

BEST EXECUTION IN OCCUPIED DISTRICT REPORTED BY FRENCH

Robert Schlegel, Charged With Sabotage on Railroads in Occupied Regions, Shot to Death.

SENT TO DEATH WITHOUT FALTER

Man Admitted That He Had Blown Up Tracks.—Regarded as Chief of a Murder Gang.

Robert Schlegel, 26 (By the Associated Press).—French troops today for the first time in the occupied regions and other offenses. He was in a stone quarry near a cemetery and his body was delivered forthwith to the cemetery authorities. This is the first execution in the occupied regions.

Schlegel was escorted to the quarry by two priests and went unflinchingly to his death. Ten shots were fired at him.

Despite sabotage, Schlegel, a former Prussian officer, was convicted by a military court martial of espionage and association with criminals. He admitted that he had blown up railroad tracks and bridges. The French regarded him as a chief of the murder gang which has been carrying on a campaign of terror against the occupation of the Ruhr.

Back Government. London, May 26 (By the Associated Press).—It is stated that the Federal Government has indicated that it will give the requisit guarantees for reparations payments, a letter dispatch from Berlin to the Ruhr.

Employees Buy Heavily of Standard Oil Stock. Within three years they will be the largest single group of stockholders.

Chicago, May 26.—Three years hence employees of the Standard Oil Company (Indiana) will be the largest group of stockholders collectively. It will own more stock than any other individual or collective group of stockholders of the company, if the employees purchase the stock in the next three years as they have in the last two. This announcement was made today by the Standard Oil Company in commenting on the result of a poll during the two years of its existence.

The announcement says that of the 100 stockholders, 10,000 are now employees and have purchased stock under the plan, which provides that every dollar an employee puts up for the purchase of stock the company will add 50 cents to the employee's share in the purchase, providing, however, that no employee can purchase more than an amount equal to 20 per cent of his salary.

As soon as an amount sufficient to finance share of stock is reached the balance is made and dividends to the employees begin. At the end of five years all of the stock purchased in this manner is delivered to the employees.

A few concrete examples of how this works are interesting. Two employees own an office building worth \$100,000. They have purchased \$50,000 of this stock. Today they own \$150,000. His net profit is \$340.

Another employee whose salary is \$100 a month put in \$100 for the purchase of stock. He has now 94 shares, which has a total value of \$5,914. His net profit for the two years is \$3,561.

Child Chews Cup for Gum, It Explodes in Her Mouth. Kate Tuz, five years old, picked up the cup near her home at 379 East Tenth Street yesterday afternoon and found like a small disk of chewing gum. The child put the disk into her mouth, closed her jaws on it and she was asked to pay attention as it exploded in her mouth.

Her mother, who discovered, was using a persimmon cup such as is used in restaurants. When discarded it was thrown into the East Fifth Street station where it was made to explode. Kate was taken to her home and there was found to be a small hole in the cup. Her injuries were more painful than serious. Their exact extent will not be known until an X-ray is taken to-day.

SOUTHERN BUYS RAIL TO IMPROVE ITS LINES

Thirty-Three Thousand Tons of Steel Rails Have Just Been Purchased.

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Thirty-three thousand tons of steel rails have just been purchased by the Southern Railway system for delivery during the last six months of 1923. Included in this order are 25,500 tons of 100-pound section and 7,500 tons of 85-pound rail. This brings the Southern's purchase of new steel for 1923 to 73,000 tons, 40,000 tons having been bought earlier in the year.

The largest share of the new order went to the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, which will roll 23,000 tons at its Ensley, Ala., plant; 8,000 tons were ordered from the Bethlehem Steel Co., and 2,000 tons from the Illinois Steel Company.

The 100-pound rail will be used in carrying out the program of the Southern to relay the Washington-Atlanta, Cincinnati-Chattanooga, and other lines of high traffic density with this heavy rail. This work is now in progress between Manassas and Orange, Va., between Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., between Knoxville and Morristown, Tenn., and between Somerset, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn.

Heavy tie plates are being used wherever the 100-pound rail is being laid, giving added strength and smoothness to the track.

A large amount of serviceable 85-pound rail is being released and transferred to lines which are now equipped with lighter rail.

Cabarrus Boy Graduates at Catawba College.

Newton, N. C., May 23.—Despite the threatening storm a large audience greeted the academy graduates Monday night at Catawba College auditorium. After prayer by Rev. J. A. Koons, of Maiden, President Wherrill announced that Prof. A. C. Sherhill, principal of the academy, would have charge of the program.

