

Meant No Reflection On South, Armstrong Says

Secretary of National Health Council Answers Recent Criticisms of His Speech Dr. W. S. Rankin.

HIS MEANING IS NOT UNDERSTOOD

He Was Talking in General, Giving Illustration by Hypothetical Conditions, He Tells Dr. Rankin.

Raleigh, April 9.—"The South has had more serious and costly problems in the health field than in some other sections of the country and is facing and solving them with courage and vision, all of this tending to make this section a better and safer place in which to live, and a more advanced section for the development of industry."

Dr. Armstrong in his Boston speech was quoted as having asked: "In the production of cotton goods, for instance, is it better to pay high wages to a group of workers, 2 per cent of whom are ill at any one time, or is it better to take a chance with low wages in malaria and hook worm sections with 10 per cent, continuous sickness rate and the coincident low production in efficiency and time lost?"

In answer to his own question, he was quoted as having said that "if the health index is at all a safe guide, the former represents the better investment. The message to the young New England business man today, at least until Southern hygienic conditions improve, might well be—'young man, stay North.'"

Dr. Armstrong's letter to Dr. Rankin in that regard:

"The subject of the talk was 'Health and Industry,' and I endeavored to bring out the economic importance of disease prevention and the drag which unnecessary illness places upon production. In making this point I used a number of illustrations, one of which involved the setup of contrasted hypothetical conditions where certain numerical figures were used to bring out divergent conditions of illness prevalence."

"I also wished to emphasize the importance of the partially ineffectual illnesses in decreasing efficiency and perhaps unfortunately used the examples of hookworm and malaria. It was this aspect of the paper that the New England press exploited, eliciting a reaction in New York City and elsewhere."

"Incidentally, it has been a lesson to me to be a little more cautious in making remarks of any kind."

The Secretary of the Council said he was not speaking officially for the organization at Boston, but that in order to counteract the unfortunate impression created in certain quarters as a result of misinterpretation of my remarks it was advisable all interested parties as to the real conditions in the South."

HENRY FORD ASKED TO VISIT GREENSBORO

United Commercial Travelers Ask Detroit Manufacturer to Address Them

Greenboro, April 9.—Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, has been invited to deliver an address here during the annual meeting of the Council of the Carolinians, United Commercial Travelers in June.

Robinson Stage Big Parade at Dallas, Texas

Dallas, Tex., April 7.—The downtown street of Dallas was jammed at 8 o'clock tonight, traffic was at a standstill and police reserve were stationed at 50-foot intervals, while near the county criminal court building members of the "American Women" reported as being a auxiliary of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas, assembled for parade, the first to be planned by the women's order since its organization about a year ago.

Pullman Charges Being Investigated

ROME'S ROYAL WEDDING

The Event a Demonstration of International Peace

Rome, April 9.—Princess Yolanda, eldest daughter of the King and Queen of Spain, and Count Carlo Calvi di Bergolo, officer in the Italian army and member of a family of the old nobility, were married with all the pomp of the Roman Catholic Church shortly before noon today in the Pauline Chapel in the Quirinal Palace.

While the short-formal civil marriage ceremony was taking place the guests who were to attend the solemn religious service had assembled in the chapel, the interior of which had been made beautiful with artistic floral decorations, softened by the judicious use of palms, ferns, and other plants which contrasted nicely with the colors of the ladies' toilet and with the uniforms of the military guests.

At the conclusion of the civil ceremony the bridal procession was marshaled into line by the imperial court chamberlain, and then proceeded nearly the whole length of the rambling old palace, through a long series of state apartments, to the Pauline Chapel.

It was led by the bridegroom, the Princess's train being borne by the youthful nephew of the bridegroom, Count di Bergolo wore his full dress military uniform. After them came King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, with the parents of the bridegroom. Then followed the Duke and Duchess of Aosta, the Count and the Countess of Turin, and other members of the Italian royal family, together with the delegated representatives of the royal families of England, Spain, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, and other countries, a special delegation representing the French government, and the ambassadors of other nations who, together with their wives, formed a company of several hundred Members of the Italian nobility also were in attendance, as well as high officers of the army and navy, Premier Mussolini and other members of the cabinet, and a delegation representing the two houses of Parliament.

The royal bride was attended by her sisters, the Princesses Mafalada and Giovanna. Degli Angeli, the royal chaplain, performed the ceremony, assisted by several eminent prelates and a number of priests. At the conclusion of the ceremony the chaplain delivered the customary brief address of advice and admonition to the bridal couple. As the rings were exchanged before the altar a battery of artillery stationed outside the palace fired a royal salute.

