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NEWSPAPER MEN ATTACKED.

The Salisbury Post devotes a column of editorial space to a criticism of the sensational reports sent out by press correspondents at Hendersonville. None objects to the exaggerated, the yellow, more than does The News, but in our judgment the Post is criticising the newspaper men in this instance unjustly. Its chief complaint is that the correspondents have sent out several different kinds of stories; one day mentioning one party as being implicated; the next taking up a new scent. It concludes its attack on the boys of the press in the following: "The result of it is the papers are discredited, and if this sort of work is continued it will not be long until the people will believe nothing they see in the papers. The newspapers should draw a lesson from this and only employ men who will write facts. The public has a right to demand that the newspapers furnish reliable information and it is time the publishers were giving this matter more attention."

There is no doubt but that there have been various and numerous versions of the Hendersonville tragedy offered. First it was foul murder from chloroform; next the poor girl came to her death "from unknown causes;" then sensational charges of malpractice were noised abroad. But who is to blame, the newspaper correspondents, or the men from whom they get their facts? Naturally, in a mysterious case of this kind, there are thousands of rumors afloat. What would The Post do were it reporting the case—merely sit still and refuse to give the public the benefit of the theories discussed on every lip? Would it refuse to send out a line until the case had been tried and convicted and the guilty parties executed and buried? Or would it give its readers the benefit of those reports which it appeared to have a good basis in fact?

If there have been conflicting conclusions is it the fault of the press men, or the authorities? Usually the fair newspaper man goes to those in authority for his information. This case has as its well-known, been variously diagnosed by the coroner and officials. First the coroner found nothing warranting the placing of blame. Then later, when a howl was made over the crime suspected, he admitted that facts were known to jurors but withheld in order to further search for were the guilty.

It seems to us that the case has been wretchedly bungled by the authorities from the outset. Certainly there was no warrant for the policy of concealment pursued at first. Then if officials themselves have followed a devious and mysterious course, is it fair to blame the men who report their actions with such changes of front?

We believe The Post has brought an indictment against the wrong parties in this instance. In so far as The News is concerned it has refused to publish any reports which were not based on what seemed to be good foundation. Nor has it been tempted so to do, as its special representative has declined to send out reports not authorized.

This heartlessly flippant remark is from the Spartanburg Journal: "The manner in which Miss Myrtle Hawkins of Hendersonville, is said to have come to her death must be highly interesting to her fiancé." That statement is cruel as the grave and mean as hell.—Greensboro News.

It is difficult to understand the make-up of the fellow who can thus attempt to be funny at the expense of those whose heads are bowed in grief. It is small wonder that newspapers are some times criticised for the heartless manner in which some of them treat the sorrows of others.

LOST HIS FRIEND.

This sad paragraph is from The Greenville Daily Reflector, of which Mr. Witchard is the able editor.

"In his thirty years as an editor, this writer has been called upon to write many sad words, but the bitterest come to him today when he must make the announcement "Mother is dead."

To the above Editor Cowan, ever the first to offer cheer or sympathy, adds the following beautiful words:

"Thus did Editor D. J. Witchard, of The Reflector, Saturday afternoon pour out his sorrow, telling briefly, but beautifully, to his friends that his mother had passed away. We do not recall ever having seen so much real love, so much beautiful sentiment, so much sweetness wrapped up in such a small, simple announcement before. Its brevity speaks earnestly, its conciseness tells eloquently, and its simplicity, ending with the pathetic words, "Mother is dead," proclaims beautifully all that could be told. We confess that when we read the simple announcement, a great, big lump arose in our throat, and our heart felt heavy. We know that the blow is the saddest that has ever fallen on the heart of our friend. Knowing the man, understanding the tenderness of his being and the devotion of his soul, we realize how deeply the shaft of sorrow has plunged into his being. Our warmest, tenderest heart-felt condolences are with him in this dark hour of earthly sorrow."

Although a Kind Providence has not called upon us to face such a sorrow, we can, nevertheless, fancy what ineffable loss you must feel, Witchard, and we sympathize with you with all our heart.

Why not sign it, anyway, Mr. Mayor. Both sides understand the doubt as to its future status. Both sides know that it is only binding during your administration and the next administration will be able to handle the question if it arises. Do something! Anything is better than the hopeless embroglio of futile discussion now going on.