The following representatives of the class of 1923 delivered orations and essays: "Domestic Science and Art in the High Schools," Miss Marie Cornelius, Long Island; "Henry Ford," B. B. Monroe, Salisbury; "Present Day Child Training," Cleo Lentz, Cabarrus county; oration, "Youthful Criminals," Paul Drum, Catawba county.

Principal Sherhill presented high school diplomas to the following: Henry Boger, St. James; Paul Drum, Catawba county; B. B. Monroe, Salisbury; J. R. Morrison, St. James; S. T. Platt, Greensboro; Hugh Sigmon, Newton; W. H. Wilson, Mecklenburg county; Sam Young, Newton; Julie Angel, South Fork; Mary K. Carpenter, St. James; Merle Cornelius, Long Island; Cleo Lentz, Gold Hill; Mary Setzer, Newton; R. 2; and Nell Smyre, St. James.

TRUSTEE OF COLLEGE TO CONSIDER REMOVAL

Committee Appointed to Look into Proposition Made by Gastonia.

Hickory, May 23.—Hickory citizens were interested today over the action of the board of trustees in adopting, H. 1 to 4, a motion by John J. George, of Cherryville, to consider proposition from the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and Daniel E. Rhyne, of Lincoln county to move Lenoir College to one of these places. Of the 21 members of the board, only 15 were present and those who have been closest to the institution, it was said, opposed most vigorously the removal talk.

J. A. Moretz, of Hickory, who went on the board in time to push the first campaign, Rev. W. C. Boger, of Newton, and Rev. J. C. Dietz, of Salisbury, were the principal opponents of the removal resolution, and it was said later that the proposition probably would never get any farther than the committee.

Mr. Moretz told the trustees that Hickory people had raised \$48,000 in the appeal campaign and had done as well as other groups. He also referred to divisions in the Lutheran Church, which is represented in this county by three separate synods, and asserted that matters of this kind were what prevented unity. The committee to consider removal propositions consists of D. W. Aderholdt, president; Mr. George and Rev. Mr. Boger.

The Legislative Job.

Charlotte Observer. The pay of Texas legislators for regular sessions is five dollars a day, but if they happen to get caught in a special session it is two dollars a day. Of course, serving the State at a rate of kind these days would be a disastrous proposition, but the Texas legislator knows how to get around the law.

The present Texas Legislature is its 28th and it is now in its third called session. The legislators, however, are drawing the regular pay of five dollars and this is how they do it: At the end of the fixed 60 days they "adjourn" to a special session, at which the business left over is to be finished up—at the regular rate of pay. In North Carolina when the time of a regular session expires, the pay expires also, and what's more, the State has indignantly refused to pay more for regular service. The occupation of State legislator is a losing proposition from the financial standpoint, but always the supply of patriots is sufficient to prevent the spectacle of a vacant seat.

Says Ford is to Construct Cotton Mill in the South.

Atlanta, Ga., May 24.—Henry Ford, Detroit manufacturer, is planning to establish a cotton mill in the south for the purpose of manufacturing all the cotton drill used in the manufacture of his automobiles, according to a story published in The Atlanta Journal today.

Managers of Stores, Their Families and Employees Get No Chances On Free Autos

Managers of business houses in Concord which are co-operating in Trade Week are not eligible to draw for the autos to be given away on June 2nd by the merchants of the city. They are not entitled to tickets when making purchases. This rule applies to members of their immediate families also, and to employees in stores which are taking part in the event.

This rule has been adopted by the Merchants' Association as a precaution. If some one in the stores won the prizes, it is pointed out, some one else might claim the drawing had not been conducted on the square, and for the purpose of keeping down such reports and opinions, no tickets will be given to store managers, their families or employees.

The drawing for the cars will take place at 7 p. m. June 2nd, at Central Graded School. To win one of the prizes a person must be present at the time the tickets are drawn. If the person holding the first number drawn is not present, another number will be

HERIOT CLARKSON IS NAMED BY GOVERNOR

To Be Associate Justice of North Carolina Supreme Court.—Guthrie Withdrew His Name.

Raleigh, May 26.—Heriot Clarkson, Charlotte lawyer, this morning was appointed by Governor Morrison successor to the late Platt D. Walker as Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

The announcement of Mr. Clarkson's appointment was contained in a two line statement in which Governor Morrison merely stated he had appointed Mr. Clarkson to succeed Platt D. Walker, deceased.

Although it was not learned at the executive office whether the withdrawal of T. C. Guthrie, of Charlotte, of his name from among those being endorsed for the place had anything to do with the selection of Mr. Clarkson, the appointment was announced a few minutes after the news of Mr. Guthrie's action had been received here in a news dispatch from Charlotte.

