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Owen and Curtis Enact Dramatic Scene.

IN STARTLING TONES

Senators from Oklahoma and Kansas, Both of Whom Have Indian Blood Engage in Acrimonious Controversy Over the Indian Bill—Nothing Like It

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—One of the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in the Senate was enacted today when Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, insisted in tragic tones and with face showing much emotion that the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians were dead and that he, as a member of the tribe of Cherokee Indians, was not under the control of the Secretary of the Interior. The event was rendered all the more interesting by the fact that Mr. Owen was sharply engaged in controversy by Senator Charles Curtis, of Kansas, himself a Kaw Indian. It was the first time that two men with Indian blood in their veins had ever locked horns as Senators in the Senate Chamber.

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Miss Nellie Fields Puts Ball in Her Brain.

FATHER IN ARKANSAS

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fields Becomes Despondent from a Long and Severe Attack of Grip—Sudden Mental Derangement—Mrs. Moseley's Sudden Death.

(Special to News and Observer.) Kinston, N. C., Feb. 27.—Miss Nellie Fields, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fields, committed suicide about 10 o'clock by shooting herself with a pistol, at her home on Peyton Avenue.

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Railways Say "Not Now Please," to Commission.

THE "NINE HOUR LAW"

Hearing Given Yesterday on Application of Railroads for Extension of Time Attended by Officials From All Parts of the Country.

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Official Estimate on Boston-Beaufort Waterway.

Figures Presented by Gen. Alex. Mackenzie to Congressional Conference—Attended by Hon. John H. Small.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The first definite information as to the cost of the proposed Atlantic Inland Waterways from Boston to Beaufort, N. C., was conveyed by General Alexander Mackenzie, United States of America, Chief of Engineers to the Congressional Sub-Committee which has been following up the work of the recent Philadelphia conference.

LECTURES IN NEW YORK.

Dr. J. C. Kilgo, the able president of Trinity College, has gone to New York, where tonight he was present at a banquet given by the North Carolina Society of New York and when he was one of the principal speakers of the evening.

LECTURE ON "PRINCIPLES."

Dr. S. B. Turentine, of Greensboro, delivered an address in the Trinity Y. M. C. A. hall this evening. His subject was "Principles." This was one of a series of lectures that were arranged for the spring term.

MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE INDICATED.

While the information given by General Mackenzie was necessarily not complete, it still would be very helpful in establishing surveys and methods of procedure.

It is expected, now that President Roosevelt has again drawn the attention of the country to the importance of deepening the rivers and harbors that the Atlantic situation will take on renewed vigor and that steps will soon be under way to increase the amount of work now being done on parts of the continuous chain.

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