

Vigorous Defense Of Duke Endowment Made By Former Governor

Defence Offered by Former Governor Cameron Morrison at P. & N. Hearing in Charlotte.

INDENTURE TO BE EXHIBITED

Will Be Placed in Evidence Although P. & N. Officials Hoped to Keep It From Coming Up.

Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—A vigorous defense of the "sacredness" of the nature of the indenture...

Cameron Morrison, counsel for the electric line, and L. E. Jeffries, of Washington, vice president and chief counsel of the Southern Railway...

"We are going to put it in evidence and challenge the opposition to make good his most brutal assault on the noblest and most sacred instrument ever executed in North Carolina," Mr. Morrison said.

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OVER WHOSE BONES DID SENECA WEEP? HAS BIG MYSTERY

Are the Bones, at First Thought to Be Those of Harry Sligh, Those of a Human Being or Goat?

TOWN STIRRED BY SENSATION

Bones Were Found in a Home Formerly Occupied by Sligh, Who Was Arrested in the West.

Seneca, S. C., June 20.—Even this quiet city which has just rid itself of red, dusty streets for modern concrete highways, has its modern crime sensation.

Those who keep up with South Carolina news facts will remember that several months ago Sligh was arrested in California after a hunt that had extended from his former Georgia home to the Pacific slopes.

Sligh was born and reared in Seneca and was regarded as one of the finest young men about town. His family long had been prominent in city affairs and he was accorded that love and respect that any small town bestows on a son of a worthy mother and father.

Several years ago he moved to Georgia, entered the real estate game and seemingly prospered. Insurance policies to the amount of \$80,000 were carried by him and when he returned to the scene of his boyhood home he was feted and petted the same as any other favorite son who comes back home for regular but brief visits.

Then one day several months ago Seneca was startled to hear that Harry Sligh had been burned to death when his Georgia home was destroyed. Bones found in the charred remains of the house were sent to Seneca and a funeral service which challenged the attention and interest of the entire town was held last September when the bones were laid to rest with suitable grief.

News dispatches reported that Sligh had been arrested in California by detectives upon the case almost immediately after the fire. He did not attempt to conceal his identity. He faced the music with the plea that his mind had been a blank following the fire and he did not know how or when he reached the Pacific coast region.

That was the first question asked the people of this quiet town. Over whose remains or the remains of what had they shed their tears? What sort of bones lie buried in the graveyard here, in a grave that was banked high with flowers for days and graves that were well kept and on which fresh flowers were regularly placed?

The bones are those of a goat, say the detectives and others who are prosecuting the case. That they should be allowed to waste their sympathy and tears in such manner, if the charges be true, has aroused the good people of this community more than anything else in connection with the case.

Members of Sligh's family, it is further charged, left home several days before the fire, going to visit relatives in the city where their furniture was stored.

What do they know about the mystery? What communication, if any, did they have with the missing man? These too, are phases of the case that Seneca wants cleared up, and people here are heard to express the opinion that these relatives haven't told all they know.

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MRS. WILLIAMS, U. D. C. LEADER, DIES AT HER HOME

Newton, N. C., June 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams, 71 years old, nationally known for her activities in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and honorary president of that organization, died at her home here this morning at 4:20 o'clock, after a week's illness following a stroke of paralysis.

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Naval Limitation Plan Offered By Japan Gets "O. K."

Washington, June 21.—(AP)—The Japanese naval limitation proposal was favorably received in official circles in Washington today as displaying not only a conciliatory spirit, but assuring satisfaction with her navy's present strength and a willingness to remain in a position of comparative inferiority in all classes of auxiliary ships to Great Britain and the United States.

The British proposal, however, was regarded unsatisfactory by officials here, insofar as they affect questions decided at the Washington conference and which the administration feels should not be discussed at the present conference because of the absence of the signatories of the 1922 treaties.

Japan's reply was taken to indicate that she admits she needs no larger navy than she now has. The Japanese navy at present is on a ratio of 5 to 3 with England in the matter of modern cruisers, and the same ratio holds between Japan and the United States for submarines, while for destroyers between the latter countries the ratio is about 9 to 1-2.

The British acceptance of the 5-5-2 ratio for cruisers, the proposal to reduce destroyers from 1,750 tons for flotilla leaders and to 1,400 tons for destroyers would be completely suitable to this country since America's largest destroyer is 1,215 tons, it was viewed here. Reduction of submarines to 1,600 tons would also be practically immaterial to the United States, since only the five V-1 type submarines are above this tonnage.

Committee to Meet. Geneva, June 21.—(AP)—The executive committee of the tripartite naval conference under the presidency of Hugh S. Gibson, of the United States, decided today to convene a meeting of the technical experts of Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

The experts were instructed to exchange views and reach an agreement on the existing status of the three navies, including building programs, and second to begin study of the three sets of proposals placed before the conference yesterday with a view to clarification of their real purpose.

Spicer Leader in Golf Tournament. Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—Elliott Spicer, Memphis, defending champion with 38-36-74, had an early lead over the qualifying field here today in the Southern Amateur Golf tournament.

More than 35 entries had turned in cards today. With the exception of Spicer and Reed the other cards had run unusually high. The weather continued windy and cloudy and the galleries were all comparatively small. It looked as if rain would start at any time, but none had fallen during the forenoon.

