

FAIR TONIGHT. PROBABLY LIGHT FROST IN INTERIOR. SATURDAY FAIR.

NATION-WIDE STUDY OF THE RURAL CREDIT

Agricultural Finance is to Be Studied Abroad Immediately.

LETTERS ARE NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED

Each State is Expected to Bear the Expenses of the Delegates.

Special to the Daily News. Washington, D. C., April 19.—The Southern Commercial Congress, through its president, Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, began today the distribution of letters to agricultural leaders and thinkers regarding a nation-wide study of European systems of co-operative rural credit. This action arises from the meeting of the directors of the Southern Commercial Congress in Nashville, last week when they unanimously voted to act on the recommendations of the Conference on Rural Finance held in Nashville April 1st to 4th under the auspices of the Southern Commercial Congress, and with the co-operation of David Lubin, American Delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

The conference recommended that the Southern Commercial Congress take immediate steps to bring together a select commission of two thinking men of practical agricultural experience of each state of the union; this commission to leave New York June 15 in order to make the tour of Europe studying European co-operative rural finance between that date and September 15. The commission as proposed would first meet in Rome with the International Institute of Agriculture, and then travel through Italy, France, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Netherlands, England and Ireland.

After the commission is formed it will organize under its own by-laws and thus become national. The Southern Commercial Congress only appearing in preliminary arrangements. The agricultural forces of each state will be expected to bear the expense of their delegates and the joint expense of stenographers, interpreters and expert assistants.

The reason for the large size of the proposed commission is that owing to the differing agricultural conditions found throughout the United States leading men from each state may, by the study European methods, and see how best to adapt them to local needs. An additional reason for the large commission is that when the journey is completed there will be two men in each state who have had personal touch with methods of modern rural co-operative finance as a means of strengthening rural life in the United States.

Herbert Marick, president of the Orange Judd Company has already guaranteed the participation of New York and Massachusetts. At least twelve other states, including Pennsylvania and Minnesota, can be depended upon to act immediately. The directors of the Southern Commercial Congress, will in the Southern States act as the nucleus of a committee with each state to produce immediate action.

BAND PLAYS AS TITANIC DISAPPEARS

Thrilling Stories Are Related By the Surviving Passengers.

745 ARE SAVED FROM THE SHIP

The Greatest Tragedy in the Maritime History of the World.

New York, April 19.—The Cunard liner Carpathia arrived here last night, with the first news direct from the great White Star liner Titanic, which sank off the New Foundland coast early Monday morning. The ship went down with band playing according to report, taking with her all but 745 of her human cargo of 2,200 souls. Thrilling stories of the greatest human tragedy in the maritime history of the world is related by the survivors.

Special Arrangements for Landing. New York, April 19.—Special arrangements have been made to care for the survivors when the Carpathia docks. Custom regulations will be suspended. Police reserves will be stationed about the Cunard Pier. Only friends and relatives of survivors with proper credentials, will be permitted on the pier. A score or more wealthy society women have organized a relief committee to aid the steerage survivors.

Carpathia Home's Answer Calls. Washington, April 19.—The navy department, this morning gave out a dispatch sent by United States Steamship Seism at eight o'clock corroborating numerous dispatches declaring the Carpathia has persistently declined to answer any messages of inquiry, although she sometimes acknowledges calls. The messages follow: "United States Steamship Salem, 8 a. m. Can you get me information from Carpathia, of any kind. Although she is within easy range of communication she sometimes acknowledges calls but will not admit receipt of messages of make reply. Cannot believe she has failed to understand messages I have sent. She is within easy range of torpedo station (Newport, R. I.) So Salem will sail for Bradford (naval coaling station) this afternoon."

To Secure Witnesses. Washington, D. C., April 19.—The task of investigating the Titanic disaster, was begun by the senate committee. The committee appointed a sub-committee of seven, headed by Senator Smith, of Michigan, to take testimony. Smith will propose to New York, accompanied by the senate agent, to procure witnesses to attend immediate hearings. J. Bruce Ismay will be among the first asked to testify.

SCHOONER VARINA

The schooner Varina, Captain Thad Brown in command arrived in port last night from Swan Quarter laden with general cargo.



WASHINGTON VS. GREENVILLE THIS EVENING

Joint Debate to be Had in Greenville. Baseball This Afternoon.

Washington and Greenville are to try conclusions on the ball field this afternoon and in joint debate tonight. This afternoon at 4 o'clock in Greenville the High School team of this city and the team from the High School in this town will cross bats and a great exciting contest is anticipated. Washington so far has downed all opponents.

