

ARGUMENT IS ON BEATTIE TRIAL

Opening by Commonwealth's Attorney Gregory

MAY REACH JURY TONIGHT

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Plan Suggested by President of Tax Conference

IN SUPPORT OF H. A. FOUSHEE

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BURGESS SWIMS ACROSS CHANNEL

Duplicates Feat of Captain Webb 36 Years Ago

HIS SIXTEENTH ATTEMPT

Made the Trip in 22 Hours and 25 Minutes—Favored by Calm Sea, But Strong Tide Was Running—Twice Attacked by Sickness, But Strong Will Power Wins.

Deal, Eng., Sept. 7.—After a lapse of 36 years Captain Matthew Webb's feat of swimming the English channel has been duplicated by Wm. T. Burgess, a Yorkshireman by birth and a naturalized Frenchman. He has Burgess' sixteenth attempt, he having first essayed the task in 1904. Burgess started from South Foreland, Dover, at 11:15 o'clock Tuesday morning. He landed at Le Chatelet, a little village two miles east of Cape Gris Nez, at 9:50 o'clock yesterday morning, accomplishing the passage in 22 hours and 25 minutes. A motor boat accompanied the swimmer, and it is estimated that Burgess, owing to the zigzag course he was compelled to take because of the baffling tides, covered sixty miles.

Soon after the start a dense fog settled down over the channel and no further tidings of his progress were received until the announcement was made that he had successfully accomplished the task and landed on the French side.

Throughout the trip Burgess was favored by a calm sea, but a strong tide was running and a severe strain was put on the swimmer to get past the Goodwin Sands. Twice he was attacked by sickness, and several times was only held to his task by the strongest will power and the encouraging words of the men in the boat. He remained on French soil just long enough to telegraph word of his success to his wife and partake of refreshments in a bathing box. Then he returned by motor boat to rest and sleep.

When he landed at Deal Burgess received a tremendous ovation and with difficulty made his way through the cheering throng to a hotel.

Speaking of his great achievement he said: "In the time the swim occupied I should have been able to cross the channel twice, but for the adverse currents. Against these I had a terrific fight and again came within an ace of failure. When approaching Cape Gris Nez, the strong outward set of the current forced me to alter my course three times. I was held up for some time, but when I had rounded the corner I found slack water and then knew that I was assured of success.

"It was just in the slack of the tide that I got in. If I had not managed it then I might have missed it and drifted to Calais. It took three full tides and two part tides to bring me over.

"I was severely stung several times by jelly fish, and while in mid channel, after a sick spell, I felt almost broken. For a while I was heart delirious, but my pilots began to sing, and this gave me fresh courage to persevere."

It was seven o'clock in the morning when the swimmer sighted Gris Nez semaphore. He was then two miles to the west, southwest. In those two miles it was a battle with the currents, but when Burgess got within the shelter of the Cape he swam easily ashore. He stumbled for two or three steps then walked steadily without assistance. He looked remarkably fresh, considering his long immersion.

KILLED MAN 12 YEARS AGO

LAWSON DOUGHERTY ARRESTED AT KNOXVILLE FOR CRIME COMMITTED NEAR ASHEVILLE.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 7.—While engaged as a carpenter among a large force remodeling a local church Lawson Dougherty was arrested here yesterday charged with a murder committed 12 years ago near Asheville, N. C. Once in custody Dougherty acknowledged that he had killed a man named Wilton Hamby, near Asheville, but added that he had been acquitted by a coroner's jury on the ground of self-defense. Dougherty says following the tragedy he went to Texas and after four years' residence there came to Knoxville, where he has worked at his trade. Dougherty bears several deep scars, which he says were the result of wounds inflicted by Hamby.

ALTOONA, Pa., Sept. 7.—William Schuits, 17 years old, a grammar school pupil, died from cancer resulting from being kicked in a football game two years ago.

