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Heart-Rending Story of Sufferings of Armenians

Tale of Horrors Told by Dr. Yonan in Address Here—America Only Hope of Persecuted Armenians—Robeson County People Asked for \$3,960.

A vivid word-picture of the atrocities committed against Christians of the Near East by the Turks, the persecutions to which these Christians are subjected because of the faith in Jesus Christ and of the thousands who are now perishing for the lack of food and freezing for lack of clothing was painted by Dr. Isaac Yonan, a native of Armenia, in an address at the court house here Friday evening.

While Dr. Yonan was not greeted by a large audience, those who heard his story of the suffering, starving, homeless Christian refugees were stirred to a realization of the duty of American Christians towards providing food and shelter for the Near East Christians, whose faith in Christ has brought about these conditions. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. L. T. Townsend, county chairman of the Near East campaign, and was opened with prayer offered by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth.

Mr. T. L. Johnson, chairman for the town of Lumberton, introduced the speaker, Aside from his introductory remarks, Mr. Johnson told something of the needs of the suffering Armenians. Dr. Yonan was educated in America 30 years ago and before the outbreak of the World War was president of a college in his homeland—Armenia. During the war he served as a major-general in the Armenian army.

World Looks to America. In beginning his address the speaker declared that it is a great privilege to be an American citizen. The whole world looks to America, he said. When China gets hungry she does not look to Japan, a near neighbor, but to America. America is the very essence of Christianity. Armenia would have been sealed and gone into past history as a result of the World War, except for the clothing and food furnished by America. Suffering and sympathy should go together. The suffering in the Near East gives to America a chance to be its very best.

Turks Hate America and Christ. Armenians are made to suffer and starve by a people who hate Americans and their Christ. Armenia was described by the speaker as the oldest Christian nation in the world. Armenia has made her contribution to the world's progress and civilization. The refusal of the Armenian people to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ is the cause of the persecution by the Turks. The doctrine of Mohammedism is to murder and slaughter in wholesale all people who do not accept their faith. The Turks are taught that to kill people who will not accept their faith and renounce Christ is favorable and blessed in the sight of God.

Have Kept the Faith. Armenians are suffering for the faith which American Christians want spread throughout the world. They are starving today because of their Christian faith. As a result of their faith in Jesus Christ and their refusal to renounce this faith, the Armenian population has been reduced from 14,000,000 to one and a half million. Yet they have kept the faith in Christ. So long as there is one Armenian left he will stand for his faith and righteousness.

Turks Most Brutal People. "I do not hate the Turk," declared the speaker, who told of how he had tried to do mission work among them. The Turk was described as the most brutal people living. The human tongue, he said, can never exaggerate the brutality of the Turk. These brutish people have been boss and ruler of the Armenians for 600 years. The Turk is a coward and always commits his atrocities in a cowardly way. The Turkish way of killing Christians is by inches. The Armenian people have been crucified for Christ's sake. The Turkish Empire has been baptized with the blood of 18,000,000 crucified Armenians.

Make Women Bathe in Blood. Dr. Yonan told of seeing the Turks make Armenian women remove all their clothing and bathe in the blood of Armenian men who had been murdered. There are seven hundred thousand Armenian corpses now lying in the desert sun, said the speaker. The moment an Armenian renounces Jesus Christ he becomes favored and respected by the Turk.

Burning of Smyrna. The speaker told of the burning of Smyrna by the Turks, of how his own (Continued on Page 8 Section One)

Bob Williams Negro Bandit Caught

Notorious New Hanover County Desperado Captured at Whiteville—Fatally Shot Police Chief Cribb at Fair Bluff Thursday Night.

Wilmington Star, 28th.

Surprised by a posse as he emerged from the swamps where he had been hiding, since fatally wounding Police Chief Bradley Cribb, of Fair Bluff, Thursday night, Bob Williams, notorious negro bandit of New Hanover county, was arrested at Whiteville at 10:30 last night.

The outlaw has 5 times escaped from prison and is wanted here on a dozen charges.

Williams has been placed in the Columbus county jail, and will probably face trial Monday morning for the murder of Chief Cribb.

Since the moment when he fired upon Chief Cribb, when the latter intercepted him in an act of robbing a store at Fair Bluff Thursday night, the enraged citizens of Columbus have been hot on the bandit's trail.

