

ARRESTS ARE MADE AFTER THE BURNING OF CUSTOMS HOUSE

Structure Was One of Chief Architectural Ornaments of the City of Dublin

PITCHED BATTLE IN AND ABOUT BUILDING Number of Arrests Made by British Total 0—Exact Number of Wounded Not Yet Determined—Great Loss to Crown Officials

Dublin, May 25.—Smoking ruin marked today the site of the historic customs house of Dublin, which was burned yesterday afternoon by a raiding party of civilians. During the night sullen bursts of flame in the twisted chaos of stone and steel lighted up the scene about which British armed forces kept vigil.

Fifty men arrested by Crown forces after a pitched battle in and about the building spent the night in various prisons of the city and the bodies of upwards of a dozen persons killed during the struggle reposed in the morgue. It was believed that some of the rioters perished in the fire that kindled. The exact number of wounded has not been ascertained today.

The customs house had been completed in 1791 and was one of the chief architectural ornaments of the city. Archives of an almost priceless character were destroyed in the flames which swept through the building after gasoline had been thrown about and ignited by the raiding party. It was said here today that the destruction of no other building in the city, not even Dublin castle, would have caused so great a loss to crown officials.

At noon today the customs house which was set afire Wednesday by a party of civilians is declared to have been still burning. All the interior had been destroyed but the main walls were standing and the dome and the clock was keeping time. A high official stated that the most important documents of the building, including the records of the principal objects of the customs, had been saved.

ONLY TWO CASES TRIED IN POLICE COURT TODAY

Only two trivial cases came up for disposal by Recorder Lawrence at the regular session of municipal court this morning. The docket was as follows: Will Wilson was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy and in answer to the charge sent to the work for thirty days. In answer to a charge of being drunk and disorderly, Curtis Bradshaw was relieved of \$25 by the court.

Rickenbacker Hops Off On Washington Flight

Redwood, Calif., May 26.—Capt. Edge Rickenbacker, American aviator, left here at daylight today for what he hopes to be a record-breaking flight to Washington, D. C. He expects to reach Omaha at 8 p. m. tonight and Washington Friday night. The flight is in the interest of the American Legion.

Bulgarian King Near Fatal Bomb Explosion

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 26.—King Boris standing on the balcony of the Royal palace was in close proximity to the bomb-throwing incident which caused 18 casualties during the national holiday parade yesterday. The source of the explosive is still unknown but a number of Communist leaders have been arrested on suspicion of complicity in the outrage. Some of the school boys who were severely wounded are expected to die.

FRESH EGGS REGISTER DECREASE AT CHICAGO

Chicago, May 26.—Fresh eggs quoted at 41 cents wholesale on May 1st, 1920, dropped to 20 cents a dozen up to May 24th this year, according to figures made public today by the president of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Butter and cheese, the figures show, declined similarly.

Stock Market

New York, May 26.—There were few exceptions to the higher trend of prices at the broad and active opening of today's stock market, yesterday's belated rally showing numerous extensions. Steels, equipments, investment rails, rails and Mexican and domestic oils featured the advance. Pressed steel gained 1 3/8 and Great Northern and Northern Pacific made 1 point gains. Similar improvement was shown by Mexican Petroleum and Central leather.

Supreme Court Rules Prohibition Laws Of State Are Unchanged By Reason Of Eighteenth Amendment

Ruling is Handed Down By the Court on Case Brought Up From Buncombe

FINANCE CASE ARGUED

Attorneys for City of Raleigh Argue Test Case on Validity of Municipal Financial Act before Supreme Court

Raleigh, N. C., May 26.—State prohibition laws are unchanged by reason of the eighteenth amendment to the Federal constitution, North Carolina supreme court holds in an opinion filed this week affirming the judgment of Buncombe county superior court. The case was one in which Mrs. M. B. Conover, et al., plaintiffs, vs. City of Raleigh, et al., defendants, was argued at the March term of Buncombe county superior court on a writ of mandamus charging the city and transportation of liquor in violation of the State prohibition laws, brought the evidence to the high tribunal for an opinion. Judge McElroy tried the case, the evidence of guilt being direct and positive.

