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GOVERNOR APPLAUDED FOR LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

C. E. Brooks Also Praised By Teacher Assembly at Raleigh

OFFICERS ELECTED Charles E. Brewer of Raleigh Is Promoted To Presidency

By Brock Barkley RALEIGH, Nov. 25.—Singing praises to Governor Morrison for "his constructive state wide program and especially his progressive educational program" and to Dr. E. C. Brooks for his administration of the department of education, the North Carolina teachers assembly at its final business session this morning voted on record in support of progressive measures adopted for the schools and expressing gratification at the great strides being made along educational lines in the state.

The reading and adoption of the resolutions, brim full of enthusiasm over the new awakening in the state, and the election of a president, a vice-president, and the adoption of amendments to the constitution.

Stage Slightly Tight A lively fight over the election of the president and vice-president entered into the primary system used, and finally resulted in the promotion of Charles E. Brewer, of Raleigh, from the vice-presidency to the presidency, and the election of Elizabeth Kelly to succeed Dr. Brewer. R. H. Graham, of Winston-Salem, is the retiring president. The assembly ordered the employment of a committee to look after the making of this session at an early date. A. T. Allen, of Raleigh, has served as secretary since 1919.

There were eighteen candidates for president and forty-three for the vice-presidency. The resolutions of the assembly, read by Miss Mary O. Graham, Chairman of the resolutions committee, were adopted unanimously. In its resolutions, the assembly "endorses most strongly the state certification plan and the state salary schedule and earnestly condemns any effort to return to the old system." The teachers resolve that our state is making such progress that it is no longer so backward as it was some years ago, and that the bottom of the list of states in the nation is being rapidly closed.

Endorses Rural Plan The legislature wide plan of organizing the rural schools, considering that intelligent consolidation of the smaller schools makes it possible to secure as good teachers for the rural schools as may be obtained by the cities and towns. The teacher training program is endorsed, together with the plan of Dr. Brooks for broadening and extending the normal training of teachers, and the plan for training teachers for the normal training beyond high school graduation. The making of greater provision for the teaching of citizenship is urged upon school officials and teachers.

The legislature is congratulated for making provision for the promotion of physical education in the schools. The assembly commends the state book commission for making a study of the book commission part of the course of study, and for the fact that all elementary, primary and grammar grades teachers especially should be required to present credits for work in the study of the Bible in the schools throughout the state. Ways and means of systematizing Bible studying caused considerable discussion.

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Another resolution, offered from the floor, was unanimously adopted, commending the governor and the council of state for their vigorous stand before the legislature for the five million dollar bond issue for schools.

By a close vote the assembly voted that the date of its annual meeting be changed from Thanksgiving week to the first week of the year. A new date was not decided upon.

Senator Simmons, Visiting State Capital, Says Republicans Are in Bad Fix With Ranks Holding Poorly

By Brock Barkley RALEIGH, Nov. 25.—Senator F. M. Simmons was a visitor in Raleigh today, having run down to North Carolina for a brief stay after weeks of stirring activity in Washington. "It has been a mighty busy session of congress," said Senator Simmons. "We succeeded in getting the Democrats thoroughly united in a majority of the measures and in getting the Republicans thoroughly disunited so that on the whole we made a pretty good showing with the revenue and other bills, despite the majorities against us in both houses of congress."

Senator Simmons believes that the arms conference will accomplish much in getting an agreement for the reduction of armament, but he expects to accomplish little in settling the Far Eastern questions. It was not called primarily for this purpose, however, and he does not expect to accomplish it. Senator Simmons is confident, however, that the arms conference will be held where the fatal mistake was made.

when the league was turned down, he said. The Senator's visit to Raleigh was to see his daughters, Mrs. Graham Andrews and Mrs. Louis Mahler. He left this afternoon for New Bern. He called on Governor Morrison, and met several of the state officers.

Col. Ashby L. Baker, one of Raleigh's leading citizens, and widely known cotton mill owner, died at his home this morning at 8 o'clock following an extended illness. The funeral will be held at Christ church tomorrow afternoon, burial taking place in Oakwood cemetery. Col. Baker's business interests were chiefly in Virginia cotton mills, of Swepsonville, of which he was president. He was president of the Commercial Building company of Raleigh, president of the Carolina Country Club, and a director and one of the prime movers in the establishment of the Commercial National bank here. He was actively interested in chamber of commerce work, and was a member of the Capital Club and the Kiwanis club. His widow and two sons survive. He was a native of Baltimore, but came to Raleigh in 1893.

