

Former Premier Of France Appears Before Investigators

Ernest Monis, Who Resigned From the Cabinet This Week Because of Charges of Delay in Rochette Trial Appears Before Investigating Committee.

Tells of Part Played by Caillaux and Fabre—Heavy Guard on Duty During Funeral Service of Assassinated Editor.

Ernest Monis, former premier of France, appeared today before the investigating committee of the chamber of deputies to explain his part in the scandal connected with the delay in the trial of Henri Rochette, who was said to have swindled the French public out of many millions.

Monis, a socialist leader, presided over the committee. He requested that he be allowed to tell in his own way what had happened in the affair. Monis said that he had been called upon by the minister of justice, M. Caillaux, to preside over the trial of Henri Rochette. He said that he had desired the postponement of the proceedings. Caillaux said that owing to the financial situation of the country, it was necessary to make the trial as quick as possible to avoid losses to the treasury and to avoid public opinion.

Monis, the public prosecutor, had called upon me five or six times during my premiership to report to me on various matters. On this occasion I inquired of Caillaux on account of the financial situation of the country. He replied that he had decided to send the Rochette affair back to the investigating committee. He would not affect the trial but would not affect the trial. I remarked that this was a question of the presiding judge of the court to dispose of.

No pressure whatever was placed on M. Fabre. He left me in a good mood and stood outside my apartment during which he expressed his respect and admiration he had for me.

Funeral of Calmette. The funeral of Gaston Calmette, victim of Madame Caillaux, took place today in the Church of Saint Francois des Sales in the northwestern district of Paris and within a block of his assassin's residence.

Before the procession moved toward the cemetery, police and military authorities had taken great precautions to prevent disturbances. The police were out in force along the line. The underground railway stations nearby were occupied by large detachments who had instructions to close them if the crowds became too great to handle. Squads of mounted republican guards also were armed and occupied strategic positions.

Among the notable personages present at the funeral were Emile Loubet, former president of the republic; Aristide Briand and Louis Barthou, two former premiers; Prince Murat; Baron de Rothschild; Fernand Laisant, the attorney who is to defend Madame Caillaux; Sarah Bernhardt and hundreds of others. The funeral of the many wreaths bore the inscription "A victim of his devotion to his country and killed on the day of honor."

In the church a simple mass was celebrated by the parish priest.

WASHINGTON GROCER RUNS AMUCK

Washington, March 20.—Herman Kauffman, a grocer, ran amuck with a revolver today, shot three persons, one of whom may die, and was taken to the hospital. He was a pistol duelist and had been in law before his family troubles were the cause, the police say.

Love Caused Federal Officer To Forget Huerta-Surrendered Gunboat To Sweetheart's Father

San Diego, Cal., March 20.—Love for the daughter of a rebel general at Topolobampo, Mexico, caused Lieutenant J. M. Huerfano, executive officer of the federal gunboat Tampico, to surrender the vessel to President Huerta's father, according to his report. The captain, it is said, surrendered the vessel to his sweetheart's father, according to his report. The captain, it is said, surrendered the vessel to his sweetheart's father, according to his report.

NEW ALTITUDE RECORD.

By Associated Press. Johannisthal, March 20.—The altitude record of 12,393 feet for a flight with three passengers was established here today by Robert Thelen, the German aviator. The previous record for a flight in an aeroplane carrying three passengers was held by the French aviator, Garain, who on March 2 attained an altitude of 10,890 feet at Chartres.

SOUTHERN STORM PASSING OUT TO SEA

Washington, March 20.—In the wake of the Southern storm that was passing out to sea from the North Carolina coast, cold wave warnings for the South Atlantic states were issued today and frost and freezing temperatures forecast for the east gulf territory. The weather bureau predicted snow fall today along the Middle Atlantic coast and rain this afternoon and tonight on the South Atlantic to be followed by generally fair weather tomorrow.

Eight Inches of Snow in Richmond. Richmond, Va., March 20.—Local weather bureau records for March have been broken by snowfall which began in the night and, with eight inches on the ground at noon, continues to fall rapidly here, with the prospect of continuing all day and tonight.

Snow in Lynchburg. Lynchburg, Va., March 20.—Three inches of snow fell in Lynchburg today. Not since 1908 has there been a snow storm here at this time in March.

