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## VARE'S VICTORY SEEN AS DISASTROUS BLOW TO G. O. P.

Pennsylvania Prefers Wets To the Drys: Administration Supported Senator Pepper

Pennsylvania has made her choice as between Mr. Vare and Mr. Volstead, and takes the former, says a Washington dispatch to the Greensboro News. The immediate significance in the Keystone state vote is that the second state in the union is wet or decidedly moist, and that Vare, with the aid of a friendly governor, will succeed those easy bosses, Quay and Penrose, as leader of the Republican hosts.

Looking further afield there is the impression that the Coolidge administration has received a setback much more pronounced than that received when McKinley was defeated for re-nomination by Colonel Smith in Illinois. The Vare vote is the more remarkable when it is remembered that he was called upon to surmount a succession of obstacles, and to neutralize influences vast, and of untold ramifications.

While this has been, and will be, questioned, it was very distinctly understood that the weight of the Washington administration was thrown on the side of Pepper, who first opposed the World Court resolution, and then came out for the court, voting against his own privately conducted reservations thereto. No one questions the fact that the Mellons and their associates, business and political, use money world without end. This became so noticeable that Governor Pinchot, a participant in the three cornered fight for the senatorial nomination, directed his fire chiefly against Pepper, mainly upon the theory that the Mellons and the Pittsburgh machine were using more money, in the hope of controlling the electorate, than was Vare and his Philadelphia machine. In fact, nobody supported Vare except those who desired to take their whiskey, and their beer, straight.

When it is asserted that Mr. Coolidge played no favorites, that all three of the candidates were good Republicans, and, therefore, supporters of the Coolidge administration, the politicians smile knowingly and derisively. At least, they remark, it means another man in the senate on the Republican side who will owe nothing to Mr. Coolidge. This means a lot when it is recalled that the Democrats may find it possible to control the next senate. At most it may mean an anti-Coolidge delegation of 72 votes in the next national convention, a possibility that stimulates a lot of sober, or perhaps wet, thought when it is reflected that the Lowden sentiment has of late weeks been noticeably on the increase.

## LOCAL DRY OFFICERS HAVE FEDERAL POWERS NOW

Washington, May 21—Addition to the federal prohibition staff of state, county and municipal officers was made possible today under an executive order issued by President Coolidge.

This move, made at the request of Assistant Secretary Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement is expected by him to augment the federal dry forces by at least several thousands immediately.

Prohibition officials plan to place the local officers on the federal staff, perhaps as dollar a year men, since they will be serving as federal officers in addition to their regular duties.

While local officers in most states and cities are already co-operating with federal government in the enforcement of prohibition, it was said at the treasury, today's action will clothe them with full federal authority and it is believed by Mr. Andrews to be a big step forward in the dry work.

How soon Mr. Andrews will take advantage of his authority and the exact extent of the scope to which he will put it has not been decided. The plan was first suggested by the California prohibition administrator, and it is expected to be put in practice in that area first.

## STEPS TAKEN TO ADVERTISE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville, May 22—A regional program to promote the development of western North Carolina through co-operative advertising, arrangement of tour circulars, provision of special sports and entertainment features, and the increasing of housing facilities for tourists was mapped out at a meeting of the federated chambers of commerce of western North Carolina in Asheville yesterday.

During the principal round table discussion held by the delegates, numbering about 50 and representing 18 western North Carolina cities and counties, a decision to publish an illustrated booklet showing tourists routes throughout the section was reached.

## HERE, THERE, EVERYWHERE

General News and Happenings From all Over the World Condensed For the Busy Reader

Dr. J. W. Skinner, president of the Texas-Mexico school, Kingsville, Tex., was last week at Pensacola, Fla., named moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

Five destroyed almost the entire manufacturing section of the Johnson City Shale Brick Corporation, the largest of its kind in the south, located at Johnson City, Tenn., early Sunday morning, with a loss estimated at about \$200,000.

Prohibition took its place among the issues of next fall's election campaign in New York state with the announcement Thursday by Governor Al Smith that he had signed the Karle-Phelps bill providing for a referendum on the question at the general election.

Washington, May 20: The senate today passed the civil service retirement bill providing for retirement of civil service employees on annuities not exceeding \$1,200. The bill, although carrying the house title, was radically amended by the senate. As passed by the house the maximum annuity was \$1,000. The measure now goes to conference.