WOULD DESTROY HIS OWN FAMILY

Rufus Merritt Puts Poison in Flour That They Ate

A WHITE FAMILY SUFFERS

Neuro Puts Poison in Flour to Kill Wife and Child—Wife Returns Flour to Grocer and It is Resold to White Family Criminal is Being Held in Jail.

Rufus Merritt, colored, is being held in jail on the charge of attempting to exterminate his family by poisoning the flour from which the bread for the family was made, and incidentally a grocer from whom the flour was bought, poisoning a white family.

Several days ago, Merritt purchased a sack of flour from an East Durham grocer, and took it home to his family. A short time after eating some bread made from the flour, the young son of Merritt became violently ill. Merritt's wife attributed the child's illness to some milling defects in the flour and took it back to the grocer from which it was purchased. The enterprising grocer sewed up the bag and sold it again to one of his white customers. As soon as the white family ate bread made from the flour they also became rather violently ill.

Suspicion of trying to poison his wife and child fell on Merritt and he was arrested Tuesday. He is being held in jail to await developments in the case. The flour is being analyzed and if the poison is found, there will be a serious charge preferred against him.

CITY'S BANKS IN FINE CONDITION

Statements of Financial Institutions Show Cause for Pride

The best criterion of the prosperity of a city is gained through the statements made by the financial institutions. Today there appears in the Durham Sun statements of every bank in Durham, and although the summer months are the duller period of the entire year, yet the showing made by the local institutions should be of much gratification to the officers and stockholders of each, as well as the people generally. A brief outline of each statement shows the following:

Fidelity Bank.

The deposits of the Fidelity bank amount to \$1,605,754.09 with a reserve fund of 24 per cent. Since the last statement was made the Fidelity bank has increased its surplus from \$350,000 to \$400,000, and it has at this time undivided profits of \$14,576.29.

First National Bank.

With deposits amounting to \$1,504,329.00 the First National bank has a reserve fund amounting to 32 per cent., and the report shows this institution has maintained its high standard.

Citizens National Bank.

The reserve fund of the Citizens National Bank amounts to \$302,711 or 32 per cent of the deposits of almost one million dollars. This statement also shows that the surplus and undivided profits within six years, have nearly reached the amount of the capital.

Home Savings Bank.

More than \$195,000 are included in the savings deposits of the Home Savings Bank, which proves that those interested in adding to their savings accounts have kept well abreast of the times.

Merchants Bank.

The statement of the Merchants Bank shows that this institution, following its usual conservative policy, has added to its deposits and that its reserve fund stands in relation to the amount of deposits equal 19 per cent.

Armour Plant Burns.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 7.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Armour Packing Company yesterday. The building had just been completed, and the loss is estimated at about \$120,000.

THE CHANGES IN SCHOOL SYSTEM

Modern Ideas of Scientific Education Put to a Test

BUSINESS COURSE STARTS

Domestic Science and Mechanical Courses to Be Put in Operation Soon—High School Students to Take Only Four Studies: Mathematics, English, Latin and One Other.

Modern ideas of scientific education are now being put to the test in the public schools of Durham, and from present indications the experiment is going to be a marked success.

The most striking changes in the school system are in the new courses given in the high school. Hereafter, no pupil in the high school will be allowed to take more than four studies which require time for preparation. The pupils will be required to take each of these courses five times per week. Each pupil will be required to take Mathematics, English and Latin through the entire four years' course. For the fourth study that is to be taken, the students have the option of German, French, history or science. The idea of the management of the school is to require the students to devote their time during the four years' course to the thorough mastery of a few subjects, rather than to get a smattering of many subjects. Whichever study the pupils choose as the fourth course, they get enough training to fulfill the entrance requirements of any of the colleges. Each graduate of the high school will hereafter have a total of 14 1-2 units to his or her credit while the colleges require only 14 for entrance.

A New Departure.

The most interesting experiment in education that is being put in operation in the high school is the courses in domestic science, business and the mechanical course. Each of these courses are entirely separate from the course named above, and each embraces a regular four year term of study. Pupils taking any one of these three latter courses cannot take any of the other literary courses.

