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Governor Calls For Continued Progress, Lauds Achievements

SPEAKS UPON THE STATE'S RECORD AND OPPORTUNITY

Morrison Addresses the Graduating Class at Cullowhee Normal.

GOVERNMENT UPON MODERN IDEA BEST

Great Governmental Agencies Yield Vast Return to People of State.

WESTER, May 8.—Speaking on the affairs of modern, progressive government before the graduating class of the Cullowhee Normal school at its 33rd annual closing exercises here today, Governor Morrison declared that "the world is run upon such a small overhead cost, and no other state government in the union is conducted at such a small overhead or administration expense as the state government of North Carolina."

"A modern government organized to do something for the people more than to prevent them from robbing and killing each other will require a greater investment than the old government performing only the duties of the judge, the sheriff and the coroner, and an intelligent citizen understands that the taxes paid for such a government are the best investment he makes, and will return a greater yield in the end than he can make individually for them."

His address in part was as follows: "North Carolina must continue to progress."

"We must not only progress, but we must do so at an ever-increasing rate of speed. Difficulties overcome being taken into account, our progress for a quarter of a century makes a splendid story, and yet our national resources considered, North Carolina ought to be ashamed that we are not a richer and more efficient people than we are. Our natural resources and advantages compare most favorably with any state in the world, and, if we had, even 50 years ago, commenced to educate all the people of the state and to make them efficient in industry, we would easily have been many times stronger and richer than we are."

"The course of North Carolina through the ages has been its unwillingness to spend money in necessary development of the natural resources of the state, and in the education of the people. For many decades we were 'heavers of wood and drawers of water' for the better trained and more efficient sections of our own country and of the world. We have in the recent past made notable progress, past history considered, but we are far from performing now the proper functions and duties of a state. The true way to reduce taxation is to educate, not only culturally, but technically, the youth of the state and make them more efficient in industry and varied in capacity to create wealth. It is that there will be no one to bear the burden; to take care of our defective and unfortunate in order that there will be fewer defectives and unfortunate to take care of; to guard through governmental action the health of the people of the state; to enforce the law and in every proper way discountenance vice and prevent crime."

"We must have a modern and up-to-date government, not only doing the old-fashioned, primary ones which realize that the beneficence of government is as truly expressed through the school house as the court house, and which has intelligence and health officer and the farm demonstrator as of equal dignity and importance with the sheriff, aff and policeman. A modern government organized to do something for the people more than to prevent them from robbing and killing each other will require a greater investment than the old government performing only the duties of the judge, the sheriff and the coroner, and an intelligent citizen understands that the taxes paid for such a government are the best investment he makes, and will return a greater yield, if not for himself, certainly for his children, than any he can make individually for them."

"I am ashamed to say that North Carolina is more economical in the things we do collectively than we are in the things we do as individuals. If we practiced a small part of the economy in our individual and private lives that we intend to make in our state, we would pay our taxes and yet soon possess very great accumulations. We can never get ready to make true progress until we cease to think of taxation in the old way as a mere contribution to a few officers who did little else than keep order and protect us from robbery and other crimes. We must realize that taxation in the town, county and state largely goes to the education of our children, the protection of our health, the building of our roads, the improvement of agriculture and other business, and the doing of things which are for the benefit of the state as a whole."

U. S. Would Agree To Commission On Mexican Problems

Some Suggest International Commission to Study Issues Involved

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Appointment of an international commission to consider all the issues involved in American recognition of the Obregon government in Mexico has been suggested in some official quarters as a solution of the continued failure of the United States government and Mexico City authorities to agree on a recognition program.

Although the United States will insist that a positive guarantee against confiscatory provisions of the Mexican constitution of 1917 must precede recognition, it is intimated today that a commission to continue the negotiations would be agreed to here if it were suggested formally by General Obregon. No such request has yet been received.

