

ORPHAN SHOOTS HIS BENEFACTOR

Youth Wounds Reidsville Woman Who Prevented Him Looting Safe

Reidsville, March 6.—Mrs. D. Ernest Purcell was shot and perhaps fatally wounded this morning at ten o'clock by Hilton Seares, a seventeen-year-old orphan boy who was making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Purcell about seven miles south west of Reidsville. Mrs. Purcell was carrying to a Greensboro hospital this afternoon.

Mrs. Purcell's husband was spending the day in Danville on business, and young Seares taking advantage of Mrs. Purcell's absence decided to rob the safe in the Purcell home. Entering the room he demanded of Mrs. Purcell to open the safe and upon her refusal the boy shot her with a revolver. The first bullet entered her right arm penetrating into her breast. Two other bullets entered the woman's back just left of the spine.

The Purcells are prominent and well known in this county. Last year Mr. Purcell operated an automobile business in Reidsville. The youthful desperado has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Purcell about a month. Seares was an inmate for a time at the Thomesville orphanage. Last year he was sent to the orphanage farm at Kennedy's home, near Hinton. Seares was dissatisfied with his surroundings there and ran away. A little later he was caught at Raleigh and turned over to the State Welfare Department.

About the first of December Welfare Superintendent J. H. Allen of Rockingham county was asked to take the boy in charge. Mr. Purcell asked Superintendent Allen to allow him to take charge of the boy. Seares seemed to be delighted with his new home and soon gained the full confidence of the Purcell family. He knew that Mr. Purcell kept money in the safe at home and the temptation to rob was too great for him to resist.

Seeing Mrs. Purcell seriously wounded he dropped the revolver, mounted one of Mr. Purcell's horses and left. A short distance down the road, an hour after the shooting occurred, the horse was found wandering in the woods without its rider.

Searching parties were formed and messages sent to nearby points notifying officers of the shooting.

Mrs. Purcell before her marriage was Miss Yvonne Troxler, daughter of Alex Troxler of near Benja. The boy has not yet been captured.

WILSON READY TO WELCOME OWLSLEY

Stores Will Be Closed So That All May Hear National Commander

Wilson, March 6.—At the request of George B. Warren, commander Robert B. Anderson Post, American Legion, the Wilson Merchants' Association will close their places of business on Wednesday between the hours of 10:45 a. m. and 12:45 p. m. in order that all may have the opportunity of hearing Hon. Alvin M. Owsley, National commander of the American Legion, who will deliver a public address in the Wilson theatre at 11 o'clock.

Plans have been completed for the routing welcome to be given Commander Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, on the occasion of his visit to Wilson Wednesday. Dr. Kate Barrett, national head of the Women's Auxiliary of the Legion, will also be in Wilson Wednesday and will share the honors with Commander Owsley. Both Dr. Barrett and Commander Owsley will speak at the Wilson theatre Wednesday morning, after which a luncheon will be served at the Cherry Hotel in honor of the distinguished guests. The Robert B. Anderson Post of the Legion has expressed appreciation for Mr. Owsley's kindness in allowing the Legion the use of the main dining room at the hotel for this event.

Local legion officials have already been notified that the Tarboro Legion Post will be represented here by twelve members, Greensville four, and Nashville one. Rocky Mount and several other points have not been heard from. All legion members and members of the War Mothers and Women's Auxiliary having tickets may attend the luncheon.

NEW WRINKLE IN AERIAL WARFARE

Launching and Landing Small Planes on Large Planes To Be Attempted

New York, March 6.—"The Leech," the newest idea in flying, will be tried soon by officers at Mitchell Field, Long Island, who look upon the experiment as one of the most hazardous undertakings upon which an airman ever embarked.

The tryout is to be made by Lieutenant Clyde V. Finter of Mitchell Field. Finter, Lawrence Sperry, the inventor, and officers of the field expect that their test will go far to disclose the feasibility of launching and landing small airplanes from and on carrier-than-air machines or dirigibles.

Lieutenant Finter will pilot the "Leech," a Sperry bi-plane weighing less than a half a ton and propelled by a special three-cylinder motor.

In an attempt to attach it while in flight to the underside of a DeHavilland four, Mr. Sperry's invention, a special grappling device will be used. If successful in attaching the "Leech" Lieutenant Finter will try to cast off.

If the experiment is successful post officers expect it to lead to developments which eventually will result in equipping every bombing plane with smaller planes of superior speed which, in warfare, can be employed as a protective weapon and for observation over a wide area with small chance of detection.