The business course is now in operation. The purpose of this course, the management of the school wishes to emphasize, is not to train mere book-keepers and stenographers, but to turn out well trained business men. The course includes four years' of hard study and it is necessary for the pupils taking this course to devote their whole time to the course during four years. In this four years' course is included two years each of bookkeeping and stenography. Commercial law, scientific management and a number of other studies that concern business management are included in the course. In addition to these courses, several other studies that are designed to be a broadening influence in the education of those who take the course are added. English is of course included in the course along with an ancient or modern language and a science course.

Mechanical Course.

This same idea will be carried out in the mechanical and domestic science courses. The shop at the high school is being thoroughly remodeled and preparations are being made for the mechanical course which will be started next Monday. The details of the mechanical course will be given later, but it, like the business course, has been designed solely with the idea of training the pupils for practical mechanical work.

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SETTLEMENT IS PROBABLE

GERMANY REPORTED AS READY TO ACCEPT FRANCE'S PROPOSAL REGARDING MOROCCO.

Paris, Sept. 7.—Advices received here yesterday from Berlin intimate that the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, has indicated his acceptance of France's proposals, presented last Monday to the German foreign minister, Herr von Kiderlen-Waechter, by the French ambassador, M. Cambon, looking to a settlement of the Moroccan dispute.

The French, foreign office, however, maintains an attitude of reserve regarding the progress of the negotiations.

Dispatches, which look as though they had common origin at the French embassy in Berlin, received yesterday by several Paris newspapers, also indicate that an early agreement between France and Germany in the Moroccan dispute is probable.

TRINITY CHURCH OBJECTS TO JAIL

Mass Meeting of Members Called to Discuss Matter

PRICE OF COTTON SET BY FARMERS

Fourteen Cents in September and October; Fifteen Thereafter

A mass-meeting of the members of the congregation of Trinity Methodist church has been called for October 2nd to protest against the location of a jail on the Parish ward house property.

The Methodists express themselves as being heartily in favor of having the court house located on the Parish property. They declare that they would encourage the movement for the new court house on the property adjoining the church property if some way could be devised whereby the jail would not be located so near the parsonage.

The members of the board of county commissioners have declared that the objections of the Methodist to the jail could be easily eliminated. The commissioners have formulated tentative plans whereby the jail would not be near enough to the church property to be the cause of any disturbance. The main purpose of the mass-meeting of the church people is to prevail upon the commissioners to locate the jail away from the church property in establishing the new court house.

RALEIGH TIMES CHANGES HANDS

Purchased by John A. Park and Associates

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—J. V. Simms and John C. Drewry, owners of the Raleigh Daily Times, sold the plant and good will today to John A. Park and associates, who will continue in the afternoon field without change of staff, the purchase price being paid in gold to president and general manager Simms.

Mr. Park says the new interests are making a purely business investment without political interests and that the Times will continue democratic.

Mr. Simms, who has been running the Times four years, coming from the News at Charlotte, and has been in the newspaper business for ten years, has not perfected future plans, but will be in Raleigh some time, if he doesn't ultimately decide to remain here. His sale of the Times obligates him to stay out of the afternoon field ten years.

Jap Explosive Invented Dead.

Tokio, Sept. 7.—Masuchika Shimose, who invented the high explosive to which the name Shimose powder was given by the Japanese navy, died yesterday.

NEAR-BEER JOINTS AGAIN

FORMER PROPRIETORS OF SAALOONS AT FAYETTEVILLE ARE NOW SELLING "NO-TAX."

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Capt. J. D. McNeill, mayor of Fayetteville, was in the city today with samples of "No-Tax" labeled as a strictly temperance beverage and as put up in conformity with the pure food act and "the prohibition law of North Carolina." Mayor McNeill says this drink is being sold in Fayetteville by the former near beer dealers and that certainly it is being used as a cloak for blind tiger outlawry. He declares that while he is unalterably opposed to prohibition and believes that it is having a most baneful effect on the morals of a large element of the people in the creation of a disregard for law in general, he proposes to enforce it in his town to his utmost ability. And, especially, he proposes to put a stop to this "No-Tax" if there can be any excuse for shutting it out found in the analysis.

