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CHOOSE SPEAKERS IN DECLAMATION

Ten Selected in Preliminary For Contest Tonight

42 SCHOOLS REPRESENTED

Inter-Scholastic Declamation Contest Begins at Trinity College—Preliminaries Held This Morning and Ten Men Selected for Final Event.

List of Schools Contesting.

Ten men were selected this morning from among the 42 representatives from the various high schools participating in the second inter-scholastic declamation contest, which is taking place at Trinity College today. The final contest will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in Craven Memorial hall. There will be music by the Glee Club quartet. Dean W. I. Cranford will preside, and a large audience is expected to be present. The men who were selected by the judges in the preliminaries this morning are, arranged in the alphabetical order of the schools they represent:

- Carl Messler, Asheville high school, subject: "The South and the Negro."
- James A. Taylor, Cluster Springs Academy, Va., subject: "The Curse of Regulus."
- Clarence Ross, East Durham high school, subject: "John Adams on the Declaration."
- Alex McLean, Gastonia high school, subject: "The New South."
- Bahl W. Boyd, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, subject: "The Subjugation of the Philippines," by Hoar.
- J. L. Yost, Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, Mt. Pleasant, subject: "The Confederate Soldier."
- Hinton G. Hudson, Smithfield high school, subject: "In God We Trust Must Remain on American Money."
- Fred Deaton, Statesville high school, subject: "Universal Education."
- R. L. Hayes, Trinity Park School, subject: "Emmett's Last Speech."
- Harry Lee Dalton, Winston city high school, Winston-Salem, subject: "Mothers of Men."

Practically all of the speakers for the contest arrived last night, a number of them coming from the west being delayed, however, by the wreck at Haw River, which held the east bound train. On account of this delay the drawing of lots for the preliminaries this morning was postponed until 9 o'clock. Immediately after the drawing of lots to determine the places the three preliminaries began.

The first section included the following schools with their representatives: Bliscoe high school, Bliscoe, N. C., W. I. Monroe, subject: "Freedom of Slavery," Bryson City high school, Bryson City, Wiley Marx, subject: "The Lost Soul," Catawba College, Newton, E. F. Menius, subject: "Self Control," Gastonia high school, Gastonia, Alex McLean, subject: "The New South," Haywood Institute, Clyde M. Wharton, subject: "Emmett's Defense in Haste," Hendersonville high school, Hendersonville, Adrian Knox, subject: "The Black Horse and His Rider," Asheville high school, Asheville, N. C., Carl Messler, subject: "The South and the Negro Problem," Baird's School for Boys, Charlotte, George I. Ray, subject: "The New South," Cluster Springs Academy, Cluster Springs, Va., James A. Taylor, Jr., subject: "The Curse of Regulus," Daaville high school, Danville, Va., Harry Berman, subject: "Henry Waterson's Eulogy on Abraham Lincoln," Wolford Fitting School, Spartanburg, S. C., James D. Oser, subject: "Napoleon."

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FACTORIES HERE ARE READJUSTED

Will Be Under New Directorates After Today

CHANGE IS LARGELY FORMAL

Reorganization Plan of American Tobacco Company Go Into Effect Today and Local Operations Are Now Under New Companies—Kuke Factory Suspends Until Monday.

The formal readjustment of the management of the tobacco manufacturing plants of Durham took place today.

After today, the Duke factory will be under the direction of the Liggett and Myers Company. The Liggett and Myers Company have established their head office at St. Louis, and the affairs of the branch here will be directed from that place hereafter. The offices were moved from New York city. Mr. C. W. Tombs has been elected vice-president of the Liggett and Myers Company, and will continue as manager of the Duke factory here. The Duke factory has been closed down until Monday when it will begin operations under the new directorate.

The Bull factory remains under the direction of the American Tobacco Company, one of the three companies into which the parent company was divided by decree of the supreme court. Mr. W. W. Flowers will continue as manager of the Blackwell Durham branch and will have entire charge of the business. The Blackwell Durham branch will hereafter be operated entirely independent of the W. Duke and Sons branch. The change will not materially affect the business in Durham. Both factories will continue to operate as before and the amount of the product will not be diminished.

