

HE READS FRANCE A LECTURE ON SUBJECT OF RACE SUICIDE

Sermon at the Sorbonne on "Individual Citizenship in the Republics of France and America."

THE "EVERYDAY QUALITIES AND VIRTUES" ARE PRAISED

Mr. Roosevelt Sets Forth His Opinions on the Subject of Human Rights and Property Rights.

PARIS, April 23.—Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, delivered his eagerly awaited lecture on "Citizenship in a Republic" at the Sorbonne this afternoon. The audience was composed of members of the French cabinet, 900 students selected from the University of Paris, and many distinguished guests, by whom the occasion was regarded as the most important feature of the distinguished American's visit to France.

"With you here, and with us in my own home, in the home of my country, I feel that I am not only a citizen of the world, but a citizen of your country. My position regarding the many interests which can be put in a few words, Roosevelt asserted. 'In every civilized society property rights must be carefully safeguarded. Ordinarily and in a great majority of cases, human rights and property rights are fundamentally, and in the long run, identical; but when it clearly appears that there is a real conflict between them, human rights must have the upper hand; for property belongs to man, not man to property.'

"It is well if a large proportion of the leaders in any republic, in any democracy, are, as a matter of course, drawn from the classes represented in this audience today; but only provided that those classes possess the gifts of sympathy with plain people and of devotion to great ideals. You and these like you have received special advantages; you have all of you had the opportunity for mental training; many of you have had leisure; most of you have had a chance for the enjoyment of life far greater than comes to the majority of your fellows. To you and your kind much has been given, and from you much should be expected.

"The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows in the end the triumph of high truth is a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat. Shame on the man of cultivated taste who permits refinement to develop in a fastidiousness that unites him for doing the rough work of a workaday world. Among the free peoples who govern themselves there is but a small field of usefulness open for the men of cloistered life who shrink from contact with their fellows. Still less room is there for those who deride or slight that which is done by those who actually bear the brunt of the day; nor yet for those others who always profess that they would like to take action, if only the conditions of life were not what they actually are.

"I pay all homage to intellect, and to elaborate and specialized training of the intellect; and yet I know I shall have the assent of all of you present when I add that more important still are the commonplace, everyday qualities and virtues.

"Such ordinary, everyday qualities include the will and the power to work, to fight at need, and to have plenty of healthy children. There are a few people in every country so here that they can lead lives of leisure. These are a useful function if they make it evident that leisure does not mean idleness. But the average man must earn his own livelihood. He should be trained to do so, and he should be trained to feel that he occupies a contemptible position if he does not do so; that he is not an object of pity if he is idle, at whichever end of the social scale he stands, but Continued on Page Four.

MARK TWAIN IS LAID TO REST

Simple Services Conducted at the Brick Presbyterian Church by Dr. Van Dyke and Dr. Twitchell.

Redding, Conn., April 23.—Services as simple as his wholesome life attended tributes paid today to Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), the author, humorist, philosopher, and citizen of the world. The funeral was held at the Brick Presbyterian church, and two close friends of the dead author, Dr. Henry Van Dyke and Dr. Joseph H. Twitchell, voiced the grief of the throng at his death, speaking eulogies echoed by the heart throbs of thousands.

BUNCOMBE ALSO DOING BETTER

Light Docket in Superior Court, There Being Only 38 New Cases Ready for Trial.

Buncombe county, like Madison, is giving some evidence of formation in regard to court dockets and less frequent commission of crime. Recently reference was made to the fact that at the last term of Madison county Superior court the docket was so small that only a day or two were required to dispose of the entire docket. Now comes Buncombe with a docket to be tried at the term of court which convenes here Monday with a docket the smallest perhaps in years. There were a total of only 38 new cases ready for trial when the docket was prepared today, while the number of old cases figures less than 40, thus the docket will contain all told only about 78 cases.

The majority of the new cases charge larceny and retailing and are cases where defendants have appealed or have been bound over from police court. It was stated that in the event the Watkins murder case is not called for trial less than a week will probably be required to dispose of the docket. Aside from the Watkins case only one other case of any seriousness is set down for trial. This is the case of State vs. Robert McCall, who was recently given a hearing in police court charged with trespass and upon development of evidence the warrant was amended to charge burglary and the defendant bound to Superior court.

