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LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of News Gathered and Condensed for the Readers of This Paper.

Western Burwell, son of H. H. Burwell of Washington, D. C. was last seen by friends near Paruco, Mexico, several weeks ago. It is reported now that he and his guide were executed as spies. Mr. Burwell is of the North Carolina family of that name. He is said to be akin to W. R. Burwell of Charlotte.

The plans for the new Catholic hospital in Charlotte are about completed, and bids will be invited for the construction of the buildings. The main building will be built first and will have room for about 40 beds and is expected to cost \$50,000. Provision is made for two wings to be added at some subsequent time, which will extend the hospital to contain 75 beds all told. Of course a number of these beds are in the wards. We are glad to note this is being called a Catholic hospital, for people will not be misled as to its identity.

Washington, June 1.—Congressman John H. Small was today re-nominated at St. Paul to represent the First Congressional District in Congress. This is the ninth time that Mr. Small has been honored with the nomination. He is now the senior member of the North Carolina delegation and member of the Rivers and Harbor committee.

Paris, June 1.—The French Cabinet, under the Premiership of Gaston Doumergue, has decided to resign. The resolution was reached at a Cabinet Council today. The Cabinet will meet tomorrow to draft a statement explaining the reasons for its retirement.

Frankfort, Ky., May 31.—Gov. James B. McCreary announced late last night that on June 16 he would name Johnson N. Camden of Woodford County, chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee, United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator W. O. Bradley, Republican. Mr. Camden, it is stated, will be a candidate for the short term which will begin with November elections and end March 4, 1915, when the six-year term of Senator Bradley would have ended.

Chapel Hill, May 29.—That the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina in annual meeting at Chapel Hill this week will be asked to accept the resignation of Dr. Francis Preston Venable as president of the institution has been substantially verified. Letters to three members of the faculty from Doctor Venable imparted the information that he had already forwarded his resignation to Dr. R. H. Lewis, secretary of the trustees. The letters to his co-laborers in the University announcing positively that he had retired as executive head of the University bore the postmark of May 14 and were mailed from London, where he is briefly sojourning on his return trip from Europe whither he went last August on a year's leave of absence. Doctor Venable and family will sail soon for New York city and thence to Chapel Hill arriving on or about June 10.

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DECLARE ROMAN THEOLOGY OBSCENE

Literal Quotations From Alphonso Liguori, a Romish Saint, is Obscene Literature.

Miss Anna Lowry, the ex nun whose book, "The Martyr in Black," and whose successful lecture tours have driven the priesthood and sisterhoods to desperation, was arrested at Rushford, Minn., by police officers from Wisconsin on the charge of having used obscene language in a Winona address about two months before the date of the arrest.

At the trial, which resulted in conviction on May 16, the judge began the proceedings with the announcement that there were only two things for the court to decide, whether the words alleged to be spoken were obscene or not, and whether Miss Lowry used them. Since Miss Lowry did not deny quoting the saint, the real issue hung wholly upon the question as to whether the unpeppery and unprintable questions asked by Liguori for priests to ask penitents in the confessional could be legally quoted in a public assembly. The trial resolved itself into an investigation of Romish theology, and the conviction of Miss Lowry was in reality a conviction of Liguori and his church of prescribing questions for the confessional that are indecent and obscene.

Miss Lowry will take the question of her own culpability to the supreme court of Minnesota on appeal; and that august tribunal will have the opportunity to pass on the question of whether an American citizen should be punished for merely exposing the obscenities of Rome. If it is wrong to quote the language of Liguori, it is right for the same language to be uttered by a bachelor confessor to female penitents in the privacy of the confessional?

If the law of the land is properly invoked to prevent the public utterance of indecent language why may the same law not operate to prevent the private utterance of the same language in the confessional? If the words of saint Liguori are held to repeat in a public assembly, are they fit to repeat to the women, for whom they are intended, in a private closet? These and many other related questions will occur to sensible people whose attention is attracted by this trial.