BRITISH EMBASSY IS INVESTIGATING KIDNAPPING CASE

Withhold Action Regarding Charges Against Their Countryman.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—British embassy officials indicated tonight that any action on the embassy may take in connection with the kidnapping charges of Alexander Robertson, British war veteran, would depend on the information received tomorrow from Robertson who plans to come here and say before the embassy the whole matter arising out of so he charges his affection for Miss Mary Culbertson, 21 year old daughter of Senator Culbertson of Texas.

Officials at the embassy were plainly inclined to suspend judgment until after they had heard Robertson. Senator Culbertson, who is in the city, said that he would not be in the city until the day continued the silence in the matter since the matter has been in the public eye. He refused to see newspaper men in connection with the case. Mr. Culbertson was said by friends of the family to be nearly prostrate at 520 North street. Miss Culbertson could not be found in Washington and at Eglon Arms, the fashionable finishing school where she has been a student for some time ago.

Robertson's charges that the detectives who attempted to get him out of the country represented themselves as justice brought this statement during the day from William J. Burns, chief of the department's bureau of investigation. "If this is found to be the case would be a great relief to me," he said, "and we can learn this is not the case."

The charges made by Robertson also brought a statement from G. Anderson in charge of the Washington office of the W. J. Burns detective agency. Mr. Anderson said operatives of the agency had been employed to shadow the British war veteran but would not say who they were shadowing. He denied the kidnapping charges and declared there was no truth in Robertson's declaration that the detectives had instigated a move to send the Britisher to Alcatraz.

"As a matter of fact the proposition emanated from Robertson himself," said Anderson. "He said he wanted a chance to make good his case in the United States and America who could help him. He selected London as the port of embarkation as it was from that place that the first ship would sail to bring him to this destination."

"Since the case has been between Bloomfield, N. J., where Robertson was staying with his aunt at Newark, to make arrangements. On Friday night, April 21, while awaiting the midnight train for Boston, Robertson and his aunt were left alone in the dining room of the Robert Treat hotel for more than an hour. It is during this time I understand that his claims he was being kidnapped. If he was to get out of the hotel he had to go as to call for it from the many diners at tables thereabouts. The ship was to sail from Boston, Saturday, April 22. Robertson, John P. Ellis, the detective whose arrest on the kidnapping charge was caused by Robertson, and the other operative were in Boston from Saturday, April 22, to Monday night, April 24. Then having heard of the visit of Mrs. Andrews, the aunt of Robertson, to Washington, he needed the case and broke off arrangements. Ellis and the other operative accompanied Robertson to New York where he was conducted by Receiver R. E. Quinn Tamm and left him."

"On Tuesday, April 25, Ellis resigned from this office. His resignation was entirely because of his own personal reasons and nothing that grew out of this case caused it. A few days later the other operative resigned from this office because he was outside of our jurisdiction. We were out of the case. If he saw fit to make any arrangements for any other party on his own initiative or to return to New Jersey it was none of our business. That's as far as we know anything about the case."

EVERY PERSON HAS SCHEME FOR FREE RIDE TO CONGRESS

Again Seeks Mandamus to Compel Listing of Stocks for Tax.

SAME ALLEGATION AS PREVIOUS ONE

State Revenue Commission to Appear May 22 and Reply to Person.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Capitalization of a fanatical but catchy idea of a "free ride to congress," was the characterization placed today on Colonel Willie M. Person's formal application for a writ of mandamus to compel the listing of stocks for taxation by the state revenue commission.

After arranging a bond of \$200 to insure the revenue commission against loss in the event of a decision adverse to the complainant, the opponent in the fourth district of Congressman Ed Pou late Saturday afternoon filed his complaint before Judge Kerr at Laurinburg and summons subsequently was issued and served today, citing the commission to appear before Judge Calvert in chambers here May 22 and show cause why a peremptory mandamus should not be granted compelling the listing for taxation of all stocks, capital, common and preferred.

Colonel Person sought a writ several days ago from Judge DeWitt in Wake superior court, but his allegation that legislative enactments governing the existing principles of taxation are unconstitutional was not sufficient to induce his honor.

The same allegation is contained in the complaint filed before Judge Kerr, which is brought by Colonel Person "for himself, for the tax payers of Franklin county and the state of North Carolina."