The judgment of the superior court must be affirmed, the opinion reads. The authorities of State vs. Farnham, N. C. 20741, A. S. 1914, are in full force and not in conflict with the Federal prohibition laws, may be declared a valid exercise of the police power of the State and is sanctioned in express terms by the eighteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Two other liquor cases were presented, the judgment of the lower court being upheld in both instances. Henry Pearson, convicted of selling James Tabb, one part of liquor, had been arrested from Mrs. Buncombe, a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Henderson county on a similar charge. William Thomas being the prosecuting witness in the latter case. Both were held by the decision of the lower court.

W. Y. Vandyke, convicted in Buncombe county superior court of slaying J. H. Vandyke, driver of a common and automobile, may be in the electric chair since the supreme court upholds the lower court's judgment of first degree murder.

The facts connected with the actual killing are told by Lewy, a witness present with Westmoreland at the time of the most brutal part of the fight in many months. After having been badly beaten by his home at Troutman from Statesville, Westmoreland, according to him, who was the only eyewitness, fired a shot at Vandyke and before he could get away, he threw the dead man's body in an ungodly way, holding the body of a child in front of him.

Only executive agencies have the endorsement from the electric chair. A date must be fixed by Governor for the execution.

Attorneys for the city of Raleigh yesterday argued the test case argued upon by the county officers of the city and town before the supreme court, as by the authority of the 1921 election laws. The facts in connection with the case were presented briefly. The point was whether the non-partisan may levy taxes under the 1921 act despite the fact that it has been declared invalid by the attorney general is swayed with peculiar interest. The case for the city of Raleigh was presented by attorneys John Hindsale, W. B. Shaw and Major S. C. Chambers of Durham.

The supreme court also heard argument in the Folk County election case wherein the defeated candidate for sheriff, a Republican, is attacking the Democratic official's right to hold the office. W. C. Robertson, the defeated candidate, contends that Judge Shaw and the referee incorrectly revised the figures when the case was first investigated.

The election was held in 1918, the Democratic winning by a bare majority of two votes. Fraud was alleged on investigation started which resulted in 20 additional votes for the successful candidate. Robertson is seeking the emoluments of the office which he says has been unlawfully given to Jackson.

Before authorizing the publication of the North Carolina "slacker lists" Adjutant General John B. Van Metts will confer with Governor Morrison, it was announced at his office today.

The lists are being received by counties at the adjutant general's office and will likely be made public soon. Director M. L. Shipman of the Federal Employment Bureau is in Washington today conferring with the commissioner of labor regarding the unemployment situation in North Carolina. He expects to be back in his office tomorrow.

SCHOOL SITUATION HEARD AT MEETING

Supt. Wilson Discusses Situation Before Joint Meeting of Women's Organization

The local school situation was carefully gone into and presented in a discussion of a large and enthusiastic joint meeting of the three Parent Teachers' associations of the city and the Civic department of the Woman's club, which was held in the Sunday school room of the First Methodist church yesterday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. H. E. Brewer, vice-chairman of the Civic department, while the feature events of the program were told by Judge L. L. Shandberger, of the juvenile court, and Superintendent R. M. Wilson, of the city school system. The remainder of the program included a song by the entire gathering and a solo by Miss George Westbrook, Judge Shandberger in his talk explained the progress of the juvenile court, the work that it had done here, and how it cooperated with the parents and school authorities.

At the conclusion of his talk, Supt. Wilson presented concrete facts of the school situation which were of great interest to the meeting. He started at the very foundation of the local schools, explaining the charter under which they were organized, how they are managed and governed, where the school finances are secured, the sources of taxation and the resources of the schools. He then discussed the education of teachers and the details of the state salary scale.