The more that is said and written and thought about the unpeppery incursions of Liguori, Duns, et al, the better informed the public will be, and the more contempt will be felt for an alleged church which raised such a saint and defiles its own membership with the putrid prescriptions of that mental monster and sexual pervert. Miss Lowry will suffer the slings and arrows of the outrageous priests, but the public will get the benefit of her disclosures. But such incidents as this make up the pages of history that record the long struggle of the people against poverty, freedom against falsehood and light against darkness.

The priests would have served their own purpose better had they let Miss Lowry's statements go with no challenge, and not have compelled her to prove to the world what was stated to a limited audience. Truly, the Lord smother the wrath of man to praise Him; and the anger of Miss Lowry's presentation is the most effective means of their own undoing.—The Menace.

Mr. Clement Nominated For Solicitor.

The Democratic judicial convention, held in Salisbury Thursday nominated Hayden Clement, Esq., of Salisbury for solicitor by acclamation. The following executive committee for the district was named: L. T. Hartsell of Cabarrus county, Jacob Stewart of Davis, John G. Lewis of Iredell, B. V. Howell of Montgomery, H. M. Worth of Randolph, W. H. Woodson of Rowan. Mr. Lewis was elected chairman of the committee and Mr. Woodson secretary.

The meeting was well attended and Mr. Clement's numerous friends will be glad to learn that he has thus been honored. He will make a creditable officer.

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900 PERSONS PERISH IN ST. LAWRENCE.

Canadian Pacific Liner Rammed by Collier and Goes Down in 15 Minutes.

Rimonski, Quebec, May 29.—Sinking in 90 feet of water within 15 minutes after being rammed amidships in the upper reaches of the St. Lawrence River early today, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland carried down with her more than 900 of her passengers and crew. Of the 1,877 persons on board the liner, only 488 are known to have been saved, making the probable death list 984.

Looming up through the river mist, as the Empress of Ireland was lying to, waiting for the fog to lift or day to break, the Danish collier Storstad crashed bow on to the side of the big Canadian liner, striking her about midway of her length and ripping her side open clear to the stern.

The crash occurred not far from the shore of Father Point, 150 miles from Quebec, which the Empress of Ireland left yesterday afternoon bound for Liverpool and ten miles from this point on the St. Lawrence. In reality therefore, although the liner was heading for the sea and the collier coming in from it, the disaster was not one of the ocean but of the river. Unlike the Titanic's victims, the Empress of Ireland's lost their lives within eight of shore, in land-locked waters.

Immediately the ships crew recovered from the shock of the collision and when it was seen that the liner had received a vital blow a wireless "S. O. S." call was sounded. The hurried appeal was picked up by the Government mail tender Lady Evelyn here and the Government pilot boat Eureka at Father Point, and both set out to the rescue. So deep was the hurt of the Empress, however, and so fast the inrush of waters, that long before either of the rescue boats could reach the scene the liner had gone down. Only floating wreckage and a few life boats and rafts from the steamer, buoying up less than a third of those who had set sail on her, were to be found. The rest had sunk with the liner, had been crushed to death in the Storstad's impact with her, or had been forced from exposure in the ice-chilled waters to lose their hold on bits of wreckage and had drowned.

Only a few persons were picked up by the Storstad, which was badly crippled herself, and these were brought here by the collier as were those saved by the Eureka and the Lady Evelyn. Twenty-two of the rescued died from injury or exposure. The others, most of whom had jumped into the boats or planged into the water from the sinking liner scantily clad, were given such clothing as the town could supply, and later those who could travel were placed on board a train and started for Quebec.

Accounts agree that in the brief space of time, not more than 15 minutes, between the shock of the collision and the sinking of the liner there was little chance for systematic marshalling of the passengers. Indeed, everything indicates that hundreds of those on the steamer probably never reached the decks. Few women were among the saved, not more than a dozen, the lists make it appear.

"It all happened so quickly we did not really know what was going on and nobody had time to cry 'Women first,'" one of the passengers told Captain Bellingher of the rescue boat Eureka.