This evening in the Public School auditorium in Greenville there will be a joint debate between the Washington High School. The query is: Resolved that the United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people. Washington will discuss the negative side. The debaters for Washington High School are: Enoch Simmons and Thomas Sparrow. Superintendent, N. C. Newbold accompanied the baseball team and the debaters. This afternoon several of the teachers in the public schools here left for Greenville to be present at the joint debate tonight.

EXTRA BILL AT THE LYRIC FOR TONIGHT

The Amateurs Are to Take Part in Program. Special Feature Promised.

The amateurs again go to the post this evening at the Lyric, and from all indications it will be one of the strongest bills of the season.

The artists scheduled for tonight range from the Kindergarten to the oldest professional here, and some of the best and funniest acts will be presented.

\$10 in prizes will be given to the winners of three and this is a great inducement for the amateurs to arrive for.

The manager has arranged for tonight with this extra bill a special feature program, and those who like comedy and good pictures will find tonight's program to be one of the best.

CHOIR PRACTICE

All the members of the First Methodist Church choir are requested to meet at the church this evening at 8 o'clock for the usual practice.

MISS WHITNEY ENTERTAINS HER S. S. CLASS

Biblical Contest Feature. and Miss Edna Willis Was Awarded Prize.

St. Peter's Sunday School on last evening entertained Miss Josephine Whitney's class at the home of Miss Whitney on East Main Street.

During the year which closed on Easter Sunday the school gave stars each Sunday to the class having the best attendance. Miss Whitney's class won the contest, having forty-seven stars to its credit. A Biblical contest was the feature of the evening. Those having all the questions correct were: William Blount, Samuel Blount, Sybilla Griffin and Edna Willis.

After the cutting for the prize Miss Edna Willis was the successful contestant, and was awarded the prize. Ice cream and cake were served. Those present were: William A. Blount, Samuel Blount, Carmer Cordon, J. K. Hoyt Jr., Charles Hoyt, Edmund Hoyt Jr., Sybilla Griffin, Marjorie Hoyt, Isabella Warren, Athalia Taylor, Edna Willis, Lenora Blount and Mr. E. K. Willis Jr.

W. J. Floyd Brought Back To Serve Term on Roads

Sheriff George E. Ricks arrived in the city this morning on the 2:20 Norfolk Southern train from Lynchburg, Va., bringing with him William J. Floyd, wanted in this county for escaping from the county chain gang in February last.

As set in the Daily News, Floyd was located at Lynchburg, arrested there and the authorities here notified. Sheriff Ricks left here last Friday for Raleigh where he procured the proper papers from Governor Kitchin and then proceeded to Richmond hoping to have them honored by Governor Mann. Upon his arrival in Richmond he found that the governor of Virginia had received notice from Lynchburg through Floyd's attorney to hold up the honoring of the papers as he desired a hearing.

This was accorded. The hearing took place last Monday and the governor decided that the regulation papers were not in proper form so Sheriff Ricks had to return to Raleigh and have same properly made out. The second hearing occurred Wednesday morning. Among the grounds for Floyd's refusal to return to this state was that he was not wanted in Beaufort county. After

the governor of Virginia had honored the papers and Floyd saw there was no hope he submitted to the inevitable and returned without protest. Floyd stated that he was so sorry that he ever left the chain gang and that when he escaped he did so without the aid of any one and no one connected with chain gang is to blame.

The Daily News of Lynchburg has the following to say: The requisition of the Governor of North Carolina has been honored by Governor Mann for W. J. Floyd, who is wanted in Beaufort county, of that state, on the charge of having escaped from the chain gang. The man was arrested here several days ago and held pending the action of the Tar Heel authorities.

Sheriff George E. Ricks, of Beaufort county, reached the city last evening with the requisition papers and left this morning at 8:15 o'clock with his prisoner, who will have to serve at least four months for the freedom which he enjoyed, and which in North Carolina is a misdemeanor. Floyd jumped the chain gang early in February and has been at large ever since. He was pointed out to the police of this city as a man wanted by the North Carolina authorities, but was arrested on the technical charge of being drunk, the prisoner at the time the arrest was made being slightly under the influence of liquor.

10,000 PEOPLE TREATED FOR THE HOOKWORM

In the State of North Carolina During the Past Three Months.

WORK NOW IN PROGRESS IN SEVERAL SECTIONS

Several Counties Are on the Waiting List for Dispensaries.

