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## THE CANAL CONTROVERSY.

### The Senator from Mississippi Attracts Attention by his Dress.

Washington, D. C., April 28. (Special.)—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon does not believe in half-way measures so far as free tolls are concerned for American ships passing through the Panama Canal. Rather than have the agitation continue on the part of Great Britain, that the American nation is about to violate the Hay-Panamafe treaty in absorbing the tolls on ships flying the flag of the United States, the senior senator from Oregon has introduced a bill abrogating the treaty as the easiest way out of the difficulty.

Senator Borah of Idaho, who is a member of the foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, is not convinced that the Chamberlain bill is necessary on the ground that the Hay-Panamafe treaty contemplated the building of the canal on foreign soil, whereas we have acquired the strip of territory through which the "big ditch" passes and the canal, by the very nature of things, is on American soil and therefore the treaty in no wise applies.

In any event the question is very much alive and is one of the perplexing problems which the administration has to solve in the very near future, as the new Ambassador to the United States from Great Britain, it is understood, is bringing with him the last word on the toll question from the English point of view.

One of the most, if not the most picturesque figures in the Senate is James K. Vardaman of Mississippi, whose long black hair, falling to the shoulders, smooth-shaven face and piercing black eyes, afford the guides of the Capital no end of small talk for the benefit of the tourists who are crowding the big building on the hill these pleasant days of spring. But Vardaman in the saddle and Vardaman in the saddle are as far apart as the poles. In the saddle Senator Vardaman looks like a Knight of Old, the lance and armor being the only things missing to complete the picture.

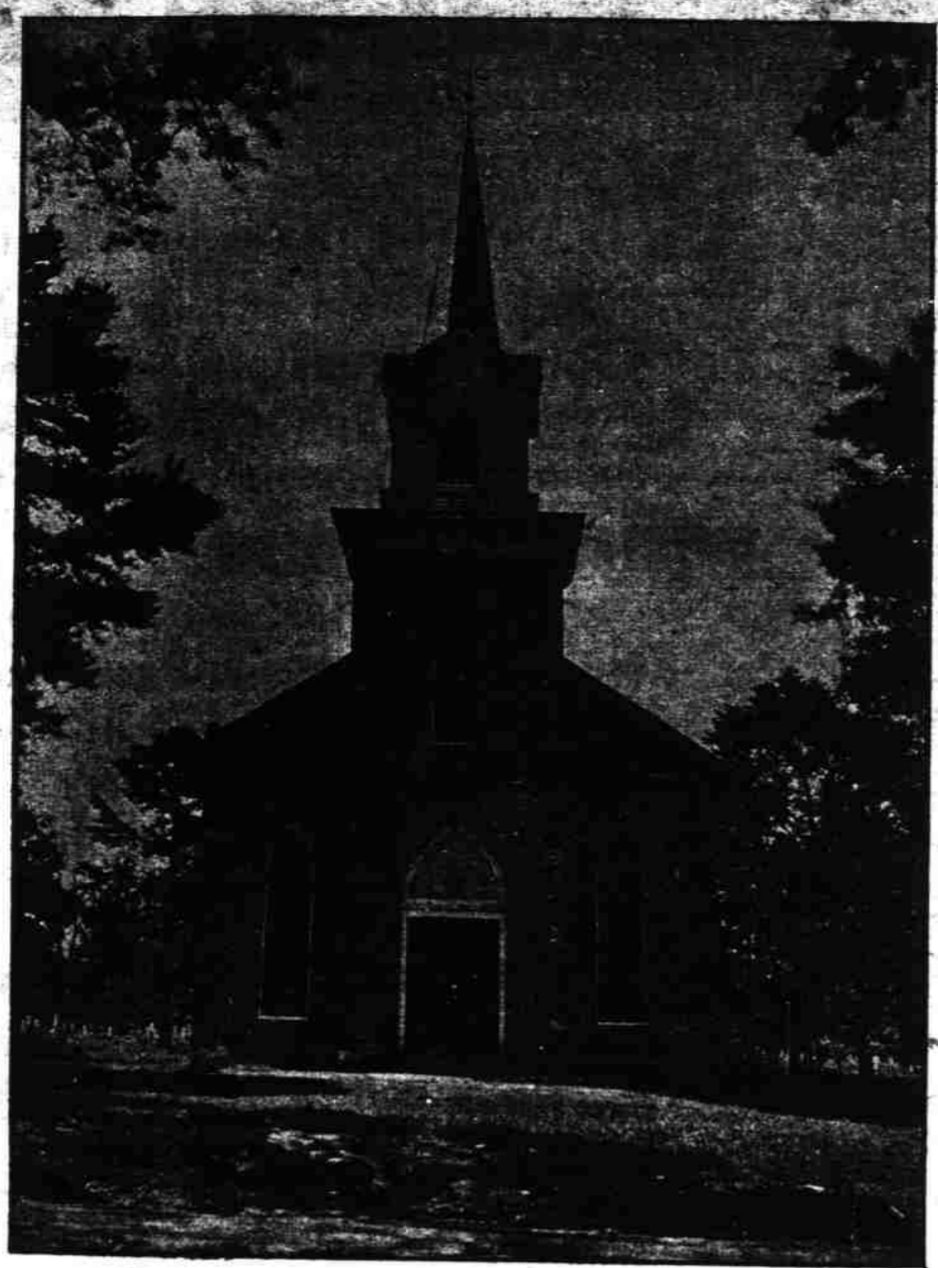
The junior Senator from Mississippi made his appearance in the Capitol on a handsome bay horse and his faultless riding and his stately mien, his eyes partly hidden by the brim of a soft hat, such as a Southern gentleman wears on the stage and in Congress, and his long black hair made a picture for an artist. Vardaman was immaculate in a dark blue coat, pure white riding breeches, and black riding boots. Needless to say he was "the observed of all observers."

