

SCULPTOR PAINTS GLOOMY PROSPECT

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL TEETERS AVOWS BORGUM.

Washington—Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, who is carving a huge memorial to the Confederacy on the face of Stone Mountain, in Georgia, announced in a statement here that no funds remained for carrying out his work and that the association created to promote the project "has shrunk into a local habitation with scarcely a name."

Mr. Borglum, who is in Washington in connection with financing the memorial, said the time limit on the present central group in the work is expiring, and that "no approach has been made to meet his wishes or those of the owner of the mountain that 'justifies further cessation of granite.'"

"There is no contract with me to complete the work," he said, "nor is the agreement in existence equitable, for or even carried out as it is."

Mr. Borglum said there were no funds available to distribute the coins he had designed as a tribute to the South from the North, and from which money was to be derived for carrying on the memorial project. More than 1,000,000 of these already had been struck, he said.

"The sad-destroying fact is," he asserted, "the South as a whole is not building the memorial, is not guiding the building of the memorial; the South is not even properly informed or made a part of the memorial councils."

The sculptor said he would not even consider the abandonment of so splendid a thing. His statement did not make clear where the "opposition" was coming from, but charged there were "persistent efforts to degrade the character of the work."

Muscle Shoals Bill Off Floor.

Washington.—Prospects for enactment of Muscle Shoals legislation at this session of Congress materially were reduced with the recommitting of the Underwood leasing bill to conference by the senate.

By a vote of 45 to 41 the ruling of President Cummings that the conferees had exceeded their authority by writing new matter into the bill was sustained. The ruling had been debated for three days and was on a point of order raised by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, who is leading the fight for government ownership.

Party lines were completely submerged in the vote, republicans and democrats alike dividing almost equally. Twenty-three republicans voted to sustain Senator Cummings on the appeal taken by Senator Underwood democrat, Alabama, author of the leasing measure and 24 republicans voted against.

The division among the democrats was wider, 20 voting to support the ruling and 17 casting their ballots in favor of the Underwood appeal. The two farmer-labor senators, Johnson and Shipstead, supported the ruling.

Shoots Wife; Exonerated.

Buffalo, N. Y.—John Lafferty came upon an old revolver while getting his household effects together preparatory to moving. He demonstrated to his wife how the weapon should be used. The third time he pulled the trigger the revolver fired and Mrs. Lafferty dropped, fatally wounded.

Dr. Hubert Work Honored.

Philadelphia.—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford university, and Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, received the degree of Doctor of Laws at the University of Pennsylvania's exercises commemorating Washington's birthday.

U. S. Ambassador Entertains.

Rome.—Henry P. Fletcher, the American ambassador and Mrs. Fletcher gave a reception in their apartment in the Palazzo Rospigliosi in honor of Washington's birthday. Several hundred American residents in Rome and numerous American tourists were present.

New Naval Academy Head.

Annapolis, Md.—Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson relinquished the superintendency of the Naval academy to Rear Admiral Louis M. Nulton, having reached the retirement age of 64 years. He has served in the navy 44 years. Simple ceremonies marked the transfer of authority from the outgoing to the incoming superintendent, in accordance with the wishes.

Taxicab Strikes Down Member.

Raleigh.—The condition of Representative Christian, of Cumberland, who was struck by a taxicab, was described as "serious, but not critical," at a local hospital, where he was rushed following the accident.

The head nurse at the hospital said that "nothing definite as to his condition could be given. She added that he had suffered a fractured collar bone, however. The Cumberland representative was hit by the cab late in the afternoon while crossing a downtown street.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Alexandria, Ontario.—While their father was absent on business and their mother was at the bedside of a stricken son in a Montreal hospital, Pearl, 12, and Paul Emile, 10, children of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrille Lacombe were burned to death when fire destroyed their home here. The father is a prominent lumber man.

INCREASE OF TAX DISCUSSED

PRESIDENT URGES THAT GOVERNMENT RETIRE FROM THESE FIELDS OF REVENUE.

Washington.—Declaring that in some instances the federal inheritance tax, when added to similar state levies, amounts to virtual confiscation, President Coolidge in an address opening the national inheritance and estate tax conference, urged the gradual retirement by the government from the field of taxation.

Representative Green, of Iowa, chairman of the house ways and means committee, addressing a night session of the conference, which was called by the national tax association, took an opposite view, asserting that without a federal inheritance tax "similar taxes imposed by the states inevitably would fail."