Wounded in the leg during his exchange of shots with Chief Cribb, Williams fled through the woods from Fair Bluff to Cerro Gordo, where he stole a mule and buggy and drove to a point near Whiteville.

Here he deserted his stolen conveyance and sought refuge in a swamp.

Last night he emerged from his lair and sought a conveyance to Bolton, but before he could complete negotiations, the posse quickly surrounded him, and his arrest was effected without difficulty.

The arrest of Williams checked for the time at least the career of the most noted outlaw in eastern Carolina history since the Lowery gang of reconstruction days in Robeson county.

From larceny and pistol carrying, Williams quickly graduated into the ranks of the highwayman. Arrested for a daring holdup in New Hanover county, Williams was sent to the roads. His escape followed quickly.

Transferred to the state prison he again escaped. Back on the county roads, he once again made a successful getaway, and a month later terrorized a Brunswick county community by robbing a store at the point of a gun and escaping to the woods.

Reinforced by officers and possemen from Wilmington, a Brunswick posse captured Williams after a running gun fight, in which he was shot in the head.

Brought to Wilmington, he was arraigned before Recorder Harris and ordered back to Raleigh to complete a five-year term for highway robbery.

Last summer he escaped from the penitentiary, and since that time has been reported in various parts of eastern Carolina.

Thursday night he appeared in Fair Bluff and attempted to rob a store. Chief Cribb intercepted the bandit, each opening fire. Cribb received a bullet through the right chest, dying in the Bulluck hospital here the following morning, while Williams, shot through the leg, took refuge in flight.

Street Fight at Noon Caused Considerable Excitement.

Considerable excitement was created today about noon when F. M. Barnes and Lee G. Stone, local citizens, mixed it up on Elm street in front of Mr. L. C. Townsend's store. Mr. Stone suffered an ugly wound on the left side of his head, inflicted with a monkey-wrench in the hands of Mr. Barnes. The two men were separated by some other men who happened to be near by. Mr. Barnes suffered some minor scratches about the face.

Mr. Barnes accused Mr. Stone of making some improper remarks to Mrs. Barnes recently. Two stitches were required in sewing up the gash in Mr. Stone's head.

Mistrial Ordered in Dallas Murder Case.

Wilmington, Jan. 27.—A mistrial was ordered in the Dallas murder case here this morning, the jury failing to agree after 20 hours deliberation. The final count stood eight for acquittal and four for conviction of manslaughter.

Dallas was charged with killing Joe Southwell, locomotive engineer, during the rail strike last July.

The trial began last Saturday and the case went to the jury at 3:40 Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wilson of Fairmont were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Messrs. F. W. Lindsay and Clarence McNeill of Rennett are Lumberton visitors today.

Messrs. J. Burns Ward and Walter Bullock of the Rowland section were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Superior Court

Two-Weeks' Term Began This Morning—Judge Devin Presiding—Former Solicitor McLean Takes Place of Solicitor McNeill, Who is Sick.

A two-weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases opened today at 10 a. m. with Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford presiding. Owing to the illness of Solicitor T. A. McNeill, who is confined to his home here with an attack of flu, former Solicitor S. B. McLean was appointed by Judge Devin to represent the State. Solicitor McNeill recommended the appointment of Mr. McLean. The morning session was taken up with selecting the juries and the charging of the grand jury. Mr. Angus Olmstead was named as foreman of the grand jury and Mr. E. McQ. Rowan court officer.

Legislative Mill

\$15,000,000 Highway Bill Passes House and Goes to Senate—Game Bill Resurrected—Warner Heads Committee to Investigate Secret Orders.

The measure providing for an additional road bond issue of \$15,000,000 passed the House of the General Assembly Friday on third reading by a vote of 85 to 9 and now goes to the Senate.

The State-wide game measure was killed Thursday night by the committee on game but was resurrected Friday when a motion by Pharr of Mecklenburg prevailed to put it back in committee for rehearing.

R. W. H. Stone, president of the State Farmers' union, urged economy in administration before the House finance committee Friday, advocating reduction in salaries of State officers to the end that taxes of farmers might be reduced.