"The stewards did not have time to rouse the people from their berths," the survivor added. "Those who heard the frenzied calls of the officers for the passengers to hurry on deck, rushed up, piled into the boats, which were rapidly lowered and rowed away. Many who waited to dress were drowned."

The horror of the interval during the time the Empress was filling and the frightened throngs on board her were hurrying every effort to escape before she sank was added to by an explosion which quickly followed the ripping given the liner by the Storstad's bow. According to one of the rescued, the explosion probably was caused by the water reaching the boilers, bulged the liner's sides and catapulted persons from her decks out into the sea. The ship's heavy list as water pouring in swamped her on the side she was struck made the work of launching boats increasingly difficult and when she finally took her plunge to the bottom scores still left on her decks were carried down, only a few being able to clear her sides and find support on wreckage.

From all accounts Captain H. G. Kendall, of the Empress of

BLIND TIGERS IN DAVIDSON

W. Lester Davis Sentenced To Eighteen Months For Retailing.

Lexington, May 28.—W. Lester Davis of Tyro Township, a brother-in-law of the late H. Clay Grubb, and a citizen of considerable wealth and standing in Davidson County, was yesterday sentenced by Judge H. P. Lane, to serve 18 months on the public roads of Lexington Township for selling liquor. Davis was found guilty of receiving four barrels of whiskey in a single shipment on March 30 at the Linwood station in this county.

There are several other cases against him and the total amount received by him at the same station during the past year, according to the records of the railroad and the express company, is about 10 barrels. All of this came in larger shipments than the law allows.

Mr. Davis immediately gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed at \$4,000. Adding to this the bonds required in the other cases against him, he is under bonds aggregating \$5,000 for his remaining within the jurisdiction of the court. He gave these bonds readily. He is a man of considerable wealth, owns two automobiles, farming lands, etc.

This term of court, which is now drawing to a close, has been extremely hard on the "tigers". Judge Lane has been dealing with them in no half-hearted fashion and it is the big offender that he has been the hardest on. When court opened Monday morning word came that Mr. Davis was too ill to appear in court. Judge Lane sent Dr. E. J. Buchanan, county physician, and Dr. D. J. Hill, to the Davis home to make an examination. They reported that there was nothing seriously wrong and Mr. Davis drove his car to town.

When the case of John Carrick of Healing Springs Township was called he, too, was reported too sick to come to court. Dr. Buchanan was sent to examine Carrick and Mr. Carrick came to court and was tried and convicted.

John Hill of Thomasville tried the dog but again Judge Lane was "from Missouri" and Hill came to town along with the Sheriff and County Physician Buchanan.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Mr. Smith's Serious Injury.

Leon Smith, of Barringer township suffered a serious injury Monday afternoon while assisting in unloading a heavy steel beam for a bridge at the Logie place, four miles east of town. The beam struck his right leg just above the knee and the knee was literally split open, the bone being badly crushed. Mr. Smith was taken to Salisbury Monday night and placed in a hospital for treatment.—Statesville Landmark.

Ireland bore himself like a true sailor. He retained such command of the situation, it appears that while the Storstad's stem still hung in the gash it had made in the Empress' side, Captain Kendall begged the master of the collier to keep his propellers going so that the hole might remain plugged. The Storstad, however, dropped back and the Empress filled and foundered.

Captain Kendall stood on his bridge as the ship went down. A boat picked him up and he directed its work of loading others until the craft was loaded. The captain was injured and suffered from exposure but his hurts are not dangerous.

WATSON AGAIN INDICTED BY ROMANISTS

For Quoting From the Theological Works of the Roman Catholic Church.

No sooner had Priest Roseman, of Wheeling, W. V., instituted suit against The Menace in the Federal Court at Joplin, than the news reached us that Tom Watson, editor of Watson's Magazine and the Weekly Jeffersonian, Thomson, Ga., had been indicted for the second time on the charge of using the United States mails for her transmission of obscene literature.

