthquakes shocks are reported from the Italian colony Eritrea on the African shore of the Red Sea. Four people have been killed and a score or more injured. Several houses collapsed and others damaged, while other casualties are reported from places near Asmara.

It is reported in Belfast, Ireland, that the military authorities in Ireland have cancelled all leaves of absences for both officers and men, and that all officers and men who are away have been recalled.

Washington—

Senator Reed, during the course of a discussion of the anti-beer bill in the senate recently took occasion to make some personal remarks about Representative Volstead, house prohibition leader.

The senate finance committee recently completed hearings on the chemical schedule of the permanent tariff bill, amended the house bill provision for an import duty on re-ported war supplies sold by this government to France.

An application for an advance of \$5,000,000 to the Citizens and Southern Bank of Savannah, Ga., for financing exports was approved by the War Finance corporation.

The \$3,000,000,000 decrease in the value of the country's foreign trade during the fiscal year just ending was ascribed by the department of commerce recently to the world-wide trade depression coming as an aftermath of the war.

Four idle shipping board steamers were assigned to operators recently as follows: The Newburgh to the Munson line; The Vinton County to the Clyde Steamship company; The Alcona to Trostad, Plant and Lofonta; the Bartholomew to the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship company.

Favorable report on the administration's railroad funding bill was ordered by the senate interstate commerce committee by a vote of 7 to 2 recently. There are now 5,785,000 persons unemployed in the United States, according to the statement recently made by the secretary of labor.

A successful experiment in photography from the air regarded by aviation officials as possessing possibilities of high military value, has just been conducted by the army air service. A photographer flew from Bolling field to Camp Meade and returned a few minutes later with a plate already developed ready for printing.

Many amendments to the republican tax bill will be offered to behalf of the majority members of the ways and means committee before the house takes a final vote on the measure soon.

Samuel Tilden Ansell, former acting judge advocate general of the army and of the prisoner's legal counsel; Colonel John E. Hunt and Colonel C. C. Cresson were charged with conspiracy in connection with the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the draft dodger, in a report signed by three of the five members of a special investigating committee.

The first six remodeled DH-4 type military planes to be used on the transcontinental mail route between New York and San Francisco were inspected recently at Bolling Field by Postmaster General Hays and other officials of the postal service.

Tariff rates which would equalize American and foreign production costs and legislation to aid in the establishment of an American dye industry were urged before the senate finance committee recently by representatives of the North Carolina division of the Southern Tariff association.

Approval of Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate plant and lease of the dams was urged recently by James E. Smith, of St. Louis, vice president of the Mississippi Valley Waterway association.

A Birmingham (Ala.) resident named Benton was said to have telegraphed Secretary Weeks recently offering to operate the Muscle Shoals plant on a 50 per cent basis with the government and to submit details of his proposal by mail.

Democratic members of the house at a caucus recently pledged themselves to vote against the republican tax revision bill, and adopted a resolution declaring that the measure was "subversive of the principle that should govern taxation for the support of this government."

Julius P. Knabe was nominated recently by President Harding to be register of the land office at Montgomery, Alabama. Edwin E. Winters also of Montgomery was named to be receiver of public moneys. Albert Ottinger, of New York, was nominated to be assistant attorney-general.

In spite of arrests, seizures, prosecutions and few convictions, whiskey, gin, rum, brandy and even 9 per cent beer are flowing into "dry" United States from Canada in great volume than ever before in the Volstead era, and Washington prohibition enforcement leaders admit that unless they have more money, more agents and navy and army backing, the job of keeping or making the United States dry looks hopeless.

The present war-time levies on the married man's income, his wife's candy and furs and his wearing apparel were lowered in the proposed revenue bill. The committee decided to increase the exemption of married persons paying the normal income tax from \$2,000 to \$2,500. This, in addition to the recent approval given to an increase of from \$200 to \$400 in the exemption allowed heads of families for each child or dependent.

Domestic—

J. S. Crowell, former owner of the Crowell Publishing company, Springfield, Ohio, publisher of the Woman's Home Companion and Farm and Fireside, died recently in a hospital in Cincinnati.

