

As the World Turns

A Brief Survey of Current Events in State, Nation and Abroad—the Facts Boiled Down to a Few Pithy Lines.

FREE SILVER CLAUSE ADOPTED

Free coinage of silver as written into the administration's monetary inflation bill by the Senate late Wednesday after a turbulent session which ended in agreement to limit debate and hasten final vote on the measure. The free silver clause was adopted by a vote of 41 to 26. The bill would authorize the president to reduce the gold content of the dollar by as much as 50 per cent.

9 FELONS ESCAPE PRISON

Nine long-term prisoners, five whites and four negroes, made a clean getaway from state's prison at Raleigh on Sunday by sliding through a 50-foot conveying tunnel under the wall. The outside lock on a steel door had been sawed through by a confederate, Charlie Helton, Bowling Byrd and Bud Travis are thought by prison authorities to have been leaders in the escape.

3 KILLED AT CROSSING

A westbound Southern train at Morganton completely demolished Tom Williams' car on a grade crossing at noon Saturday and killed Williams, Claude Nice and Roy Ramsey.

SHOT THROUGH HEART, LIVES

Ashley Warrick, 35, has astonished Goldsboro hospital authorities by living despite a pistol shot through the heart inflicted last week by Herman Potter, 20, who is in Wayne county jail. Warrick's wife is held as a material witness. Several stitches were required to close the wound in Warrick's heart.

SLAYS NEIGHBORS AND SELF

Apparently deranged over an old dispute about a farm boundary, C. Z. Putnam, 66, of near Lincolnton, grabbed his shotgun Friday morning, went to a neighbor's house and there slew Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dellinger, returned home to get his pistol and with it blew out his own brains in a woodland near his home.

5 DIE IN SCHOOL-BUS CRASH

An empty school bus on Friday morning lurched against one containing 48 children en route to Woodleaf high school in Rowan county, ripped a six-foot hole in the loaded bus, caused the death of five pupils, the serious injury of two and minor hurts to a number. The two drivers were exonerated by the Rowan coroner.

LONG AMBASSADOR TO ITALY

President Roosevelt has named Breckinridge Long, of Missouri, as United States ambassador to Italy. He was assistant secretary of state in the Wilson administration. Sumner Welles, of Maryland, was named as ambassador to Cuba. He had only recently been made assistant secretary of state.

\$900,000,000 IN GOLD HOARDS

It is estimated that \$900,000,000 in gold and gold certificates is still being hoarded in the United States, although some \$50,000,000 per week is being returned. By presidential order all gold and certificates must be deposited with the government by May 1.

START COVE CREEK CURVEY

Under presidential orders army engineers have started a survey of the thousands of acres required for the Cove creek dam on the Clinch river, which is a big unit in the proposed Tennessee river valley development centering about Muscle Shoals.

AIRSHIP MACON IS TREATED

The Macon, world's largest dirigible and sister to the ill-fated Akron, went on a 13-hour test flight from Akron, Ohio, on Friday and met preliminary requirements of naval authorities in convincing fashion.

HERRIOT ARRIVES IN U. S.

Edouard Herriot, French emissary to discuss world economic adjustments with President Roosevelt, arrived at New York on Sunday and Monday afternoon was in Washington for an introductory call on the president. The president's conversations with Ramsay MacDonald, English prime minister, have closed with agreements reached on economic subjects but disclosure of them reserved until the London economic conference in June.

CANADA HAS GOLD EMBARGO

By an order in government council, Canada has halted redemption of Dominion notes in gold, and has thereby followed the United States off the gold standard.

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PLANS SHAPING FOR 'T. F.' FIGHT

New Deal To Be Requested At Railroad Hearing In Atlanta

FREIGHT INCREASES Reduction of \$21,000 in Operation Costs Is Possible

Plans for the fight against abandonment of the Tallulah Falls railroad are rapidly taking shape under the direction of F. M. Reeves, cashier of the First National Bank of Cornelia, Ga. A hearing on the abandonment petition filed by J. F. Gray, receiver, with the Interstate Commerce commission, is scheduled to be held in Atlanta, Ga., on May 10. At that time it is planned to have large delegations present from all the towns served by the "T. F." to protest the efforts being made by the receiver, backed by the Southern railroad, to junk it.

Leaders in the movement against discontinuing operation of the railroad feel considerably encouraged in their fight as a result of large increases recently reported in the line's traffic. Official figures show that cars handled by the "T. F." during March of this year showed an increase of 32.67 per cent over the same month last year and that the increase for the first two weeks in April amounted to 60.22 per cent.