London Would Be Remate Page

Washington, Dec. 1.—J. Paffler Shunatona, a full-blood Indian boy, wants to be a page in the United States senate. His father, Chief Richard Shunatona, has written from Shawnee, Okla., to the sergeant-at-arms of the senate applying for a place for the boy. Young Shunatona, who is a lineal descendant of the great Chief Chon-Ga-Ton-Ga, who made the peace treaty with the United States government in 1817, is only 10 years old. The rules of the senate require that pages shall be at least 12 years old.

To Improve Teaching Methods

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The National Council of Teachers of English, the new conference body recently provided for by the National Education association, began its first meeting in Chicago today with an attendance representing nearly all parts of the country. The council proposes to devote its efforts to the improvement of the practice methods of English teaching, which are declared to be wholly inefficient.

Princess Patricia Sails for Canada

London, Dec. 1.—Princess Victoria Patricia, the younger daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, sailed from Liverpool today on the Empress of Ireland to join her parents at Ottawa for the Christmas holidays. The princess is accompanied by Major Malcolm Murray, comptroller of the Duke of Connaught's household, and several other companions.

HURT WHEN STAND FELL

PERHAPS FATAL INJURY TO SPECTATORS AT A FOOTBALL GAME IN JACKSON.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 1.—Fifty persons were injured, several possibly fatally, when a temporary grandstand at the state fair grounds collapsed just before play was started yesterday in the annual football contest between the eleven of the University of Mississippi and Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, a thousand or more spectators tumbling to the ground with the wreckage of the stand.

Thomas Spangler of Jackson, J. C. Gathings, university students, Prairie Miss., and T. W. Henry, Mississippi College student, Clinton, Miss., are the most seriously hurt. Both of Spangler's legs were broken. Gathings and Henry were hurt internally.

DECIDES BATTLE SHIP MAINE WAS BLOWN UP FROM THE OUTSIDE.



PHOTOGRAPH OF MAINE WRECK, SHOWING FRAME UNDER WHICH BOARD SAWS FIRST EXPLOSION CAME. * * *

Maine Investigating Board Sails for Home

Havana, Dec. 1.—The members of the joint army and navy board of investigation, which has been investigating into the blowing up of the battleship Maine, sailed for the United States today. It is the general belief that the board will report that the Maine was blown up from the outside.

Electrocution of Taylor Love

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—As Taylor Love, colored, was being fastened in the electric chair this morning to pay the extreme penalty of the law for killing Fred Morehead, colored, in Haywood county, he kept repeating "Lead me to Jesus." He called to two other men there awaiting electrocution, "good bye, boys I am going home." He trembled greatly but made no resistance. He had written a farewell note to his father and mother, also requests for kindness for his wife and children.

England and Russia Confer

London, Dec. 1.—Messages have passed between London and St. Petersburg today relative to the Persian situation. The press here takes the view that England must back Russia in its demands on Persia. Sir Edward Grey is blamed for yielding too easily to the demands of Russia.

Thanksgiving Claims Nine in New England

Boston, Dec. 1.—Nine persons are dead as a result of celebrating Thanksgiving Day in New England. One man was killed by his son with a shotgun, a girl was run down by a trolley car, a man fell from a car and broke his neck, another dropped dead, one was killed by gas while asleep after dinner, a man was run down by a train and another died after eating his Thanksgiving dinner.

Primary Teachers Elect New Officers

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Division of primary teachers of the teachers' assembly this afternoon elected as officers for next year Miss Edith Royster Raleigh as president, Mrs. James A. Robinson, Durham; vice-president, Miss Irma Caraway, Wilson, secretary; Miss Annie Jarvis, Washington, treasurer. Other divisions of the assembly will elect officers Saturday.