Comments to tell what they did with the people's money appropriated for this work," he declared.

The purchase by the government of nine nose bags for every mile in the United States army and the disappearance of those nosebags without trace, either of the bags or the proceeds from the sale of them, he also brought to the attention of his hearers in effective ridicule.

"What did they do with those nosebags?" he asked. "If they sold them, what in the name of high heaven did they do with the money? Nobody in Washington has been able to find out up until this good hour."

The appropriation of one billion and fifty million for the development of the airplane industry he offered in contrast with the statement of General Pershing in his final report that not a single bomb plane, scout plane, or fighting plane of American manufacture ever reached the American fighting forces.

"And yet," said Colonel Owsley, "I know of a case where a doughboy was tried, convicted and sentenced to three years of hard labor for stealing a can of beans."

"The time has come," he declared, "to demand an accounting."

Legion With France.
With that left the discussion of war graft to the present state of affairs in Europe, and particularly of the march of the French into the German territory.

"I want you to know that the American Legion stands with France," he declared and the audience gave him the greatest burst of applause received by a speaker last night.

"She's not without example set by her enemy either when she goes into the Franco-Prussian War and the occupation and seizure of not only Alsace and Lorraine but the stationing of German soldiery throughout France for the collection of tribute."

"I tell you," he declared, "France is going as the arbitrator of a contract and covenant made and entered into by the proper officials of the German government and signed by every nation except the United States in one treaty and the United States and Germany in another treaty."

Propaganda coming to this country through the efforts of German lecturers; German opera singers and even the feelers of the Crown Prince himself, put forward to determine whether or not he could come to America and tell the story of Germany's part in the war, he stressed mightily.

"The American Legion believes that the story of the war ought to be told by your own children first, and the time when the wounds of your children are still bleeding, and your hearts are still uneasy it is not the proper time for those who recently our enemies to come here discussing the problems of that war."

Dr. Barrett Speaks.
Dr. Kate Barrett, presented to the mass meeting by Mrs. James K. Nord, last night, told of the work of the Women's Auxiliary assuring the Legion of its willingness to do women's usual part, that which women are unwilling to do.

"There never was a time in history when the whole world was so lacking in leadership," she asserted and insisted that the leadership of the United States must come from the forces that fought the Great War.

The rise of his Mussolini forces in Italy she declared to be an indication of the rise of the world war forces.

The American Legion's capacity for leadership she found in the selective character of the fighting men, and their education to the importance of obedience.

"I want to tell you that obedience is the greatest need of the world today," she declared.

Commander Owsley, today, will go to Wilson where he will speak.

ORPHANAGE GIRLS WIN

Funeral of W. J. Brooks

Burlington, March 6.—The remains of William J. Brooks, who died in Raleigh yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock, were brought to this city last night and taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Tate. The funeral service was held at McCray this afternoon. Mr. Brooks was 90 years of age, and was a resident of Alamance county nearly all his life. He was a letter carrier for several years. Surviving are his sister, Mrs. J. W. Tate, and one brother, Dr. J. H. Brooks, of this city.

The girls' team of the Methodist Orphanage rallied sharply in the final minutes of play here yesterday to break a 17-17 tie and to defeat the girls' team from the Apex High School 21 to 17. The Orphanage had secured the lead in the first minutes of play and had held it until near the close of the contest when a sudden spurt on the part of the Apex girls shot them up even with the Orphans. Thomas and Nobilia were the stars of the Orphanage's sudden spurt to victory. It represented the second straight victory from the Apex team.

Flexible Tariff Causes Deadlock in Commission

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member and a supporter of the view that the law should be appraised on the basis of a scientific investigation of its actual results rather than to be allowed to continue as Congress enacted it, was declared to have indicated an intention to quit unless some progress can be made. He was represented, however, as having informed his colleagues that he would "go along" with them until Mr. Harding had had an opportunity to examine the record in the case.

Chairman Marvin is said to be on the other side of the controversy, holding that it would be extra-judicial for the commission to investigate on its own initiative and make recommendations to the President for changes in the rates fixed by Congress. Mr. Marvin also was declared to believe that the law, in effect now almost six months, should be thoroughly tried out and to be convinced that its defects will show in the form of applications for changes in the rates. He has told his associates that he is entirely willing to have the Attorney General give an interpretation of the law's provision concerning the commission's power in order that the commission may know definitely where it stands.

The last Congress is dead and there are no mourners," continued Commander Lockhart, as he characterized that body as "the greatest crowd of cake-eaters ever assembled to legislate."