The complaint, scarcely created a ripple of excitement among interested state officials today, they consider his movement so feeble and unreasonable despite Chief Justice Clark's frequent advocacy of the scheme in times past, as to make it undeserving of official cognizance beyond the bare necessity for defense before the courts.

Mr. Maxwell, who some months ago fought a heated newspaper war with Chief Justice Clark on this subject, insisted that the legislation governing taxation is sound and safe, in keeping with constitutional requirements and as modern as the tax laws of any state in the union.

The property of the corporations is taxed under existing laws, and to tax the stocks, which merely represent the corporation's property would be double taxation, easily detectable, and therefore not contended. Preferred stocks are taken care of in the excess profits taxes, so that the "billion dollars of stock" which Colonel Person would collect under his mandamus, are already heavily taxed.

Although it is generally recognized here that the fourth district congressional candidate's latest "anti-tax move" is a political one, considerable public interest is expected to be attracted because of Chief Justice Clark's commentary on the subject in his concurring opinion in the court's decision as to an income tax for the judiciary and because of the indirect advocacy of the principle in the farmer-labor questionnaire recently signed by him.

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Posse Is Searching For Addon's Slayer Near Washington

Member of Tobacco Company Is Killed In His Office After Argument

WASHINGTON, N. C., May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—A. A. Addon of the Hughes-Tobacco company, was shot and killed in his office today and a posse of citizens with shot guns is searching the countryside for Tommie Gibbs, a negro who was employed by the company and who is believed to have done the shooting after an argument with Addon.

A child who was in Addon's office at the time of the shooting told the police he was shot when he saw a man named Tommie Gibbs, a negro, who was employed by the company and who is believed to have done the shooting after an argument with Addon.

NEW BREAKS ON LEVEE FLOODING LOUISIANA TOWN

Seventy Thousand Made Homeless by Floods Along Mississippi.

NATCHEZ, Miss., May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The levee protecting the old portion of Jonesville, La., about two-thirds of the town, broke today. The new section outside the levee was already flooded. The water is reported to be from two to four feet deep in the street of the town. Jonesville is in Catahoula parish on Black river and has a population of about 1,500.

Following the crevasse in the Mississippi levee above Ferriday, La., a hard fight was made at Jonesville to build up the private levee protecting the main portion of the town ahead of the rising waters which have been coming up at the rate of four inches a day.

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ELIMINATE ONE CONFERENCE AND CREATE NEW ONE

General Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church in Decision.

SMALLER STANDING ARMY IS FAVORED

Want Chaplains Given Equal Basis With All Army Officers.

HOOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 8.—One annual conference was eliminated and a new one created in the far western by the action of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in session here today. The state of Arizona was created into district conference and the Los Angeles district of what was formerly the Los Angeles conference, was made a part of the Pacific conference.

This is the second piece of important legislation enacted by the general conference, the first being the admission of the president of the women's missionary society to membership in a local quarterly conference.

One of the most heated debates of the entire conference was witnessed on the floor today on the report of the revisal committee.

The fight on behalf of the progressives was led by Dr. E. P. Hancock, of the East Oklahoma conference, while Rev. W. W. Scott, of the North Alabama conference, represented the conservatives and Weaver Wilcox, now secretary of the Alcohol Educational association, Mr. Hobson desired to present the conference with copies of his book on "Alcohol and the Human Race," the conference voted an acceptance of 490 copies.

One of the resolutions of the day was recorded as presented by the war work commission, which memorialized congress to put chaplains on an equality with all other officers in the matter of commissions and retiring allowances.

The Mississippi river is still on stand here at a stage of 53 feet. The gap in the levee caused by the crevasse has not widened to any great extent for several days and the swiftness of the current going through has greatly decreased.