Two million railroad employees were still on the anxious seat when announcement of the United States Railroad labor's decision on the new overtime and working rules was delayed on account of printing difficulties.

More than two thousand Chicagoans were inducted into the order of the Ku Klux Klan recently in an initiation ceremony conducted six miles south of Lake Zurich.

Kit Mitchell, negro fireman, was seriously wounded and George Allen, engineer, received part of a load of buckshot in his face when a northbound Illinois Central passenger train was fired on by unidentified persons near Longview, Mississippi.

Sidney A. Kincaid Burke county commissioner, on the witness stand recently for the murder of his wife at Morgantown, N. C., claims that he had been drinking at the time of the tragic occurrence, and that he had no memory of his actions.

The British custom of taking out weather insurance has acquired a strong foothold in the United States. Five major baseball clubs this season have thus safeguarded themselves on all playing dates while many minor league magnates are similarly protecting their exchequers.

A safe containing liberty bonds valued at about \$30,000 and almost an equal amount of mortgages and other securities were stolen from the home of S. W. Young, a farmer about eight miles from Lake City S. C. while he was away.

Asleep on the track, an unidentified young man, apparently 20 years old, was decapitated near Ferguson station, Tennessee, by a fast southbound Louisville and Nashville passenger train. A youth accompanying him, who refused to give his name, stated they were returning from a show at Drakesboro and had stopped to rest. The dead boy had used the rail as a rest for his head.

Two airplanes becoming entangled 500 feet in the air crashed to earth at Mason City, Iowa, killing one of the pilots and seriously injuring the other.

Prohibition officials say that up from the Bahamas is coming a fleet of heavily laden ships with "the drink that not only cheers but inebriates," whose skippers propose to drop anchor five or six miles out from New York City and then advertise they are open for business. It is interesting to note what will be done—or can be done—as this is beyond the three-mile limit.

RAILROADS APPEAL FOR REVALUATION

COUNTIES' VALUATION CUT BY
NUMBER OF COUNTIES, BUT
RAILROAD PROPERTY NOT.

NASH COUNTY IS AN EXAMPLE

No Order was Issued by the Revenue
Commissioner at the Conclusion of
a Somewhat Extended Hearing.

Raleigh
Caught between a local reduction in property valuation that does not apply to them, and a correspondingly increased tax rate that does apply to them, three great railroad systems of the state made appeal to the Revenue Commission for relief in the form of reduction of their values to the same basis that has been ordered into effect by the various counties.

Nash county and the Atlantic Coast Line were taken as the example for argument to the commission, with its real estate values cut approximately in half, its tax multiplied by two, and the railroad's property remaining on the tax books as it was a year ago, but subject to the newly doubled tax rate. No order was issued by the Revenue Commissioner at the conclusion of the hearing.

The Atlantic Coast Line, operating in 33 counties, 30 of which have reduced property values from 10 to 50 per cent, wanted its value cut from \$0 to \$1 million; the Seaboard Air Line, operating in 27 counties, 25 of which have reduced values, wanted a reduction from \$4 million to \$2 million; the Southern, operating in 40 counties, wanted a reduction from \$12 million to \$6 million.

Weekly Crop Report.

Moderate rains occurred in the southern and western portions of the state and there were scattered rains in the northern portion toward the close of the week, with cooler weather in all sections through temperature averaged about normal. Practically all crops made good progress in the southern and western counties except in some localities where there was rather too much rain, but in most of the northern counties progress was poor on account of drought, though local rains afforded some relief. Much corn in the dry section has been damaged beyond recovery and there are many complaints within this area regarding tobacco, such as firing and light weight. Cotton has been doing well in the south, but at a standstill on account of the prolonged dry period, particularly in spots along and near the border of the belt. Melons are plentiful and sweet potatoes are being shipped from the eastern section.

"Mockery of Equal Treatment."

Projecting himself into the discussion for the purpose of justifying the action of the state tax commission when it refused to reduce assessments against the American and Liggett and Myers Tobacco companies, Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell made public a statement in which he charges that the reductions allowed these companies by the state board of equalization, if allowed to stand, "make a mockery of any pretense of equal treatment in the administration of our tax laws."