Guthrie Withdrew.

Charlotte, May 26.—T. C. Guthrie, of Charlotte, who had been prominently mentioned as a successor to the late Justice Platt D. Walker telegraphed Governor Morrison early today asking that he no longer be considered in this connection.

Coll Smashes Two Red Autos Parked Outside His Pasture.

Rochester, N. Y., May 23.—Two valuable automobiles belonging to Ernest and Earl Blaisdell, of Wolcott, were badly damaged when charged upon and butted by an enraged Durham bull today. When farmers came to the residue of the motor cars they were forced to retreat until pitchforks and stout clubs were obtained with which to beat the animal back into a pasture near by.

The Blaisdell brothers being twins, they affect the same tastes, and their cars are both painted a deep red, which attracted the attention of the bull when they were parked on a road near his pasture.

His anger rising rapidly, the animal snorted and stamped about, and finally broke down a stout stone and fire fence surrounding the lot. With lowered head he charged the two machines and badly crumpled both back and rear parts of the cars.

Driven back by five strong farmers summoned to the rescue, he succeeded in smashing several crates of eggs awaiting shipment before he returned to the pasture.

They Swap Even.

Philadelphia, May 23.—Lee Meadows, pitcher, and John Rawlings, second baseman, have been traded by the Philadelphia National League club to the Pirates in exchange for Charles Glazner, and James Tierney, second baseman. President Baker of the local club, said it was a straight trade with no cash inducements.

Brings Down Gray Eagle.

Hickory, May 25.—Shipping up on a number of crows which he suspected of robbing guinea nests, E. K. Knaupp, a Catawba county farmer, found that the birds were quarrelling with a gray eagle, whose wing he broke with a shot. The eagle, which measured 7 feet 2 inches from tip to tip, was brought here today by Knaupp.

Commencement Program for Concord Schools Announced by the Officials

Commencement exercises at the public schools in Concord will begin next Thursday evening, May 31st, and continue through Monday evening, June 4th. The full commencement program, covering the grammar schools and the high schools, was announced Friday by Prof. A. S. Webb, superintendent of the schools.

drawn and this plan will be followed until some one present holds the number corresponding to the one drawn. Trade Week started off well Thursday, and good business was also enjoyed today, though the inclement weather has detracted some. Tomorrow it is expected that thousands of shoppers will be here, and business houses are planning to take care of the bargain seekers.

If you are entitled to a ticket, be certain that you get one with each \$1 purchase or with each \$1 paid on account. Each number was printed in duplicate. You get the main ticket and the stub, with a number corresponding to the one on your ticket, is deposited in one of the boxes which have been placed in each store. On the 2nd of June all of the stubs will be placed in one large box, carried to Central Graded School and there the drawing will take place. A Chevrolet touring car will be the first prize and a Ford touring car second prize.

FIVE POWERS OBJECT TO COURT'S RULING

England, Spain, France, Italy and Holland Give Views on the Recent Supreme Court Decision.

Washington, May 26.—Five foreign governments have already made known to the state department their position in regard to the recent Supreme Court ruling against the presence of liquor on foreign ships inside the three mile limit.

Besides the communication received yesterday from the British embassy the department has received the views of the Spanish government also in writing, and the attitude of the French, Italian and Dutch governments have been presented orally to Secretary Hughes.

In substance it was said today at the department the five countries take the same position in calling attention to the "inconveniences" resulting from the court decision and also point out that freedom in international commercial intercourse is threatened if heretofore recognized practices of comity between nations in this regard are abandoned.

CHINESE SOLDIERS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN AGAINST BANDITS

Peking's Plan is Now to Force the Bandits to Free the Captives. Shanghai, May 24.—Panic seized the bandits of Paotzuku today as Chinese government troops launched a determined advance against the outlaws in an effort to break up their communications and force an issue in the international problem revolving about the kidnaping of foreigners from the Shanghai-Peking express May 6.

The Peking government's plan to release the captives by force apparently is to be put into operation at once.

The cordons of troops about the Paotzuku stronghold today was tightened in all directions. Messengers traveling to and from the outlaw hid retreat have been stopped. Troops are engaged in breaking up all the bandits' lines of communications in an effort to isolate the band chief, is holding the foreigners.

Chief of the brigands are said to be greatly discouraged at the refusal of the diplomatic corps at Peking to deal with them and are reported to be anxious to come to some sort of terms before it is too late to save their own lives.