Equinoxial Storm. Norfolk, Va., March 20.—An equinoxial storm swept this coast today, accompanied by a snowfall unprecedented for so late in March.

TEXAN KIDNAPED BY MEXICANS—ESCAPES

Austin, Texas, March 20.—Charles Ballard, an American, was kidnaped by Mexicans Wednesday from Carrizo Springs, Texas, and escaped by diving into the Rio Grande river, according to dispatches today to Governor Charles D. Colquitt. The governor has wired to ask if Texas Rangers are needed in the Carrizo Springs territory.

The kidnaping was reported by W. T. Gardner, sheriff of Dimmit county, of which Carrizo Springs is the county seat. This town is about 35 miles from the border. Gardner's telegram to the governor, dated March 19, reads: "Charles Ballard, American, was kidnaped from city yesterday morning at 9 o'clock by five Mexicans and tied by rope around neck and hands tied behind him to Rio Grande river at mouth of San Ambrosia creek, near San Pedro ranch. When led into river, he cut the rope, freed himself, and diving down stream, escaped to Mexican side, where he was shot at several times but not hurt. He plunged into the river, diving down, swam to American side and escaped to San Pedro ranch, four miles from Rio Grande. All indications point to federal Mexican soldiers. Have sent for Ballard; will arrive tomorrow evening."

but the girl refused to accept the officer's proffer of marriage unless he took the Tampico to Topolobampo from Guaymas and turned it over to her father. Malpica, it is said, represented to his commanding officer that he received word from Mexico City to take the Tampico to Topolobampo and shell the rebels. The captain, it is said, assented. At Topolobampo he was seized and sent to Mazatlan. Malpica was put in command of the Tampico and a few days later was married to the rebel general's daughter.

\$64,000 DEALS COLLEGE AND 6TH STS. IN N-S ZONE

Dr. Irwin and J. Arthur Henderson Sell Old Wadsworth Home for \$40,000 to Capt. J. A. Parker and A. L. Byrd and others—Property Immediately Near N-S Depot.

C. E. Mason Sells Property on 6th Streets, Between Tryon and College, in Same Zone and Formerly Owned by Wadsworths, to W. L. Nicholson and Others For \$19,000—Property to be Developed.

History is repeating itself in activity in real estate deals for North College and Sixth streets, in the Norfolk-Southern zone. The old Wadsworth home place and former Wadsworth property on Sixth street are again the storm center "on the exchange."

The Wadsworth home place, bought on the first round of big deals on College street with the Norfolk-Southern coming into that territory, by Dr. John R. Irwin and Mr. J. Arthur Henderson, has been sold by them to Capt. John A. Parker, A. Y. Byrd and others, for a sum approximating \$40,000. The new owners have no immediate plans as regards the property, but being progressive and alert, it is safe to say that they contemplate rich development of this valuable property in the not far distant future. This development will be influenced and commensurate with the Norfolk-Southern development and the general commercializing of North College and Sixth streets.

Another big deal in the N-S zone. Another deal of import and interest in the same territory is the purchase by Mr. W. L. Nicholson and others, from C. E. Mason, of the two-story brick building between Tryon and College, and immediately near the Norfolk Southern depot, and part of the Wadsworth property, for the sum of \$19,000, approximately. The building adjoins the Tillett building, which is occupied by the Charlotte Wagon and Automobile Company, and is 200 feet from the Norfolk-Southern.

The new owners it is understood, will develop the property at once, remodeling or tearing down and building greater.

Both of these deals have been effected within the past two or three days. The News knowing but not being able to tell its readers of the interesting transactions.

FASSIFERN MAY BE BROUGHT TO CHARLOTTE

Offer Made Miss Shipp of Baxter Caldwell Place and Certain Sum at Conference Yesterday—She Has Proposition Under Consideration. Another great possibility is before Charlotte. Fassifern school, the famous institution established by Miss Kate Shipp at Lincolnton, is within Charlotte's reach. Effort and speed, at that may, and will in all probability bring this noted school for girls to Charlotte, adding strength to strength, educationally, and giving this city advantages in that line second to none in the South.

The move to have Fassifern here dates back a month or more ago. It has been known to The News but the matter was not to be made public. Yesterday the first definite step was known to The News but the matter was not to be made public. The move to have Fassifern here dates back a month or more ago. It has been known to The News but the matter was not to be made public.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Rain or snow in interior, rain on the coast tonight; colder to-night, cold wave in extreme east portion; Saturday fair; brisk northerly winds.