Pershing Invited to New Bern.

Washington, (Special).—William J. Mode was nominated for postmaster at Rutherfordton; Walter D. Thompson, at Elrod, and Ora T. Nicholson at Erlander.

A. T. Willis, secretary of the New Bern fair, has asked Representative Brinson to invite General Pershing to the New Bern fair September 14. If General Pershing cannot accept he would like to have Franklin D. Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Secretary Wallace or Governor Cox, of Ohio.

Examinations for Postmasters.

Washington, (Special).—Examinations for postmasters will be held on dates to be announced later at Bessemer City, Randleman and Red Springs.

Breaking in Grissom.

Gilliam Grissom, revenue collector to be, has arrived in Raleigh and has been the guest of Democratic Collector J. W. Bailey, whose eight years of service has expired. Young William Duncan, apparently, has no further chance. Grissom had nothing to do with the framing of the Linney letter. So there's nothing much to it but his appointment, which Commissioner Blair will probably recommend and President Harding make within ten days or two weeks, at the latest.

No Controversy for Moody.

Major W. F. Moody, former president of the State Federation of Labor, said that he would be drawn into no controversy with President Barrett, or the federation or any officials or members of the textile union. He was asked to make a statement in reply to the statement purporting to come from many labor leaders in Asheville and printed in a number of papers. Having said nothing in the first place, Major Moody insisted that he had nothing to say now.

Liens to Satisfy Taxes.

Liens against real estate to satisfy taxes levied by the United States Government under the Volstead prohibition enforcement law have become sufficiently numerous in North Carolina to give apprehension to insurance companies and other large money lenders in the state, it became known.

Although J. W. Bailey, collector of internal revenue, has been enjoined by Judge Henry G. Connor of the Eastern district and Judge James S. Boyd, of the Western district, from selling the property to meet the liens, the question of the validity of such liens has not yet been passed upon by the United States Supreme court and until a decision is reached by the highest court, the property is practically useless to its owner, either for purpose of sale or as collateral for a loan.

In the meantime the treasury department has remained firm in its position that the liens are valid and that the high penalties imposed by the Volstead act are collectable, and has instructed Collector Bailey to continue to impose taxes where it is reported that anyone has engaged in the manufacture of whiskey and to levy upon the property of the party in question in case of failure to pay the tax.

Drive by Odd Fellows.

The reports from the subordinate lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows throughout the state for the first week of the great attendance contest which was inaugurated August 1 by Grand Master L. W. Moore, of Wilmington, indicate that there has already been a great awakening on the part of the membership. Grand Master Moore says that the great attendance contest from Cherokee to Currituck is moving in fine shape and that the 11,000 Odd Fellows of North Carolina are behind this great progressive movement for the successful conclusion of the greatest revival in its history.

Fight Co-operative Marketing.

With a fund of \$25,000 which can be used in the campaign for membership, it is increasingly evident that the Farmers' alliance is determined to make a fight to regain the influence it held in North Carolina a quarter of a century ago.

The recent meeting of the alliance here and its stand for co-operative marketing recalls the fight a few years ago, when the Farmers' union dethroned Dr. Clarence Poe, T. B. Parker, W. C. Crosby and other conservative progressives for the leadership of Alexander and Stone. The dominant wing of the union is now fighting co-operative marketing.

An Appeal to Preachers.

"This bureau will honestly attempt to enforce law without fear or favor, the best available will be appointed as enforcement agents," declares Federal Prohibition Director R. A. Kohloss in an appeal to the ministers of North Carolina through letters that have been addressed to preachers individually in which he asks for reports of specific violations of the prohibition law.

Marine Breaks World Record.

Washington (Special).—Sergeant Thomas J. Jones, whose home is at Scottsville, N. C., not only won the Campbell rifle match at Wakefield, Mass., but also broke the world's record for consecutive bulls eyes, making a string of 131.

He is a member of the marine corps, and Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt wired him congratulations.

Other Nominations Expected.

Organization republications, elated over the confirmation of Frank A. Linney as district attorney for the west, say now that the slate will be made before Congress takes its recess.

Postmaster Examinations.