The matter of the Rocky Mount high school's being removed from the accredited list of the Association of Southern Schools and Colleges next came in for a share of discussion. The failure of the local school to appear on the list this year, according to the speaker, could be traced to two causes, first there are not a sufficiently large number of teachers whose training, experience and other technical requirements are such as to place them in Class A, and second, there are too many classes with more than 30 pupils to a teacher. The speaker pointed out that the average number of pupils to a teacher in the high school was 29, but that in the entire school system below the high school, the attendance was never less than 40 to a teacher and nearly always more.

Supt. Wilson went into detail to explain the wage scale pointing out how the state, the county and the city joined in paying the teachers. The maximum on the state scale, he made clear, is merely fixed as the maximum amount that the state can pay and not the amount that the city or town is to pay, as the state is supposed to supplement the amount from the state to an extent that it is able to do so. In this connection he pointed out that the salaries paid in Rocky Mount were much smaller than those paid in many towns even smaller than this city. Supt. Wilson concluded his talk by giving statistics to show that the average amount spent per child in the various schools in the state ranged from \$122 to \$26 with Rocky Mount in the lower part of the line.

At the conclusion of the talk, the meeting, which was marked by large attendance and intense enthusiasm, pledged its support and co-operation to the schools and the school officials. No definite action was taken by the organization but it is understood that the organizations represented are formulating plans which they hope will relieve the situation.

German Sentenced For Ill-Treating British

Lepzig, May 26.—Sergeant Heine, accused of having ill-treated British soldiers who were prisoners of war at the prison camp at Berno, West Prussia, was sentenced to ten months imprisonment by the high court here today. He was the first German officer to be tried on criminal charges arising from the conduct of the war. The Attorney General demanded that Heine be sent to prison for two years.

The next case to be tried will be that of Captain Mueller who was accused of ill-treating British prisoners at the camp at Karlsruhe.

Coming Fight Has Broken All Box Office Records

New York, May 26.—The Dempsey-Carpentier fight for the world's heavy weight championship already has broken all box office records. With the date of the bout five weeks distant, promoter Tex Rickard today announced that the receipts had reached \$525,000. Thousands of seats yet remain available. All seats except the \$5 general admission seats have been on sale here for the past two weeks. General admission tickets will be sold only on the day of the bout.

GOVERNMENT BUYS MUCH REAL ESTATE BLAIR CASE TO BE CONSIDERED TODAY

Purchase of \$4,000,000 worth of Property Authorized in Pending Bill

PROPERTY IN SOUTH

Most of Property Will Be Used for Military Supply Bases.—Real Estate in Southern Cities Will Be Included.

Washington, May 26.—Purchase by the war department of real estate valued at more than \$4,000,000 for the maintenance of supply bases in various sections of the country is proposed in a bill which the house military committee ordered favorably reported today. The tracts for which provisions were made were republished by the government prior to July, 1919, but purchase never has been authorized. The bill provides for the purchase in the south of tracts for army supply bases at Norfolk, Va., \$1,000,000 and at Charleston, S. C., \$1,500,000, for a quarter master warehouse at Newport News, Va., \$2,250,000 and for the government hospital at Alexandria, N. C., \$250,000.

U. S. Is Forced Out of British Golf Contest

Ray Lake, May 26.—The United States was finally forced out of the British amateur golf championship at the end of the sixth round early this afternoon when Frederick J. Wright, of Boston, sole survivor of the American entrants was defeated by Vernon Hayward of Woking in a sensational match on the 19th green. Wright's victory was the cause of great rejoicing among the British in the crowd of 2,000 spectators which witnessed the 18th hole's defeat.

Retention of Camp Gordon Is Advocated

Washington, May 26.—Retention of Camp Gordon, Ga., was urged upon war department officials today by Senator Harry D. Byrd, Democrat, of Georgia. He also discussed the question with Brigadier General Sawyer and at the request of officials telegraphed Representative Upshaw of the Atlanta district to procure data regarding the camp for the consideration of the department.