"If we are to adopt socialism," Mr. Coolidge said in his address, "it should be presented to the people of this country as socialism and not under the guise of a law to collect revenue."

He added that there was competition between the states to reach, through the inheritance tax, not only the property of its own citizens, but that of citizens of other states.

Greater economy in the collection of revenues also was recommended by the President.

Mr. Green asserted that the tax as it now stands allows a credit of 25 per cent of the federal tax to cover states inheritance taxes and eliminated the "islands of refuge" for tax dodgers in states where such levies are not imposed. Although the maximum inheritance tax rate had been increased 10 per cent last year, this was offset, he said, by the 25 per cent state allowance.

The Iowa representative saw no reason why, at the next session of Congress, income taxes should not be largely reduced, or the maximum rates, at least, brought down "to a point that would not have been thought possible a few years ago. In lowering the rates, however, he insisted, "we should reserve our inheritance tax system."

Methods to Certify Oysters.

Washington.—Methods for certification of oysters just as meat and dairy products are stamped with the approval of the federal government, were adopted at a conference of federal and state health officials and representatives of the oyster industry.

Oyster "scars," due to typhoid outbreaks such as appeared last year, which caused great financial loss to the oyster industry, it was held by the delegates, would be impossible when the regulations, covering the handling of seafood from its source to the consumer, are carried out.

Wholesale Commodity Prices Rise.

Washington.—Due largely to a four and a half per cent increase in farm products prices, the general level of wholesale commodity prices showed a decided advance during January.

Figures made public by the bureau of labor statistics of the labor department raised the weight index number to 160 for January from the December level of 157. Of the 404 commodities covered in the index, increases were noted in 186, decreases in 77 and 141 remained the same.

The price of food produced in general in January was eleven and a half per cent higher than a year ago. The price of farm products advanced 13 per cent during the year. The increase for all commodities was five and three-fourths per cent.

Bryan Halted For Speeding.

Pensacola, Fla.—A traffic officer stopped the automobile of Charles W. Bryan, former governor of Nebraska, and informed him that he was exceeding the speed limits. The officer declared in his official report that he had to ride his motorcycle at the rate of 73 miles per hour to overtake the car of the Nebraska.

The former governor, let off with a "warning," gracefully accepted the traffic lecture refraining from revealing his identity until the officer told him that he could drive on. The "speeder" thanked the officer and complimented him on his efficiency.

American Legion Makes Essay.

Indianapolis.—The subject, "Why has the American Legion, an Organization of Veterans of the World War, Dedicated Itself First of All To Uphold and Defend the Constitution of the United States of America?" has been suggested for the legion's national essay contest for 1925, it was announced.

The contest, which is open to all American school children between the ages of 12 and 18, inclusive, closes June 1. Cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250 have been offered.

BIG LEGISLATION LOOKS TO DEFEAT

FARM RELIEF, POSTAL PAY INCREASE AND OTHER BILLS LIKELY LOST.

Washington.—Farm relief, Muscle Shoals, postal pay and rate increases and legislation of lesser importance are hanging in the balance as Congress finds itself with just eight and one-half working days left in this session.

Demands that unanimous consent calendars be cleared, coupled with more or less widespread opposition to night sessions, serve to complicate the legislative situation in both the house and senate.

Aside from the annual appropriation bill, which are nearly all out of the way, leaders are dubious as to just what else is going to get through by noon, March 4. They have their course charted, but they realize there can be so many upsets that prediction bills, which are nearly all out of the way, are nearly all out of the way.

After a single day's consideration in the house, the Haugen co-operative marketing bill has been laid aside until Wednesday. A companion measure has been favorably reported to the senate, but no time has been fixed for taking it up. Meanwhile, proponents will seek to have it placed at the top of the program mapped out by the steering committee.

The senate will vote on the appeal from the ruling of the chair that the conferees exceeded their authority by inserting new matter in the Muscle Shoals leasing bill. If the chair is sustained, as some leaders on both sides expect it will be, this measure must go back to conference.

Even should the bill be kept before the senate by a vote, it probably would be some days before a final vote is had. Then favorable house action would be necessary before the new bill could be made ready for the President's consideration.

Having failed to accomplish anything at their first meeting last week, conferees on the postal pay and rates raise bill will try to get together again early this week. Second class and parcel post rates at the chief items in dispute.

Would-Be Slayer Given Pen Term.

Durham.—Marvin Falls, who admitted assault upon his child-wife of 15 with intent to kill and who threw himself upon the mercy of the court, was sentenced to not less than ten nor more than fifteen years in the State Penitentiary.