TO ADJOURN BY MIDDLE OF JUNE

Most Administration Measures, It Is Believed, Will Be Passed by That Time.

Washington, April 23.—Congress will adjourn by the middle of June, and possibly by June first, it is believed by President Taft and the administration leaders. Before that time it is expected that most of the administration measures before congress will be passed, or be in such shape that they can be enacted by congress next December.

BRYAN ENDORSES IT. Writes Governor Marshall Favoring Efforts to Have Candidate for U. S. Senate Endorsed.

Indianapolis, April 23.—It became known today that William Jennings Bryan wrote a letter to Governor Marshall, endorsing the efforts the governor and democratic leaders in Indiana are making to have the party's state convention next week endorse a candidate for United States senate.

Ward to Succeed Gilson. Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 23.—Governor Mitchell today appointed David L. Ward, of Newbern, to succeed Judge G. B. Gilson, resigned.

SNOW STORM IN CHICAGO TODAY

And, in the Meanwhile, There Is a Bad Prospect for Frost in This Section Tonight.

GREAT DAMAGE TO FRUIT IS AGAIN DONE BY COLD

Snow and Freezing Temperatures in Lake Region and Upper Mississippi Valley.

Chicago, April 23.—The eastward moving storm developed snow and freezing temperatures today in the Lake region and upper Mississippi valley. In the fruit belts of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, budding fruit was damaged to the extent of many millions of dollars. Lake Michigan was lashed into fury. The steamer Iowa was swept ashore between Kenosha and Racine, but no damage was reported.

Chicago, April 23.—Chicago has been in the grasp of a heavy snow and violent wind storm today. The snow fall followed one of the heaviest rainfalls of recent years.

Frost Is Expected.

Gardeners and truckers in Asheville and this immediate section, whose little beans and peas and tender tomato plants survived with only slight damage the recent chilly weather and some frost, had better look out for tonight, according to dispatches from Chicago and other sections, and the prediction by the local weather man. In Chicago a snow storm raged today, while along about the time this gloomy report came, the local weather man came in with the announcement that that frost would visit this section tonight and in effect that truckers would do well to cover their young plants or otherwise protect them from the cold.

It has been unseasonably cold here, and especially in the extreme western section of the state during the past several days, and while it is not generally believed that fruit has been damaged to any appreciable extent or growing plants in gardens seriously hurt, it is feared that another frost, and possibly a freeze, will do vast damage and greatly reduce the fruit crop.

HARRISON GIBSON IS ARRAIGNED

Well Known Colored Man Charged With the Larceny of \$50 from Mack Rice.

Harrison Gibson, a well known man about town, was in police court again this morning on preliminary trial charged with the larceny of \$50 or more from one Mack Rice, a citizen of the Jupiter section of the county. It was in evidence that Rice and Gibson were together at the carnival grounds Wednesday afternoon; that Rice was drinking and that he had on his person nearly \$100. He spent some money and, according to his testimony, realizing that he was "in no fit condition to have so much money," called Creed Jarvis, a friend, and asked Mr. Jarvis to take care of the money, but Mr. Jarvis declined. It was also in evidence that Gibson called Rice "uncle" and said that he would take care of the Jupiter man and his money. Rice and Gibson left the carnival grounds, boarded a street car and coming to the square they got off and Gibson piloted his man to a carriage and asked the driver to hurry out of town; to take them to Biltmore. The driver, however, took Gibson and Rice down to Valley street to a kingman of Rice and then back to town and later Rice again back down to the Valley street home. Rice complained to the driver on the first drive to Valley street that Gibson had his money. Rice said that on the street car and in the hack Gibson was handling his money and that he got it. The court held that there was probable cause and bound Gibson to Superior court in the sum of \$200. Gallatin Roberts appeared for the private prosecution while Judge G. S. Reynolds appeared for Gibson. Yesterday afternoon it is said that Gibson in company with Clyde Melton attempted to leave town, the pair going to Buena Vista to take a train. The police got wind of the purpose of the two to make a quick get-away and when Gibson and Melton boarded the train at Buena Vista they swung up and into the arms of the officers. They were brought back and lodged in jail.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BILL IS IN JEOPARDY

Attitude of Democratic Members of Vital Interest, in View of Republican Dissentions.