Twenty-five Million Dollar Merger of Movie Interests.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 22.—Consolidation of the Goldwyn Picture Corporation, Cosmopolitan Productions, Inc., and Distinctive Pictures, Inc., with a combined capitalization of \$25,000,000, was announced here today at a meeting of executives, district managers and salesmen of the Goldwyn and Cosmopolitan concerns.

The new organization will be known as the Goldwyn-Cosmopolitan Corporation. Branches are expected to be established in thirty-one cities of the United States and in many large cities of Europe.

The object of the merger was described as being the economical and efficient production and distribution of photoplays on a scale to provide 12,000 theatres with sufficient pictures for weekly changes of program. It was openly admitted that the new combination will aim to compete with the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.

NIELS GRON AS A FIGURE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Once Recommended for Position as United States Minister to Greece.—Fought Germans Politically in the World War.—Negotiated With Washington for Sale of Danish West Indian Isles.—Wants to See His Nine Year Old Boy.

The following article is taken from a recent issue of a Portland, Maine, paper. Mr. Gron's present wife was Mrs. Saidee Dusenbery, of Concord, and she was married to Mr. Gron in New York, February 15, 1923.—Editor.

Niels Gron. Who is he? What is he? These are two questions that have undoubtedly been asked many times since the latter's most unusual, if not spectacular attack on Maine jurists and clergymen, because of the decision of the Cumberland Superior Court relative to the custody of his nine year old boy. In view of the unique situation which the Danish diplomat, as he is more familiarly known in Maine, has created and because of the singularity of his claim which has brought him most forcibly before the public eye of the Pine Tree State, the following interview was sought:

In order to bring Mr. Gron's position in Maine up to date, attention is called to the Gron divorce suit which was settled in the January term of the Cumberland Superior court in favor of Mrs. Madeline Gron. The case at the time did not attract unusual attention in this vicinity as neither of the principals was known here. Judge Sanborn, who heard the case, granted Mrs. Gron the divorce and gave the custody of the child to her. Mr. Gron went away for a time, during which period he became remarried.

Several weeks ago he re-appeared in Portland and sought to see his boy, which privilege he was denied.

Harvard Graduate. In a secluded corner of the Mansion House piazza at Poland Spring, where the Grons are stopping, Mr. Gron in answer to questions put to him, related facts concerning his career in this country and his diplomatic relations between the United States and Denmark over the purchase of the Danish West Indian Islands. He told of his coming to this country as a young man of limited means, of his receiving his preparatory education here, and of his subsequent graduation from Harvard college in the class of 1894.

From time to time he produced substantial proof of his various statements, which conclusively prove him to have been at one time a dominant figure in the political and diplomatic life of this country.

Cited by Mary A. Hanna.

In the McKinley presidential campaign of 1900 Mr. Gron was the Republican National chairman of the Scandinavian Political Bureau and as such was later credited by Mark Hanna, the great Republican leader, with having turned fully 600,000 Scandinavian votes in favor of McKinley. He had become a citizen of Boston in 1895, remaining as such until 1905 when he returned to his own country in order to wage a fight against a faction that was trying to get a destructive hold on Denmark through unfair dealings with this country over the sale of the West Indian Islands.

Recommended for Foreign Posts. Shortly after the election of President Harding's absence, then Warren G. Harding, during his absence, will not be President, because there cannot be two Presidents at the same time under the law.

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of Edgar Lee Masters, poet and author of "Spoon River Anthology" who was only last week granted a divorce from his wife, the mother of several grown children. His sister, the former Mrs. Gron, is now living in Portland where she is known as a society sculptress. She has the boy with whom the father is seeking an interview. Her other three children, two girls and a boy are grown up.

Wants to See Child.

Mr. Gron during the interview made little reference to his former wife. Of his child he also had little to say beyond that what he was seeking was to have a body of Christian men and women given the custody of the child. He said that he did not ask that the boy be taken away from his mother but that supervision of his bringing up be guarded by such people as he above refers to. Most of all he says that he wants is the privilege of seeing his boy and knowing that the little chap's mind is not turned against him.

UNCLE SAM PAYS EXPENSE OF PRESIDENT'S TRIP

President to Leave Washington Next Month on Trip to Alaska.

Washington, May 25.—When President Harding leaves Washington next month on his trip to the far west and Alaska it will be the first long journey that he has undertaken since he entered the White House. To date, he has taken fewer jaunts about the country than any other of the chief executives of recent years. From the day of his inauguration various conditions and circumstances have combined to keep President Harding close to Washington.

Uncle Sam will pay for the President's forthcoming trip. In addition to his salary of \$75,000 a year Congress appropriates for all the expenses of the White House—except the food served, which the President pays for out of his own pocket—for his automobiles and carriages, and \$25,000 a year for his traveling expenses.