It would appear that Tom Watson and The Menace are causing suit hierarch more worry these days than any other obstacle or combination of obstacles in existence, and that the priests and prelates of Rome are staying awake nights trying to concoct some method that will effectually shunt the wheels of the great juggernauts at Aurora and Thomson which are grinding the idols of Rome to powder.

Mr. Watson's first trouble with the courts after he started his campaign against the Roman Catholic political machine came on June first, 1912, when he was arrested on a warrant issued by United States District Attorney, Alexander Ackerman, charging him with sending obscene matter through the mails.

The indictment in the first case was fathered by the Knights of Mob and Murder, and for months and months they made a great flourish of trumpets about Watson's arrest and how long and loud about how Rome was going to vindicate herself and put Watson behind the bars.

Instead of silencing Watson, as they evidently hoped to do with this prosecution, they only helped him in fighting trim, and from that day to this, in every issue of his two publications, he has poured volley after volley of truth into the camp of Rome until she is again forced to make another demonstration in order to pacify her dupes and hold them in line by making a pretense at justice.

Like the first indictment, the present one is based on quotations which Mr. Watson made from the Roman Catholic theological works of Denis and Liguori, being questions which priests are required to put to the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of Roman Catholic parishioners in the "sacred" confessions of the confessional box.

After about a year and a half of blunder and bluster on the part of the Knights, Watson's first case in the Federal Court came to an abrupt end when, on Oct. 21, 1913, Federal Judge, Rufus F. Foster, sustained the motion of the defense to quash the indictment, virtually declaring that no law had been violated.

A telegram from Mr. Watson to The Menace states that the present indictment is based on the same old quotations which he made in good faith from the theological works mentioned above, used in the confessional of the Roman Catholic church and taught priests in Roman Catholic theological schools and colleges.

The fact that men are being indicted, and some convicted, for quoting the questions of priests put to women of this country in the confessional is a damning indictment of Roman Catholic theology. This accounts for the fact that thousands of Roman Catholic fathers are learning why their daughters come away from the confessional in tears and why they are refusing to make them return as they once did. The time is coming, in fact, when even the fathers who still cling to the confessional will demand the right to accompany their daughters on such occasions and protect them from the insults of rum-soaked libertines who pose as representatives of Christ and at the same time use language in the presence of female parishioners, which the law will not allow us to use in newspapers.

Mr. Reader, how would you like to belong to a church whose theology is so vile that it is not allowed to be printed and transmitted through the United States mails? Ever stop to think of it?—The Menace.

Law of the Church on Marriage.

"Only those marriages are valid which are contracted before a parish priest."—Pope Pius X., August 2, 1907.

"A civil marriage is only licentious prostitution. There should be no such legal abomination, and the church should be supreme judge of the marriage relation."—Western Watchman, March 23, 1913.

Germany defied the pope to apply this monstrous edict in her dominions.

America permits the pope to apply it here and homes are being wrecked and broken up daily throughout the country.

And what do you propose to do about this? Here's a confliction with our marriage laws.—Mankato Morning Journal.

Raffling Souls Out of Purgatory.

The following is a copy of a notice said to have been displayed in a Mexican church some time last winter. No wonder the Mexican people are tired of popery and determined to rid their country of lottery promoting priests.

RAFFLE FOR SOULS.

"At the last raffie for souls the following numbers obtained the prizes, and the lucky holders may be assured that their loved ones are forever released from the flames of purgatory and ushered into heavenly joys.

"Ticket 41.—The soul of Madame Calderon is made happy forever.

"Ticket 762.—The soul of the aged widow Francisca de Parsona is forever released from the flames of purgatory.

"Another raffie for souls will be held at this same blessed Church of the Redeemer on January 1st, at which four bleeding and tortured souls will be released from purgatory to heaven, according to the four highest tickets in this most holy lottery. Tickets, \$1.00, to be had of the father-in-charge. Will you for the poor sum of \$1.00 leave your loved ones to burn in purgatory for ages?

Walk Out at Morganton On to Catholic Pressure.