GEORGIA FARMER MURDERS FAMILY; SHOOTS SELF

Oak Park, Ga., March 20.—J. A. Eubanks, a farmer living near this place, early today killed his wife and two daughters as they slept, set fire to his home and several other farm buildings and then fired a bullet through his forehead. He died several hours later. Mrs. Eubanks' head was almost completely severed from her body with an axe. The two children, one aged four, the other a baby six months old, were stabbed to death. Mental derangement, resulting from ill health is believed responsible for the farmer's acts.

After committing the three murders and firing his buildings, Eubanks awakened a neighbor and told him what he had done. He then shot himself. Eubanks' barn and several small tenant houses were destroyed in the fire he started. The residence was only slightly damaged.

Eubanks was 30 years old. With his family, Eubanks came to this community a year ago from Stillmore, Ga. He had established a reputation here as a peaceable, industrious planter. For many weeks he had been in ill health and neighbors believe his physical condition weighed on his mind.

A note, left by Eubanks near the place his wife and children were killed, said their domestic life had been unhappy but made no reference to his ill health. A coroner's jury this afternoon held merely that Mrs. Eubanks and her children had come to their death through violence at the hands of James A. Eubanks, who then committed suicide.

SNOW CAME ON WEATHER MAN'S TIME; THE WEATHER

The Weather Man is not only a prophet but the son of a prophet. Yesterday morning when the weather was ideal, almost suggestive of spring, and snow, apparently as far off as the Rocky Mountains, he said "snow to-morrow." The late evening brought signs of overcast skies and by midnight rain was falling. By 10 this morning "Mother Goose" was picking her geese, big feathery flakes showering down.

Cold rains over the Carolinas, except for the northern part of this state, which had snow last night, and snow over Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Tennessee, was the announcement of weather conditions by Local Forecaster Atto this morning.

CHARLOTTE GUN CLUB FIRST SPRING EVENT TOMORROW AFTERNOON

The new Charlotte Gun Club will have its first shooting event of the spring tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Myers Park, where an elegant site has been chosen for the event. Those going out on the Myers Park trolley line to the event will detract at car stop No. 10. The membership of the club is an enthusiastic one and much interest is being manifested in the first event of the season tomorrow.

An Advertisement In THE NEWS Today Leads As Follows: "I advertised a house and lot in THE NEWS Wednesday afternoon. By two o'clock the next day it was sold *** it was a bargain and I knew THE NEWS would find a prospect for it. I had just five others who came to buy it too." 'Nuf 'Ced.

LANSING AND CONE JOHNSON NOMINATED

Texas Lawyer Succeeds Joseph Folk as Solicitor of the State Department—Robert Lansing Succeeds John Bassett Moore as Counselor.

This Announcement Was Made From the White House Today—Both Men Have Won Envious Reputations—Johnson's Past Career.

Washington, March 20.—Robert Lansing, of New York, and Cone Johnson, of Texas, will be nominated counselor and solicitor, respectively, of the state department, according to announcement from the white house today.

Mr. Lansing is an associate editor of the American Journal of International Law and the author of several works on international subjects. He will succeed John Bassett Moore. He is fifty years old, was associate counsel for the United States in the Behring sea arbitration 1892-'93; counsel for the United States in the Behring sea claims commission 1896-'97; solicitor for the United States on the Alaskan boundary tribunal 1903; counsel in the arbitration at The Hague in 1909 of the North Atlantic coast fisheries case. His home is in Watertown, N. Y.

Mr. Johnson, who will succeed Joseph W. Folk, as solicitor, is about 49 years old and according to the statement issued from the white house today is "one of the most brilliant lawyers in Texas." He was a candidate for the United States senate once but retired from the contest because of ill health.

Secretary Bryan said that he knew both men personally and considered them eminently fitted for their positions. Both are democrats. Mr. Johnson was a Wilson delegate to the Baltimore convention. Mr. Lansing has not been active in politics. He is a son-in-law of former Secretary John W. Foster of the state department, a warm personal friend of long standing of John Bassett Moore, whom he succeeds, and now is the agent for the United States on the British-American pecuniary claims commission in session here.