The play of Spicer was the feature of the morning. May Be Able to Tune In On Radio Of Byrd. New York, June 20.—(AP)—Radio fans who can tune their sets to a 600-meter wave length and can decipher the continental code letters WTW, will have a chance to catch messages from Commander Richard E. Byrd's monoplane America on its transatlantic flight. The plane's 100-watt transmitter will send out its call letters continuously to indicate the plane's safety.

Julian Harris to Address Editors of State. Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—Julian Harris, editor of the Columbus, Ga., Enquirer Sun, and winner in 1925 of the Pulitzer prize for community service has accepted an invitation to speak at the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association at Morehead City, July 21. B. A. Lowrance, secretary of the association, announced here today. Mr. Harris will speak at the banquet of the night of July 21.

Novelists make Conte Carlo a favorite scene for murders and mysteries, but as a matter of fact the courts there have had to deal with only one murder case in twenty years.

Increasing cloudiness followed showers and warmer in west portion tonight; Wednesday showers, with east portion and cooler in west portion.

RADIO IS DISCLOSED AS A FERTILIZER

Admiral Bullard Tells How Two Blades of Barley Grow in Place of One.

Hartford, June 21.—Radio has another and a far more important future than the dissemination of entertainment. So said Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, Chairman of the Federal Radio Commission, speaking at the open air service of Trinity College commencement program here.

He pointed out the result of recent experiments showing that plant life subject to electric waves develops rapidly. "This has been tested and proved in many instances—flowers and vegetables ripen quickly and grow to unusual size," he went on.

"Some years ago, while I was in charge of the navy's high powered station at Arlington, it became desirable to beautify the ground space under the lofty towers, and as a preliminary step it was decided to plant a crop of barley so it in contact to be ploughed under to help fertilize the very clay soil. To every one's amazement the crop of barley grew to immense size and a full-grown man would be lost to view when he attempted to walk through it."

Professor's Case May Be Reopened. Charlotte, June 20.—The case of Professor William Garner Burghis, professor of sociology at Winston-Salem College, Rock Hill, N. C., who was discharged by the board of trustees of the institution may be reopened, Governor John G. Richards of South Carolina indicated here today.

The Governor said he had learned unofficially that members of the board of trustees soon would petition him to reopen the question. He declined to state what action he would take. Authorities at Rock Hill, however, have stated that if two members of the board petition the Governor for re-opening of the case, the law requires the executive to grant the petition.

Milwaukee Journal—Revival of the Hughes boom raises the question of whether a guy with whiskers can still be elected president of the United States.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 20.—Charging that his heart had been misplaced in a crossing crash, Victor Fowler Thompson, of Pleasantville, was awarded \$25,000 damages by a jury today in a supreme court action against the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad company and the Atlantic City and Shore Railroad company.

The case was tried by Judge W. Frank Sawyer and seven and a half hours and the jury returned the verdict in little more than 17 minutes. Thompson had asked \$50,000.

More Airmen to Seek Honors. Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, June 21.—(AP)—Two Czecho-Slovakian airmen, Captain Franz Malkovsky and Lieutenant Ludvig Pavlovsky announced today their intention to fly from Prague to New York and return in August. Their plane and its motors will be of Czecho-Slovakian manufacture.

Byrd Cannot Leave Tonight. New York, June 21.—(AP)—Takeoff for France of the 4-man crew of the monoplane "America" will be impossible either tonight or tomorrow morning, the present atmospheric conditions do not look favorable for a hop-off any time tomorrow, James H. Kimball, weather bureau meteorologist announced today.

STAR THEATRE See It Today or Never "ANKLES PREFERRED" With Madge Bellamy Strutting Her Stuff This Picture Played the Roxie Theatre in New York For Two Months at Two Dollars Admission OUR PRICE 10c-25c Remember Richard Dix in "KNOCKOUT BELLY"

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THE STOCK MARKET

Ability of Market to Absorb Selling Caused Constructive Operations. New York, June 21.—(AP)—The ability of the stock market to absorb early professional selling today predicted on the large gain and record breaking total of brokers loans, caused a speedy resumption of constructive operations which were impartially distributed among railroads and industrials.

Talk of competitive buying of the Chicago & Alton and Peoria & Eastern, the outlook for more favorable terms being obtained by the Nickel Plate for its Pere Marquette shares on the expiration of the current option, and pool operations in American Can, Postum Corporation, J. R. Thompson, and Canada Dry.

Anger Ale caused the list to recover early general losses of 1 to 3 points.

A father and daughter received bachelor of science degrees simultaneously at the recent commencement of Sam Houston State Teachers' College, in Texas.

THE STOCK MARKET

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes: American Tobacco B, American Smelting, American Locomotive, Atlantic Coast Line, Allied Chemical, American Tel. & Tel., American Can, Baldwin Locomotive, Baltimore & Ohio, Bangor, American Brown, Bethlehem Steel, Chesapeake & Ohio, Corn Products, Certainated, Chrysler, Coca-Cola, DuPont, Erie, Fleischman, Frisco, General Motors, General Electric, Gold Dust, Hudson, Int. Tel., Kennecott Copper, Lorrillard, Liggett & Myers B, Mack Truck, Mo-Pac-Pfd., Norfolk & Western, Stand. Oil of N. Y., New York Central, Pan. American B, Producers Refiners, Rock Island, R. J. Reynolds, Seaboard Air Line, Southern-Pacific, Stand Oil of N. J., Southern Railway, Studebaker, Texas Co., Tobacco Products, U. S. Steel, U. S. Chemical, Westinghouse, Western Md.

Parents of Daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Porter are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Anne Ruth, on June 20th.