Morganton, N. C. May 8.—Religious differences are said to lie at the bottom of the walk-out at the Morganton Furniture company's plant Wednesday, when 28 men in the finishing department struck on account of the refusal of the management to discharge the general foreman. The assistant foreman in charge of the finishing department says that the company has some days ago Catholicized and that he was asked to remove a copy of the New Testament from the place. This was done, but according to the assistant foreman, J. O. Laughridge, the foreman has been growing more exacting and insupportable in his demands ever since. Wednesday he, Laughridge, determined to throw up his job unless the other men were discharged. When the company supported the general foreman 27 other men, without any previous organization or agreement followed Laughridge.—Gazette News.

Depends on the Government Whether Carranza is Represented at Conference.

Nazara Falls, Oct., May 31.—Upon the Washington Government depends whether the mediator will receive representatives of the Mexican Constitutionalists. The South American envoy, it became known tonight, virtually has resolved to go ahead with their plan for a two-party agreement between the United States and the Haerta Government and for the time being ignore the question of Constitutionalists representation.

The only thing that might disturb such a course would be a direct intimation from the United States that it will withhold approval of the plans outlined for a new provisional government unless prompt disposition is made of the subject of Constitutionalists participation. The Mexican delegates have had no conversations with the mediator on this point. Each side is waiting for the other to make her first move. The Haerta delegates tomorrow expect to receive General Haerta's approval of the essentials of the peace plan, together with his opinion on some of the names suggested for the new Government. The American delegates received information along this line today from Washington but no intimation as to how far they should press the subject of constitutional representation.

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SEVERE HAILSTORM VISITS STATESVILLE

Considerable Damage Done to Crops, Mrs. Moore's Horse Runs Away

Statesville May 30.—Statesville and vicinity experienced the heaviest hail storm since 1884 this afternoon, ragged stones of ice weighing around an ounce each, falling rapidly for 10 or 15 minutes and doing considerable damage. Many are claiming that the stones were as large as hen eggs, and weighed five or six ounces, but stones that were picked up and weighed by your correspondent before the storm had hardly subsided did not weigh more than an ounce each. Fortunately the storm did not extend over a large territory and the damage to crops is not large. In Statesville and immediate vicinity, however, fruit and foliage were beaten from the trees and garden truck battered to the ground, while many little chickens and other small fowls were killed. Window glass were broken out and many roofs badly damaged.

A number of horses not under cover ran away and in one case with serious results Mrs. M. P. Moore of Chambersburg Township, was coming into town and the storm caught her about a mile east of Statesville. When the horse began running she was unable to check him and on reaching E. T. Ayers's store she pulled the horse in beside the store and called for help. Mr. Ayers ran out and caught the horse, but not until after it had turned the buggy over and thrown Mrs. Moore and her little daughter out. Ayers was afraid to turn out the frantic animal loose for fear it would drag the buggy over Mrs. Moore's head and in the fall with the bare head and called for help until men in a nearby store heard his calls and came to his aid. In the meantime Mrs. T. J. Ayers ran out and aided Mrs. Moore and her little girl in getting inside the store. The little girl was not hurt, but Mrs. Moore received a gash on her head and a severe bruise on her back. Mr. Ayers mounted his own horse and rode into town to summons a physician, who rushed to the scene in a machine and dressed Mrs. Moore's injuries. She is not considered dangerously hurt. A funeral procession, that of a little child of C. E. Ritchie was passing through the business section when the storm came and the teams were hurriedly driven to shelter.

Education not Preparation for Social Snobbishness

Spartanburg, S. C., May 31.—Graduates of Converse College were urged by Dr. Howard Lee Jones, pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, and president-elect of Coker College, in the baccalaureate sermon delivered today, to show that higher education is not a preparation for social snobbishness, but fits for a high ideal of free democracy. Doctor Jones' subject was "The Law Which Liberates From Sin and Death" his text was drawn from the second verse of the eighth chapter of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. He declared the new consciousness of the Christian is a fraternal feeling for all mankind, exemplified through help given. Most of the Churches of the city suspended their own services to permit their congregations to hear Doctor Jones at Converse Auditorium.

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