Washington, April 23.—The attitude of the house democratic minority has become of vital interest in view of republican dissention on the postal savings bank legislation. Minority Leader Champ Clark asserts that the house democrats will never stand for the senate postal savings bank bill. "Postal savings banks were favored in the democratic national platform," Mr. Clark explained, "but only in the event the guarantee of bank deposits by the government was found impossible."

Senator Daniel Leaves for Lynchburg. Daytona, Fla., April 23.—Accompanied by several members of his family, and his physician, United States Senator Daniel of Virginia, who for a month has been ill with paralysis, left this morning for Lynchburg. His condition is satisfactory.

Fire Damage of \$200,000. Ridgeway, Pa., April 23.—Fire originating in a lumber mill this morning destroyed several hundred houses, damage, \$200,000.

PROSPECTUS HAS JUST BEEN ISSUED

Management of the Montreat Assembly Gives Program for Approaching Summer Season.

NOTED SPEAKERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENGAGED

One of the Interdenominational Institutes Will Be Held During the Month of July.

A prospectus just issued by the management of the Montreat Assembly shows that the season will open July 2 and continue until August 28, during which time there will be seven conferences on Bible and Christian service work in addition to two meetings of interdenominational character. The Montreat grounds, as many know, are the assembly grounds for the members of the Southern Presbyterian church, but many people of other denominations also spend the summers at Montreat, and many meetings not strictly denominational are held there, such as the Southern Student conference of the Y. M. C. A. Among the noted speakers already engaged for the season are Dr. White of Columbia Seminary, Dr. Stricker of Union Seminary, Dr. Vinson of Austin Seminary, Dr. Ferguson of Lebanon University and Dr. W. H. Dobyns of St. Joseph, Mo.

One Institute July 13-21.

One of the interdenominational institutes will be held July 13-21 and embracing Sunday school workers in official cooperation with the State Sunday School associations of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, with a representative from the International Sunday School association. Among the speakers already announced for this meeting are Miss Mary Foster Bryner, institutional primary superintendent of the Presbyterian work; Rev. H. M. Hamilton, D. D., of the Methodist church, and Rev. B. W. Spillman of the Baptist church.

A Laymen's Missionary conference will be held August 10-14 under the leadership of C. A. Rowland, chairman, and will be attended by representatives of the Southern states east of the Mississippi river.

The season at Montreat will open July 2 with a two week Sunday school conference under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Phillips of Richmond, one of the noted Sunday school workers of the Presbyterian church. Some of the subjects that will receive attention are management, equipment, instruction, worship, methods of work, the art of story telling and manual work.

Young People's Conference.

The Young People's conference will be held July 23-27 under the personal guidance of Dr. Phillips when special attention will be given to consideration of young people's problems of life, and special attention paid to social and recreative features.

This is followed by a missionary conference July 29-August 7, under the leadership of the assembly's secretaries of home and foreign missions. Addresses will be made by prominent mission workers and laborers from foreign fields.

The Woman's Mission conference is to be held August 4-7 when the work in the home and foreign fields will receive attention. A Children's conference will open August 5 for a 15 days session under expert leadership.

This church officers conference, under the leadership of Rev. N. L. Anderson, D. D., of Winston-Salem, will be held August 8-10 for a discussion of questions affecting pastors, elders and deacons.

The concluding conference will be that of the General Christian workers from August 12 to 18 in which careful consideration will be given to such topics as schools and colleges, ministerial education and relief, Fredericksburg home and school, colored evangelization; American Bible society and evangelistic work.

PROPERTY OWNERS DECLINE TO SELL

Writ for Jury to Condemn Right of Way for East Side Sewer Is Issued.

DR. J. H. WILLIAMS IS ELECTED ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Amusement Company Granted Absolute Permit—Minor Matters Attended to by the Aldermen.