Moving Pictures for the Insane

Washington, Dec. 1.—The \$125,000 theatre erected by the government for the benefit of the inmates of St. Elizabeth's insane asylum was opened today. The theatre is to be devoted to the display of moving pictures, which clinicians declare to be a great aid in curing insanity. The theatre is called Hitchcock Hall, in honor of Ethan Allen Hitchcock, who was Secretary of the Interior at the time the appropriation for the erection of the building was passed by congress.

EXPECT RUSSIA VIRTUALLY HOLD CITY OF NANKING

Washington, Dec. 1.—Dispatches from Tehran today state that W. Morgan Shuster, the American reviser of Persian finances, is being guarded against assassination. Tehran is seething with anti-Russian demonstrations, following the refusal of parliament to agree to the expulsion of Shuster as ordered by Russia and defiance by national council. The defiance by parliament of Russia's ultimatum is believed to indicate grave eventualities. Educated Persians believe that Shuster alone can save the country.

Yuan May Assume Throne

Peking, Dec. 1.—There has been a significant movement of troops in and out of Peking, Manchus departing and Chinese taking their places. It is reliably reported that by reason of base changes, the garrison now is almost equally balanced between Manchus and Chinese troops. The action of the regent in permitting the departure of the Manchus is believed to indicate his reliance on the loyalty of Yuan Shi Kai, but what is considered the real reason for the change is that Yuan Shi Kai feared an outbreak among the troops, which would augment his difficulties and possibly result in anti-foreign disorders. Prominent Manchus, however, Harriet Yuan Shi Kai, said believe his object was solely to obtain complete power.

Colonel Says Barker Is Talking Nonsense

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 1.—Former President Roosevelt today again denied the charges made by Wharton Barker, the red-headed Philadelphia banker, that he had "made a bargain with the railroads." The colonel said "He is talking nonsense."

NORTH CAROLINA WINS AWARDED SWEEPSTAKES AND FIRST PRIZE AT NATIONAL HORTICULTURAL CONGRESS.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Commissioner Graham of the department of Agriculture received a telegram from Mr. J. N. Hunt this morning stating that North Carolina had won the grand sweepstakes for the best state exhibit at the National Horticultural congress at St. Joseph, Mo. This state also won the first prize for canned and preserved goods, and first and second prizes on apples. These awards duplicate the record made by North Carolina last year.

Trolley Run Down; Twenty-Two Injured

Christad, N. J., Dec. 1.—Twenty-two persons were injured, eight seriously, when a passenger train on the Erie railroad crashed into a trolley car at a grade crossing here today. A riot followed the accident. Many passengers were imprisoned in the wrecked trolley car.

Hunting Season Cost 150 Lives

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The toll of the hunting season, just closed, was 150 killed and 40 injured.

WILL MAKE FINAL APPEAL MONDAY

Independent Tobacco Interests Before Supreme Court

ASK TO VACATE DECISION

Of United States Circuit Court in Accepting Plans of Disintegration of the American Tobacco Company—Petition Served on Attorneys of Tobacco Corporation.

New York, Dec. 1.—Felix M. Levy, attorney for independent tobacco interests, announced last night that he will ask the United States supreme court on Monday next for leave to file a petition for a writ of mandamus directing the judges of the circuit court of New York to vacate their decree approving the reorganization of the American Tobacco Company, and to enter a decree "in conformity with the opinion" of the supreme court.

The petition for leave to file already has been served upon the attorneys of the American Tobacco Company. It further asks the courts permitting the petitioner, named as "the Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade of the city of New York," to intervene in the case with a right to appeal from the decree; also for writs prohibiting the execution of the reorganization plan and ordering the production by the circuit court judges of "all documents" and evidence on which they may have acted in determining the form of their said decree.

The petition sets forth that previous to the submission of the plan of the circuit court by the American Tobacco Company, four private conferences were held in New York, some of which were attended by the judges of the court, Attorney-General Wheeler, James McReynolds, special assistant to the attorney general; the attorneys for the tobacco company, and two of the individual defendants, James B. Duke and Percival S. Hill.

"The said conference," reads the petition, "were private in that they were not held in court and in that the general public were not allowed to witness and hear the proceedings in the said conference and were excluded from being present thereat."