Economies Reported

Meanwhile, it has been reported that Mr. Brewer, general manager of the "T. F." has effected very appreciable economies. He has estimated that the maintenance costs can be reduced \$21,000 this year as compared with last year without hampering efficiency and safety of the line.

At a conference here Saturday night, attended by two of the largest local shippers and the editors of the four newspapers in the counties served by the "T. F.", it was agreed that it would not be necessary to employ a special traffic expert to represent the public at the Atlanta hearing. Instead, the public's case will be presented in plain facts and figures and simple arguments by representatives from Cornelia, Clarksville, Clayton and Franklin.

To Ask New Trial

The Georgia commission will be requested to recommend that the railroad be given a new trial under another receiver. It has been suggested that by the appointment of Mr. Brewer or some other official of the line as receiver and by the elimination of another job said to be unnecessary, an annual saving of \$6,000 could be effected. This would go far toward placing the "T. F." on a self-supporting basis. Already the line has almost reached that point.

Several Franklin business men went to Cornelia Thursday to attend a conference on the railroad. (Continued on page four)

Give the "T. F." a Fair Trial

THE FATE of the Tallulah Falls railroad hangs in the balance. Whether it will be continued in operation to serve a section almost as large as some of our states, or whether it will be abandoned to satisfy the wishes of the Southern railroad, which exercises control over it, largely depends on the action of the Georgia Public Service commission, which will hold a hearing in the case at Atlanta on May 10.

The Georgia commission has been directed to conduct the hearing in behalf of the Interstate Commerce commission. Although final authority rests with the interstate body and the federal court, which has supervision over the receivership of the Tallulah Falls line, the decision of the Georgia commission in all probability will bear the weight of finality. The I. C. C. seldom goes against the recommendations of state agencies having authority in such matters and, naturally, the opinion of the I. C. C. will carry great influence with the court.

The receiver of the "T. F." contends in his petition for abandonment that present and prospective business do not warrant continued operation. He claims that the road not only has failed in the past to be self-supporting but that it has little promise of being operated without heavy losses in the future.

On the other hand, traffic figures have been compiled showing that business of the road is steadily improving. With a few economies which can be effected without crippling service, proponents of continued operation claim, the line can be made to show a profit. In view of this, they are planning to request the commission to permit the "T. F." to function for another year or two and to recommend the appointment of a new receiver.

Certainly a railroad serving such a large territory, rich in natural resources, should not be thrown into the discard without a fair trial. The receiver may contend that it has had a fair trial, but the public served by the line will never be convinced of that until it has had an opportunity to prove what can be accomplished under a new receiver.

MANY SINGERS COMING SUNDAY

Singing Convention To Be Held All Day at Courthouse

Singers from six western North Carolina counties and also from South Carolina and Georgia are expected to take part in the Macon county quarterly singing convention to be held in the courthouse here Sunday. The convention is scheduled to be open at 9 o'clock in the morning, with an invocation by the Rev. A. S. Solesbee, and continue all day.

During the morning session Macon county classes will hold forth. Classes from the following communities already have signified their intention of being present: Watauga, Ridgecrest, Valley View, Clark's Chapel, Stiles, Mt. Sianai, Holly Springs, Gold Mine, Burningtown, Liberty, Cowee, Oak Grove.

Afternoon Program

The afternoon session will open with two songs by the entire convention. Then will follow songs by the visiting classes and quartets, as follows:

Valley River, of Cherokee county; Smith quartet, of Haywood county; Shelton brothers quartet, of Clyde; Luffy Ramblers, of Haywood; the Indian class from Swain county; the Bryson City quartet; East Sylva quartet, Jackson county; Ray Parker and West brothers quartet, of Canton; two quartets from South Carolina; Keisler quartet, of Cornelia, Ga.

Song Writer Coming

T. R. Crawford, song book writer of Lenoir, Ga., also is expected to be present and take part. Three songs from the Christian harmony song book also will be. (Continued on page four)

WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Companion Painfully Hurt, Arrested on Whisky Charges

Mrs. Edna Tallent, 24, of this county, was fatally injured and William Reagan, young man of Smokefont, was painfully hurt when an automobile in which they were riding struck the end of a guard rail on the Cullasaga river bridge five miles east of Franklin about 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Tallent, also known as Edna Henry, was thrown through the windshield and her jugular vein was severed. An ambulance summoned to the scene brought Mrs. Tallent and her companion to Angel Brothers' hospital, but the woman died before arriving. Reagan was arrested Sunday on his discharge from the hospital on charges of drunkenness and transporting whisky but was released on bond. He suffered a bad gash on his forehead and was badly bruised and shaken up.