A new collection which will make the Smithsonian Institution in this city the foremost repository of African trophies in the world has been given by Herbert Ward, the sculptor and soldier of fortune, who is now the last surviving officer of the Stanley expedition which invaded the depths of the black continent years ago in search of Emin Pasha. The gift, made possible through the efforts of Thomas Nelson Page the novelist, contains more than 7000 African weapons and musical instruments used by the natives.

Perhaps the most picturesque new comer in the House is Sant Kirkpatrick of the Sixth Iowa District. Almost all his life, at least since the close of the civil war Kirkpatrick has been a hunter of moonshiners. Not even he could tell how often he has been shot unless he did a few sums on his fingers. His eyes were practically shot out in the last said he led so that he is now almost blind. There are fully 200 pieces of lead in his body as a portion of the reward for being a revenue officer for twenty-seven years. At least three times he has been left for dead on the field and the doctors who overhauled him pledged their professional honor that he couldn't get well. "After all," says Mr. Kirkpatrick with a certain grimace, "I wasn't nearly as bad off as the other fellow."

## Pains in the Stomach.

If you continually complain of pains in the stomach, your liver or your kidneys is out of order. Neglect may lead to dropsy, kidney trouble, diabetes or Bright's disease. Thousands recommend Electric Bitters as the very best stomach and kidney medicine made. H. T. Aiston, of Raleigh, N. C., who suffered with pain in the stomach and back, writes: "My kidneys were deranged and my liver did not work right. I suffered much, but Electric Bitters was recommended. Improved from the first dose. I now feel like a new man." It will improve you, too. Only 50c and \$1. Recommended by all druggists.



MT. ZION REFORMED CHURCH,

China Grove, N. C.

The N. C. Classis of the Reformed Church met here this morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Causey, of Faith, preaching the opening sermon.

Rev. J. H. Keller is pastor of Mt. Zion, and Rev. W. B. Dutera, of Salisbury, is president of the Classis.

## Chauffeur Saves Life by Leap From Window.

Lenoir, April 25.—The 75-horsepower roadster of W. J. Grandin, president of the Watauga Railway Company, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning at the old Austin mill, near Patterson. Walter Holder, chauffeur for Mr. Grandin, had driven the car into the early morning for a squirrel hunt and left it under a shed at the mill. This act came very near costing Mr. Holder his life, and only by mere chance was the life of one of his children, who accompanied him, saved also.

The car was driven foremost into the shed, which was so narrow that Mr. Holder had to crawl over the car to crank it, and as he did so without warning it blazed up in flames and there was no avenue of escape for the young man but a window and he leaped for this and to safety to the ground, about 15 feet below. Had it not been for the window Mr. Holder would have been destroyed by the flames, which flashed like powder from the 50 gallons of gasoline in the tank. Through fore-thought, he left his little child on the ground, instead of placing her in the car before cranking it. If this had been done, she could not have possibly been saved.