SECRETARY OF NAVY TO SPEAK HERE NIGHT, MAY 18TH

Trip Made Possible by Special Arrangement Made by Southern Railway Officials in Washington—Messrs. Carraway and De Butts Visit Washington.

That Secretary of the Navy Joseph Daniels is to make the annual address at the public school commencement in this city, on the evening of May 18, is a fact made possible by a visit to Washington yesterday of Secretary Leake Carraway of the Greater Charlotte Club, and R. H. De Butts, traveling passenger agent of the Southern, who saw Secretary Daniels and the powers that be in the Southern headquarters on Pennsylvania avenue.

From the latter the ultimatum went forth, "Make schedules to get Secretary Daniels to Charlotte in time to speak at 8 p. m., May 18."

Secretary Daniels had written that he would not be able to be here at 8 p. m., May 18, but at 9 a. m. or 3 p. m. As Superintendent Harding and the school board had advertised the secretary to be the great feature of the evening they got busy at having things work toward that end, hence Mr. Carraway and Mr. De Butts' trip to Washington.

Secretary Daniels is to make the annual address at the college in Charleston, S. C., on the 19th of May, and he did not see his way clear to making the jump.

Official arrangement has been made whereby he and Mrs. Daniels for Charlotte is to have the pleasure of entertaining the secretary's charming wife also—will arrive here from Winston-Salem Sunday, May 17, at 8:45 p. m., spend the night here, go to Davidson Monday morning—the secretary to deliver the annual address at Davidson College at noon—return here by auto at 3 o'clock in time to attend a general reception to be given in his and Mrs. Daniels' honor at the Selwyn at 4 o'clock (May 18.) At 6 o'clock that evening a dinner will be given in honor of the secretary by clubs and citizens of Charlotte, the place not yet decided. The ladies of the city will entertain for Mrs. Daniels at 6 o'clock at a luncheon or reception coincident with the dinner for her distinguished husband. Speaks at 8 p. m. At 8 o'clock that night Secretary Daniels will deliver the address before the graduating class of the high school at the auditorium.

Woman Suffrage Leaders Are Not Badly Discouraged

BAPTIST LAYMEN CLOSE BIG CONVENTION

(Special to the Greensboro News.)

Durham, March 20.—Under the spell of "Christ's Challenge" presented in a masterful manner by President E. M. Poteat, Furman University, the Baptist laymen brought to a close last night one of the greatest Baptist meetings ever held in North Carolina, a convention great in its accomplishments, great in the addresses, and one that will have a vast effect on the missionary work of the Baptists in North Carolina according to the leaders.

President J. D. Bruner, of Chowan College, presided, and following a praise service, Dr. William H. Smith delivered a stereopticon lecture on missions. He was followed by Dr. Bruner in a few remarks. Dr. William Louis Poteat, of Wake Forest, then presented 14 student volunteers for mission work. These were conducted to the platform, and presented in person to the audience. There were eight young women, two of whom came from the State Normal, and six from Meredith. The six men presented came from Wake Forest.

Christ's challenge to the Christian man, said Dr. E. M. Poteat, was not an easy one, not one that could be met without personal sacrifice. Then he read Christ's words to his disciples in which he told them that unless they hate mother, father, brother, sister, wife and even themselves, they could not be his disciple. Dr. Poteat said this meant that the family love must be subordinated to the love of God. The real test is whether a man is Christian or not, for unless the people who send out the missionaries are real Christians it will be impossible for them to evangelize the world.

The committee on resolutions appointed the executive committee of the convention to make a report to the next Baptist state convention. The usual resolutions about such meetings were passed. The Baptists of this city were thanked for their hospitality and the work of the publicity committee recognized.

Not including the Durham delegates, of whom there were several hundred, there were 362 delegates from the various associations in the state. The Mt. Zion Association leads with 45, and the Central Association came next with 38. The delegates came from all parts of the state from Wilmington to the mountains. Classified professionally, the farmers, was the largest delegation, indicating that the missionary appeal has reached the rural districts. The preachers were next, and merchants third.

The question of a meeting next year will be left to the state convention.

Large Crowds Attend. The last day of the convention was attended by the usual large crowd that characterized every meeting of the first two days. Judge Jeter C. Pritchard was in the chair yesterday morning, and made a few remarks, but the big address of the day was that of President E. M. Poteat, of Furman University. "Stewardship" was the general subject of the morning session, and Prichard, C. M. Beach, of Duxbury, was the first speaker. He told of the stewardship, time, showing that it was man's duty to use his time that the results of his labor would redound to the glory of God.