Mrs. Tallent is survived by her husband, Henry Tallent; mother, Mrs. E. A. Mashburn; step-father, E. A. Mashburn; step-brother, R. L. Mashburn; sister, Grace.

Kannady Appeals Given 4-Months on Roads For Embezzlement

T. S. A. Kannady, well known Franklin man convicted by a jury in Macon county superior court last week of embezzlement of funds from the Singer Sewing Machine company while acting as an agent for the company, was sentenced to four months on the roads by Judge J. H. Clement in Macon county superior court Thursday morning.

A motion of dismissal of the case by attorneys for Kannady on the ground that there was an error in the bill of indictment, was overruled by the judge.

Kannady filed notice of appeal to the supreme court and was released under bond of \$100 pending outcome of the appeal.

Mrs. Nancy Cardon Celebrates Birthday

About 75 friends and relatives helped Mrs. Nancy Cardon celebrate her 69th birthday anniversary at her home in the Cowee section last Sunday. A bountiful dinner was served from a long table on the lawn.

All of Mrs. Cardon's children were there and also her only brother, Tom Gibson, of Iotla, and her sister, "Aunt" Betsy Jane Grant, one of the oldest residents of the county. Mrs. Grant will celebrate her 93rd birthday anniversary on the second Sunday in June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gibson of Iotla.

ASHEAR PLANS NEW BUILDING

Will Raze Old Structures On Sloan Corner Next Week

TO USE LOCAL LABOR

New Brick Building Will Have 4 Store Rooms And Offices

Franklin is to have a fine new two-story brick building, modern in every detail, on the old Sloan corner facing Main street and the courthouse square.

Joseph Ashear, owner of the property, announced yesterday that work would be started Tuesday on tearing down the old wooden structures now on the lot to make way for the new building. The buildings to be razed are those now occupied by Sloan Brothers' grocery store and Mrs. Southards' lunch room. Two other small buildings on the rear of the property—the Franklin Shoe Shop and the cafe operated by Rufe Coffey—are to be moved to an adjoining lot.

To Include Offices

Mr. Ashear did not announce what investment the new brick building would represent, but he said it would be one of the finest and largest buildings in town. It will have ground dimensions of approximately 40 by 100 feet, with two large store rooms facing Main street and two smaller ones facing the square. The plans call for offices on the second floor. Each store room is to have a concrete basement. A steam heating plant will be installed.

To Use Local Labor

Construction of the building is expected to go far toward relieving unemployment in Franklin, as Mr. Ashear said he would hire local labor entirely.

On the east the building will adjoin Mr. Ashear's store, also of brick, which was completed two years ago.

Mr. Ashear came to Franklin 22 years ago and set up business in a small way in the small wooden building now used as a cafe by Mr. Coffey. His business grew steadily and he became one of the largest property holders in Franklin as well as the proprietor of the largest general dry goods store in the county.

All Day Service Planned At Union Church

There will be an all day service at Union Methodist church for the Macon charge next Sunday. The Rev. John L. Teague will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 2:30 in the afternoon there will be a short song service, after which talks will be made by the Rev. L. B. Hayes, presiding elder of the Waynesville district, and by outstanding laymen. At 7:30 in the evening there will be a program by the young people of the charge. Attendance of all the members of the charge is desired.

Famous Educator To Speak At Methodist Church Sunday

Dr. Willis A. Sutton, one of the south's foremost educators, will speak in the Franklin Methodist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Dr. Sutton was in the ministry for about eight years but became interested in education and turned to teaching. He now is superintendent of the public schools of Atlanta. Three years ago he was elected president of the National Education Association, the first man south of the Mason and Dixon line to hold this honor.

The Rev. J. A. Flanagan, pastor of the Franklin Presbyterian church, has been endeavoring for two years to get Dr. Sutton to speak in Franklin. It was only recently that he was successful. At first it was planned to have him speak at the Presbyterian church, but later it was decided that as this church is small it would be

25-Year Terms Given to Stamey Wood and Bell

MANY SEEKING JOBS IN FOREST

Over 50 Young Men Enroll for Conservation Camps

More than 50 young men have applied at the Macon county welfare office for enlistment in the Civilian Conservation Corps established by the present congress on the recommendation of President Roosevelt for the dual purpose of relieving unemployment and improving the national forests.