JUNIOR ORDER TO MEET HERE MAY 31

District Meeting Expected to Bring Many Delegates from Edgecombe, Martin and Wilson

Extensive preparations are being made by local members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics for the third district meeting of the order which will be held in this city next Tuesday, May 31. This district embraces the counties of Edgecombe, Martin and Wilson, and the session is expected to bring a large number of visiting delegates to the city. The meeting here will be held in the Masonic Temple and will comprise an afternoon in daylight session, the afternoon session beginning at three o'clock and the evening gathering at eight. Following the afternoon session, the visitors will be given an automobile ride over the city. The complete program for the meeting has just been announced by E. V. Harris, district deputy and state conductor of Tarboro, who will preside over the session. At the afternoon gathering, which is scheduled to get under way at three o'clock, the meeting will be opened with a prayer and ode, after which there will be the roll call of councils and reports. Then matters of general business will be taken up, to be followed by a short talk by G. P. Hood, Tarboro Council No. 117, on "How We Increased our Membership from 100 to 200 since January 1, 1921." The remainder of the afternoon session will be taken up with a general discussion, short talks by various delegates, suggestions for the good of the order, resolutions and selection of the next place of meeting. After an automobile ride over the city, the evening session will be called to order at eight o'clock with Paul Jones, P. S. Councillor as master of ceremonies. Following the opening prayer there will be an address of welcome by former Mayor T. T. Thorpe and the response by R. E. Scantle. The program includes the following short talks: "How to Create and Keep Interest in the Councils," by J. P. Keech; "What Does a Junior Order Mean to a Community?" by W. F. Parker; "The Orphanage," by D. F. Cobb, state councillor; and "Why I am a Junior," by D. O. Holt. At the completion an initiation will be staged by the degree team of Tarboro Council No. 113.

Senate Expects to Take Up Tar Heel's Nomination This Afternoon

NAVAL BILL PENDING

Only Minor Debate Marks Consideration of Naval Appropriation Bill when It is Taken Up Again in Senate Today.

Washington, May 26.—Only minor amendments remained to be considered when the Senate resumed debate today on the naval appropriation bill. As the result of adoption yesterday by unanimous vote of the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican, of Idaho, that the President be requested to call a naval disarmament conference between the United States, Great Britain and Japan a final vote was looked for possibly late today. The Senate also planned to consider today the case of David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, N. C., whose nomination for Internal Revenue Commissioner had been delayed in confirmation by opposition led by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California.

EXCUSES FLAYED BY PROF. SADLER

Strong Sermon Features Meeting at First Christian Church Last Night

Last evening Prof. Sadler delivered a most excellent discourse on the 30th. "Why the Guests do not Come to the Feast." He said he took his text off to the man who had such an excellent estimation of the religion of Christ Jesus that he feared he would hinder it from covering the land as the waters cover the sea, should he unite with the church. But said the preacher, his excuse for not coming to the feast is not valid. If a man is sick he ought to take the medicine prescribed by his physician. If a man is a sinner, he ought to accept the Religion of Christ, the only remedy for sin.

The preacher said he did not have quite as much respect for the man who refused to come to the feast because he was as good as some other folks as he did for the man who thought himself not good enough to be a follower of the man of Galilee. For man is not to judge himself by men but by the Lord Jesus. God nowhere has said, I will judge you by Bill, Jim or John, but by the example which my son has left the world.

The speaker said he knew he was treading on sacred grounds when he tried to answer the man who said he was waiting for a certain feeling before accepting the Giver of Life. He said all people do not have the same experience in coming to the Master. He then told of how he wore out a half dozen pair of trousers at the Mourner's bench seeking salvation. Finally, said the speaker, I asked God if he meant what he said, when he caused John to write the words: "He that will let him take the water of life freely." From that moment, he said, he was not troubled anymore. The preacher gave the audience to understand that if one realizes that he is lost, he needs someone to save him and that he can trust Jesus to redeem him, he has all the feeling that is necessary.

