

Solicitors Are Told to Make an Investigation of Prison Conditions

Attorney General Manning Sends Out Letters to Solicitors and Chairmen Boards of County Commissioners.

INVESTIGATION OF JAILS IS ORDERED

Dr. Hastings Hart May Now Be on Way to North Carolina With Purpose to Investigate Prison Conditions

Raleigh, May 14. (By the Associated Press.) Solicitors throughout North Carolina were advised by Attorney General James S. Manning today to make personal investigations of prison conditions in their respective counties, and report to him as promptly as you can conveniently do.

RUSSIA HURLS HER DEFIANCE AT ENGLAND

Foreign Minister Gives Soviets' Attitude in Fiery Moscow Speech.

Moscow, May 12.—The soviet commu- nism was sweeping through the streets of Moscow tonight crying "Down with Czarism; death to the initiators of a new war; down with fascism; Russia is not a colony of England!"

FINISHING TOUCHES ON ORGANIZATION TONIGHT

Executive Committee, Captains and Colonels to Meet at the Y. M. C. A. Tonight.

A meeting of the Executive Committee, Colonels and Captains is to be held at the Y. M. C. A. tonight at 6:15 when the finishing touches will be put on the organization which will be ready to forward march on Tuesday night.

Wants the Democratic National Convention Held in New York City

New York, May 14.—A nationwide canvass of political and business leaders proving favorable, the New York World makes a formal proposal that the Democratic National Convention of 1924 be held in this city.

MISSING MAN FOUND

J. E. Griffin, of Petersburg, Found in a Gravel Pit, Handcuffed and Unconscious.

Petersburg, Va., May 14.—Jas. E. Griffin, owner of a bathing resort near here, who mysteriously disappeared last Monday night while driving along the road in his automobile, was found today in a gravel pit, handcuffed and unconscious.

SOVIET NOTE REGARDING AS AVOIDING RUPTURE

The British Consider it An About Face on Moscow's Attitude.

London, May 14. (By the Associated Press.)—In British official circles the reply of the Russian soviet government to the British note is considered as avoiding a rupture.

PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT MONTREAT

To Be Held in the Auditorium Beginning May 17th.

The following notice of the General Assembly will be of interest to Concord Presbyterians, many of whom plan to go to Montreat. Mrs. P. B. Fetzer has already gone to Montreat and others plan to go in the next week.

TWELVE OR MORE ARE DEAD IN TORNADO DOES IN THE SOUTHWEST

Twelve Persons Have Been Counted Dead in Texas, and There Is No Official Estimate of Number Dead.

STRETCHES OVER WIDE TERRITORY

Eight Bodies Been Brought to Colorado City, Texas, and Several More Are Said to Be on the Way There.

Colorado city, Texas, May 14.—Eight bodies of persons killed in a tornado near here early this morning have been brought to Colorado City and it was reported that several more bodies are on the way here.

PIRATES LOOT SHIP.

Were Disguised as Passengers and Overpowered the Crew.

Hong Kong, China, May 14. (By the Associated Press.)—European passengers were among those terrorized and robbed when the Chinese steamer Taispau was seized near Swatow Saturday by pirates, who disguised as passengers, overpowered the crew, sailing the ship for nearly 24 hours, at night without lights, and finally left her yesterday at the mouth of a small creek, transferring loot valued at \$80,000.

Body of Kidnapped Policeman Found

Had Been Shot Twice Through the Head and Once in the Abdomen.

Cleveland, O., May 14.—The body of Patrolman Dennis Griffin, kidnaped by a man he had arrested early Friday morning, and with whom he had started for the police station, was found this afternoon 300 feet from where remnants of his charred clothing were found between Geauga Lake and Bainbridge, 29 miles east of here.

Sacred Words Set to Jazz Convert the Heathen.