Macon county's first quota of enlistments in the Conservation Corps was set at 24, but it is expected that another quota will be assigned this county later.

Thirty-six of the applicants under the first quota already have been passed on preliminary physical examinations. They will be called to Asheville later for a more thorough examination. Those who are accepted, according to plans announced at Raleigh, will be sent to Camp Bragg, near Fayetteville, for 10 days of intensive training and then assigned to conservation camps in the western part of the state. The camps will be located in the Great Smoky Mountains National park and the Pisgah and Nantahala National forests.

The first quota enlistments were limited to unmarried men between 18 and 25 years old of sound body and mind and free from contagious disease. Only those who already are receiving emergency relief aid will be accepted and each recruit is required to send \$25 a month back home to dependents. The recruits will be given their clothing and rations and paid a dollar a day.

Construction and operation of the civilian conservation camps has been placed under the supervision of the U. S. army. Work on the camps is expected to start in the next week or two. Sites have been selected for five camps in the Nantahala forest as follows: Near Highlands, at Aquone, in the vicinity of Clayton, near Mountain Rest, S. C., and on the headwaters of the Tallulah river.

It has not been learned to which camps recruits from this county will be assigned.

Navy Recruiting Quota Announced

The navy recruiting substation at Asheville has been informed that the quota of first enlistments for this recruiting district, for May and June, has been set at seven men. This is a slight decrease over the quota for April but there is a fine opportunity for any men who are interested in the Navy to apply for enlistment. The age limit has not been changed and still stands at 17 to 25.

Jury Returns Verdicts of Murder in Second Degree

OTHER SENTENCES Judge Praises Murder Jury But Censures Jurors In Other Case

Verdicts of second degree murder were returned by a jury at noon today against Ernest Stamey, Clyde Wood and Robert Bell, members of the Coweta gang which fatally injured George Dryman, 83-year-old Middle Creek farmer, on the night of January 23, when they broke into his home to rob him of \$2,000 hoarded gold. Judge J. H. Clement, of Winston-Salem, immediately sentenced the men to serve 25 years each at hard labor in state's prison.

The judge heartily commended the jury for its verdict and unsparingly censured the jury which last Saturday returned verdicts against Wood and Stamey of "guilty of an attempt to commit first degree burglary." Under this verdict, he said, he could sentence the defendants to only two years in prison and the evidence clearly indicated that they deserved much greater punishment. He expressed the opinion that the jury could not have realized what it was doing. One member of the jury has been quoted as saying that he was of the opinion that the verdict meant first degree burglary. The judge also took occasion today to criticize the burglary jury for returning a verdict not guilty as to Mrs. Louise Stamey, wife of Ernest Stamey, who was accused of having made the masks which the Coweta gangsters used in the Dryman robbery.

Practically the whole time of the court since Monday a week ago was consumed in the trial of alleged members of the Coweta gang.

Special Verdict

The burglary verdict was brought in late Saturday afternoon. Monday of this week was consumed in picking a jury from a special venire of 150 men for trial of the murder case, in which the state sought a verdict of first degree. Tuesday was devoted to the taking of evidence and the lawyers argued all day Wednesday. Judge Clement ended his charge to the jury at 10:55 o'clock Wednesday night. The jury retired for the night and began consideration of the case at 9:30 in the morning, reporting its verdict at noon today.

Seagle State's Witness

Conviction was brought about largely on the testimony of Oscar Seagle, a member of the gang who turned state's witness. In view of this and the fact that a man cannot be convicted of a capital crime on his own testimony, Seagle was not tried in the burglary and murder cases. He pleaded guilty Thursday morning, however, to participation in the robbery of the Ritter lumber company's camp store and was sentenced to serve two years in prison. Several other alleged members of the Coweta gang either pleaded guilty or were convicted in cases involving either the Ritter robbery or the robbery of Luck's tourist camp on the Highlands road and were given sentences of two to six years.

In all, the sentences meted to the Coweta gang totaled a maximum of 125 years, but some of the sentences are to run concurrently.

Summary of Cases

Following is a brief summary of the cases:

Robert Bell—Convicted of an attempt to commit first degree burglary, sentenced to 2 years; convicted of second degree murder, sentenced to 25 to 30 years; convicted of robbery of the Ritter store, six years.

Ernest Stamey—convicted of an attempt to commit first degree burglary, two years; convicted of sec- (Continued on page four)