The car was a very valuable one valued at \$8,500, and it and the mill were totally destroyed. It is understood that it was partially covered by insurance.

## Polk Miller and Col. Tom Booker Coming.

The two old Confederates, Polk Miller and Col. "Tom" Booker, will be in Salisbury Wednesday, May 14th, and give one of their delightful entertainments in the Grubb Theatre. This entertainment will consist of old plantation war time stories and songs and will be under the auspices of the daughters of the Confederacy.

"Polk Miller has had no predecessor, has no contemporary, and will have no successor! After Polk Miller is gone the man who can best tell of the old South will have passed away. To hear him sketching the "fo de war" negro, if you didn't know he was Polk Miller, you would think he was a darkey of the olden time, and if you didn't know he was an old-time darkey you would think it was Polk Miller."—General Fitzhugh Lee.

## Drives Headaches Away.

Sick headaches, sour gassy stomach, indigestion, biliousness disappear quickly after you take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They purify the blood and put new life and vigor in the system. Try them and you will be well satisfied. Every pill helps; every box guaranteed. Price 25c. Recommended by all druggists.

## CHRISTIAN PRAYERS FOR CHINA.

### A Remarkable Request, A Nation Turns From Paganism to a God.

New York, April 27.—Churches in this city and throughout the country joined today the Christian Churches of China in praying for that Nation as requested by the present Chinese authorities. The response here was in connection with a world-wide movement to heed the appeal from the new Republic, said to be the first that ever came to Christian forces from a non-Christian land.

Points specified by China as being subjects for petitions were the Chinese people, the President to be chosen, the Constitution, and its making and clean men wisely selected for members of Congress. To this, in this country, petitions were added that Christians of American birth now in China may set wisely toward that country and that Christians in America may be liberal with money and tolerant in spirit.

When one recalls that a dozen years ago the Peking Government was doing its best to exterminate Christianity and the Christians were dying by the thousands it becomes apparent that this present action of the Peking Government, in calling upon the native Christians to pray for it, is one of the most dramatic revolutions of the wheel of events known within the memory of living men.

Proud and self-sufficient, devoted to ancient ways and until within recent months calling all outsiders "foreign devils," the Chinese have made an almost incredible " volte face " in calling upon the late despised Christians to pray for the Government, for its new officers, for its recognition by the Powers and for its stable establishment.

The proclamation went to almost unbelievable lengths in deprecating that Government officials all over the Empire should attend the prayer services of the native Christians on April 27. This means that the humble chapels and churches of the little bands of Christians, scattered throughout the 18 provinces and three dependencies, will for the first time see the dignitaries within their walls. Except in a few of the larger cities, there are no pretensions Chinese churches. The Christians have been the common folk, often only the coolie class. Some of their meeting places are really too small to hold all the officials who must attend. The situation appeals to one's imagination.

China is the land of "face." The fact of this governmental proclamation and the presence of these officials in the Christian meeting places will do more to establish the "face" of Christianity than any action that could possibly be taken by all the missionaries and foreign boards combined. It means more to Christianity in China than the announcement of a million dollar gift.

The Chinese regard for "face," or outward seemliness and recognition, is what lent importance to President Wilson's appointment of John R. Mott as Minister to China. Mr. Mott's appointment, even though he did not accept, has given "face" to missions both in China and in this country. It accredited the Christian enterprise and proved its standing and good repute.

Peking, April 27.—China's day of prayer did not prove entirely peaceful due to discussion over the five Power loan. The loan, which is for \$125,000,000 was signed just before daybreak, the Chinese and foreign signatories having assembled late last night to conclude the details of a delegation from the Senate and House of Representatives gathered outside the British bank where the representatives of the Government and the five-Power group met. The vice-president of the Senate acted as spokesman for the delegation and when an opportunity was given him to confer with the signatories, he explained that the majority in the Parliament considered the loan illegal.

Since the dynastic days the question of a loan has been discussed in various forms and it threatens now to bring about another revolution similar to that caused by the Hu Kuang loan.

## Coughs and Consumption.

Coughs and colds, when neglected, always lead to serious trouble of the lungs. The wisest thing to do when you have a cold that troubles you is to get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery. You will get relief from the first dose, and finally the coughs will disappear. O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., writes: "My wife was down in bed with an obstinate cough, and I honestly believe had it not been for Dr. King's New

## COUNTRY EDITORS TO ORGANIZE.

### A National Association to be Formed, Its Objects.

To the Country Publishers of the United States: GREETING: At 10 a. m., June 12, 1918, in hall L-83, Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, there will be a convention of country publishers of the United States. This gathering is called at the request of hundreds of publishers throughout the country, and will be the result of the efforts of the National Organizing Committee appointed by the Washington State Press Association July 12, 1912.