RECEIVES SENTENCE SOLDIERS ON RHINE AND ACCUSES NEGRO PULL OUT FOR HOME

Fayetteville Man Says He Did Not Fire Fatal Shot

(Special to The Star) FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 25.—Marshall Williams, whose counsel yesterday in the state prison was a verdict of murder in the second degree in connection with the killing of Deputy Sheriff Al J. Pate, was given the maximum sentence of thirty years in the state prison by Judge H. P. Lane this afternoon and shortly after the sentence was imposed created a genuine sensation when he took the witness stand and swore that he had shot Pate, the principal witness against him, fired the shot that killed Pate in the raid of his still on the night of July 22. Dawson, his charged with assault with a deadly weapon and his case was unfinished when the court adjourned.

Williams gave a detailed story of the shooting, growing emphatic at times but generally exhibiting the same calm and steady nerves that he has manifested in every appearance in court. His account of what happened at the still was clear and to the point and he was unshaken by cross examination.

He admitted that he fired the first shot, "through fun," but swore that he did not shoot to kill and held his aim about four feet off to keep from hitting anyone. Dawson then fired over his head, he declared. He did not know that Dawson was going to shoot and the unexpected concussion of the high powered Winchester automatic shot him, he declared. He himself fired but one shot from his Krag-Jorgens rifle, while the negro shot four times. He asked Dawson if he hit anybody. "I don't know, but I held it on em," the negro replied, according to the witness.

Knows About Guns Williams displayed an expert knowledge of fire arms, and the velocity and power of various weapons. The automatic shot gun used by Dawson, he declared, contained five shells, the first two being loaded with a single conical ball weighing an ounce and the others with 3 ounce buckshot.

The witness swore that Dawson persuaded him to return to the still. When the officers had arrived, he said he recognized them and saw that they were all his "friends" except one whom he didn't know, and went home. Dawson then came to his house, which he had hidden in a hole, and told him they were "playing the devil" at the still and asked him to go back. "I blundered and went," declared Williams. He swore that he had no grievance against any of the officers and no incentive to shoot any of them. Williams said that he was testifying against Dawson only because the negro had tried to stick it to him. Dawson's family had endeavored to get him to give evidence against people connected with his still "but I never betrayed anybody in my life, and I wouldn't do it," he declared.

ASKS REPORT AFTER RAID IN SAVANNAH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes late today requested E. B. Henson, special prohibition agent at Savannah, Ga., for a full report on the raid conducted Tuesday upon a home in that city. The attention of the prohibition commissioner was brought today to a protest received by President Harding and Senators Watson and Harris, of Georgia, from Mayor Stewart of Savannah, declaring the raid was conducted without justification and apparently without warrant. Action by commissioner Haynes in the matter, officials said, will be reported to three previous occasions while he was a resident of Ohio. Mr. Oberlin wandered away and is still alive. He was known to have been worried over a large financial deal, but the theory of suicide is scouted by his family.

DISAPPEARANCE UNSOLVED

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 25.—The disappearance of Adam W. Oberlin, deputy United States marshal here, remained unsolved tonight. Further search of the Everglades region, where his abandoned automobile was found Tuesday, yielded no clue and the authorities have leaned to the theory that, during a lapse of memory, such as he is said to have suffered on three previous occasions while he was a resident of Ohio, Mr. Oberlin wandered away and is still alive. He was known to have been worried over a large financial deal, but the theory of suicide is scouted by his family.

Six Hundred Leave Coblenz To Take Ship To America

COBLENZ, Nov. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Reduction in the American expeditionary force along the Rhine began today when 11 officers and 600 enlisted men left here on a special train for Antwerp to sail tomorrow for home on the transport Cantigny. They are due to reach Hoboken about December 7.

In addition to the soldiers there were three nurses, fifteen former service men and 82 wives of soldiers who were being sent to Germany. The wives of 40 of the men, eight of whom carried babies, traveled in two army hospital cars which saw service in France. The former service men with the party who were furnished transportation home by special act of congress, came mostly from Paris.

A great crowd witnessed the departure of the soldiers, who are traveling as overseas casual detachment No. 28. About the men came from the Fifth and Fifteenth infantry regiments. Their enlistments expire within a few months.