Body of Woman Found In Lake

By Associated Press. Gary, Ind., Sept. 20.—The body of a woman found in Lake Michigan yesterday and thought at first to be that of Grace Lyons, who was thrown from a steamer by Walter Hopper, remains unidentified today and the police believe that she was murdered in Chicago. The wrists were tied with a strip of flannel torn from a baby's petticoat. The body and clothing were stripped of means of identification and the police depend largely on a bracelet, set with three garnets and engraved "905" to determine the woman's identity. A felt hat with a blue plume was found fastened to her hair.

No Developments in A. C. L. Trouble

By Associated Press. Wilmington, Sept. 20.—Contrary to expectations, E. M. Doughty, chairman of the grievance committee of the union of car workers in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line, did not reach Rocky Mount yesterday and there were no developments in the strike of repairmen and inspectors in the shops there. He is expected to reach Rocky Mount today and make known the result of his conference with the officials of the railway here, after which it is believed the men will return to work pending a final adjustment of the differences through the regularly authorized grievance committee of the car workers' union.

WIFE HAS RIGHT TO SCOLD HUSBAND.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 20.—A wife has a right to scold her husband, circuit judge, Thomas decided yesterday in refusing to grant a divorce to Glenn C. Burnham, from Ida Burnham. "There is no such thing as a perfect wife," Judge Thomas said. "A wife has a right to scold her husband if he gives her provocation. This husband took his wife to live with his folks. That was enough to make her peevish."

Closed United States Jail.

By Associated Press. Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 20.—Acting under orders of the government, United States Marshall Mayes finally closed the United States Jail in this city, the last of the federal jails in this country outside the capital. The jail is a relic of border days and in its early history housed eighty-eight outlaws hanged under the regime of Judke Parker. When closed it housed but one convict and four prisoners awaiting trial for boot legging.

Two Englishmen Held.

By Associated Press. Emden, Prussia, Sept. 20.—Two Englishmen said to be of the British army are detained here because of the suspicion that they have been guilty of espionage. The men were arrested yesterday.

They were released after examination and were again taken into custody today upon orders from Berlin.

A girl needs to know a heap more about cooking to get a husband and still more about cooking than dancing to keep him.

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BIG MEN-RELIGION FORWARD MOVEMENT

(From Winston Sentinel.)

At the meeting of the Winston-Salem Ministerial Association yesterday, plans were formulated for launching the "Men and Religion Forward Movement" in increasing the activities of the various churches in the city.

This is probably the greatest religious movement that has ever been launched by the Christian churches. It is made up of a concerted action by the ten great church brotherhoods, the International Sunday School Association, the International Y. M. C. A., and the G. O. C. These organizations include nearly all the Christian workers in America.

The movement was started in May, 1910. The plan is to have great conventions in ninety of the largest cities in the country. While a convention will not be held in this city, the general plan of the movement may be placed in vogue in any community and it will be followed out in this city.

A great committee composed of members of the various churches in the city has been appointed and the committeemen will meet at the association building next Saturday at 3:30 to affect permanent organization. Over one hundred men have been placed on the committee and the movement promises to have a great influence in the community.

The committeemen have been appointed as follows: Churches—Centenary, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Messrs. J. F. Griffith, C. M. Thomas, J. A. Gray, J. T. Erwin, J. A. Gray, Jr., T. L. Rawley, J. F. Morris and C. F. Lowe; West End, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, Messrs. R. B. Crawford, M. D. Stockton, R. H. Latham, H. A. Hayes, W. G. Jerome, and G. K. Smith; Burkhead, Rev. W. M. Biles, Messrs. W. G. Snyder, R. E. Carmichael, and F. A. Smith; Grace, Rev. L. W. Collins, Messrs. Ed. Beason, A. R. Lewis, and Robt. Carter; Southside, Rev. J. S. Hiatt; West Salem, Messrs. H. C. Jones and J. N. Jarret; Moravian Churches—Home, Rev. J. K. Pfohl, Rev. Howard Rondthaler, Bishop Rondthaler, Messrs. W. T. Spaugh, H. A. Pfohl, F. H. Fries, J. Fred Brower, E. Wureschke, R. A. Spaugh, and S. E. Welfare; Calvary, Rev. E. S. Croiland, Messrs. Dobson Long, C. E. Johnson, H. W. Spaugh, and Harvey Veatch; Christ, Rev. J. F. McCulliston, Messrs. Orville Pfaff and Lindsay Raker; Elm Street, Messrs. E. H. Stockton, F. A. Barr; Fairview, Rev. Leon Luckenbach and John Frazier; East Salem, Messrs. G. A. Boozler, E. C. Stempel, and Emery Knouse; Waughtown, Mr. C. E. Crist; Southside, Messrs. Paul Jahns, and Will Parham.