The preacher said the joining of the church is not subscribing to some man-made document for all of them will fail to have an entrance into the Pearly Gates. He said, men in Heaven will be judged by God's revealed word. When one accepts in his heart and puts into everyday practice, the teachings of Jesus and the inspired Apostles, he then becomes a man of the church, or God's family here on this earth, regardless of what men may say or do.

The preacher, in conclusion, stated several reasons why people should desire to make the start heavenly. At the invitation several came forward. The audience last night was by far the largest of the meeting. Subjects to night begin at eight p. m. The subject is "Weighed in the Balance." Come and hear these excellent discourses and the splendid singing.

Cotton Market

New York, May 26.—Cotton futures opened steady, July 12.92; October 13.68; December 14.12; January 14.23; March 14.58. The cotton market showed some irregularity during today's early trading. With the cables about an expected disposition to take profits for over the week-end was promoted by a favorable weather map and the extent of yesterday's advance. This led to considerable scattered selling and after opening at an advance of 2 to 3 points active months worked 2 or 3 points below last night's closing.

ALLOW PHONE SUBSCRIBERS TO USE ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

Jefferson City, May 26.—Missouri Telephone subscribers have a right to use abusive language at least once to telephone operators when connections are not satisfactory the State Public Service commission today ruled in ordering the Carlow Telephone Company to restore services on a telephone removed after an altercation with a telephone operator. In making the ruling the commission stated that a single instance of use of abusive language was not grounds for discontinuance of service.

METHODISTS PLAN TO RAISE QUOTAS

Meetings of Pastors and Leaders During Week are Perfecting Plans for Campaign

Plans of the local Methodists for raising their respective quotas in the church Educational Movement are rapidly maturing. Meetings of pastors and leaders during the present week are formulating plans for the conduct of the financial appeal next week. At the First Methodist church, with a quota of \$16,000, Director L. L. Gravelly is this week appointing his team leaders and workers. The appeal will be made in an every member canvass of the membership conducted during next Sunday afternoon, when the entire membership of the church will be visited by the workers. In connection with this feature of the work, all members of the First church are being asked to stay at home next Sunday afternoon from two to five o'clock so that the work may be expedited and a fairly complete report turned in Sunday night.

It is pointed out by the local workers that every place in the Southern Methodist church where the appeal has already been made has responded with enthusiasm by oversubscribing its quota. These charges range all the way from rural circuits, in North Carolina to some of the largest city churches in this state, Texas, South Carolina and Georgia.

The First church has one of the largest quotas in Washington District. Its fact its quota of \$16,000 is not exceeded by any, though the First church of Wilson, Jarvis Memorial, Greenville, and First church, Washington, all have the same as the local church. It is doubtful, however, if anywhere a more extensive program of sermons, special speakers, suppers, literature, etc., has been conducted than that which has been carried on here.

CLASS EXERCISES ARE TOMORROW NIGHT

R. M. H. S. Commencement Exercises to be Concluded With Graduation Program

Commencement of the Rocky Mount high school will be held at the Masonic opera house tomorrow night at 8:30 with the following exercises and the awarding of various school medals and honors will make up the program. According to the program announced by Superintendent R. M. Wilson this morning, the order of the exercises will be as follows: 1. "To the Seniors," by the Junior class. 2. Salutatory, by Richard Thorpe. 3. Invocation, by Rev. J. W. Kinchloe, pastor of the First Baptist church. 4. Class History, by Robert Wimberly. 5. Class Song, by graduating class. 6. Last Will and Testament, by Ellen Wilkinson. 7. Awarding of Trophies, by William Shaw. 8. Valedictory, by Lillie Shearin. 9. Presentation of Bibles, by Rev. James Cannon, III, pastor of the First Methodist church. 10. Presentation of Medals, by L. L. Lohr, principal of the high school. 11. Presentation of Diplomas, by W. S. Wilkinson. 12. Prophecy, by Mary Moore. 13. Farewell Song, by graduating class.