Chicago, May 12.—Ragtime and "jazz" may be working to the detriment of Young America but their syncretized strains are winning converts to Christian ideals in Timbuctoo, Tibet and Tahiti, according to Paul Rader, evangelist and president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

THE COTTON MARKET

Big Decline of Last Week Followed by Sharp Rally.

New York, May 14.—The big decline of last week was followed by sharp rallies in the cotton market during today's early trading, owing to reports of unfavorable weather over the week-end and relatively easy Liverpool cables.

M. M. Misenheimer Died Sunday Morning in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer.

Marion M. Misenheimer died at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning at his home at 1504 Arlington avenue after an illness of several weeks.

World's Champion Cow is Honor Guest at Banquet.

Agassiz, B. C., May 14.—Led among rows of tables in a brilliantly lighted banquet hall and milked in the presence of 300 members of the British Columbia Dairywomen's Association on here Agassiz Eggs May Echo, champion butter-producing cow of the world, was toasted in foaming glasses of her own milk here recently.

Commencement at Queen's College.

Charlotte, N. C., May 14.—Congressman William B. Bowling, of Alabama, will deliver the principal address at the graduating exercises at Queen's College Tuesday morning.

Church Street Being Widened.

That part of North Church street adjoining the property of Mr. W. M. Linker, which begins at the intersection of Depot and Church Streets is being widened now on the west side.

Sixteen Foreigners Still Held by Bandits.

Washington, May 12.—State Department advises today from the American legation at Peking said it was believed the foreigners still held by the Chinese bandits in Shantung numbered fourteen men and two women.

Commencement at Flora MacDonald College.

Red Springs, N. C., May 14.—Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Va., will deliver the baccalaureate address at the commencement exercises of Flora MacDonald College here, May 23.

Georgia Can't Pay Negroes from \$4 to \$10 a Day.

Atlanta, May 12.—Georgia is "too poor" to offer negroes \$4 to \$10 a day to remain in the State, Commissioner of Agriculture J. J. Brown said today commenting on reports that Southern States were making efforts to halt the exodus of negroes to the North.

Cotton Consumed in April.

Washington, May 14.—Cotton consumed during April amounted to 577,396 bales of lint and 52,922 of lintless, compared with 443,509 of lint and 51,745 of lintless in March this year, and 43,509 and 49,287 of lintless in April last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

World Stop the Exodus.

Birmingham, Ala., May 12.—Leading negro editors and negro ministers of the Birmingham Industrial district have joined forces with large employers of labor here in a concerted effort to check the exodus of negro workers which is said to have threatened a serious shortage of manpower in mine and mill, according to an industrial item today in the Birmingham News.

Asks for Damages Because of Hot Water Heater.

Charlotte, May 13.—Through his mother Mrs. C. Therell, as his best friend, Terrell Welch, 20, brought suit for \$25,000 here today against W. C. Wilkins as owner of the house the Welch occupies, and the Acem Plumbing Company, charging that he was almost asphyxiated by improper installation of a gas heater for furnishing hot water.

Gasoline Prices Cut by Standard Oil Company.

New York, May 13.—The Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, and the Texas Company, today reduced today the new prices of gasoline one cent a gallon in North and South Carolina. The new prices ranged from 19 to 21 cents excluding the three cents tax.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN JABS.

WHAT MAKES THE CITY GREAT?

"There is possibly nothing needed worse in all our cities and towns than well organized Young Men's Christian Associations, which shall stand for character building in the three-fold way in which the association does its work."—Theodore Roosevelt.

What makes a city great and strong? Not architecture's graceful strength. Nor factories' extended length. But men who see the civic wrong. And give their lives to make it right. And turn its darkness into light. What makes a city men love? Not things that charm the outward sense. Not gross display or opulence. But right that wrong can't remove. And truth that faces civic fraud. And smites it in the name of God. This is a city that shall stand. A light upon a nation's hill. A voice that evil cannot still. A source of blessing to the land: Its strength not brick, nor stone, nor wood. But Justice, Love and Brotherhood.