In addition to the thousands of soldiers who saw the train leave the Coblenz yards, there were several hundred German men, women and children who assembled to bid farewell to German girls who as wives of soldiers were leaving for a new homeland across the Atlantic.

AUSTRIAN SURGEON BESEIGED WHEN HE HELPS CRIPPLED POOR

New York, Nov. 25.—Misery so poignant and so widespread greeted Dr. Adolph Lorenz, famous Austrian orthopedic surgeon, on the steps and in the halls of the hospital for joint diseases today that he said he had almost decided to devote the remainder of his days to alleviating the sufferings of America's cripples.

Dr. Lorenz said at the end of his first "gratis" clinic, that never in all his career had he been affected as he was by the sight of hundreds of maimed, distorted humans, clamoring for his aid. And never, he added, had he seen a land so sorely in need of relief from spinal and other troubles superinduced by infantile paralysis.

His observations so far, he declared, led him to believe that there were "ten or fifteen times as many such sufferers in the United States as in any other country in the world. He was appalled, he said, at what he had found since coming here to try to repay some part of America's bounty to starving Austrian children.

That it will be impossible for the noted surgeon to give more than a fleeting examination to many of his patients was emphasized at today's clinic.

Working like mad for more than five hours, Dr. Lorenz has seen 125 cripples—scarcely one tenth of the applicants for aid who crowded the hospital and the streets outside, coming in wheel chairs and in automobiles.

During those five hours, he said afterward, he had advised enough operations to keep one surgeon busy for six months.

SIX PRISONERS MAKE ESCAPE STATE FARM

Raleigh, Nov. 25.—Six white prisoners, serving terms ranging from 20 years to 15 months, smashed through a window in the barracks at the state farm, near here tonight and made their escape. Three guards on duty in the barracks fired at the men and one dropped. He got to his feet again, however, and made away. The men who escaped are Troy Clayton, Cumberland county, serving 20 years for second degree murder; Mike Bray, Edgecombe county, serving 15 months for larceny; Grover Henley, Guilford county, serving 7 years for larceny; Charlie Helton, Caldwell county, serving 2 to 5 years for larceny; Pink Perkins, Rockingham county, serving 3 years for robbery; Lester Kennon, Cabarrus county, serving five years for larceny. The prisoners were housed in barracks formerly used by troops at Camp Polk before the abandonment of the camp and the purchase of the property by the state for use as a prison farm. The window through which the prisoners escaped was heavily boarded.

CRISIS DEVELOPS AS HARDING WOULD HAVE SIN FEIN DECLINES POWERS MEET YEARLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE KING TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

Lloyd George Imparts News of Efforts to Ulster Leader

NEAR BREAK DOWN MAY INCLUDE ALL

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—What is feared to be the last scene in the effort to bring peace to Ireland was enacted today when Prime Minister Lloyd-George and James Craig met in the former's official residence in Downing street, where the imperial premier told the head of the northern government that Sinn Fein Ireland had not consented to any alliance to the king, a prerequisite to Ulster's agreement to enter an all-Ireland parliament.

The Sinn Fein delegates are consulting with members of the Daily Cabinet in Dublin on the crisis this brought about, while Sir James packed his bag and returned to Belfast, where he will return to his parliament next Tuesday and possibly disclose the cause of the virtual breakdown of the Irish negotiations.

Week-end efforts, meanwhile, will be made by peace-makers in an attempt to persuade Sinn Fein to modify its attitude upon the question of allegiance to the king. The Daily Eireann members have taken the oath of allegiance to the Irish republic, and thus far they have refused to substitute for it recognition within Ireland of King George. The furthest concession for the Sinn Feiners has been their willingness to recognize the king as the formal president of the community of free nations which Ireland might choose voluntarily to join, but even this was not definitely promised.

Mr. Lloyd-George, it was understood, would not admit of any arrangement to leave Ireland to modify its allegiance to the crown in any doubt, and the government would support Ulster in refusing any association which would weaken its British citizenship.

The only prospect for peace now is said to rest on Sinn Fein's conceding allegiance to the crown, and the influence of the advocates of moderation has been invoked in a final effort to change its position. Making the question being put as to whether the point involved is worth renewed warfare, for a break-down of the negotiations, on that issue, it is believed, would be followed either by transportation to the general election, by the handing over of Ireland to military rule and the displacement of the British officials in Dublin castle, to whose influence is attributed the previous failure of military measures.

JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE IS APPOINTED REGENT Emperor's Illness Is Cause Of Action

TOKIO, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Crown Prince Hirohito has been designated regent of Japan. An imperial rescript making this appointment was issued by Emperor Yoshito yesterday afternoon. It said: "We are unable to attend in person to the affairs of state on account of protracted illness and accordingly appoint Crown Prince Hirohito regent with the approval of the council of princes, the imperial council and the privy councillors."

It bears the imperial signature and that of the crown prince and is signed by the chief executive officer of the imperial household, Premier Takahashi and the cabinet ministers. Simultaneously a bulletin was issued stating that the emperor's mental condition was such as to preclude further attention to state duties, traceable to an affliction of his infancy. It added that there was no serious development in his physical condition.

DELEGATES NOTIFIED. WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official notification of the appointment of the crown prince of Japan to the regency was received today by the Japanese delegation to the conference on the limitation of armaments at Tokyo.

The message said: "In consideration of His Majesty the emperor's inability to conduct in person the affairs of state, the conference has long continued indisposition his imperial highness the crown prince has today (November 25) been constituted regent in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and the imperial house law."

CANCEL CASE AGAINST FAYETTEVILLE CITIZEN

(Special to The Star) FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 25.—A nol proos has been taken by the state in the case against five members of the Gray's Creek law and order league for assault on Earl McCaskill with intent to kill, which was tried in the superior court here last summer, resulting in a mistrial. The action grew out of a raid on the home of Elsie Hill, where the chief executive officer of the league, Earl McCaskill, with intent to kill, was shot and wounded. Hill escaped, but McCaskill was placed under arrest and was beaten up when he resisted. A still further raid on the house and the law and order league had McCaskill indicted in the federal courts for blackmail. The indictment was quashed at the Wilmington court by direction of Judge H. G. Connor, and McCaskill had the law and order league indicted on the assault charge, which in turn is not pressed. The defendants in the case were F. L. Holcombe, former county commissioner; C. C. Sherrill, Donald Sherrill, McDonald, and Calvin McNeill. Members of the jury who tried the case in the summer declared their opinion that McCaskill was not guilty. The case was on the docket of the present term of Cumberland county court until stricken off by the nol proos.

President Believes Relationship Would Be Improved

U. S. DELEGATION SEES NO REASON TO CHANGE NAVY POWER ESTIMATE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—A continuing series of international conferences whose fruition may be an "association of nations," has been suggested informally by President Harding to some of the arms delegates and has met with their general approval. The suggestion has by no means reached the point of a definite proposal for such an association, but it was revealed tonight that the President's personal conversation with foreign spokesmen on the subject had greatly increased his hope for a new day in international relationship as a result of the Washington conference.

It was indicated further that as a first step toward worldwide recognition for the conference plan the results of the negotiations here might be submitted for approval not only to the participating nations, but those not represented, including Germany and Russia. Once-a-Year Plan So far as the suggestions of Mr. Harding have been made known, they contemplate a meeting of nations about the world once a year to discuss and settle troublesome questions and devise means for the preservation of peace. It is said to be the hope of the President that in the end all the smaller governments will join with the great powers in whatever discussions may concern them or the world situation generally.

There is no indication that any covenant or constitution would be proposed on the basis of the plan, or that any elaborate international machinery would be suggested to carry it into effect. The meetings might be convened to consider special subjects or to discuss international relationships and look for danger points in a general effort at good understanding. Whether an international court of justice might be one of the results is a question which the President is said to consider too nebulous for present discussion, although he is known to regard some such tribunal as a logical part of the plan he had advocated for an "association of nations." His opinion on that subject has been expressed in several public addresses during the past year, but he never has made a detailed public statement of the exact method by which a court court be established.

Avoids Detail In fact, in his preliminary consideration of the best means toward international co-operation, Mr. Harding has said his friends have tried to keep his proposals as free from detail as possible with the deliberate purpose of reducing to a minimum the probable causes of complication. His intention is to leave to his friends to apply to the world situation in the broadest sense the principle of "a meeting of minds" as he employed it in his pre-inauguration days at Marion.