"Private Property Under the Kingdom of God" was the subject of Dr. E. M. Poteat's address. Couched in the most inspiring language this address treated in a new style the old and yet new subject of stewardship.

This morning the delegates numbering over 800 will begin leaving for their homes in all sections of the state. Everyone that attended was well pleased with the movement and hope for even better results next year.

ROBBERS LOOT TENNESSEE BANK

Gallatin, Tenn., March 20.—Robbers who early today wrecked the vault of the first national bank here, escaped with currency amounting to \$18,000. More than five hundred dollars in silver was untouched. Although several charges of nitro glycerine apparently were exploded, the robbery was not discovered until a fire company responded to a call to the bank shortly before daylight. The fire, which evidently started from explosives, quickly was extinguished.

Although Senate Defeated Their Resolution They Propose to Battle on—Want Another Resolution Offered Authorizing Votes in States on Issue.

A Few Threaten Attack on Democratic Party Because of Votes—Leaders, However, Discourage This Plan—Dr. Shaw Talks.

Washington, March 20.—Advocates of woman suffrage today declared they were not discouraged because they lost their fight in the senate yesterday for a constitutional amendment giving women voting rights. The senate voted 35 for the amendment to 34 against it, but a two-thirds affirmative vote was necessary for passage. Suffrage leaders pointed today to the majority of one vote in favor of the amendment as proof that their cause had scored a triumph in defeat and was far stronger than its opponents had been willing to admit. They profess to see in the action of the senate yesterday for a constitutional amendment giving women voting rights, a temporary setback and today they were prepared to renew their fight for an amendment. It was said they would support the proposed amendment of Senator Shafroth, which he will introduce later. That proposal would require each state to vote on the question of extending suffrage to women, upon petition of five per cent of its voters. Suffrage leaders were proceeding with plans for their demonstration here May 9th.

They said today that 10,000 women would take part in the parade. They Expected It. New York, March 20.—With the exception of Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political Union, the leaders of the organizations engaged in the campaign to enfranchise women, today said the vote on the constitutional amendment in the United States senate yesterday was just what they had expected.

Mrs. Blatch expressed sympathy for the democratic party and declared the vote would result in a fight to cut down the small democratic majority in the senate and to attain this end she would join in the Congressional Union campaign.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, head of the International Suffrage Alliance, however, held that it would be bad policy for the suffragists to fight a political party. Dr. Shaw said that this was not the time to expect enfranchisement from congress, adding "that we must get the vote in a few more states."

New Resolutions. Washington, March 20.—Woman suffrage came to the fore in the senate again today when Senator Brewster re-introduced the Chamberlain resolution which was defeated yesterday, and a new resolution for a constitutional amendment was proposed by Senator Shafroth.

It would require states to decide the suffrage question for themselves whenever 5 per cent of the voters petition for it.

The first fight developed when Mr. Shafroth asked to have the resolution sent to the suffrage committee. Senators who voted against yesterday's resolution wanted it to go to the judiciary committee but were beaten 37 to 25.

Senator Brewster said he wanted the women of this country to have the Chamberlain resolution before congress "so that they may carry on their campaign."

ANSON COUNTY MAN WOUNDED BY SHOT IS BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL

James Flynn, who was shot last Tuesday evening by "No. 1" Thompson in White Store township, is resting quietly at the Presbyterian hospital.

This morning Flynn gave his version of the affair. It seems that Flynn had worked five weeks in an establishment in which Thompson was foreman. Last Saturday night Flynn says he asked Thompson to pay him the money due him for his five weeks work. This Thompson refused to do, he said, putting him off until Monday. Monday the same thing took place, Thompson again putting him off. Tuesday evening Flynn again approached Thompson for his money, according to Flynn; a fist fight took place and ended by Thompson drawing his gun and shooting Flynn.

"PERFUME" TO REPLACE CAMPAIGN CIGARS. Chicago, Ill., March 20.—In an effort to attract women voters to a campaign meeting tomorrow night members of the 25th ward democratic club announced today that bottles of perfume would be distributed as souvenirs instead of the customary cigars. They announced that lace curtains would adorn the windows in the club rooms as a special mark of courtesy to the women.