YOUNG ITALIAN ARRESTED

Believed to Be Implicated in Recent Bomb Throwing Outrages.

New York, Sept. 6.—The police yesterday arrested a young Italian with a bomb under his coat, all ready to explode, and believe through him they will trace the perpetrators of the numerous bomb outrages that have baffled them for the past month. The prisoner, Giuseppe Castabile, carried a wicked looking bomb, shaped like a cantaloupe, with an eight-inch fuse attached, and the police believe he was about to use it. The police records show that Castabile was arrested three years ago as an accessory in a bomb-throwing episode, but he was acquitted.

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ACTION WAS UNANIMOUS

Besides Fixing Price of Eeey Staple Good Roads, Parcels Post and the Dabbling in Cotton Futures Were Discussed by the National Farmers' Union.

Shawnee, Okla., Sept. 7.—This year's cotton crop will be sold for 14 cents during September and October and 15 cents thereafter. This was the agreement reached last night by the cotton growers of the south, attending the National Farmers' Union here.

The action, which was unanimous, was taken in the adoption of the report of a special committee on minimum prices. The committee was composed of cotton growers who were largely influenced by scores of telegrams and messages from all parts of the south, many of which urged a minimum of fifteen cents.

Little of the proceedings and deliberations were made known although aside from fixing the price the farmers are to ask for their cotton, good roads, parcels post and dabbling in cotton futures were discussed by the convention.

Members of the union say parcels post will be favored by the farmers and that the delegates will endorse the Scott "anti-gambling" bill, prohibiting the use of mails or interstate commerce for the furthering of contracts for the delivery of cotton where there is no intent to make actual delivery.

The report of the live stock committee urges diversified farming and stock-raising and contains the statement that "one million additional milch cows and an equal number of mother sows properly distributed through the south would easily add \$10 per bale to the price of the cotton crop."

The congressional immigration committee recommends increasing the head tax excluding illiterate adults from America and fixing of foreign steamships for bringing to this country undesirable that could be rejected on the other side.

RECALL PETITION PREPARED

CITIZENS OF WILMINGTON AFTER SCALP OF THEIR OFFICIALS—NEXT STEP NOT KNOWN.

Wilmington, Sept. 7.—A petition was prepared yesterday in accordance with a resolution passed at the mass-meeting Tuesday night at which citizens protested loud and long against the installation of a sanitary closet, endorsed by Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the state board of health, and Dr. Chas. W. Stiles, secretary of the Rockefeller Hookworm Commission, and connected with the United States marine hospital service. It will be remembered, from the dispatch sent from Wilmington that the mass-meeting expressed itself as being in favor of recalling its mayor and councilmen.

Just what turn the affair will take or to what extent the petition will be circulated is not known.

Arnett Is Pardoned For Second Time

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—O. J. Arnett, of Sampson county, gets a second pardon from a sentence to eight years in the penitentiary for secret assault. The first was from Governor Glenn and the second has just been granted by Governor Kitchin. The first pardon was conditioned on good behavior and sobriety. Some months ago it came to the attention of Governor Kitchin that Arnett was frequently drunk and had been repeatedly for disorderly conduct. The Glenn pardon was revoked. Now the prisoner has served two months in jail under the revocation. Imprisonment is having a bad effect on his health and the pardon is renewed.

L. O. O. F. Orphanage Concert Class Coming

The concert class of the L. O. O. F. Orphanage, of Goldsboro, will give a concert at the Conservatory auditorium next Friday, September 15th. This is the first trip of the class to this section, and it is hoped that they will be greeted by a large audience. The class has been complimented very much at the other places where concerts have been given. The members are well trained and exhibit talent. The admittance charges will be 25 cents.