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Defeated Troops Of General Chang In China Completely Out Of Control In Retreat

TIEN-TSIN, May 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The war between the forces of General Chang Tso-Lin is over as far as Tien-Tsin is concerned. The last organized body of Chang's troops, the second cavalry division, surrendered and gave up its arms eight miles from Tien-Tsin early Monday morning. The defeated men were given new clothing and \$5 each. They also were allowed to retain their horses and were provided transportation to their homes.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Scenes of complete rout among the defeated troops of General Chang in China were described in a report today to the state department from American Minister Schurman at Peking. He declared that up to yesterday 21 trains packed with retreating troops had passed through Tien-Tsin and that railroad traffic in that section had been greatly congested because of the effort of the defeated forces to escape.

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LOW GEORGE IS ALMOST ALONE IN OPTIMISTIC VIEW

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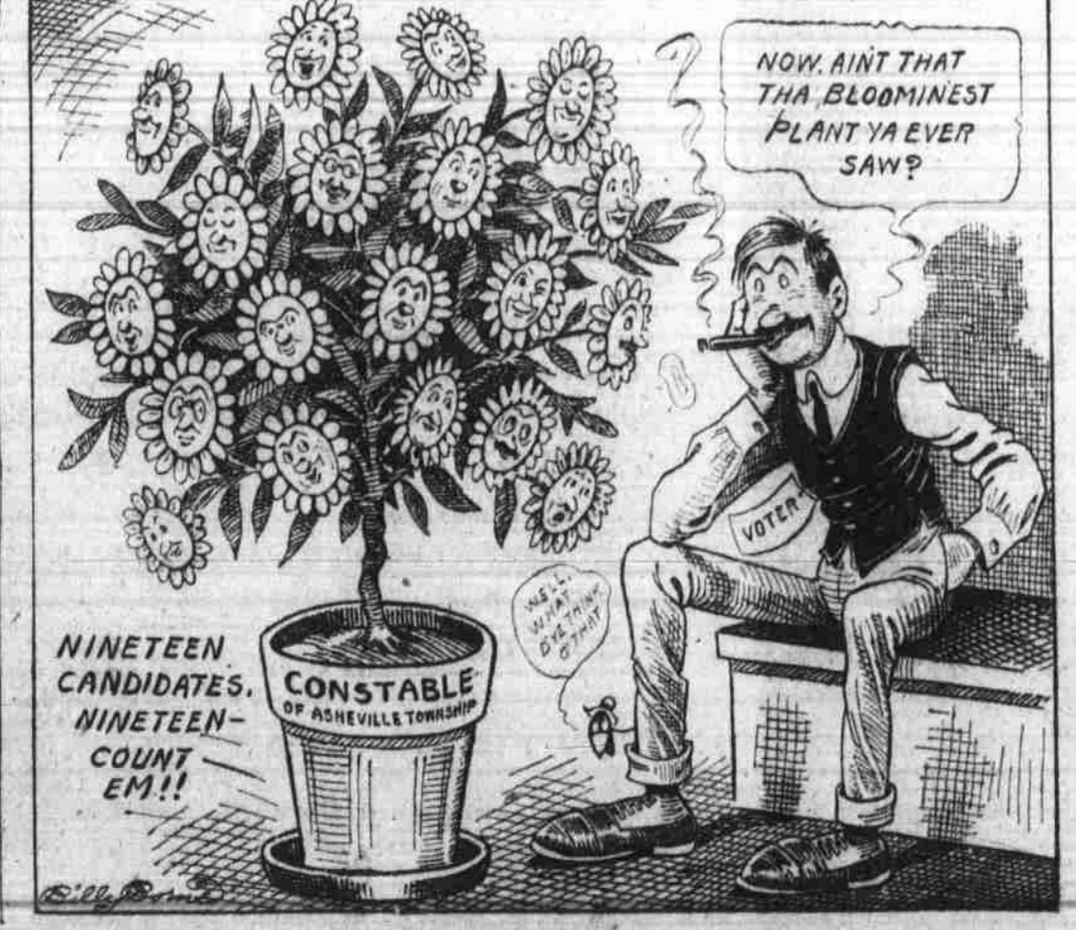
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THE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING, TRAIL

By BILLY BORNE



FIRST BAPTIST TO ERECT SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

Four-Story Structure on Spruce Street Will Cost \$40,000.