The principal object of the convention will be the organization of a national association of country publishers, to be conducted on strictly business lines, and which will endeavor to secure: More foreign advertising at better rates for the country papers. The abolition of all free advertising.

Concerted action on legislative matters affecting the interests of country publishers. The discontinuance on the part of the Government of printing envelopes and wrappers in competition with private individuals and concerns, and many other matters of vital importance.

Addresses will be made by men of national prominence in the publishing world. As it was impossible to guarantee the number of publishers who will be present, no special railroad rates can be secured, but the date has been selected so that those desiring to attend can take advantage of the low summer schedule, and to suit the convenience of those who will attend the meeting of the National Press Association.

Publishers who propose to attend the Chicago convention are urged to notify the chairman of the committee (Arthur A. Hay, Oamas, Wash.) so that proper arrangements can be made. Please do not fail to do this.

Fraternally,  
ARTHUR A. HAY,  
The Oamas Post.  
ALBERT JOHNSON,  
The Daily Washingtonian.  
THOMAS CRAWFORD,  
Centralia Daily Chronicle.

## Taking Bodies Out of Wrecked Mines.

Pittsburg, April 25.—The work of removing bodies from the Cincinnati mine of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Co., wrecked Wednesday by an explosion, progressed rapidly today. When darkness fell tonight 88 bodies had been taken out.

Officials of the coal companies stated tonight that it is their belief few other bodies will be found. It is possible, however, that the dead may number 116.

Most of the bodies recovered are in good condition. Until masses of wreckage in a number sections of the mine have been examined the total death list will remain a secret.

## Let the Heathen Howl.

London, April 25.—"Teetotal diplomacy," as suggested at Washington by Secretary Bryan's "wineless dinner" to foreign diplomats, is attracting considerable attention from the English press.

The Daily News questions whether Mr. Bryan has a "real moral right to send around the teetotal punch and condemn his enforced guests to ice water." The same newspaper says: "There is more in this than meets the eye, even though the punch bowl be without guilt."

## Annual Re-Union of Confederate Veterans.

On Saturday, May 10th, the Annual Re-union of the Confederate Veterans of Rowan County will be held in the Salisbury Graded School building. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock. Rev. Plato Durham, of Winston-Salem, will deliver the address. Dinner will be served at the conclusion of the exercises.

## For Burns, Bruises and Sores.

The quickest and surest cure for burns, bruises, boils, sores, inflammation and all skin diseases is Bucklen's Arnica Salve. In four days it cured L. H. Haffin, of Iredell, Tex., of a sore on his ankle which pained him so he could hardly walk. Should be in every house. Only 25c. Recommended by all druggists.

## KEEP YOUR MONEY.

### Prejudice and Partiality Will Out. How Hard is to See Our Own Side.

A new fake consumption cure is born every week, and, as some one said, a sucker is born every minute. Supply and demand, in these two instances, seem to run a riot. The supply of unfortunate consumptives and the demand for these false "cures" are rivals. The race is nip and tuck.

But how are we going to head off such a race? Pure food and drug laws get an occasional fakir, but is only an occasional one, scarcely a drop in the bucket. As all "consumptive cures" are founded on fraud and flourishing on fear, the ever hopeful but susceptible consumptive is robbed of his money and robbed of his chance of life. But what care the "consumption cure" companies? It is good business.

The only prevention for such wholesale robbery is education. Yes, just that. Education will banish the old superstition that for every ailment there is a "specific." Education will teach those having consumption that their only assurance of a cure lies in their strict obedience to the laws of hygiene, with unlimited fresh air, and food. After this is done there will be no more demand for patent medicine consumption cures, and the dastardly business will stop. But we must educate, and the only way to do this effectively is through health departments, town, county and State.