Investigation of expenditures in all senatorial campaigns this year—primary as well as general—was ordered last Wednesday by the senate, after charges of corruption in the Pennsylvania primary of Tuesday had been made and denied on the floor of the senate. Complying with a resolution adopted, Vice President Dawes appointed a committee to conduct the inquiry.

Washington, May 21: Fairchild relief legislation received a set-back in the house today with the passage of H. R. 27, of the Haugen priced Miss B'n bill. This action cleared the calendar of all farm proposals as the other bills, the Tinscher credit plan and the Curtis-Aswell commodity marketing measure were withdrawn by their authors. Ninety-eight Republicans and 66 Democrats supported the bill while 121 Republicans and 89 Democrats opposed it.

A plea of not guilty was entered by Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, when he was arraigned in federal court in New York last Thursday on an indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the United States. He was released on \$5,000 bond. Thos. W. Miller, former alien property custodian, indicted on a similar charge, was not in court. Attorneys said he was confined to his home in Wilmington, Del., by blood poison. The case will be argued within the next two weeks.

Baltimore, May 22: Richard Reese Whitmore, bandit-dandy and confessed slayer, has greeted his fate with a snarl. His feet, figuratively treading the gallows stairs, he last night spat in the face of the youthful state's attorney who had fixed a rope about his neck. Whether he is to plunge to oblivion at the end of it rests with criminal court. A jury decided that the slayer of Robert Holtman, Maryland penitentiary guard, deserved to expiate his crime on the gallows. Tacitly, it gave Judge O'Dunne authority to exact a life for a life, but he may, in his discretion, sentence the "Candy Kid" to life imprisonment instead.

The Watson-Parker bill for settlement of railway labor disputes was signed last Thursday by President Coolidge who said in a statement that although he would have preferred "a more definite declaration for the possible protection of the public," he believed there was involved an issue of "first public importance," that of encouraging an industry to adjust relations between employer and employee, without the intervention of the government. With presidential approval, the railroad labor board, in existence for six years, was abolished and a new system provided for by the establishment of conference groups and adjustment boards within the industry, and the creation of a board of mediation whose five members are to be appointed by the president.

## YONAHLOSSEE IN FINE SHAPE

A representative of The Democrat drove over the Yonahlossee trail from Blowing Rock to Linville Sunday, dodging it through the beautiful section around the foot of the Grandfather. The Yonahlossee is in fine shape all the way between the two resort towns; in fact, it is in probably in best shape it has ever been. The road from Newland to Boone is also good except in a few places up Elk Creek where work of surfacing and regrading in a few places is under way.

Willing to Try  
"Are you fond of children?"  
Applicant for nurse's job—"That depends on the wages."

## CONFEDERATE FORCES WILL CONTINUE THEIR REUNIONS

Birmingham, Ala., May 20—Bivouacked on the soil of the state that cradled the Confederacy, one-fifth of the living remnant of the Southern army responded happily to "taps" last night after all thought of disbanding the United Confederate Veterans had been dissipated.

The Confederacy, represented by Lee's men, will carry on. No official action was taken, or was necessary, after General W. B. Freeman, commander-in-chief, had sounded the tocsin of war on all such proposals in his annual address. The magnetic influence of the commander's sentiment so electrified the veterans that original proponents of the plan to disband could not be found to press their proposal.

The militant address of the commander was the high spot in the day's progress. With all the fire of his youthful, active military days, General Freeman told his compatriots that the Confederate army would never be disbanded—not so long as there were two men left able to get together.

In voice touched by militancy, he declared:  
"No talk of us of 'a limping army of old men'—no nonsense about 'the last reunion.'"

The veterans caught the meaning of his remark and yelled approval. The commander continued:  
"We shall meet and march and sing—"

His voice was again drowned by the demonstration. When the noise had subsided, General Freeman went on:

"We shall meet and march and sing, and tell our stories as long as two of us are left to travel and when we turn over the reunion to sons who will be faithful and to daughters who will not forget—we shall send one last, long rebel yell defiantly down the years."

General Freeman described the Southern soldiers as the most fortunate men who ever survived in old age the downfall of the country of their youth. The emancipation of the negro brought emancipation of the south, he declared, and with it economic independence.