Falls is regarded as mentally subnormal and will probably be assigned to the insane section of the prison.

With Margaret Long Falls, the girl whose throat he slashed with a razor February 2, looking on, Falls heard the sentence without the movement of a muscle or without apparent comprehension of its magnitude.

Mishap Halted Speed Classic.

Culver City, Cal.—The 250-mile automobile race that was to have ushered in the 1925 season of the American Automobile association here was called off after it had started when one of the competing cars stalled and tore up 16 feet of the board track. No one was injured.

The car that barricaded the track was driven by Stuart Wilkinson. In the sixteenth lap the machine had a mishap with Frank Elliott's car and was left perched atop the speedway. The other cars managed to avert collisions. Firemen were called to remove the blocking machine, but it was impossible to pry it loose, and, besides, the track was damaged that it was not considered safe to resume the race.

Tong Warfare Breaks Out Again.

Providence, R. I.—Warfare between rival Chinese gangs which has resulted in a series of murders in various eastern cities, during the past several months, broke out anew in this city when a Chinese cook in a restaurant was stabbed to death and his assistant wounded by two unidentified Chinese.

It was at least two hours before the crime was discovered. Both the victims were members of the On Leong Tong. The cook, Chin Moon, was killed with a meat knife. His assistant, Chin Ting, slashed on the face and one arm, is in a hospital and is expected to recover.

Charlotte, N. C.—Twenty-one arrests for alleged traffic in narcotic drugs were made in raids Saturday night and Sunday by federal agents who have been quietly acquiring evidence in Charlotte for a month. Nineteen of the 21 persons arrested were white.

Eight Pullmans Jump Track.

Canastota, N. Y.—Derailed here of New York Central train No. 44, Toronto to New York City, and popularly known as "the Beaver," did not cause injury to any one of the 150 passengers aboard, railroad officials said.

The derailling was caused by the buckling of a freight train which threw a freight car across the path of the passenger train, 200 feet away on an adjoining track.

The Beaver, with eight sleeping cars and two day coaches, ripped over the rails for more than 800 feet.

BODIES OF DEAD MUSIC HAVE BEEN RECOVERED.

Sullivan, Ind.—An unceasing search started by mine rescue teams for the bodies of fifty-one men entombed after an explosion in the City Coal company's shaft here last Friday, ended when the last corpse was brought to the surface. Burial of the dead was started, services for two of the victims being held here and for another at Dugger, Ind. There will be no community funeral. Each family will care for its own dead. In several instances, where two members of a family perished, a single service will be held.

NAVAL BOARD CONVENES

HOLDS SHIPS ARE SUPERIOR TO AIRPLANES IN SEA WARFARE.

Washington.—President Coolidge added a new chapter to the air service controversy by making public the report of a special navy board convened by his direction which found that the battleship remained "the final arbiter in sea warfare" and that aeroplanes would never "assume paramount importance."

At the same time the President issued a formal statement in explanation of the \$30,000,000 supplemental naval estimates recently submitted to Congress by the budget bureau, which were founded on recommendations of the naval board, but sharply modified. The complete building program submitted by the board involved expenditures of \$80,000,000 a year for three years.

The President makes no reference to the board's findings as to relative military value of aircraft, battleships and submarines, the problem he assigned it to study when he directed that it be convened last September. He adopts the board's view, however, that modernization of old battleships (not including the elevation of guns) is the first requirement, completion of aircraft carriers and their planes second, and construction of two 10,000-ton cruisers third. The board's building program was scaled down by the President all along the line, however, to reduce the immediate cost from \$80,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The memorandum described the President as "feeling that an expenditure of that magnitude (\$80,000,000), as not warranted at the present time."

Plans Laid For Naval Arms Parley.

Washington.—Definite if informal steps by the Washington government are in progress for a new naval conference to extend treaty limitations to auxiliary craft.

Preliminary conversations in London, Tokio and Rome are indicated to have met with favorable reactions. Success of the project appears to rest upon the attitude of Paris. A conference on invitation of President Coolidge is a possibility only if it can be found that obstacles of 1921 which blocked the road to complete naval limitation in the original Washington conference, have been removed.

The fact that informal negotiations were in progress was disclosed here after Foreign Secretary Chamberlain, in London, had dropped a hint of them in parliament. Officials would not go beyond confirming that the conversations were going on in capitals of all powers signatory to the Washington naval treaty.