Washington, D. C.—Examination will be held September 13 for postmasters at Hamlet, salary \$2,500; Newton, \$2,400, and North Wilkesboro, 2,500.

Robert M. West has been appointed postmaster at Cumberland.

Wilson Declines Invitation.

Washington (Special).—Senator Overman was notified by John Randolph Bolling, acting secretary to ex-President Wilson, that Mr. Wilson could not accept an invitation to spend the rest of the summer at Lake Kanuga.

Muzzy History Not Mandatory.

The attacks made on Muzzy's history of the United States by the United Daughters of the Confederacy caused some school officials to call attention to the fact that this particular history of the United States is not required by the text book commission. It was one of four recommended by the commission for use in the high schools of the state, and there is no requirement that this particular history be used. Information reaching Raleigh is to the effect that some of the schools of the state are using it.

Census of State Illiterates.

Washington (Special).—According to the census of 1920 there are 242,445 illiterate persons 10 years of age and over in the state of North Carolina, "illiterate" meaning unable to write. Of this number 104,673 are native white of native parentage, 171 are of foreign or mixed parentage, and 474 are of foreign birth. The number of illiterate negroes is 133,518. In the total population ten years of age and over the percentage of illiteracy is 13.1 which, it is gratifying to note shows diminution since 1910.

CHILD LABOR LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CANNOT
COLLECT TEN PER CENT FOR
VIOLATIONS OF LAW.

IS MATTER FOR STATES ONLY

State Laws Provide Penalty and Not
a Tax, as is Provided by the Act
Ruled Upon, Says Judge Boyd.

Greensboro, N. C.—Judge James E. Boyd, in federal court, held the national child labor law, which seeks to collect a federal tax of ten per cent on the profits derived from the products of child labor, unconstitutional. The decision was in the case of the Vivian Spinning Mills, of Cherryville, N. C., seeking to restrain J. W. Bailey, collector of internal revenue, from enforcing the act.

The Owen-Keating child labor law was also held unconstitutional by Judge Boyd in decision rendered two years ago and that ruling was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Regulation of labor, Judge Boyd ruled in his decision, is one of the powers retained by the states, and not delegated to the federal government. State child labor laws are adequate to take care of the situation and provide a penalty, not a tax, as is proposed by the act of congress.

The attempt of the federal government to regulate labor within the state is an usurpation of authority and a violation of the sovereign rights of the state, concludes the ruling.

Tablet to Verdun Defenders.

Verdun, France.—Members of the American Legion dedicated a tablet to the defenders of Verdun in the city hall here. The ceremony was carried out in the presence of all the city officials.

New State Horses.

London.—The famous six cream ponies, which were formerly part of the state pegasus of London, will never appear again drawing the royal coach through the London streets as, owing to in-breeding, the stock has grown too small for ceremonial purposes.

Austrian Labor Unions Grow.

Vienna.—The labor unions of Austria have multiplied their membership since the war. The total of all the unions in the republic now amounts to 940,000 members as against 253,137 in 1914. The number of women members is 223,000.

Baltic Union for Protection.

Riga, Latvia.—Efforts are now under way to induce Finland to join the Baltic Union, which became an accomplished fact with the signing of various conventions leading to a triple alliance in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Export Bill Passed by House.

Washington.—With a number of amendments in the senate bill, which would make one billion dollars available through the war finance corporation for stimulating exportation of agricultural products, was passed by the house.

Sweden's Population.

Stockholm.—The total population at the end of 1920 amounted to over 5,504,000, according to the central statistical bureau's preliminary figures just published.

Mexicans Talking Prohibition.

Mexico City.—There is a well defined movement here which is said to have some official backing to make the federal district which embraces Mexico City bone dry by September 1.

American Ambushed and Murdered.

El Paso, Texas.—Bennett Boyd, 18 years old, of El Paso, was ambushed and murdered by bandits in Mexico on August 18, according to messages received in El Paso by his father.

Result of Turkish Victory.

Constantinople.—Claim is made by the Turks that their success over the Greeks in the Sakaria river region has caused the retreat of the Greeks along the entire front.

Greeks Reach Sakaria River.