After reviewing the proceedings in the case and pointing out the "vital defects" in the plan alleged by the independent tobacco interests, chief of which is that virtual control of the disintegrated company still remains with the 29 individual defendants, the petition goes on to say that "despite a widespread disapproval as is publicly expressed by the varied interests in the tobacco industry which have been oppressed and dominated by the said unlawful combination and by the public generally, the attorney general of the United States has publicly declared his purpose not to appeal from said decree, and thereby obtain a final and authoritative decision by this honorable court of the important questions involved herein."

Referring to the settlement by the American Tobacco Company of its litigation with R. P. Richardson, Jr., and Company, one of its rebellious subsidiaries, the petition states that the American Tobacco Company caused the settlement "in order to insure that no appeal would be taken * * * to this honorable court by any of the defendants."

FIRE DESTROYS SEMINARY

BLAZE STARTS FROM EXPLOSION OF LAMP—GIRLS LOSE PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Concord, Dec. 1.—Fire, which started at 9 o'clock last night from the explosion of a lamp in one of the girls' rooms, destroyed the dormitory at Mount Amonae Seminary, in this county, threatened for some time the destruction of other buildings close by.

The school is without adequate fire protection and, once they had gained a headway, it was impossible to control the flames. The alarm was quickly spread through the building, where 60 young ladies were preparing their studies and all escaped without injury. The majority, however, lost all of their personal effects.

The dormitory was a large two-story frame structure and burned rapidly. The loss is between \$5,000 and \$10,000, partially covered by insurance.

Steamer Raleigh Founders

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The steamer Raleigh, bound from Port Colborne to Erie, Pa., with pulpwood, foundered off Port Abino yesterday. The steamer carried a crew of twelve men, seven of whom are reported safe.

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FATAL INJURY IN FREIGHT WRECK

Colored Fireman Mortally Hurt.

Engineer Seriously Injured

AT HAW RIVER BRIDGE

Through Freight Sideswipes Local Standing on Main Line and Part on Siding—Track Torn up and Traffic Delayed—Fireman Dies Before Reaching Hospital.

Fireman Joe Hawkins, colored, of Spencer, was fatally injured and Engineer Morton Avery, of Greensboro, was painfully injured in a collision of freight trains at the Haw River bridge Thursday afternoon.

A local freight in charge of Engineer Allen backed into the siding at the bridge to allow through freight No. 175, in charge of Engineer Avery, to pass. The local freight did not clear the siding and the engines sideswiped. The through freight engine jumped the track, rolled down the embankment and was partly buried in the mud on the side of the river. The force of the impact sent the engine of the local freight onto the trestle nearly a hundred yards. The tender of the local freight engine went down the embankment on the opposite side from the engine of the through freight. One of the freight cars fell into the river 60 feet below and several others rolled down the embankment.

Engineer Avery jumped and rolled down the embankment about 50 feet. He was severely bruised but no bones were broken. The colored fireman stuck to his post and was buried beneath the wreckage. He was taken to Greensboro, but died before he was taken to the hospital.

The track was torn up for several hundred yards and it was far into the night before the wrecking crew could clear away the debris sufficiently to allow the regular passenger trains to pass. A number of Durham people were at the station last night to go to Raleigh to hear the speech of the Honorable Champ Clark, but the speech was finished long before the trains arrived here. The schedule was badly mixed this morning on account of the wreck and all of the trains were late.

High School Player Hurt

Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 1.—While playing right half back on the Newport News high school eleven against Fredericksburg College here yesterday Charles Benson was seriously injured, either his neck or spine at the base of the brain being broken. Benson fumbled a punt kick and in making a dive for the ball struck on his head. Before medical aid could be summoned he was partially paralyzed and was removed to the Mary Washington hospital. It was stated there last night that the full extent of the injuries was unknown.

Delta Tau Delta Conference

Athens, Ga., Dec. 1.—The southern division of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity met in annual conference at the University of Georgia today and will continue in session over tomorrow. President Charles S. Smith of Nashville, and many other prominent members of the fraternity are in attendance.