The most important matter given consideration by the board of aldermen in regular weekly session last night was the proposed laying of sewer mains in all that east section of Asheville south of College street and east of South Main. In an effort to make more sanitary that section the board recently determined if possible to lay about two and one-half miles of sewer line. Securing right of way through some of the property has proved a stumbling block, however, and after endeavoring to secure rights of way and failing the sewer committee last night recommended that the mayor issue his writ for a jury to pass upon the property in question for the purpose of securing a right of way for the sewer. The report of the committee, which was adopted and on motion the mayor authorized to issue his writ, follows:

"Your sewer committee, to whom was referred the matter of securing right of way for the construction of sewer lines in the eastern section of the city of Asheville, as designated by the city engineer, which lines will be hereinafter set forth, wish to say:

WOLTER MUST DIE, IS JURY'S VERDICT

Youthful Degenerate Will Go to Electric Chair for the Murder of Ruth Wheeler.

HE HEARS VERDICT GIVEN WITH NO SHOW OF EMOTION

Jury Deliberated an Hour and 50 Minutes, and the Murderer Slept in His Cell, Meanwhile.

New York, April 23.—The rapid brain of Albert Wolter, the degenerate youth of 19, who last night heard with sleepy indifference a jury find him guilty of murdering Ruth Wheeler, apparently contains no realization of the fate awaiting him in the electric chair. He will be sentenced Wednesday, and immediately removed to Sing Sing for execution.

After only one hour and 50 minutes of deliberation a jury in the court of special sessions found him guilty of murder in the first degree at 10:30 o'clock last night, bringing to a close a trial marked by its swift movement, and its testimony of horror.

The boy's counsel said with eloquence yesterday afternoon that Wolter was too tender hearted to harm a cat, but 12 men decided that he strangled Ruth Wheeler and thrust her while yet alive into his fireplace, where, soaked with oil, he crumpled foot, writhed and burned.

SOUND ASLEEP, WHILE JURY DELIBERATED.

With the same waxen face of indifference that he had shown throughout that trial, Wolter evinced no emotion when the verdict was announced. With almost inhuman complacency he had been asleep in his cell—and sleeping soundly—while the jury was deliberating on his fate. This was made known by a court attendant, who said that he had to rouse the prisoner to bring him into court.

The jurymen themselves showed motion, while the boy who must die showed none. As the jurors filed in the prisoner was led into the room and took his seat facing the judge. His face was the color of putty, but his complexion is naturally unwholesome and its ashiness was accentuated by the brilliant light of the court room.

Appeared Unconcerned.

When asked if they had found a verdict, William V. Kulp, foreman of the jury, answered in a shaking voice, "We have." He then announced he and his associates had found Wolter guilty of murder in the first degree. All eyes immediately shifted toward the prisoner, but he was as motionless as a piece of stone. As he was being handcuffed to the officers preparatory to be taken back to the Tombs, he gazed about him unconcernedly, then wobbled away with his custodians.

No relatives of the murderer or of his victim were in court to hear the verdict. His aged parents were in court during the afternoon, but as he heard the decision which means death he was alone among strangers. Efforts were made to get a statement from Wolter on his way to the Tombs but he refused to talk.

"I don't want to talk tonight—I'm tired and want to get a little good sleep first."

Ruth Wheeler was killed Thursday, March 4, falling to dispose of her body in the fireplace. Wolter cut it apart and left the bust and head wrapped in burlap on a fire escape, from where it was pushed into the yard below. He was arrested Saturday, March 26, and was placed on trial Monday last. He denied ever knowing Ruth Wheeler, but testimony showed that she had been lured to his room expecting to obtain work as a stenographer. There Wolter had attempted to criminally assault her and had murdered her in the struggle, strangling her with a rope tied about her neck.

CAROLINA SHOWED HER SUPERIORITY

Team Prevailed Over Charlottesville—Greensboro Game May Be Thrown Out.

Special to The Gazette-News. Chapel Hill, April 23.—The University of North Carolina showed her superiority over the University of Virginia yesterday at Charlottesville by shutting them out with the score of 3 to nothing. It is believed, the ineligibility of Brown, who pitched the game at Greensboro for Virginia is proven, that game will be thrown out and Virginia will have won one game and Carolina one.