The class of 1921 has 23 members, the complete list being as follows: Claude Aycock, Emily Gray Guilford, Josephine Harris, Margaret Horne, Faustine Jackson, Sallie Mercer Jones, Minnie Moore, Mary Moore, Lillie Parrish, Maude Perkins Mamie Proctor, Catherine Preddy, Lillie Shearin, Ellen Wilkinson, Garland Batts, Jesse Daughtridge William Joyner, Harold B. Mevin, Jasper Robbin, William Shaw, Blair Sydenstricker, Richard Thorpe and Robert Wimberly.

Richard Thorpe is class president, Ellen Wilkinson, vice-president and Jasper Robbins, secretary and treasurer. The class motto is Vincit qui Vincit, the class flower white rose, and the class colors, blue and white. The exercises tomorrow night will mark the conclusion of the commencement program which began with a recital by the students of the musical department last Friday night, while Rev. Willard Conger, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the class of 1921 at the First Baptist church last Sunday evening.

CONFERENCE HELD TO FORM POLICIES OF FOREIGN TRADE

President Harding Confers with Cabinet Members and Prominent Bankers

ENTIRE SITUATION IS CAREFULLY GONE INTO

Washington, May 26.—The administration's policy of promoting exportation as a means towards restoration of normal business was discussed at a White House dinner last night attended by Secretaries Mellon and Hoover, J. P. Morgan, Paul Warburg and a number of other prominent financiers. President Harding was said to have talked over the whole subject with his guests. The dinner was quietly arranged and no word of it made public until today. It was understood that while no hard and fast program was decided upon, the discussion served to cement the belief of administration officials that one of the best remedial measures available would be the active co-operation between the government and business men for a revival of export trade. It was also indicated that the administration policy would turn towards some sort of aid to the financial situation in Europe as a part of the efforts for general world stability. The dinner is expected to have an echo in numerous conferences in the near future between the President and other financial leaders. It is understood that one of the President's chief purposes in calling the financiers into conference was to discuss the contemplated loan of American private capital to foreign governments and the effect of such a loan on the effect of normal industries at home and on the American export trade.

President Harding is said to have laid before his guests an offer to do everything practically to co-operate for the relief of economic conditions, while the bankers are said to have replied with expressions of willingness to work in close conjunction with the administration. Most of those present are understood to have agreed emphatically that the surest way to promote export trade would be by helping actively in the rehabilitation of European finances. It is said to have been suggested that American products could be sold in many parts of the world only if American capital were invested abroad to enable the purchases to pay.

Mr. Harding had an engagement today with Mr. Schwab, steel magnate, and although no announcement was made the assumption was that he was consulted on the same general subject. Mr. Schwab is understood to have discussed with the President the problem of rehabilitating the American merchant marine. The steel magnate is said to have pressed the opinion that radical steps must be taken quickly if the large tonnage constructed during the war is to be kept under the American flag. Detailed figures showing the relative cost of ship operation under the American and foreign flags were laid before the President and Mr. Schwab was said to have made several suggestions of methods by which the cost of operating American ships might be reduced through government co-operation.

American Ammunition Discovered in Ireland

London, May 26.—American ammunition totaling 16,338 rounds has been captured in the Dublin district since March 26th last, Sir Homer Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, stated in the house of commons today.

City to Pay Bill For Saving Citizen's Life

Rochester, Minn., May 26.—The city of Rochester today will pay the bill of a physician for saving a man's life after the patient had refused to pay it. Ed Arnold was picked up in a local park last fall blinded from the effects of drinking liquor containing wood alcohol. Yesterday the doctor who attended him informed the city council that Arnold had refused to pay his bill of \$10. He said the man would have died without treatment. The council allowed the bill.

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