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Promotion Cheated by the Death Angel.
Washington, Feb. 27.—Promotion came too late today for Albert W. Pontius, of Minnesota, Consul General to Mukden, China.
Dispatches from Peking yesterday announced the death of Mr. Pontius after a long illness, and the list of nominations sent to the Senate today by President Harding contained his name for promotion for consul general of class four to consul general of class three.
Mr. Pontius has been in the consular service nearly 20 years and the promotion was to have been given in recognition of his efficient work and long service.

CITY GETS PERMISSION TO PURCHASE RAILWAY
Bill Giving Concord Aldermen Right to Purchase Street Railway Passes Senate.
The bill introduced in the State Legislature several days ago giving the City of Concord authority to purchase the street railway system here from the North Carolina Public Service Company, passed the Senate on Monday, according to reports from Raleigh, and has been enrolled for ratification. The bill passed the House several days ago.
The bill does not mean that the City of Concord has decided definitely to purchase the street railway system here, one city official stated this morning, but it does give the city that right, should it decide later to take over the control of the system. The present owners of the system declare no money has been made here on the system for some time, and they have indicated that they will cease operations unless some relief from the present conditions is given.
Feeling that the owners might want to dispose of the property, or cease operations, the city officials had the bill giving them the right to purchase the property, passed in the Legislature, so that action could be taken immediately should they want to take over the property. If the bill had not been passed, they point out, the city could not take over the property until the Legislature meets again in 1925.

INJURIES FATAL TO LITTLE CHILD HERE
Ruby Coble Dies From the Wounds She is Alleged to Have Received When Struck by An Auto.
Ruby Coble, 8-year-old child who is alleged to have been struck by an auto driven by Maurice Howie, of Monroe, last Thursday, died in the Concord Hospital Tuesday at 2 a. m. of injuries said to have been inflicted in the accident. The child did not regain consciousness after the accident, and her death had been expected for several days.
Funeral services were held at the home of her father, Mr. A. B. Coble, at the Hartsell Mill, yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Umberger, and interment was made in Union cemetery.
A warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon was served on Mr. Howie immediately after the accident, and he gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at court here on March 8th. Immediately after the officers were notified Tuesday that the child was dead they notified one of Mr. Howie's bondsmen here to advise him to come to Concord at once and it is probable that a manslaughter charge will be preferred against him.
The accident occurred near the Hartsell Mill on the National Highway. Both the child and Mr. Howie were headed toward this city when his car is alleged to have struck the child, crushing her skull and inflicting the fatal injuries.

WANT "CIVILIAN ARMY" TO COMBAT WEEVIL
This Army Must Co-operate With the "Regular" Agencies.
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—The National Campaign for Boll Weevil Control, which was launched in Atlanta last week, does not seek to supplant any existing agency for combating the insect pest but has the purpose of mobilizing new forces and throwing additional strength to the support of those who have conducted warfare upon the "Billion Dollar Baudit" in past years, according to Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, the Alabama scientist and inventor, who is managing director of the campaign.
"The widespread effects of the boll weevil's ravages make this problem a matter of concern to the entire public," Dr. Hutchison said. "One of the objects of this campaign will be to mobilize a 'civilian army,' the strength of which will be added to that of the 'regulars,' the federal and state agricultural agencies. Just as the regular army constitutes the backbone of the war force when fighting another nation, so are the established agencies for combatting the boll weevil the primary factors in this warfare."
The National Cotton Conference on Boll Weevil Control held here last week assembled leading figures of all branches of the cotton industry, scores of agricultural research and extension workers from the Southern States,

representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture including Dr. W. D. Hunter and completed the campaign organization with Dr. Hutchison as supreme generalissimo of the forces of the North and South fighting the "Mexican Invader."
At the present time, according to Dr. Hutchison, war will be waged on the weevil with all the known weapons at hand in order to save as much as is possible of the 1923 crop from destruction by the pest. This work will be carried on by means of a campaign of practical information and demonstration in all the cotton growing counties of the South. Demonstration farms in these counties, under the direction of experts, will give to the planters the best methods of fighting the weevil in their particular area by use of known poisons, scientific use of fertilizers and intensive cultivation.
In addition to this work experiments already are underway to devise new and better means of exterminating or controlling the insect. At Dr. Hutchison's request, experiments are now being carried on at Clemson College, S. C., with the idea of fighting the pest through sterilization of the eggs by means of X-rays stored in chemical salts. Another experiment, suggested by Hudson Maxim at the Conference, will be conducted shortly with the idea of developing a sex-lure for the weevil which can be used with a suitable poison and thus attract the in-

sects to their doom.
President Warren G. Harding has pledged every resource of the technical and scientific agencies of the United States to the war against the boll weevil.
\$5 IS SMALL PRICE FOR WIFE, TREASURER SAYS
Too Much Spent for Useless Honeymoons, Chicago Board Removes.
Chicago, Feb. 27.—"Is \$5 too much to pay for a wife?"
The county board wrangled today over this poser, County Treasurer Carr arguing the present marriage license fee, \$1.50—"the cheapest in the world"—is too little, and said the county should increase its revenue at the expense of bridegrooms. Statistics were quoted to show \$133,000 now spent on "unnecessary honeymoons" would be diverted into the county coffers if Carr's proposal was approved.
"If a man can't pay \$5 for a wife, he ought not to get one," was Commissioner Tom Murray's closing broadside.
Chamber of Commerce Banquet.
Washington, Feb. 26.—The Washington chamber of commerce will hold its annual banquet on the evening of March 5, according to arrangements completed by a committee of the organization. J. H. Cowan, mayor of Wilmington, will be the principal speaker.