It was learned authoritatively, however, that the question of land armaments is not involved. The position of the Washington government on that score remains as it was in 1921—that land armaments constitute a European political and economic problem and initiative for a limitation treaty must come from Europe.

Blast Wrecks Buildings.

Pittsburgh.—Three buildings in the Penn avenue wholesale produce district of Pittsburgh were demolished by a series of explosions with a loss of \$125,000. Windows in a score of other buildings were shattered. Many residents of the region were thrown from their beds by the force of the blast. They escaped with minor injuries.

Future Operetta to Be Jazz.

Berlin.—"The operetta of the future will undoubtedly be a jazz band operetta," writes Frank Warschauer, German theatrical critic, in Die Weltbuehne (the world stage), after seeing an American musical comedy performed at the Neues theater Am Zoo. "Jazz," he observes, "is a new musical idiom, a language of the people of our time. We shall hear much of it in the future."

Chemicals May Turn Mosquito.

Washington.—Experiments by the chemical warfare service in exterminating mosquitoes along the shore lines of the country are under consideration by Brigadier General Fried, chief of the service, at the suggestion of Senator Fletcher (Democrat) of Florida.

While no appropriations have been suggested, it is the belief of officials that by development of a gas, to be distributed over swamp lands by airplanes, much could be accomplished in the way of wiping out the pest.

BELIEVE 51 DEAD FROM EXPLOSION

MINERS LAMPS SET OFF FUMES IN INDIANA MINE; RECOVERING BODIES.

Sullivan, Ind.—Fifty-one men are believed to have been killed almost instantly in an explosion of gas in the City Coal company mine, on the outskirts of the city, that wrought the greatest mine disaster in the history of the Indiana coal fields.

There were 121 miners in the mine at the time of the explosion, which occurred in the third and fourth entries north where most of the men killed were at work.

Rescue crews went to work at once and the rescue team of the United States bureau of mines at Vincennes, Indiana, reached the scene by motor truck one hour after the explosion. C. O. Thomas, check-ways man at the mine, the officials of the mine and rescue workers all were of the opinion that there is no possible chance of the men being alive.

Miners who were injured were brought to the surface at once. The work of bringing out the dead proceeded slowly, the bodies being brought out singly. Rescue workers were handicapped by gas fumes which flooded the mine immediately after the explosion.

Tremendous crowds thronged the scene soon after word of the disaster spread throughout the town and surrounding communities and automobiles were parked along roads leading to the shaft for distances of several miles.

Wives and children of miners employed in the shaft crowded about, seeking information, and groups of waiting, sobbing women and children clustered about as the news was broken that 51 of the men were known to be dead.

A signal to the hoisting engineer was received within three minutes after the explosion, but one of the cages was caught on the bottom of the wreckage and miners were forced to climb into the shaft to the bottom and cut away the wreckage before the hoisting engine could be used. But one cage was being used as a result in the work of bringing the bodies to the surface. A row of waiting ambulances removed the dead to the city.

Sheer courage and heroism marked the work of rescuers who braved the deadly fumes of gas and descended time after time into the mine to bring out the dead. Many were overcome and several were carried from the mine.

Former Warden Gets 18 Months.

Atlanta.—Albert E. Sartain, for one year warden of the Atlanta federal penitentiary, was sentenced in United States court here to serve one year and six months in that institution, following his conviction on a charge of conspiracy to accept and receive bribes. Laurence Riehl, one time next door neighbor of the former warden in Columbus, Ohio, also convicted, was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the Atlanta prison; Looney J. Fletcher, former deputy warden of the prison, was acquitted.

Trial of the three defendants continued for 11 days. The jury returned the verdict after deliberating 16 hours. Counsel for the convicted men at once announced their intention to file application for a new trial, and July 24 was set as the date for the hearing on this motion.

Would Retain as Park.

Washington.—Approval was given by the senate military committee to the house bill proposing the restoration of Fort McHenry, Maryland, and its permanent preservation as a national park and perpetual national memorial shrine as the birthplace of "The Star Spangled Banner."

British Women Lose.

London.—The bill to put women on a political equality with men by granting them the vote at the age of 21 instead of the present age of 30, was killed in the house of commons when refused second reading by a vote of 220 against 153. The amendment offered by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the home secretary, to postpone franchise reform action was carried.

Governor Names Judge.

Richmond.—Judge Joseph L. Kelly, of Lynchburg, former member and president of the Virginia supreme court of appeals, has been reappointed by Governor E. Lee Trinkle to that body to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Judge Frederick W. Simms.

