

EXPRESS SURPRISE AT DEBS VISIT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Three Hour Conference Was Over Before Newspaper- men Knew of Presence

OUTCOME OF PARLEY NOT YET ANNOUNCED

Attorney General Brought Debs to Washington as He Had Acted as His Own Lawyer—In Accordance With View of President

Washington, March 25.—Surprise more than mild tinged in the wake today of the unheralded visit to Washington of Eugene W. Debs, the long-time socialist leader, to discuss his case with Attorney General Daugherty.

Shutting into Washington early today, Debs had gone to the department of justice, held a three-hour conference with the attorney general and left to return to the Atlantic coast before his visit was announced by Mr. Daugherty to a group of land-fund-raising newspaper men whom the socialist leader had successfully evaded throughout the day.

In announcing the visit of Debs, whose case is now directed to review by President Harding, the attorney general said he had called the socialist leader to Washington after conferring with the President, because as Debs had defended himself at his trial, Mr. Daugherty said it was decided that he should come here to answer such inquiries as the government desired to make. The attorney general refused to comment on Debs' statement of his visit or indicate what recommendations he might make in the matter of immunity.

DEBS REFUSES TO TALK ON VISIT

Atlanta, Ga., March 25.—Eugene W. Debs, socialist leader, refused Atlanta at 11:25 a. m. to discuss his case with the attorney general, Mr. Daugherty, here after his visit to Attorney General Daugherty in Washington.

Debs, who is being held in custody, met with his trip to Washington, and on his return to Atlanta, he left the station immediately for the pentagon.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW ON MAY 10 TO 14

Decision to Have Show and Definite Dates Announced By Committee

The Eastern Carolina Automobile Show will be held here May 10 to 14. This announcement was made today by Chairman F. P. Dobbins of the committee recently appointed to plan the show.

Local automobile dealers, the state and county organizations, and the show if they decided to hold it, means that the third annual automobile show for Rock Mountain is a reality.

The show will be held at the Rock Mountain Hotel, and will feature a number of the latest models of automobiles, trucks, and touring cars.

The committee is now in the process of making arrangements for the show, and will hold a meeting on May 10 to discuss the details of the event.

Erect Pyramids Where German Advance Ended

Paris, March 25.—To mark the line where the German advance in the spring of 1918 was stopped, it is proposed to erect pyramids along the entire front bearing the inscription: "Here was arrested the rush of the Barbarians."

The number of pyramids and the places where they are to be erected will shortly be determined by Marshal Petain.

MILITARY ALLOWMENTS AND ALLOWANCES EXPIRE JULY 31

Washington, March 25.—Military allowances and allowances under the war risk insurance act will expire automatically on July 31, Comptroller Warwick of the treasury holds in a ruling made public today.

Governor Calls Conference Of Institutions To Take Up Their Contemplated Building Programs

Chief Executive Believes Money Can Be Saved by Concerted Action

ROAD CHAIRMAN BUSY

Chairman Page Is Busily Engaged in Preparing Recommendations for Initial Meeting of Commission in April

Raleigh, March 25.—Governor Morrison today called a conference of the heads of the various institutions which will have to do with the building of new buildings in order to meet the needs of the state.

The conference will be held in Raleigh on Monday, March 28, and will be attended by the heads of the various institutions, including the University of North Carolina, the State Normal School, and the State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts.

The governor believes that by concerted action, money can be saved in the construction of these buildings.

TAX FIGURES FOR EDGEcombe GIVEN

Interesting Statistics From Grand Abstract of Taxes For Past Year

The total personal property taxes levied in Edgecombe county for the year ending December 31, 1920, amounted to \$1,043,724, according to the grand abstract of taxes for that year which has just been prepared by County Auditor John Woodard.

The abstract shows that the total amount of taxes levied in the county for the year ending December 31, 1920, was \$1,043,724, or an increase of 10.2 per cent over the total amount levied for the year ending December 31, 1919, which was \$946,800.

The abstract also shows that the total amount of taxes collected in the county for the year ending December 31, 1920, was \$843,724, or an increase of 10.2 per cent over the total amount collected for the year ending December 31, 1919, which was \$765,000.

LIEUT. ANDERSON'S BODY AT HOBOKEN

Will Be Brought to Wilson and Buried With Appropriate Exercises

The body of Lieutenant Robert Anderson, who was killed in France May 28, 1918, was brought to Hoboken, N. J., today by the Atlantic Coast Line railway.

The body was brought to Hoboken by the Atlantic Coast Line railway, and will be brought to Wilson, N. C., tomorrow for burial with appropriate exercises.

Warn Children to Keep Off Railroad Tracks

Local Atlantic Coast Line railway officials have issued an appeal to the parents of school children who live along the tracks to warn their children not to walk on the railroad tracks between South Rocky Mount and Rocky Mount on their way to school.

High School Boys Hold Debate at the Y. M. C. A.

The regular weekly debate of the Boys' Debating Society of the local high school was held at the Y. M. C. A. last night with the query: "Resolved, that England should change her policy towards Ireland and its home rule." The debate was held in the Y. M. C. A. building, and was attended by a large number of the high school boys.