Then the bridal couple, with the Princess's train, and to one of the state drawing rooms of the palace, where they received the congratulations of the guests, who filed past them making profound bows and courtesies.

The populace of Rome observed the day as a gala day, the streets being filled with people, including many who came from a distance to catch a glimpse of the wedding pomp and pageantry. As the hour for the ceremony approached the plaza surrounding the Quirinal was alive with people watching the constant arrival of the many royal personages and their brilliantly uniformed attendants. Virtually every house in Rome was hung with flags and streamers, while brightly colored flowers had been placed in the windows and on most of the balconies, everything forming a most of festive display.

REV. R. L. DAVIS ISSUES STATEMENT IN DENIAL

Of Charges That Dr. Strecker Is Spreading German Propaganda

Raleigh, N. C., April 4.—R. L. Davis, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, tonight issued another statement in denial of despatches from Greensboro to the effect that Dr. Reinhardt Strecker, speaker of the World League Against Alcoholism, had not had his speaking engagements in North Carolina cancelled as a result of the American Legion's protests to headquarters.

"Let me say that Dr. Strecker is not an Anti-Saloon League speaker but a speaker of the World League Against Alcoholism, escorted through this state by me," said Mr. Davis. "No one that heard Dr. Strecker—and his audience at Goldsboro Sunday night, March 18, was estimated at 1000 persons—has alleged that he was spreading German propaganda."

"Dr. Strecker and I filed every appointment, nine in all, that we were originally scheduled to fill, beginning March 18 and ending at Spring Hope, March 25."

"This report insinuates falsely that I am untrue to America, which many liquor advocates seem to believe."

"Dr. Strecker, after filing all engagements, left the state Monday, March 26, and I suppose has heard nothing of all this 'tempest in a teapot' begun by one Mr. Moore, of Spring Hope. Is all this liquor propaganda to stop the move for world prohibition? If so, let the wets make the most of it—the great majority of the American Legion, I believe, are in favor of it," he asserted.

The despatch from Greensboro stated that Dr. Strecker's speaking engagements in the state had been cancelled following protests by the American Legion on the ground that the speaker was an alleged propagandist. The protests, it was stated, were carried to national headquarters of the league after the state superintendent had refused to act.

Imports in January Show Increase

Washington, April 6.—Preliminary estimates of the commerce department today showed that the value of imports during January at \$319,000,000, or \$102,000,000 more than the imports in January, 1922, and \$25,000,000 in excess of imports during December.

Rally Meeting for Lenoir College - Proved Very Successful Occasion

"North Carolina is the greatest State in the Union and is the State with the greatest possibilities," Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D. D., of Pittsburgh, stated here yesterday afternoon at the rally held in St. James Lutheran Church in the interest of the \$500,000 campaign for Lenoir College. Dr. MacLaughlin at present is pastor of a Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, but he was pastor of St. James Church here for a number of years and has kept in close touch with the wonderful progress of the State. His statement, he said, is further backed up by the conviction of business men with whom he has come in contact. The State is not only great in the development of its resources, but in its educational progress and religious feeling, as well. It has scarcely been touched with the foreign spirit, he said.

"With this feeling, Dr. MacLaughlin stated, the Lutherans of this state have an opportunity that those of no other section of the country have. With the best heartedness of one man, Mr. D. E. Rhyme, who has invested an additional \$300,000 in the educational program of this Synod, there came a challenge to the church, the like of which to other Lutheran College in America has ever had. He said that the hour of trial for Lenoir College had passed, but she came out pure gold, that she had been placed in the balance and measured up to the required standard, but that the Synod of North Carolina was on trial.

Rev. Prof. E. J. Sox, D. D., of the college, was emphatic in his statement of the needs of enlarged equipment of all denominational institutions to keep pace with the standards of requirements. With tendencies of merging interests on every hand there must be preparations made to measure up to the necessities. He spoke briefly of the strict educational demands that the present age is making and of the need for the college to meet this condition.

Mr. Hoffman, a student at Lenoir, spoke of the students' activities in the present effort to raise \$550,000 for the college.

The rally meeting was well attended with much enthusiasm for the cause and a determination to secure the amount set out for by the Synod evident. The canvass will open on the 22nd of this month.