Wives Fight Over Husband.

Asheville.—Apparently jealous and angry, it is said, because Rome Guthrie, convicted of bigamy, was sentenced to four years in the state prison, wife No. 1 and wife No. 2 clashed in the lobby of the courthouse immediately after the judgment was pronounced by Judge James L. Webb in superior court.

"Look what you have done now. Neither one of us can have him for four years, wife No. 2 is said to have stated, just before the fight started.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Salisbury.—J. Paul Dunham has been chosen executive secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. work in place of E. M. Hoffman who resigned to take up teaching in Kentucky. Mr. Dunham has been connected with "Y" work here in other capacities for some time.

Raleigh.—The 4825 summer school at State college will be conducted along the same general lines as the 1924 session, according to the preliminary announcement issued by Director T. E. Browne. The dates are June 15 to July 24.

Kinston.—L. V. Crouch, former South Atlantic League infielder, has been signed to play at first base for the local Virginia leaguers, it was announced by the heads of the Kinston club. Crouch played with Greenville and Columbia in the "Sally."

Burlington.—Superintendent P. H. Fleming, of the county welfare board, has made arrangements to have any crippled children of the county who wish, to be carried to Chapel Hill to be examined at the clinic to be held there for crippled children. Dr. Miller of the Orthopaedic hospital, will examine them.

Salisbury.—Work has begun on the erection of a plant for the Wallace Wilson Hosiery company which company has been operating in a section of the Vance mill plant. The new building will face 250 feet on East Steel street at the intersection of Steel and the Southern railway and when running at full capacity will employ 600 women.

Rocky Mount.—The fifth annual meeting of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association will be held in Jacksonville, Fla., next April 16 and 17, according to official announcement which has been received here from Fred G. Warde, general secretary of the association, of Brunswick, Ga.

Reidsville.—Three thousand persons here saw George Farley, nationally known daredevil human fly, scale the Belvedere hotel building, Reidsville's only skyscraper. Reaching the top he stood on his head on the edge of the roof. Farley stopped over here en route to the New Orleans Mardi Gras.

Wake Forest.—Fire which started in a room over the Hub Clothing Company, destroying the furniture of the D. V. L. fraternity which occupied the room, burned a large hole through the floor and through the ceiling, damaged the walls of the room and those of adjoining rooms. The Hub Company suffered mostly from water.

Salisbury.—James Lee, negro, is under treatment and believed to be fatally hurt, and Cleeta Barber, negro, is being held at a result of a fight over the possession of a dollar on Main street. Lee was stabbed in the back with a long bladed knife.

Goldsboro.—When Master Ed Denmark, Jr., of this city, lost his bicycle a diligent search for the wheel was made but it could not be found. The police got on the trail and arrested a small negro boy. A search of the home where the negro boy lived disclosed a large collection of bicycles, some fifteen or twenty having been secreted there by the thief.

Goldsboro.—Four stills, one operator, a large quantity of beer and fifteen gallons of whiskey, were rounded up by Wayne county deputies and revenue officers. The first seizure was made by Deputy J. L. Smith, of the Mount Olive section, who was compelled to wade through water up to his neck to arrest the operator of a 75 gallon capacity still, whom he had surprised in the act of making liquor.

Asheville.—Erection of two new dormitories, and construction of one wing, consisting of lobby, dining room and 60 rooms, of a new modern hotel are planned by the Southern Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest, according to announcement.

Rutherfordton.—The handsome new \$54,000 brick Methodist Episcopal church and parsonage of this place is nearing completion and the pipe organ will be installed at an early date. Rev. J. O. Erwin is the popular pastor and is serving his second year. The building will be one of the handsomest churches in this section of the state.

Dunn.—The agricultural committee of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce has started a campaign which it is hoped will result in more hay being grown in the Dunn district. H. A. Edge, county farm demonstration agent, in Harnett, is working with the organization on the plan.

New Bern.—"Why I should be elected mayor" was the burden of the talks of three avowed candidates for the mayoralty of New Bern this spring before the Business and Professional Women's club in the city hall auditorium. They spoke on invitation and were allowed 10 minutes each.

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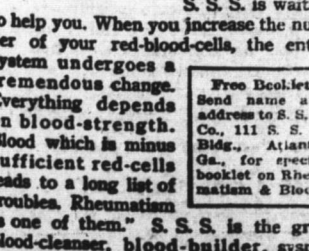
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