Senator L. R. Varner of Robeson was appointed Friday chairman of a special committee to which will be referred all bills aimed at secret societies. In this way the Senate staved off debate and a vote on the Baggett anti-masking bill, aimed at the Ku Klux Klan. Senator Varner's committee is charged with the duty of drafting suitable legislation concerning the regulation of secret societies and with consideration of all such measures offered in the Senate or coming from the House.

The resolution for this committee recognizes popular demand for such legislation and expresses a desire on the part of the Senate to meet that demand.

Among bills passed are the following:

To remove the age limit for inmates of the Caswell training school.

To prohibit officers and employes of banks to vote the proxies of stockholders.

To abolish recorders' courts in Cherokee.

To abolish fee system in Caldwell and place county officers on salary.

To abolish jury tax in Cherokee.

To place Macon and Clay counties under Australian ballot.

To abolish office of county treasurer in Caldwell.

NEAR EAST RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Committee Will Canvass Lumberton Tuesday—\$625 Already Contributed by Citizens of the Town.

Contributions totaling approximately \$625 have been made by the citizens of Lumberton to the Near East relief fund. A thorough canvass of the town will be made tomorrow (Tuesday), the following committee having been appointed for this purpose: Messdames C. H. Durham, R. C. Lawrence, A. T. Parmele, A. Nash, C. B. Skipper, Sandy McLeod, R. E. Lewis, T. L. Johnson, Ira B. Townsend; Misses Leila Edwards, Evelyn Jones, Elizabeth Whitfield; Messrs. H. M. McAllister, K. M. Barnes, K. M. Biggs, L. H. Caldwell, L. E. Whaley and Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman. The committee of 18 represents various organizations in town.

This committee is requested to meet at the court house this evening at 7:30 for the purpose of dividing the town into districts, so the canvass can be quickly made. Mr. T. L. Johnson is chairman for the town, while Mrs. L. T. Townsend is county chairman.

Cange in R. & C. Schedule. A change in the Raleigh & Charleston schedule went into effect yesterday at 12.01 a. m. Train No. 1, for Marion S. C., now leaves at 9.15 a. m., instead of 9:30 as heretofore, while train No. 2 from Marion arrives here at 5:20 p. m., instead of 5:10 p. m. as formerly.

Mr. A. C. Prevatt of Back Swamp was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Baptist Baracas Enjoy a Feast

Chicken Stew and Flow of Soul at Goat Club House—Squire Small Beats a Methodist Eatin' Chicken.

It has been said that a Methodist could eat more chicken than a Baptist, but this statement was proven to be untrue at the chicken stew served by the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school at the Goat club house Thursday evening. The question was definitely settled in an eating contest between 'Squire S. S. Small, a member of the First Baptist Baraca class, and a member of The Baraca class of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school. While the Methodist proved beyond a reasonable doubt that "Methodists do like chicken," 'Squire Small proved further that this particular Methodist was no match for himself in the art of eating chicken.

It might be added that 'Squire Small and this particular Methodist are not the only people living in Lumberton who can "hide" stewed chicken. In fact, every one of the forty odd men present did a good part in devouring the ten chickens and a large pot of chicken pastry prepared for this occasion. Besides the chicken and pastry, other eats were provided, and indeed it was an occasion of "big eats", as indicated on the invitations sent out.

While "big eats" was the outstanding feature of the gathering, several short talks were made and a delightful musical program added to the merriment of the evening. The following responded to the invitation to "have something to say": Rev. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church; Prof. W. B. Crumpton, Messrs. Fred P. Gray, W. B. Ivey, F. Grover Britt, Cutlar Moore, S. S. Small, Louis Stovall, E. R. McIntyre, L. O. R. Bailey and Robt. A. McIntyre.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Messrs. Cutlar Moore and Lee Caldwell, who "stewed" the chicken for the Baracas.

Mr. A. M. Hartley is president of the First Baptist Baraca class, Mr. Louis Stovall is secretary-treasurer, and State Senator L. R. Varner and Prof. W. B. Crumpton are the teachers. The class has an average attendance of around 30 and the monthly offerings to the Thomasville Baptist orphanage from the class average more than \$60.

State Agent Addresses Club Women of Robeson

Club Women of County Hold Inspiring Meeting in Lumberton With Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon. Reported for The Robesonian.