## TWENTIETH CONFERENCE OF M. E. CHURCH ENDS

Memphis, Tenn., May 20—A consecration service conducted by Bishop Warren A. Candler brought to a close here today the 20th general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

Convening on May 15th, the conference delegates, sent up from the district conferences after a split over the question of unification, faced a crisis, the seriousness of which had not been equalled since 1841 when the Methodist Episcopal church, south, withdrew from the northern branch and formed a separate denomination.

The conference had no more than finished sending the unification program to a committee when it found itself plunged into debate over modernism and fundamentalism, a resolution introduced by Rev. Bascom Anthony, Thomasville, Ga., demanding that modernists in the church either conform their opinions to the creeds of the church or get out. A stormy discussion took place before the body sent that to a special committee on the spiritual state of the church where it remained until conference adjourned.

Following swiftly on the heels of unification and modernism was the question of a church constitution. After spending an entire day debating the matter the conference decided that the present was no time to adopt a constitution and sent it back to a commission for four years.

Reorganization of the general board of the church, one of the far-reaching proposals of the church, also was sent back for four more years of commission work. (The principal legislation passed by the conference was a measure giving laymen in annual conference greater representation. Overcoming stiff opposition, the laymen put through a bill which will allow them one delegate in the annual conference for every 500 members in a district conference. In the case of small districts the delegation will remain as at present.)

The missionary board composed of 16 secretaries was trimmed to four, the most radical action taken by the conference.

The conference passed resolutions condemning divorce, moving pictures, whiskey and the theater.

## MRS. COUNCIL HURT IN WRECK

Statesville, May 20—As the result of a collision of an Essex coach occupied by Mrs. W. B. Council, of Hickory, and her niece, Mrs. Harrington, yesterday afternoon, with a Ford car, Mrs. Council received slight cuts and bruises and two occupants of the Ford car are patients in the Davis hospital here.

## NORMAL SCHOOL OPENS JUNE 1ST

Largest Attendance in History of the Institution Expected at Summer Session

Next Tuesday, June 1, marks the opening of the first term of the summer school at the Appalachian State Normal, which promises to be by far the largest in the history of the school. Some time since every room in the large dormitories had been reserved and the applications continue to pour in. The town, of course, will take care of the overflow, as it has always done, and all will be cared for.

## BRISCO GRIFFITH KILLED AT LITTLE SWITZERLAND

Brisco Griffith, aged about 20 years, of Huntlake, Mitchell county, was instantly killed Sunday morning about 9 o'clock when his automobile plunged over an embankment about two miles from Little Switzerland. Miss Bertie Wilkie, of Spruce Pine, who was in the car with Griffith, jumped out, caught on a snag about ten feet down the embankment and was not injured.

Griffith and his companion were in a new roadster and had just rounded a hair-pin curve, going toward Marion, when Griffith undertook to light a cigarette, it is said. The car rolled off the edge of the embankment, sank in the sand, whirled down to the ravine below, jumped the ravine and righted itself on the other side. Griffith's left shoulder was crushed and he received an injury on his head. Death is supposed to have been instantaneous.

## GOOD HAY SUPPLY IS BASIS OF DAIRY SUCCESS

Raleigh, May 26—The dairy cow is a roughage consuming animal and fares best when furnished an abundant supply of this material.

"But the roughage must be of the right kind," says J. A. Arey, dairy extension specialist of State College. "Legume roughage is best. There are a number of summer legume crops which will do well in North Carolina and the most important of these, because of its adaptation to our climatic conditions, is the soybean. The hay from the soybean is relished by dairy cattle and feeding trials show it to be equal in feeding value to alfalfa hay if cut at the proper stage and well cured."

The proper time to cut soybeans for hay is when the lower leaves begin to yellow, states Mr. Arey. If the plant is allowed to grow more mature the leaves all drop off and the stems are so coarse and woody that they are not eaten by the dairy cow.

Mr. Arey states that there is a substitute for legume hay in satisfactory milk production. Sometimes, however, one's plans may fail and on account of drought or other conditions, it is impossible to grow a good supply of legume hay. When this happens, he states, some quick growing substitute may be planted and no other plant fills this place better than Sudan grass.

Sudan grass is drought resistant and may be used for either summer grazing or for hay. When planted on good land it will produce a heavy yield within fifty or sixty days after planting. Mr. Arey states that the grass may be sown broadcast or drilled using from 15 to 20 pounds of seed per acre. When used for hay, the crop should be cut from the time the plants head until the seed reach the dough.