The above is a bulletin sent out by the N. C. Board of Health under the direction of Dr. Rankin. Quite a number of splendid articles have appeared in this paper on the prevention and cure of consumption and other subjects from the same source, but this one, while no doubt as good as any and worthy of all acceptance, causes one to stop and think who constitutes the fakirs and "consumption cure companies." Can the good doctor be intentionally partial, thoughtless, or does he include the medical profession with the fakirs and "companies?" For instance, how many doctors are there in North Carolina, or elsewhere, who would fail to prescribe and make a charge for treating a consumptive? Is there one? If there is no remedy for consumption is the physician who writes a prescription knowing his drugs will do no good any less a fakir than the druggist or patent medicine man who sells a worthless concoction? No doubt the average doctor and patent medicine man is honest and sincerely hopes his remedy will give relief. We believe some of the most valuable remedies known were the products of unprofessionals and that it is as likely for a practical remedy to be produced in the laboratory of a patent medicine concern as it is to come from other sources. In fact to pick up a medical journal and run over the advertisements one would almost be forced to believe that there are few remedies not of the "patent" variety. Go to a drug store and note the array of patent medicines, many of which are kept in stock by special request of physicians who make constant use of them in their daily practice. Yet this is not a reflection, but more generally indicates the watchfulness, broadmindedness and up-to-dateness of the profession.

When it comes to a matter of skill and ability THE WATCHMAN is ready to give justice to all comers and takes very little stock in the class whose actions indicate an imaginary monopoly on brain power and superior virtues.

Some of the farmers are through planting corn and are getting their ground ready for cotton.

## DAVIDSON PREFERS MUD TO BONDS.

### Issue of \$300,000 for Roads Lost in Davidson County.

Lexington, April 22.—Mud wins in Davidson County. The \$800,000 bond issue for good roads was defeated today by a majority not less than 1,200, and this may go to 1,500 when the returns are all in. The bond issue carried in only two townships, Thomasville and Boone. In Thomasville the south precinct broke exactly even and in the north precinct there was a majority of 24 for good roads. Boone Township's majority for the bonds will be small.

Lexington Township's vote was the biggest surprise of the day. The vote stood 554 against bonds, 312 for, a majority of 242. In one township, Conrad Hill, only seven voted for the bonds and in Abbots Creek, nine.

The campaign was hard-fought. From the beginning, President Varnor of the State Good Roads Association was assisted by many of the most prominent citizens of the county. Governor Craig and State Geologist Pratt made addresses in the county in behalf of the bonds, the Governor making 10. Other prominent men of the State came in to help out. The proposition was placed before every voter in the county.

Under the bill another election may be called in 90 days, and arrangements will be made for a second contest within the next six months.

## New Editors Get Rich.

After a great deal of worry and study we have at last figured out how so many country editors get rich. Here is the secret of their success. There is a child born in the neighborhood. The attending physician gets \$10. The editor gives the loud-lunged youngster a great send-off and gets \$0. It is christened, and the minister gets \$5, and the editor gets \$0. It grows and marries. The editor publishes another long-winded flowery article and tells a dozen different lies about "the beautiful and accomplished bride." The minister gets \$10 and a piece of cake. The editor gets \$000 and a request to carry the groom's subscription account another year. In the course of time she dies.

The doctor gets from \$5 to \$100, the minister gets from \$5 to \$100, the editor publishes a notice of death and an obituary two columns long, lodge resolutions, a lot of poetry and a card of thanks and gets \$0,000. The subscriber then having all he can obtain from the editor marks the paper "refused" and lives happily ever after. No wonder so many country editors get rich.—Ex.

## It Beats Them All

The business world and all the balance of the world is accustomed to hearing excuses, but the railroads in the matter of freight discriminations against North Carolina are putting up one that beats them all. It says if it lowers rates for North Carolina on a level with the Virginia rates, it will have to do the same thing in other states of the south. In other words, it has been swindling North Carolina and now that it must quit, it wants to try to keep on swindling the other states. Gentlemen of the railroads, it won't work. The public is on to your game; it required years to get on, but the trick has been learned and school's out.—Greensboro Record.

## J. P. Morgan's Religion.

This paragraph in the will of the late J. P. Morgan was pronounced by the press "extraordinary." "I commit my soul into the hands of my saviour, in full confidence that having redeemed it and washed it in His most precious blood He will present it faultless before the throne of my Heavenly Father; and I entreat my children to maintain and defend, at all hazard and at any cost of personal sacrifice, the blessed doctrine of the complete atonement for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ, once offered, and through that alone."

It no doubt came as a surprise to many money-mad members of Wall street's circle who had come to fear Morgan's edicts. "But was it remarkable? Was it extraordinary? Certainly it throws a different light on the man."

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