Taft was the first President for whom an appropriation for traveling expenses was made. Before his time Presidents paid their traveling expenses themselves or accepted the favors of railroads. It was customary for railroads to provide a special car or train free whenever the President wished to travel.

The railroads in this way invariably paid the railway expense of extensive campaign trips of Presidents. This led to so much criticism that Congress inaugurated the provision for traveling expenses of Presidents.

Taft used up his \$25,000 a year in trips around the country for 1909 was an inordinate traveler. Wilson expended scarcely any of the appropriation in the first two years and only a small portion in the third year. The unexpended balance each year is turned back to the treasury.

The question has arisen as to whether when President Harding departs for Alaska, he will take the presidency with him or leave it in the hands of Vice President Coolidge, in Washington. There is no authority under which the chief magistrate may delegate his powers to anybody. So far as the Constitution goes, a man is President of the United States, or he is not. If Vice President Coolidge becomes Acting President in President Harding's absence, then Warren G. Harding, during his absence, will not be President, because there cannot be two Presidents at the same time under the law.

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ENGLAND IS READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS

And Action is Expected as Soon as the New Premier Wants to Settle the International Questions.

London, May 26.—(By the Associated Press).—Great Britain has decided that there shall be no break with Russia. It is held in diplomatic circles that while the last note from Moscow is in some respects not wholly satisfactory, the remaining points in the dispute with the soviet government are susceptible of solution.

The government of Prime Minister Baldwin, it is known, desires to begin its career hampered by as few international problems and controversial political issues as possible. If Leonid Krassin, the soviet representative here, succeeds in having the Moscow government compromise on Lord Curzon's reiterated demand for withdrawal of the Russian political agents abroad whose actions have offended Great Britain, it is believed that the British foreign secretary will inform M. Krassin when he calls at the foreign office next week that Great Britain is disposed to discuss with him, or another appointed plenipotentiary, the whole subject of internal relations at a conference to be called in London in the near future.

DEATH OF MR. J. T. BRASWELL

Was a Son of Rev. D. A. Braswell, of Concord.—Death Occurs in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer. Joseph F. Braswell, a popular and efficient employe of the Southern Public Utilities Company, died at 7 o'clock last night at the Charlotte Sanatorium where he had been confined for two or three weeks. He had been a sufferer for some time with diabetes, which caused the death.

The remains will leave aboard the Southern train at 10:12 o'clock this morning for Concord, where the funeral will be conducted sometime Saturday, arrangements being incomplete. The service will be at the house of the father of the deceased, Rev. D. A. Braswell, with Rev. Mr. Shelton, pastor of the Concord Methodist Church, in charge.

Surviving are the widow; the parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Braswell, of Concord, four sisters, Mrs. S. O. Bundy, Mrs. Blanche Waddell and Mrs. Mart Garmon, all of Concord; two brothers, J. S. and J. T. Braswell, of Hamlet, the former at one time chief of police of Hamlet. The brothers and sisters were at the bedside when the end came.

Joseph F. Braswell was born September 9, 1877, thus being in his forty-sixth year. He was married about 16 years ago to Miss Emma Gandy. They made their home at 1204 South Tryon Street. His father has been a member of the State Methodist Protestant conference for 20 years.

Mr. Braswell was a motorman on the Charlotte street railway system, being connected with the company for 15 years. He was generally liked by his associates and by the public.

ALL FOUR ARE DEAD

Three Daughters Try to Rescue Their Mother From Burning Building.

Mountain Lake Park, Md., May 24.—Fate today intervened in summer vacation plans of Mrs. Mary O'Connor, aged 94, and her three grown daughters, who arrived here this morning, and as a result the four are dead. The four met death when burning leaves ignited accumulated gas in the cottage occupied by Mrs. O'Connor. The three daughters were some distance from the cottage when the explosion occurred. When they reached the building it was a mass of flames. Disregarding their own safety the daughters rushed into the cottage in an attempt to rescue their mother. They never came out.

The dead beside Mrs. O'Connor, who lived at Clarksburg, W. Va., are: Miss Kate O'Connor, Clarksburg; Mrs. Jett Grammon, Fairmont, W. Va.; Mrs. Mary E. Rooney, Clarksburg.

When rescuers removed the four bodies from the debris late today \$2,000 in gold was found hidden in a chimney. It was turned over to the authorities. Several other cottages near the one occupied by the victims also were destroyed.

Albemarle Student is Tapped by Red Friars.

Albemarle News-Herald. As the Red Friars, a fraternal organization at Trinity College, sent their mysterious red swathed figure among the student body last week, John H.