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, the home demonstration club women of Robeson held a most inspiring meeting at the municipal building in Lumberton.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. W. Davis, vice president of Lumberton club. Miss Flax Andrews presented our most honored State agent, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon of Raleigh. Mrs. McKimmon charmed the audience in her usual manner with a forceful talk on "The Woman's Profession in Life", which was followed up by a clear-cut lecture on "Interior Decoration." This included the "Woman's Work Shop" and every little spot of the modern home. She said, "The beauty of home consists not in how much we have to use, but the use we make of what we have." She demonstrated the importance of convenient arrangement, systematic planning and attractiveness in the home.

In speaking of how much the housewife of today stands, she used a story from the New York Times when they printed a picture of Susanna Crocrot in a sitting position which was not unusual for her. The Times said, "Thank God Susanna sits, she's been standing for forty years." So today the housewife may sit on her high stool, she's been standing for generations. She pointed out how the husband and boys could help in making home more convenient and attractive.

The county was well represented by a body of one hundred women from St. Paul, Red Springs, McDonald, Back Swamp, Orrum, Marietta, Fairmont, Rex, Maxton and Lumberton.

Mr. Hezzie Phillips of R. 1, Orrum, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. L. J. Johnson of Fairmont, R. 1, is a Lumberton visitor today.

BUDDIE'S SERVICE STATION, ELM AND NINETEENTH STREETS, NEVER CLOSED.

Parkton Letter

More Fine Porkers—Basketball Games—Passing of a Good Citizen Mourned—Personal Mention.

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, Jan. 26.—More fine porkers are being killed up our way. Mr. Murphy McMillan leads in Parkton township. He killed and dressed a 2-year-old Poland-China netting him 615 pounds. If any one has a larger in North Robeson, please report.

The first thing fresh from the bat is another basketball game this afternoon. Antioch hi's reported for service at a rather late hour, 5:15, but the locals were ready. The game was quite snappy and very hard played, but the locals proved the superior. Really the game from start to finish was too one-sided. Score, Parkton 23, Antioch 6. The line-up was as follows: Parkton—Williamson R. F., Moore, McNatt L. F., Blount C., Armstrong R. G.; Antioch—McGougan R. F., Leggett L. F., Gibson C., Hair, R. G., Biggs, L. G.

The Parkton military company's team went to Raeford last Thursday and played Raeford military company. The game was one of much interest, being a tie, 12 to 12 and in the 5-minutes playoff Parkton won when Moore scored.

Mr. David McCall of Clio, S. C., spent Sunday at the home of his sick brother Mr. J. D. McCall, who has been sick nearly 2 months. Another brother, Mr. Hugh McCall, spent Tuesday and Wednesday night with his brother, and today Mr. Jones of Clio, a brother-in-law, was to see him. We are glad to report Mr. McCall somewhat better.

Mrs. W. W. Gainey went to Norfolk, Va., Wednesday in response to a message advising of the illness of her brother Mr. R. C. Cole.

Dr. D. S. Currie went to Maxton Wednesday to see his mother, of whose illness he was advised by phone. We hear she is improving.

Our town, as well as other sections of Robeson and adjoining counties, mourns the death of Mr. D. Z. McGoogan of Lumber Bride. The writer had known him from early manhood and can testify that he was a good man and one whom his town will sorely miss. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the stricken family. A number of our citizens attended the funeral, which was said to have been the most largely-attended in many years.

Mr. R. T. Gaitley and family have moved to Rocky Mount section, where they will operate a ten-horse farm. Mr. Gaitley's brother Mr. S. P. Gaitley has moved to our town and is occupying a portion of the A. H. Perry former residence, and will farm on the Gaitley farm.

Mr. T. W. Thompson went to Charlotte yesterday on a business trip. Mr. Charlie Roach of Red Springs spent some time in our town Wednesday.

Mr. E. B. Daniel spent Monday in Raleigh on business.

Only one case of diphtheria has been reported in our town this year, Mildred Daniel. We are glad she is improving nicely.

The fox-hunters have just blown the horns and fine chase is anticipated, so will ring off and join them.

Demonstration of Walker Sprayer and Mopping Machine for Cotton.