In the morning Dr. MacLaughlin preached for St. James congregation. The large church was filled notwithstanding the constant downpour of rain. He spoke on the charter of the church. This sermon was filled with inspiration and was listened to with the closest attention. This large congregation bespoke the high esteem and love for him while here as pastor of this congregation.

Special music for the morning service was rendered by the choir, which repeated the Easter anthems which they sang on last Sunday evening. These included two antiphons, with solo parts by Miss Helen Patterson, Miss Macey, and Mr. Sam Goodman. Mr. Goodman also sang a tenor solo "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." The choir was assisted in the service by the members of the junior choir.

Womble Got Nomination In Democratic Primary

Sapp, Flowe, Wilkinson, Ivey, McEachern, Hullender, Hartsell and King the Successful Candidates Who Entered Democratic Primaries Held Saturday

High Point Ahead of DURHAM'S POPULATION

High Point's Population by the Federal Census Takers was 2,270.

High Point, April 7.—The result of the census-takers' report of the population of High Point, to which there was added new territory by an extension election several months ago, announced today, gave the city a population of 22,270.

These official figures make High Point the sixth largest city in North Carolina and at present the largest city in Guilford county, the population being larger than that of Greensboro, and also Durham.

According to the 1920 census, there are at present only five cities in North Carolina with a larger population than that of High Point. These are: Winston-Salem, 48,395; Charlotte, 46,888; Wilmington, 33,372; Asheville, 28,504; Raleigh, 24,418.

That High Point has enjoyed remarkable growth during the past 20 years is shown in the official figures. In 1900 the city had a population of only 4,163, but in 1910 it grew to a city with 9,524 inhabitants. High Point continued to grow and in 1920 the federal census gave the city a population of 14,302.

Last year the voters of High Point decided in a special election to extend the corporate limits of the city. Following the election, Mayor John W. Hartsell requested the census bureau to make a new count of noses in High Point. The mayor's request was complied with and the enumeration gave High Point a large increase.

Woman Sets Fire to Self and is Burned to Death

Miami, Fla., April 8.—Crazed with pain of a long illness, which three operations had failed to alleviate Mrs. Helen Simms, 46, of Miami drenched herself with kerosene last night, lit a match to her clothing, screamed once and burned to death.

DRY AGENTS FIRING ON WOMEN WILL NOT BE TRIED IN COURT

Misses Rosalie Bowen and Mary Gwynn, Y. M. C. A. Workers, Were Fired on by Prohibition Agents.

SEVERAL BULLETS STRUCK THEIR CAR

Rather Than Get So Much Publicity, They Will Not Take Their Case to Court, It Is Decided.

Asheville, April 9.—Officers of the Asheville, Y. W. C. A. will advise Misses Rosalie Bowen and Mary Gwynn, members of the Y. W. C. A. staff here, whose automobile was fired upon by Federal prohibition officers in Greenville County, S. C., yesterday, not to institute legal proceedings against the officers, they said today, because of the publicity they would be involved in.

The young women are expected to return to this city today following an inspection of the Greenville, Y. W. C. A.

According to information received here the automobile in which they were riding near Traveler's Rest, was fired upon by L. T. Queen and other prohibition officers after the young women had disregarded an order to halt. The occupants of the car said they feared the men were highwaymen.

A bullet penetrated a spoke of their wheel and a third penetrated the right fender. The punctured tire caused the car to go into a ditch, where the officers searched through the car and the young women's effects. Then they were released with the explanation that their car had been mistaken for a rum runner.

THE COTTON MARKET

Firm Tone at Opening, First Prices 11 to 21 Points Higher

New York, April 9.—Relatively firm Liverpool cables and rather unsettled weather conditions in the South gave the cotton market a firm tone at the opening today and first prices were 11 to 21 points higher on trade and commission house buying.

Cotton futures opened firm: May 30.90; July 29.10; October 25.70; December 25.25; January 24.98.

METHODIST CHURCH GETS \$800,000 LEGACY

J. W. Higgins, Fatally Hurt in Auto Accident, Leaves His Wealth to Church

Johnson City, Tenn., April 9.—J. W. Higgins, who died in Marion, N. C., hospital during the past week as a result of injuries sustained by being struck by an automobile driven by Elias Hensley, a 16-year-old youth, left \$800,000 in cash and realty to the Methodist Church. He was president of the City Bank at Yancey, N. C., and one of the outstanding financiers of the western section of the state. He was 31 years of age, and childless. He left a farm valued at \$16,000 to a nephew, Joe Higgins.