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ORGANIZED BAND OF AUTOMOBILE THIEVES?
Four Men Arrested and Ten Cars Recovered by Police of Rocky Mount.
Rocky Mount, Feb. 26.—With the arrest of four men and the recovery of ten automobiles local police announced today that they believe that they have discovered an organized ring in stolen cars.
The alleged sales ring of the organization, according to the police, centers in Kinston and Lenoir counties although the machines recovered belonged to local citizens. Police believe stolen machines from other eastern North Carolina points have been sent to Kinston.
While stating emphatically that four arrests have been made the police gave out only the name of Frank Andrews, a young man of this city, who, they say, gave them details of the operations of the alleged ring. They declined to give out any other information at this time.
Three of the cars recovered have been identified by citizens here.
Officers who have been working on the case for several weeks state that they have visited the shop where emery wheels were used to removed the motor numbers.

Irate Papa Breaks Into Arrangements.
Wilson, Feb. 26.—On their return from Dillon, S. C., where they were married last Friday evening, 18-year-old Richard E. Tomlinson and Miss Edna, 13-year-old daughter of D. B. Eastman, of this county, were placed under arrest on a warrant sworn out by the girl's father, the father charging abduction. The young man gave a bond of \$1,000 to answer to the charge here next Saturday.
The father of the girl will appear Friday, next, in Superior Court at Nashville before Judge Kerr on habeas corpus, asking that his daughter be restored to him, claiming that she was married without his consent.

BOYS' DIVISION OF Y LAUNCH "WIN MY CHUM" CAMPAIGN
Rev. Mr. Rowan Opens Campaign in Schools With Challenge for Right Thinking.
Following "Buck" Perrin, attorney, of Spartanburg, S. C., who spoke at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon beginning the "Win My Chum" week, Rev. J. C. Rowan formally opened the campaign in the schools Monday morning speaking on "Right Thinking." Mr. Rowan spoke during the course of the day in the High School, in the Central School, Number 2 School, and at the colored Graded School. Everywhere he was received with close attention and keen interest.
Mr. Rowan said that in order for a boy to win his chum to the right kind of living, and to all that is worth while, the boy himself must be what he wants his chum to be or become. He declared further that a boy is what he thinks. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The speaker then threw down a great challenge for clean, pure, honest, and loving thoughts.
At the colored schools the party was given a great reception by the boys, and the principal. After the address the boys sang a number of old negro spiritual and plantation melodies, much to the enjoyment of the speaker and those who accompanied him.
Rev. W. A. Jenkins spoke Tuesday in all the schools on the subject of Clean Speech. He was followed yesterday by William Barnhardt, of State College, on the subject of "Clean Scholarship."
The campaign now being put on by the Boys' Division is similar in a great many respects to the Come Clean Campaign of last year.

Interest in Kiwanis Convention.
The Kiwanis Club of Concord will send a representative delegation to the International Convention of Kiwanis in Atlanta, Ga., May 28th to 31st, inclusive, if officers of the club may judge from the interest already manifested among the members. It is generally indicated that the Atlanta Convention will be the most largely attended in the history of Kiwanis.
The entertainment feature of the Atlanta Convention is being especially stressed in the invitation extended to Concord Kiwanians, who are urged to see if "old fashioned Southern hospitality" still lives up to its reputation.
A water carnival on the lake of one of Atlanta's principal country clubs, a Southern fried chicken dinner "with fixings" and a whole chicken for each of the thousands of visitors expected, and an elaborate musical revue, produced especially for the convention and called "Plantation Days" are among the features planned. Kiwanis Clubs from all over Georgia, with several from surrounding states, will join the Atlantians as hosts. Headquarters have already been opened in Atlanta by Kiwanis International to look after the details of handling such a large gathering.

UNIVERSAL CITY IS SCENE OF BIG BLAZE
Ten Employees at "Movie" Studio Are Injured From Blaze Started at "Prop" Fire.
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27.—A "prop" fire at Universal City, a motion picture suburb, yesterday, resulted in painful burns to ten employees, including Esther Hainston, Kathleen Calhoun and William Desmond, actors.
Desmond and Miss Hainston were playing in a cabin set, and flames were in use to simulate flames igniting woodwork. They did their work too well. Desmond carried his actress out of the cabin and extinguished her burning clothing by rolling her in the weeds. She was burned about the face, hands and body and fainted before reaching a hospital. Desmond's hair was singed.
The damage was estimated at \$10,000.

Heads District Dentists Association.
Goldboro, Feb. 27.—Dr. L. R. Gorham, of Rocky Mount, has been elected president of the Fifth District Dentists' Association. Dr. E. F. Pope, Goldboro, and Dr. C. A. Boone, were elected vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively.
A small town in Delaware has an eccentric woman who wears a different colored wig each day in the week.



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