The hope of the President for a continuation of conferences like the present one became known at a moment when arms delegates reached a stage of their deliberations strongly suggesting to the further negotiation of a treaty. It was necessary to consummate the task begun here. Representatives of the nine participating nations are said to have virtually decided to send a commission of jurists to investigate China's judicial system, and report next year to the various foreign offices, and discussions of other features of the far eastern situation continued with a growing indication that some sort of international machinery would be necessary to carry out the results of the conference decisions.

It also is becoming apparent that the Washington conference will not be able to make final decisions on some subjects relating to armaments, since subjects like the rules of warfare necessarily require further study and consideration before there can be a revision to which the powers will be willing to bind themselves. A continuing commission on aircraft is regarded as another possible outcome of the conference, and it may be that after a limit has been set on the submarine power of the nations there may be a more permanent body created to consider the suggestion and other features of the submarine problem.

It was not indicated whether the President had suggested even informally to the foreign delegates the advisability of inviting Germany and other non-participating nations to participate in the agreements reached here, and none of the foreign spokesmen would discuss the possibility. It was recalled, however, that when Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands were added to the invitation list of the conference the United States first sought the approval of the other powers, and an official of one foreign delegation said tonight that he proposed the same method should be followed in regard to further invitations.

'ASSOCIATION' IDEA IS ADVANCED BY HARDING; MAY CONTINUE PARLEY

CHANGES MIGHT BE MADE IN FOCH TRIP

MASON CITY, Iowa, Nov. 25.—Franklin D'Olier, a member of the party of American Legion officials accompanying Marshal Foch on his trip through the states, announced here today that it was likely "unavoidable changes may be necessary in the latter part of the schedule," but that nothing definite had yet been determined. An official announcement would be made later, he said.

U. S. DELEGATION SEES NO REASON TO CHANGE NAVY POWER ESTIMATE

Are Not Disposed To Revise Ratio To Give Japs Extra Ship

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—Despite supplemental estimates to support Japanese claims for a higher naval tonnage ratio than proposed in Secretary Hughes' naval limitation plan, American naval experts it was announced today on authority find no reason to revise their original estimate of the relative naval strength of the three powers. That estimate, so far as Japan is concerned, is reflected in the "5-5-3" ratio" proposed by the United States; while Japan is understood to claim that the ratio should approximate 10-10-7.

Details of the Japanese naval argument have been turned over to the naval experts of the five powers considering such questions for the information of the delegations. The naval men will not get together again in general conference, however, until next week.

The Tokyo data follows closely the line of argument already presented by the Japanese officers here in challenging the accuracy of the American estimate of existing Japanese naval strength. In stating his proposal, Secretary Hughes named and projected general principles under which it was worked out the necessity of general adherence to relative strength of existing naval forces in providing for immediate reduction proposed. It is on this point that the experts are comparing data and seeking to reach agreement. Most of their work is done through exchange of documentary tabulations and expositions of the situation.

The immediate desire of the Japanese delegation is understood to be to provide for retention by Japan of the new battleship Mutsu in one other capital ship yet to be constructed. American naval opinion has been strongly against any agreement which would permit this without retention by the United States of a proportionate equivalent in new ships slated to be scrapped under the Hughes plan. No definite indication of the British attitude has been given, but it has been pointed out that if both powers were permitted to enlarge their retained fleets, the retention of the Mutsu would build new craft to maintain their present preponderance. The British delegation is understood not to favor such a course.

The argument of the Japanese experts as to Japan's right to more capital ship tonnage in proportion to the other powers than Secretary Hughes' plan provided for were based, it is known, on a series of recapitulations of existing building and projected Japanese tonnage. Viewed from any of these angles, the Japanese experts argued the Japanese navy came closer to standing at seventy per cent of the American strength than the sixty per cent provided for by the Hughes' plan.

ARREST NEBRO EMPLOYEE OF S. H. KRESS & CO

Elijah Boyd Charged With Stealing 90 Pounds Candy

Alleged to have stolen two 45 pound pails of candy, spoons, socks and other merchandise, Elijah Boyd, a negro employee of S. H. Kress and company, was arrested yesterday by Detective D. W. Coleman on a warrant charging him with larceny.

The manager of Kress and company reported to the police department that about \$150 worth of merchandise had disappeared from the establishment during the last ten days, during which time Boyd has been working for the company. Detective Coleman investigated and, on searching the home of Alonzo Riggins, negro, 119 South Thirteenth street, found a quantity of candy, spoons, silk socks and other articles of merchandise. Boyd lived at the home of Riggins, it is stated.