Reddy Stewart pitched eleven men for Carolina, striking out eleven men, to Wither's five, and allowing only two clean hits. The team work was good also and Carolina's home plate was never in danger.

Batteries, Stewart and Rule; Virginia: Wither and Roan.

Riding Resumed at Unaug-Sha.

Felix, April 23.—Riding of the natives at Unaug-Sha was resumed yesterday. The situation is grave.

THE SOUTHERN INVESTIGATING

Fraudulent Bills of Lading, if Issued, May Involve the Railroads for Heavy Liability.

CONFERENCES OF RAILROAD OFFICIALS BEING HELD

Rumors That the Frauds Amount to \$2,500,000—Liverpool and Continental Houses Hit.

Washington, April 23.—A commotion was created among Southern railway officials by the announcement of the failure of Knight, Yancey & Co. Conferences have been in progress throughout the day to determine how deeply involved the railroads may be in what is believed to be the issuance of fraudulent bills of lading on cotton shipments. It is impossible now for the company to say definitely how many if any fraudulent bills of lading were issued in its name.

President Finley has instituted a thorough investigation into the matter and until the inquiry is concluded it will be impossible to say to what extent the company is involved. The alleged fraudulent methods, it was said, involved cotton valued at \$2,500,000 and in addition to 20 Liverpool concerns, it was stated that several continental cotton houses were heavy losers.

The Echo of Liverpool says that the method of using the alleged false bills of lading was to append facsimile carriers' signatures to bills of lading sent with drafts to U. S. side before the cotton was delivered by carriers, and that importers in many cases paid such drafts. When the practice was discovered, the steamship companies withheld deliveries until the bills of lading were verified.

The Echo says that an investigation made by importers shows that not only were a number of these bills of lading spurious, but that there was actually no cotton against some of them.

Asking Liverpool Banks for Aid.

Liverpool, April 23.—The creditors of the Alabama cotton firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. are enlisting the aid of Liverpool banks in obtaining redress from American banks because of losses sustained through alleged unsatisfied bills of lading. The arrival of further consignments of cotton, presumably from the suspended American firm, cheered the market. It is believed that considerably more than was first anticipated will be realized by the creditors of the firm. It was at first thought not more than \$500,000 would be recovered of the firm's assets.

The sensational reports of the failure of Knight, Yancey & Co., which heavily hit Liverpool cotton houses, added to the excitement yesterday. A cable dispatch from New Orleans which fell like an explosion of dynamite said that Knight, Yancey & Co. were short in Liverpool 25,000 bales, in Havre 8000 bales and in Genoa 6000 bales. This would make a total loss at current quotations of over \$3,000,000.

In Liverpool 26 firms are believed to have been affected by the failure of the Alabama firm.

A majority of them, however, have large amounts of capital and will be able to tide over the situation, but a few of them will be seriously hit.

TO ARRANGE FOR PRIMARY.

Mississippi Democratic Chairman Issues a Call for a Meeting to Held May 6.

Jackson, Miss., April 23.—Chairman Lomax of the state democratic executive committee today issued a call for a meeting May 6, to arrange for a special November primary as proposed by United States Senator Percy, to dispose of the senatorial contest one year in advance of the appointed time.

Governor Noad, who opposes the primary, is expected to arrive from Washington Monday.

THE WEATHER.

For Asheville and vicinity—Fair tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight, with a minimum temperature of about 35 degrees, with frost.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy and cooler tonight, Sunday fair, cooler in eastern portion. Moderate west to northwest winds.

Shipper's forecast—Protect against temperatures of 28 degrees to 32 degrees, northeast and west.

South Polar Expedition Abandoned.

Washington, April 23.—The proposed American south polar expedition, under joint auspices of the Peary Arctic club and National Geographic society, has been abandoned for this year, according to announcement made today.

Is Now in Bed.

Ulton, N. Y., April 23.—A Chitago special says Edward Payson Weston, on a walk from Los Angeles to New York, collapsed on the Erie canal towsail this morning. He was taken to a farm house and put to bed.

HEARDINGS

Man Charged With Killing Wife, He Pleads Not Guilty.

WILLIAMS SAYS HE KILLED WIFE

Wife of Man Charged With Murder of Boy, He Pleads Not Guilty.

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