A number of farmers witnessed a demonstration of the Walker sprayer and mopping machine for cotton on the court house square here Saturday afternoon. This machine sprays two rows of cotton at the time with a liquid mixture of calcium arsenate, molasses and water, saturating both the bottom and top of the cotton leaf. It is propelled by one mule and only one man is needed to operate it. When this sprayer is used it is not necessary to poison the cotton at night, as is the case with the dusting machines. The demonstration given here was under the direction of Messrs. B. F. Smoot and J. Brown McCallum, agents for Robeson and Scotland counties.

Commissary Burned at McDonald This Morning.

Mr. L. S. Townsend's commissary at McDonald was destroyed by fire of unknown origin this morning about 1 o'clock. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000 with no insurance.

Miss Hilda Turrentine of Kinston is visiting Miss Evelina Beckwith. Miss Turrentine stopped over here on her way home from Miami, Fla., where she spent some time.

One per cent. will be added to all unpaid 1922 State and county taxes on February 1. After that date the tax books will be turned over to collectors in the various townships.

Sheriff. R. E. LEWIS,

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 27 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Tressie Phillips and Robert Mullin.

—Mr. Jas. R. McLeod is assembling material for the erection of a 6-room bungalow on Carthage road, in northern part of town.

—Mr. Jesse Scott of the Raynham section, who is a Lumberton visitor today, reports that the Hessian fly is destroying his oat crop.

—Vera Thompson and Barrie Mitchell, a colored couple, were married in the court house Saturday night Justice L. R. Stephens officiating.

—Regular meeting St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday Night, 7:30. Meeting of importance. Third degree work.

—Robeson chapter U. D. C. will meet Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wishart, Fifth and Pine streets.

—Mr. H. L. Guthrie, district State income tax collector, will be at the court house in Lumberton Friday and Saturday of this week, February 2 and 3, for the purpose of assisting Robeson citizens in filing their returns.

—In a card dated Jan. 25 to The Robesonian, Dr. J. A. Martin, who for several weeks has been taking special work at the New York Post-Graduate Medical college and hospital, writes: "Have enjoyed my work very much. Will be home in about ten days."

—Miss Anna Mae Wright of Portsmouth, Va., is in Lumberton to put on a rat-killing campaign. She is a modern Pied Piper who has been doing work of this kind in cities all over the country for the past four years. The local Woman's club will put on a campaign February 1 to 5.

—Mr. W. G. Watts of the Raynham section was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Mr. Watts stated to a Robesonian reporter that he had been sued for about \$800 by the Co-operative Tobacco Marketing association, as a result of selling on the open market last season. It was not learned when or where the case will be tried.

—Mr. C. Guy Townsend Friday sold his hardware business in Rowland to Mr. W. R. McKeller of that town. Mr. Townsend will make his home here for the present. Mr. Townsend formerly lived here and has many friends in Lumberton who will be pleased at his return. He has not yet decided in what business he will engage.

—The condition of Mr. Robert Rozier who was seriously hurt Wednesday night of last week when an automobile driven by Mr. Robert Turner struck a cart upon which Mr. Rozier was riding, throwing him off the cart and instantly killing Mr. Rozier's mule, is reported as very favorable. Mr. Rozier has been at the Baker sanatorium since soon after he was hurt.

—Mr. Fred Scott, who formerly had a studio in Monroe, will open a studio in Lumberton February 3rd in the rooms formerly occupied by Mr. H. H. Fielder, in the Carlyle building on West Fifth street. Mr. Fielder, who besides being a good photographer, was well known locally for quiet and unobtrusive goods works, gave up the studio several weeks ago without saying anything about it except to the owner of the building and perhaps a few intimate friends.

SITUATION WELL IN HAND AT WHITEVILLE

Trial of Negro Desperado Began at 2:30 This Afternoon.

A 'phone message at 2:30 this afternoon from Solicitor Woodus Kellum stated that the situation was well in hand there and that the trial of Bob Williams, negro outlaw of Wilmington, who fatally shot Police Chief Cribb at Fair Bluff Thursday night, would begin this afternoon.

Forty members of the Wilmington light infantry, a unit of the North Carolina guard, were sent to Whiteville last night to prevent threatened violence.

Jas. Miller was convicted at Kinston Friday of the murder of John Sutton, prominent planter, last September and was sentenced by Judge Calvert to die for the crime March 9.