## HICKS RELEASED ON BOND

Sparta, May 25—S. J. Hicks, confessed slayer of Jack Jarrell, of Surry county, at Ennis, Alleghany county on the night of May 18, was today released on bond of \$4,000 for his appearance in Alleghany superior court. A drinking spree, a banjo, pistols and a dispute over the possession of a bottle of liquor, following a social at a home near Ennis post-office, are said to have figured in the homicide.

## Once Was Enough

There's a suburban home whose owner's principal delight is keeping it spick and span. After dinner he and a guest were smoking on the lawn. The guest after lighting his cigar, threw the burned match on the ground.

"Oh, I wouldn't do that, George," said the host.

"It spoils the appearance of everything," was the answer. "It's just those little things that make a place look bad."

The guest smoked his cigar in silence for a few minutes, then without a word, got up, walked down the road and disappeared. He returned in a short time.

His host asked, "Where've you been, George?"

"Oh, I just went down to spit in the river," said George.—Carl New.

## GOVERNOR ADVISES STUDENTS NOT TO LEAVE THE STATE

Chapel Hill, May 21—"You young men and women will have a greater chance in North Carolina in the next 25 years than in any state in the union," Governor A. W. McLean told this year's graduating class of the University of North Carolina at their final banquet here tonight at the Carolina Inn.

"I think it would be a calamity if you would think of leaving the borders of North Carolina in this period of the state's development when there is so much here to attract you."

"There is plenty of room for you in North Carolina today and every opportunity."

"Whatever you may say about the state's great natural and industrial resources, they are useless unless we can develop them with the man power of young men and women like you. You owe an obligation to North Carolina. The taxpayers have paid about half of your expenses here, and they have done it gladly. You are the preferred assets and preferred stockholders of the state."

Discussing the state's progress, the governor said that while great strides had been made during the last 25 years, "we haven't done one-tenth of what we can do and should do. The natural resources of the state have scarcely been touched."

## PENNY BROTHERS TO SELL WALTER ALEXANDER ESTATE

The following from the Greensboro News of Sunday will be of interest here: "Penny Bros., world's original twin auctioneers' of the American Land Company, large auction operators throughout the south and east, have been awarded the contract to dispose of the large land holdings in Western North Carolina of the Walter Alexander estate. It is one of the largest projects perhaps ever handled in North Carolina at auction."

"The Alexander estate includes the famed Mayview Manor at Blowing Rock, with its golf course, cottages, etc., for entertainment of summer visitors. Also Green Hill, a resort development, and villa sites. Settlement of the estate, through receivership proceedings, has been a matter of keen interest to large real estate, hotel and resort operators for several weeks. Awarding the sales contract to Penny Bros. was really the culmination of plans for final disposition of the property, which has been variously estimated in value up to and above a million dollars."

"Penny Bros. announce that plans are already under way for the sale, which will begin on the morning of Thursday, June 24, at 10:30 o'clock. It is expected to attract large crowds of investors as well as those seeking locations for summer cottages in the Carolina mountains."

## BEAVER DAM BREEZES

Beaver Dam, May 26—The weather is still cool but no frost to hurt anything yet. The prospect for all kinds of fruits and berries is good, provided nothing untoward happens.

Mr. J. M. Johnson, who has been sick for some time, is a little better. Misses Ollie Eller and Lillie Eller are spending a few weeks in Boone, guests in the home of Mr. R. M. Greene.

John Walker has contracted for a boundary of timber on George's Gap, and expects to move his sawmill there sometime this summer.

Mrs. H. P. Dougherty visited her sister, Mrs. S. A. Moody, in Boone last week.

A party of 24 people of the Beaver Dam section went on a sight-seeing trip to Gastonia recently. Among the party was Mrs. Stansbury, who visited her daughter, Bonnie, who has been in the hospital there for seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Perry visited Mr. Perry's father, Mr. J. K. Perry, Saturday night.

Rev. L. A. Wilson filled his regular appointment at Bethel church Saturday and Sunday.