"President Harding is doing the only thing he can do gracefully," declared the speaker. "He is taking a vacation."

Commander Lockhart also raked Oscar Underwood, potential candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, over the coals, and declared that on account of Underwood's opposition to measures for the good of the ex-service men, that he should have their undivided opposition as a Democratic candidate.

Paying a high tribute to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion, the speaker said, "It is impossible to maintain a live Post of the Legion without an auxiliary and it is impossible to maintain a dead Post with an auxiliary."

Among the members of the Auxiliary Posts who were present were: Miss Alice Gray, Commanded of the Winston-Salem Auxiliary Post, Mrs. J. K. Nordet, president of the North Carolina Auxiliary, Mrs. A. L. Fletcher, Mrs. C. A. Goney, and Mrs. I. T. Mann.

Following the meeting at the City Court room the post commanders adjourned to several different meetings among the different types of officers.

The dinner scheduled at the Yarnborough Hotel in honor of Col Owsley was not attended by the National Commander on account of the delay of his train on account of a wreck which blocked the track and forced a lengthy detour. Dr. Kate Barrett, National President of the Women's Auxiliary was present however, and the dinner presided over by Joseph Daniels, Jr., Commander of the Raleigh Post was a success without any speeches.

The following were present: Dr. Kate Barrett, National President Women's Auxiliary; James A. Lockhart, State Commander; E. E. Denny, State Adjutant; Chiles P. Plimmer, National Vice-Commander; Mrs. J. K. Nordet, President North Carolina Auxiliary; Mrs. Burt, Past President North Carolina Auxiliary; Col. Gregory, Commander S. A. T. U. at State College; Mrs. Gregory; Miss Alice Gray, Past Commander North Carolina Auxiliary. Capt. and Mrs. Bouineau, Capt. Benjamin, John Boushall, Edgar M. Brockwell, F. L. Brockwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edie K. Burgess, W. F. Charles, Col. and Mrs. Albert Cox, Joseph Daniels, Jr., Miss Mary E. Dodson, Capt. and Mrs. A. J. Fletcher, Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Gossney, Mr. Hackney, Col. Harrison, Mrs. Logan Harris, Pete Harris, William Heller, Paul Hulfsah, E. B. Irwin, Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Linberger, Bryce Little, Mr. Logan, Dr. John McKee, Hunt Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Procter, Mrs. H. M. Ray, Mrs. John E. Ray, Dr. Salido, J. M. Stalon, Charles A. Slocum, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Smith, Dan Terry, J. F. Walters, D. E. White, Frank Willis, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Williams, V. L. Williams, Dr. Charles Woodard, Lewis Woodson, L. R. Williamson, A. D. Odum, John M. Ogleby, James M. Caldwell, Robert Keane, Rev. J. A. Ellis, C. Hornard, H. J. Stephens, Jr., Frank D. Grist, and W. A. Vincent.

Raleigh Selected By Rotarians For Assembly in 1924

Quantity of liquor is under the new law, prima facie evidence of purpose of sale.

lege quartette, composed of Miss Frances White of Scotland Neck; Miss Pauline Patton of Morganton; Miss Lillian Rouse, of Winstonsville; Miss Josephine Cox, of Asheville, and Miss Ruth Goldsmith, accompanist, of Southern Pines.

These young ladies responded to several queries and they were the recipients of the most generous applause. At the afternoon session of the conference there were brief talks on "Fellowship," participated in by H. Douglas Fuller, of Winstonsville, W. S. Copeland, of Newport News; John Weymouth, of Hampton, Va.; Walter Shepherd, of Farmville, N. C., and A. L. Chandler, of Fredericksburg, Va.

On public affairs by Charles Catlett, of Staunton, Va.; George Comer, of Henderson, N. C.; Herbert McK. Smith, of Staunton, Va.; Allen Estbridge, of Jocassee, Va.; Graham Clayton, of Roanoke, Va.; C. E. Casik, of Lynchburg, Va.

On "Boys' Work," E. W. Reed, of Corning and Hot Springs, Va.; Park Alexander, of Durham, N. C.; Frank Evans, of Norfolk; June H. Rose, of Greenville, N. C., and Charles W. Johnson, of Portsmouth, Va.

Tonight there was a "Sing" in the auditorium of the high school led by John Park, of Raleigh. The sing

was followed by a reception at the Petersburg Country Club to Ray and Mrs. Havens, and Roger and Mrs. Moore, followed by the annual conference ball.