Higgins was a member of the Southern Methodist Church.

Case of Conscience Or Case of Frigate?

Dunn, April 7.—John Bennett Pope, Harnett county farmer, who lives near Dunn, passed through an unusual experience this week. Robbery broke into his smokehouse at night and took every piece of his home-raised meat, and he had quite a supply. The following day Mr. Pope put out the word that he had secured sufficient evidence to convict and the word was narrated around that the men who took the eat had best return it. The next morning Mr. Pope was very much surprised and more greatly pleased when he found that every piece of his meat had been returned and left on his porch.

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CHIEF WATER ROUTE HAS BEEN BLOCKED

Locks on Dortmund-Ems Canal Destroyed by Dynamite and Traffic on Canal Now at Standstill.

FRENCH SAY ONE CANAL IS OPEN

This Is Most Serious Case of Sabotage Reported on the Waterways During the Occupation Period.

Essen, April 9 (By the Associated Press).—The explosion of a time bomb destroyed the locks of the Dortmund-Ems canal near Harnum early today. The canal was blocked, seriously interfering with the complicated inland waterway traffic in the Ruhr.

This is the most serious case of sabotage yet reported on the Ruhr waterways. The lock was near the junction of the Dortmund-Ems canal with the main canal that runs down to the Rhine at Dinsburg and Ruhrort, where the largest inland port in the world is located.

The intention of the dynamiters was not only to block the canal, but to drain the water from the main Rhine-Herne canal, which is the main waterway artery of the Ruhr, but the French say this main canal was not interfered with as the locks on both sides of the one which was dynamited were closed immediately after the explosion.

The Dortmund-Ems canal, itself an important waterway, is blocked. Guards have been placed at all junctions and locks as a measure for prevention of further damage.

FEAR OF KLUCKERS CAUSE OF SUICIDE

West Virginia Klansman Worried Over Telling Secrets Takes Own Life

Clarksburg, W. Va., April 8.—Worry over the fact that he had divulged to his own father a plan which the Wallace Ku Klux Klan had to whip two Wallace sisters, brought Kent Ogden, wealthy Wallace oil and gas man, and himself an officer in the Klan, to a mental state where death seem an easier alternative than the consequences which his mind pictured, according to a story which appeared in the Clarksburg Exponent Sunday morning.

This is revealed in statements written just before death by Ogden, who, on Tuesday of this week, placed a pistol over his heart and pulled the trigger, and in signed statements by his father, James Ogden, his widow, Mrs. Della Ogden, and F. S. Estlake, Wallace undertaker, who is one of the men who it is said the Klan planned to whip. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden and Mr. Estlake each prepared statements for the Clarksburg Exponent, and the father turned over the one written by his son just before he took his own life.

Thirty-Seven Thousand Hear Sunday in Farewell Sermons

Columbia, S. C., April 8.—Thirty-seven thousand people heard Billy Sunday in four services in the tabernacle. From 7 o'clock to 9 the big pine temple was a teeming scene of activity. One audience would be let out at one end of the tabernacle and another let in at the other, so that there was a minimum of duplication.

The trail hitters at the four services numbered 4,440, of which 2,154 came at the night services. It broke all records for Mr. Sunday's 27 years of evangelistic work.

Mr. Sunday was escorted to the train at 10 o'clock by the 800 ushers of the tabernacle organization. The men drew Mr. Sunday's car through the street to the station with ropes attached to his car, and along the streets stood delegations from the public schools, the university and the two colleges for women and many citizens, who sang songs of the tabernacle and shouted and waved goodbye to the evangelist.

At the tabernacle tonight the members of the Sunday party were called to the platform and the 10,000 worshippers applauded and waved their handkerchiefs, and then spontaneously broke into a volume of song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 28 1/2 cents per pound; cotton seed at 66 cents per bushel.

Visitors Arriving in New Orleans For the Annual Confederate Reunion

New Orleans, La., April 9.—Visitors to the 33rd reunion of the United Confederate Veterans which opens on Wednesday, continued to pour into the city today and it was predicted by convention officials that by tomorrow night the greatest crowd that has attended a reunion since 1893 would be here.

The arrival yesterday of large delegations from Tennessee, North Carolina and other nearer points, took the convention headquarters by storm. "We wanted to be in plenty of time," they explained.

A little group that arrived together

An educational information service for the use of locomotive engineers in helping their sons and daughters to enter the profession has been established by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.