## MEEKINS CHARGES ARE FORMALLY DISMISSED

Washington, May 25—The judiciary committee of the house today dismissed the charges against Judge Isaac M. Meekins, of the eastern district of North Carolina. In point of fact, the committee decided unanimously that there were no "charges" against Judge Meekins, inasmuch as the subcommittee, after a careful scrutiny of the letter field with the committee by Daniel F. Hickey, reported that nothing of an impeachable character had been alleged.

North Carolina pays more taxes on cigarettes than the rest of the states combined. The bill for the first ten months of the fiscal years, 1925-26, were \$101,193,717.44 and \$121,688,013.00. The total cigarette tax for the ten months for the entire nation was \$183,424,153 in 1925 and \$207,701,613 in 1926.

## BIG TOLL OF DEATH JAPANESE ISLAND

Hundred Dead and Many Hurt When Dormant Volcano Comes To Life Releasing Mountain Lake

Jokio, May 25—A mountain lake, released by an eruption from a long inactive volcano crater caused the greater part of the death and destruction which followed yesterday's resumption of activity in Mount Tokachi, in central Hokkaido, northernmost of the principal islands of Japan.

The governor of Hokkaido reported today to the home minister that 100 dead and more than 200 injured had been removed from the mass of mud, lava and rocks precipitated from the long slumbering crater. Besides these 1,000 farmers of the newly opened agricultural district around the mountain are missing and it is impossible to tell how many of these may have been buried alive in the floods of water and mud.

The peasants of the Tokio district were not without warning, for on May 4, the volcano began rumbling and many fled from the region. Yesterday came three violent eruptions, tearing out the crater walls and allowing the lake to appear through the sides of the mountain inundating several valleys, drowning villagers and covering 10,000 acres of rice fields with mud. Landslides on the steep slopes added to the destruction.

Mount Tokkachi is one of the highest peaks of a volcanic chain running through Hakkaido island, most of the peaks of which are known as "dying volcanoes of Yezo" or Hokkaido.

## THE NEWS OF VALLE CRUCIS

Valle Crucis, May 26—Last week the Rev. J. P. Burke, Mrs. C. D. Taylor, Miss Graves, Mrs. W. H. Wagner and Mr. T. D. Heffner attended the convention of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, meeting at Biltmore.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. J. M. Shull on Saturday afternoon was combined with a celebration of the birthdays of Mrs. J. C. Brown and Mrs. J. M. Shull.

Mrs. D. D. Taber, national educational worker of the Episcopal church was in Valle Crucis from Friday till Sunday, and gave helpful and interesting talks at St. John's and St. Anthony's as well as at Holy Cross and the school.

Miss Wilhelmina Shull and a party of friends from Gastonia delightfully surprised her parents on Saturday evening, bringing with them a birthday cake and other remembrances for her father, Mr. J. M. Shull.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Menzies and little son were visitors in the Valley Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mast, Miss Lucy Mast and William Mast motored to Asheville on Sunday via Spruce Pine and Burnsville, returning Monday via Marion and Lenoir. They were much pleased with their trip, with Asheville and the good roads.

Frank Taylor, who has been at school in Hickory through the winter has returned home.

## THE POPPY—IN MEMORIAM

The Auxiliary to Watauga Post, American Legion, held a meeting at the Methodist church at Mabel Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Vass, of Winston-Salem, explained the object and purpose of the Auxiliary, telling of the work done by the Auxiliary in the state, in behalf of the widows and children of the men who died in the service, and for the ex-service men who are sick in hospitals and the families of these men. She explained that the money obtained from the sale of poppies on Memorial Day may be used for the needy ex-service man and his family and for no other purpose.

Rev. M. B. Woosley, pastor of the Boone Methodist church, gave a very urgent invitation to everyone in the county to help the ladies of the Auxiliary by buying the poppies.

The poppies will be sold over the county on Saturday, May 29th—Memorial Day.

Let everyone wear a poppy in memory of the boys who died for us.

## PROF. DOUGHERTY RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE AT ELON

Elon College, May 25—Two honorary degrees, that of Litt. D., on B. E. Dougherty, of Boone, for distinguished work at the Appalachian State Normal, and the D. D. degree upon Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Holland, Va., were conferred by the board of trustees at the commencement exercises this morning.

According to an estimate of population as of July 1, 1926, made public Monday by the census bureau, Winston-Salem will have a population of 71,800. The population of the state on July 1, is estimated by the bureau as 2,864,846, as compared with 2,559,123 in the 1920 census.