Here is the clause on possession that the Supreme Court will be asked to pass on:

Section 10. From and after the ratification of this act, the possession of liquor by any person not lawfully permitted under this act to possess liquor, shall be prima facie evidence that such liquor is kept for the purpose of being sold, bartered, exchanged, given away, furnished, or otherwise disposed of in violation of the provisions of this act. But it shall not be unlawful to possess liquor in one's private dwelling unless the same is occupied and used by him, or his dwelling used by him therein.

The attention of the General Assembly was called to the situation in the new prohibition law by Solicitor W. F. Evans, of the Seventh district, Monday night, and an amendment providing that the act should not apply to pending causes was introduced and passed through the Senate. Over in the House the amendment was presented by Mr. Turlington, and after a brief discussion, in which Mr. Turlington declared that he was uncertain as to its necessity, Mr. Moore moved to table.

Some lawyers declare that the General Assembly has passed a general pardoning bill under which every man charged with violation of the liquor laws before March 1 who had not been tried, is now declared a free man. It is claimed that there is no law under which he can be tried.

Supreme Court Must Pass On Turlington Liquor Measure

History of Bill.

The Turlington measure was first introduced as a measure to substitute the Volstead law for all the liquor laws in North Carolina, but was later re-drafted to exclude the distribution of liquor by licensed druggists on physicians' prescription. Opposition was based on the provisions of the bill that many members claimed gave the right of search without warrant. Proponents of the bill declared that it required no amendment.

After a hard fight, Representative Bowie succeeded in forcing through a provision that definitely set up the requirement that a search warrant must be had before any search could be made of a man's automobile. The proponents of the bill, with that concession, rejected all other amendments, and it was not amended any more, not even yesterday when its proponents requested an amendment.

RECORD IN BRIEF OF 1923 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

sanity grounds for divorce. Killed in House.

Proposal to tax and regulate public motor bus and motor truck lines. Killed in Senate.

Proposal to reduce age of juvenile criminals from 16 to 14 years. Senate amendment killed in House.

Proposal to abolish flogging of prisoners. Killed in Senate.

Legion Commander Scores Conduct Veterans' Bureau

Planes that were fought for in that struggle, he maintained, stressing the duty of the Legion and asking for consideration for the organization in its effort.

The speaker announced that he was going to speak frankly, and he did. When the hospitalization program was undertaken two years ago, he declared, the program was for hospitals for the incapacitated service men. At this date there has been completed only one of those hospitals while more than four thousand disabled veterans are in insane asylums. He told of a visit to President Harding, of the first question: "What are you going to do about it?" and of the president's assurance that he would give his own personal attention to the program.

"It's high time that every person gave his attention to the solution of this great problem in America now," he declared.

"I want you to know," he continued, "that the American Legion was not consulted about the appointment of the director of the Veterans' Bureau. The service men were not consulted. President Harding chose General Hines. I accept the appointment. Our position is not only one of watchful waiting but of resignation, hope and expectancy."

Wants Investigation.
He made it clear that the American Legion stands for an investigation of the Veterans Bureau from top to bottom, in order that the agency of the government created for the relief of the disabled veterans of the war may function as the American people have a right to demand it to function.

The statement of Mr. Forbes that there has been too much politics in the selection of men to work in the Veterans Bureau he scored heavily.

"The politicians who undertake to hand out political patronage in that bureau, the man who puts politics over efficiency in that bureau is the most un-American demagogue who ever held public office in this nation," he declared, giving full warning that the American Legion is on the watch and expects to stay on the watch.

"Until we go to the source of our troubles in Washington, things will not be running as they should," he stated.

Suggestions that the American Legion is preparing to make a raid on the United States Treasury also came in for sharp rebuffs from the Legion's Commander.

Hits Secretary Mellon.
He took that President Harding is receiving some of the most dangerous advice when he listens to the words of the distinguished Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew Mellon," he said, referring to the collection of dedications in income taxes from Mellon and his brother, and charging that the Secretary of the Treasury gave so on to the war and himself stayed thousands of miles away while he made money on war contracts.

The war time contracts themselves came in for sharp analysis. Out of the 150,000 contracts which were in force at the end of their war, an examination of 17,000 the Commander stated, resulted in the bringing back to the United States treasury forty seven million dollars that had been overpaid and wrongfully received.

Sugar Sold and Bought.
When sugar was selling for 30 to 35 cents a pound to American housewives he charged, the American government had in storehouses a hundred million pounds, which were sold to friendly interests for 15-4 cents per pound, and then, when it was discovered that the government had not reserved enough for the needs of the soldiers and sailors in the service, was bought back without ever having been moved from the warehouse floors, for 25 cents a pound.