A four-story Sunday school building, costing around \$40,000, will be erected by officials of the First Baptist church, at the rear of the church building where the Sunday school rooms are now located. It was stated last night the building will have an entrance from Spruce street and will be a part of the building program recently outlined by officials, calling for a new Sunday school and church building.

The board of deacons, in session last night, appointed a special committee to have charge of arranging plans for the new structure and as soon as these plans are completed, it is stated a call meeting of the board of deacons will be held and bids for the building will probably be called for.

Members of the special committee are: C. S. Davis, W. O. Ridgick, John Parker, R. J. Lewis, H. Grice, George Brown and Weaver Wilcox. The interior of the building will be of brick, with class room accommodations for at least 1,000 students. The present enrollment being in excess of 1,000. It was recently announced that the majority of the former Mark Brown home on Spruce street, the Norwood Park property being considered too far from the church.

SEALED VERDICT IN ORANGEBURG CASE ASSOCIATES LAUD 'UNCLE JOE' CANNON

AUGUSTA, Ga., May 8.—Information received here early this morning was to the effect that the jury in the case of Jesse Shuler charged with soliciting and urging on others to assault and battery and attempt to rob and now on trial at Orangeburg, S. C., had returned for the verdict and would deliver a sealed verdict this morning, according to instructions from the judge.

The other day men in the case were sentenced to prison yesterday afternoon for their activities in the holding up of the E. L. Bull of Orangeburg, and the attack upon him after they had engaged him to drive the trio on April 5 to a nearby town. The men were Edward Coy and John Robinson. Coy was sentenced to six year and Robinson to nine. The former was from Pennsylvania and the latter a native of Minnesota.

BROTHERS GIVEN PRISON SENTENCE

STATESBORO, N. C., May 8.—Sudroy and Gary Rowe, brothers, and W. R. Lewis charged with murder of Watson Allen, a Jenkins county farmer, entered pleas of guilty at 11 o'clock before a jury in the Superior court here today. They were sentenced to serve from one to two years in the state penitentiary.

Rosee Chance, son of R. F. Chance who was convicted here last week, was sentenced to the state penitentiary for a term of one year. The Chance, Rowe and Lewis are alleged to have gone to the Allen home on Wednesday day to kill him because of him issuing orders for them to keep off his land.

HOLD CONFERENCE ON WATER POWER HERE ON JUNE 20

Colonel Pratt Expects at Least Two Members of Cabinet.

The dates for the Southern Water Power conference have been decided on as June 20-21-22, and the place will be Asheville, as the information given the Asheville Chamber of Commerce last night by the Honorable Premier Lloyd George and director of the North Carolina Geological and Economic survey.

This conference, plans for which were announced some time ago exclusively in The Citizen, is regarded by Colonel Pratt as one of the most important ever held in North Carolina, since it will have a definite bearing upon the development of water resources of the whole state. It is not to be a convention he points out, but purely a conference by invitation, although the meetings will be open to the invited visitors.

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GRAVE STATEMENTS WERE MADE, STEED MAINTAINS

LONDON, May 8.—Henry Wickham Steed, the Times' representative at Genoa, says he is entirely satisfied that the British government will deny to Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, of the grave statements he made to M. Barthou Saturday.

"It may be a matter of form," said Steed. "There is not so much as to be surprised that the statement by Mr. Barthou in French papers that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Barthou came near the breaking point Saturday, and that the British prime minister had virtually announced that the entente was finished, and that France and England must go their separate ways."

Mr. Lloyd George declared that the difference between him and M. Barthou was no serious one, and that the entente was not in danger. He said that the stenographic record of their conversation did not disclose any such statements as attributed to him.

BRITISH VISITORS TO VISIT COUNTRY

LYNCHBURG, Va., May 8.—Lord and Lady Astor left this morning for Warren from whence they will go to Greensfield, the Albemarle county home of Colonel W. H. Langhorne, for a visit. From there they will go to Mirador, the same county, for a brief stay at the old Langhorne home there, and then go on to Chesapeake where Lady Astor is scheduled to make an address late this week.

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