CARDINAL GIBBONS FUNERAL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY

Preparatory—Plans For a Great Ceremony Are Nearing Completion

BODY IS TO LIE IN STATE AT CATHEDRAL

Will Be Moved Sunday From Chamber in Which Cardinal Died—Many Church Dignitaries to Participate in Exercises

Baltimore, Md., March 25.—Preparatory plans for the funeral of Cardinal Gibbons, which will be held on Thursday, March 28, are nearing completion.

The body of the cardinal will lie in state at the Cathedral of Baltimore on Thursday, and will be moved to the Chamber in which he died on Sunday, March 31.

Many church dignitaries are expected to participate in the funeral exercises, which are expected to be a great ceremony.

Twin City Market to Close on March 31

Winnipeg, Man., March 25.—An agreement has been reached between the Twin City Market and the Winnipeg market to close the market on March 31.

DISAPPEARANCE OF NEGROES IS PROBED

Newton County Grand Jury Begins Investigation of Murder Charges

Atlanta, March 25.—Investigation into the disappearance of two negroes in Newton county, Ga., is being conducted by the Newton county grand jury.

The grand jury is investigating the disappearance of two negroes, who were reported to have been murdered in the county.

Turks Win Victory From Greek Forces

Constantinople, March 25.—Turkish forces have won a victory over Greek forces in the region of the Dardanelles.

RESEARCH WORK IN FARMING STOPPED

Expert Declares Experiment Stations Are Lost in Ex- tension Service

Urbana, Ill., March 25.—Since the night shipment of the agricultural extension service, the public has lost interest in the experiment stations, according to Professor Eugene Davenport of the University of Illinois.

CONTINUE SEARCH FOR NAVAL FLIERS

Planes and Naval Craft Join in Search for Party of Missing Balloonists

Washington, March 25.—Search for the missing party of naval fliers continues today with the use of planes and naval craft.

Russian Situation Taken Up at Cabinet Meeting

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Short Skirts to Mean High Insurance Rates

Chicago, March 25.—A woman who wears short skirts will pay higher rates of life insurance than those who do not, according to a report by the American Life Insurance Association.

COMPETITION WITH U. S. NAVY DENIED

Japanese Minister of Marine Declares Reports to That Effect Are False

Tokyo, March 25.—A report that the Japanese navy was planning to compete with the U. S. navy in the Pacific Ocean was denied today by the Japanese minister of marine.

PLANE SMASHED INTO TREE WHILE LANDING

Army Flier Had Hopped Off From Jacksonville This Morning on Return Trans- Continental Trip to San Diego

Mobile, Ala., March 25.—Lieut. W. DeLoach, of the army air service, received a fatal injury today when his airplane struck a tree while he was attempting to make a landing near Mobile, Ala., on his return trans-continental flight from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Cal.

Hand to Hand Combat Raged at Railway Station and Street Centers

Police and Workers Engage in Battles

Rattle of Machine Gun Fire And Explosion of Hand Grenades Terrify People— Over Two Score Killed and Many Wounded

Elberfeld, Germany, March 24, 7:30 p. m. (By The Associated Press.)—The street fighting as a result of the communist outbreak which has been in progress for the last four hours in this important coal-mining town of Saxony was continuing desperately tonight with a hand to hand combat at the railway station and in the streets in the center of the city. The rattle of machine gun fire, the crash of hand grenades, explosions and the popping of rifles has been going on steadily for the last three hours.

WILLARD AND SMITH
GROCERIES OPENED

Receivership Lifted After Settlement of Bank Cashier's Difficulties

The chain of Willard and Smith grocery stores, including the two stores in this city and others throughout eastern Carolina, was re-opened this morning after having been closed for several weeks during which the disappearance of George S. Willard, member of the operating firm and cashier of the bank of Pink Hill, had thrown them into receivership.

Panama Congress Will Act Upon U. S. Demands

Washington, March 25.—President Forges of Panama has called a special session of congress for next Monday to consider Panama's attitude towards the demand made by the American government that Panama accept the White award as to the boundary between that country and Costa Rica. This information was contained in a dispatch received today by the state department from the American delegation at Panama city.

CONTINENTAL FLIER RECEIVES SERIOUS INJURIES IN CRASH

Lieut. Coney Regarded in Most Critical Condition As Result of Fall

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AUTOMOBILE MEET INVITED TO CITY

Local Men Attend Meeting of Carolinas Automotive Association in Raleigh

Local automobile men have returned from Raleigh where they attended the convention of the Carolinas Automotive Trade association which has been in session in Capital City for past two days. Those attending the convention from this city were F. P. Dana, Howard G. Baker, Harry W. Catkin and Mr. Williams.

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TWO OLD-TIMERS ARE WITH PHILLY SQUAD

Gainesville, Fla., March 25.—There are two real old-timers with the Phillies here at training camp. One is Sam Payne, Philly park superintendent; the other, W. J. Shettleline, club business manager.