Baptist Churches—First, Rev. H. A. Brown, Messrs. W. J. Conrad, F. J. Lipfert, T. S. Sprinkle, B. F. Huntley, and A. H. Eller; Brown Memorial, Rev. G. T. Lumpkin, Messrs. Gilbert T. Stephenson, A. P. Tilley, A. F. Sams, S. W. Morrison, and J. A. Madry; Southside, Rev. V. M. Swain; Waughtown, Mr. E. M. Vogler; North Winston, Messrs. J. A. Naylor, and E. T. Carter; Salem, Messrs. Keaton, Ed. Long and Fred N. Day.

Presbyterian Churches—First, Rev. Neal L. Anderson, Messrs. G. S. Norfleet, R. C. Norfleet, F. S. Vernay, Thomas Maslin, Fred Sheetz, B. J. Sheppard, J. M. Rogers, W. D. Jackson, and J. S. Kuykendall; North Winston, Messrs. R. B. Glenn and George W. Lee.

Methodist Protestant Church—Rev. G. F. Milloway, Messrs. G. H. Hastings, J. W. Hester, W. A. Speer, W. M. Speas and O. W. Hanner.

Episcopal Church—Rev. H. T. Cocks, Messrs. F. A. Coleman, J. C. Buxton, and J. E. Buxton.

Lutheran Church—Rev. E. A. Shenk, Messrs. G. C. Hine, H. F. Richter and Briggs.

Christian Church—Messrs. J. L. Lashmit, F. M. Parrish, H. B. Gunter, R. H. Jones and H. L. Weeks.

STRIKE SITUATION AT DUBLIN.

Dublin, Sept. 20.—There was no improvement yesterday in the situation resulting from the strike affecting the three principal lines of railroad communication in Ireland. Traffic was disorganized. The strikers generally were quiet.

The movement of goods has practically ceased except on certain branches of the Great Northern. An effort to fill the places of the strikers is being made. Forty Scottish strike-breakers arrived this morning and met a hot reception from the strikers who attempted to stampede them. A big police escort routed the attacking party.

Another party of strike breakers from Manchester was met by strike pickets who persuaded most of the newcomers not to go to work.

"SHAKERS" WILL RAISE LARGE DEFENSE FUND. By Associated Press. Canterbury, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Report that Shakers of the country intend to raise a large fund for the defense of Elizabeth Sears and E. B. Gillette, members of the Shaker colony at Klammsme, Fla., who are alleged to have administered chloroform to Sadie Marchant when she was in the last stages of tuberculosis are denied by Elder Arthur Bruce of the Canterbury Shaker colony.

CAMPAIGN IN CANADA COMES TO CLOSE

By Associated Press.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 20.—Today marks the closing of the seven weeks' political campaign with reciprocity as the chief issue which has stirred Canada from Vancouver to Halifax as never before. Final instructions were sent to the political workers today and complete arrangements for getting out a heavy vote tomorrow were made by both parties. The liberals are making a determined attempt to defeat Robert L. Borden, the conservative leader who has led the fight against reciprocity.

W. S. Fielding, finance minister of Canada, premier Laurier's lieutenant, who was largely instrumental in perfecting the reciprocity agreement, is having a stiff fight in the Queens-Shelburne district at the southern extremity of the province. The finance minister is opposed by F. B. McCurdy, of Halifax.

It has been reported that several hundred employees of American fishing firms which are opposed to reciprocity, will vote conservative in Nova Scotia tomorrow. Many of these Canadian fishermen are residents of Minister Fielding's district. The liberal leaders, however, say that they will not be injured by this vote as many of the fishermen are in favor of the party.

A Day of Speech Making. The final day of the campaign for the election of members of the twelfth parliament of Canada is notable for the unprecedented activity of both political parties, orators for and against reciprocity being scheduled to speak at hundreds of places all over Canada this afternoon and evening.

The liberals and conservatives are actively engaged in preparations to bring out their full vote and a final distribution of cash for legitimate expenses is being made today. The Canadian law forbids a political party to hire vehicles to convey electors to the polls but the use of conveyances of all kinds is being donated for tomorrow.

Elections will be held in 214 of the 221 constituencies. Three liberals already have been elected by acclamation. They are Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in Quebec east; J. A. Ethier, of Two Mountains, and William M. German, of Welland county, Ontario. Mr. German is an avowed opponent of reciprocity.

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