He also reports that he found a big package in the shipping department of the 5 and 10 cent store, addressed to the negro's mother in South Carolina and containing socks, spoons and other articles of clothing.

The negro will be tried by Recorder George Harris this morning on the charge of larceny. GIBBONS WINS. New Orleans, Nov. 25.—Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul knocked out Dan Dowd of Boston, in the sixth round of a scheduled fifteen round match here tonight. Dowd was knocked down six times before he finally went out before a terrific right cross to the jaw, which sprawled him on the canvas so heavily his head struck the floor with stunning force.

PRESIDENT INFORMS ENVOYS INFORMALLY OF CONFERENCE IDEA

Is Considered First Step For Association Of Nations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—In the midst of developments that helped clear the air for all the big subjects before the arms conference, President Harding let it be known today that he had taken the first step toward a continuance of international discussion which may lead to an "association of nations."

Conferences among the nations once a year to consider whatever may menace good understanding have been suggested by the President informally to some of the foreign delegates and their replies are said to have encouraged a hope that a permanent plan of consultation will result in world approval.

Lacking all the properties of a formal proposal Mr. Harding's plan is declared to have been offered only as a personal suggestion, without any hint as to the details of its accomplishment.

Whether a more formal approach to the subject will be taken before the end of the Washington conference remains to be developed. Within the conference itself, definite progress was made in both the far east and naval negotiations, and it becomes apparent that although the question of land armament had been laid aside for the present without an attempt to agree on limitation of armaments, some of the delegates hoped later to translate the sentiment of the conference into a joint declaration of general policy.

The naval discussions centered for the moment about Japan's recapitulation of her present naval strength, and the American advisers made known their desire for a modification of the "5-5-3" ratio of the American plan. Experts of the British, French and Italian delegations withheld their decisions but the American advisers made known their desire for a modification of the "5-5-3" ratio of the American plan. Experts of the British, French and Italian delegations withheld their decisions but the American advisers made known their desire for a modification of the "5-5-3" ratio of the American plan.

Resuming the far eastern negotiations, the delegations of the nine powers approved "in principle" China's plea for amelioration of the extraterritorial rights now enjoyed by the powers. A plan of modification with a view to final abolition is expected to be worked out by the international commission of jurists.

CHILD HEARTBROKEN AT GIRL'S FATAL ACCIDENT

Boy Broods After Shooting Playmate

(Special to The Star) KINSTON, Nov. 25.—The usual lesson that comes from a loaded gun in the hands of a wee small lad in the country south of here. The boy, five years of age, recently pointed a gun at a curly headed girl a little older than himself. They were great friends. The gun was discharged, and the curly headed one fell dead. That was some days ago. Now a physician has taken steps to save the boy from being the wreck that he threatens to become.

Pity mingles with the tragedy. With uncanny comprehension of what happened and the horror of it all, the formerly happy little fellow broods incessantly over the occurrence, according to relatives of the girl who was shot, whose sympathy for the boy is as great as their sorrow at their loss. He has refused to eat, and seemingly cannot sleep. He prays baby prayers, and seeks solitude. Older members of the family have tried to comfort him, and failed. He has heard in his supplications to ask to be "taken to where she is."

By the side of his bed a tearful baby boy kneels to ask the forgiveness that mortals have freely granted, taking no solace from the fact that it was all accidental and that he would gladly have been the sacrifice to carelessness in the stead of his baby-faced friend. The doctor has forbidden that the incident ever be mentioned to him again; and the doctor looks grave and much concerned.

A remarkable thing occurred after the accident. The boy, who had been sent to the mother of the victim, got on his knees and begged for forgiveness, crying violently.

WEATHER FORECAST

Virginia, North and South Carolina: Cloudy Saturday; Sunday fair and warmer. Georgia, Florida, Northwest Florida, Alabama, Mississippi generally fair Saturday and Sunday; no change in temperature. Tennessee, Kentucky: Cloudy Saturday and Sunday; mild temperature. Louisiana and East Texas Saturday and Sunday partly cloudy, continued warm. Arkansas Saturday partly cloudy, somewhat unsettled, warmer; Sunday partly cloudy. Oklahoma: Saturday partly cloudy, warmer in east portion; Sunday partly cloudy. West Texas: Saturday and Sunday generally fair; cooler in the panhandle Sunday.