Smyrna.—After four days' fighting the Greeks have reached several points on the west bank of the Sakaria river, while the right wing was crushed beyond the river, the Turkish left wing capturing 170 officers and 4,000 men.

400 Marines for Canal Zone.

Philadelphia.—A force of 400 marines embarked from here on the U. S. S. Pennsylvania for duty in Panama.

French Monument to Americans.

Flirey, France.—Lorraine's monument to the American expeditionary forces, the dedication of which was one of the principal objects of the present visit of the American legion delegation to France, was unveiled here by the legion's representatives in the presence of the countryside.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO
CAROLINIANS.

Goldsboro.—James H. Smith, aged 78, Confederate veteran, of Texas City, Texas, died here suddenly.

Salisbury.—Mrs. Paul Peeler, well known and highly respected woman, died at her home here in the 83rd year of her age. Death was caused by paralysis.

Statesville.—Louis Stevenson, age 93, one of Iredell county's oldest and most respected citizens, died at his home at Lora.

Concord.—Mrs. J. M. Colwell and Mrs. C. C. Myers, had a narrow escape from serious injury when the car they were riding in was struck by another car.

Graham.—A deplorable tragedy was discovered when it was found that Ben N. Turner had killed himself by cutting his throat with a small penknife. Mr. Turner had been in poor health for some time.

High Point.—Miss Lucretia Owen, for the past 10 months secretary of the High Point Young Women's Christian association, has resigned the position to become employment secretary in the Young Women's Christian association in Norfolk, Va.

Asheville.—J. Hampton Rich, managing director of the Boone Trail Highway Association outlined the course of the Asheville connection with the Boone Trail highway, the scenic trans-continental highway being constructed in honor of Daniel Boone.

Lumberton.—Sidney R. Hendrix, well-known Robeson farmer, died suddenly while sitting at the dinner table. He held a small child on his lap when the fatal summons came. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause of his death.

Warsaw.—Walter Vann, colored, was burned to death near this place when at attempted to pour gasoline into the tank of his automobile by the light of a lantern.

Hendersonville.—The Citizens National bank is now occupying its handsome new quarters on the northeast corner of Main street and Fourth avenue.

Rocky Mount.—Two small kittens and a young rat make the happy family of a fond mother cat at Enfield.

Ayden.—During the storm which reached this section lightning struck the steeple of the Methodist church in Grifton, tearing off the top.

Gastonia.—Two escaped convicts the Mecklenburg chain-gang were captured in the Crowders creek section by Officers Terrell and Roper.

Moorestville.—McNeely's livery stable building, which has been a landmark in the town since its first incorporation, was totally destroyed by fire.

Clinton.—"Not guilty." That was the verdict of the jury rendered two hours after they had taken the Jernigan case. It was no surprise to even those who had most doubt as to the validity of the insanity plea.

Sanatorium.—At a recent tuberculosis clinic held in Gaston county, 80 per cent of those examined were found to have tuberculosis in an active form and in need of sanatorium treatment.

Raleigh.—Deputy Sheriff J. C. Griffiths, of Leesville township, brought two stills to the sheriff's office, the blocking and unblocking equipment having been captured during a raid by himself and Deputy Sheriff Ferrell.

Asheville.—Edwin Barbour Owen Norvell, vice president and cashier of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company, with headquarters in Winston-Salem, died at his residence here after an extended illness.

Lumberton.—A meeting at which plans for combating the boll weevil and studying methods of farming under boll weevil conditions was held at the farm of John W. Grady in the southern part of Robeson county.

Newton.—One of the most interesting meetings ever held in this county was that at the Virginia Shipper hotel in the form of a banquet, for the purpose of organizing a Kiwanis club. A large number of the business men from Newton, Conover and Maiden were present.

Fairmont.—The price average for leaf tobacco on the Fairmont market jumped higher again, official figures showing local warehouses sold 1,311 132 pounds for \$285,751.42, or \$21.66 per hundred pounds, an increase of over \$5 per hundred.

Statesville.—No pool rooms will be allowed in Statesville. Definite action in this matter has been taken by the board of aldermen. It was the unanimous vote of the board that the pool room should be placed under the ban in the town.