Sixteen contractments built at a cost ranging from one and a half to eleven and a half million dollars gave an opportunity, the Commander charged, for the misuses of millions of dollars.

"Today warrants are being issued in a Western State for eight men in the United States who were concerned in the construction of these con-

SAYS E. Y. CLARKE IS NOT WITH K. K. K. NOW

Atlanta, March 6.—H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, today issued a signed statement declaring "Edward Young Clark no longer has any official connection with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. He ceased to function as head of the former propagation department when under the authority vested in me as Imperial Wizard, I cancelled the contract under which Mr. Clark was operating."

U. S. SHIPS CARRYING 63 PCT. OF COTTON

Washington, March 6.—American flag vessels carried 63 per cent of the cotton shipped from Gulf ports during February, a higher percentage than ever before, it was announced today by W. B. Keane, director of traffic of the United States Shipping Board.

GALLOWAY "HOLD OUT"

Greenfield, S. C., March 6.—Charles E. ("Chick") Galloway, of Abbeville, South Carolina, one of the leading sportsmen in the American league, has returned his contract unsigned to the Philadelphia Athletics. It was learned here today, Galloway is asking for an increase in salary.

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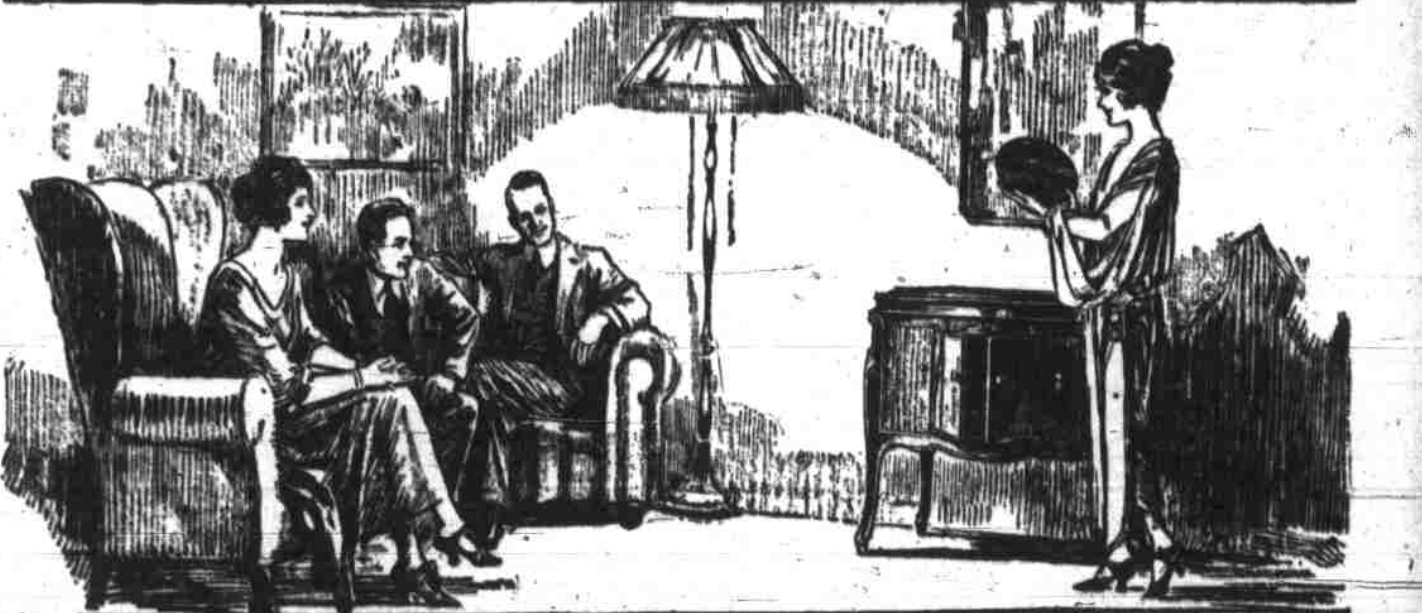
Raleigh, N. C., March 6, 1923. North Carolina—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; cooler Wednesday.

TEMPERATURE
Highest temperature..... 53
Lowest temperature..... 45
Mean temperature..... 49
Amount for the day..... 0
Average daily excess since January First..... 1.4

PRECIPITATION (in inches)
Amount for the 24 hours ending at 8 p. m. this date..... 0.30
Total for the month to date..... 0.47
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