During the first three months of 1912, in spite of the terribly cold weather, ten thousand sufferers in the state from hookworm disease have been treated. Then thousand North Carolinians have already during the present year been improved in health, made more comfortable, happier and better fitted to become producers. All of them received free treatment in the county dispensaries. They represent men, women, and especially children of the following counties: Johnston, Craven, Carteret, New Hanover, Beaufort, Bertie, Edgecombe, Chowan, Gates and Martin.

The County Dispensaries for Free Examination and treatment of hookworm disease are now in progress in the counties of Wake, Greene, Edgecombe and Martin Counties.

The counties have been so enthused about the hookworm dispensaries that the Hookworm Commission, Raleigh, N. C., usually has a number of counties on the waiting list. Among those which have already made the provisions to have the dispensaries are Duplin, Vance, Person, Nash, Wilkes, and Richmond.

Dr. George F. Leonard will enter the hookworm campaign in North Carolina May 1. He is a graduate of the State University, and has been in the service of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service for five

FOR A WORLD CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

The First General Christian Congress by the Laymen Opened Today.

THIS IS A CLIMAX OF THE CAMPAIGN

The Sessions in New York Will Continue For the Whole Week.

Special to the Daily News. New York, April 19.—What is to be the first really national general Christian congress ever by the laymen of America was today opened in this city today and will continue for one week. The congress is the climax of the nine months' campaign of the Men and Religion Forward Movement that has swept over the United States and Canada. Reports of the campaign from every section will be a leading feature of the gathering.

The general session of the congress are to be held in Carnegie Hall, with auxiliary meetings in neighboring churches. The program calls for the presentation and discussion of carefully prepared reports on "Immigration," "The Negro Problem," "The Church and the Newspaper," "The Boy Problem," "Christian Unity," "The Rural Church," "Bible Study," "Evangelism," and "The Unsolved Problems of the Christianization of the World."

President Taft, Ambassador Bryce and William J. Bryan have accepted invitations to address the congress. A great parade of delegates, augmented by special delegations from New York and neighboring cities, is to be held tomorrow afternoon. The men's parade will be followed by one of the older boys.

REV. ROBERT H. HOPE HOME FROM VISIT

Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Christian Church, this city, returned home last evening from a month's visit to Excelsior Springs, Mo., and Kansas City. While absent Mr. Hope also attended the Sunday School of Methods held in Canton, Ohio. Mr. Hope enjoyed his leave of absence immensely. He will fill his regular pulpit at the Christian Church next Sunday morning and evening. During his absence from the city his pulpit has been acceptably filled by theological students of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C.

THE PRESCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY

The closing exercises of the Prescott Public Schools takes place today at the school building at Prescott, this county. The annual address to the school is to be made by Mr. Joseph F. Tayloe of this city. A very attractive program has been arranged for the occasion and a most pleasant and profitable day is looked for.

PRAYER MEETING

The Nicholsonville Prayermeeting will be conducted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Lewis on Market Street this evening at 8 o'clock, by Rev. R. H. Broom, pastor of the First M. E. Church. A full attendance is desired.

PATRIOTS' DAY OBSERVED IN NEW ENGLAND

Special to the Daily News. Boston, Mass., April 19.—Patriots' Day, in commemoration of the battle of Lexington and the beginning of the American Revolution, was generally celebrated throughout this section today. In Boston the day was observed by a general suspension of business. The annual Marathon run and other sporting fixtures marked the popular celebration of the day.

Term Expired Last Night; Arrested Again To-day

Alfred Jones colored, was arrested at the Haynes Oil Mill this morning by Deputy Sheriff Richard Adams for having and his name will be heard before Recorder Grimes tomorrow. The arrest of Jones is the sequence of a most interesting story.

Jones was sentenced on the county roads for a term of two years for breaking into the store of Mr. Simon Leggett at Latham's Cross, Beaufort. He was to work on the county roads while Mr. John Hill was superintendent. He had not been on the road but a short while before he escaped.

Later he was apprehended in Washington county for entering a store and was sentenced in a term of two years on the roads in this county. Last night Jones' term of

sentence expired and today he was to have gone on his way a free man but during the night he decided to appropriate to his own use goods and wearing apparel for his own in the camp.

It is the custom of the superintendent of the county chain gang, Mr. Henry Hodges to require the signing of convicts when they begin their sentence and substitute a signature in the camp. Inasmuch as Jones had done when he could not sign he was signed when his term ended so Mr. Hodges decided to let him out of the county and told him to remain in camp until this morning, get his breakfast and a lunch. Jones complied with the order, the only thing of the night he decided to take

The great Mississippi River, which is causing such damage this spring is certainly true to a name applied to it by the Indians, "an almost endless river spread out."