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To Build Impounding Reservoir To Give City Water Supply

OFFICIALS ACT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF GROWING CITY

Reserve on Bee Tree Water Shed to Cost Not Over Half Million.

WORK OF CLEARING SITE BEGINS SOON

Present Conditions Make Commissioner's Action Necessary.

Work of clearing the site for the proposed impounding reservoir on Bee Tree watershed will be started as soon as the present dry season is over, probably during the month of November, R. J. Sherrill, Commissioner of Public Works, stated to a representative of The Citizen, following the passage of the City Commissioners of a resolution authorizing the construction of an impounding reservoir at a cost not to exceed $500,000, yesterday morning.

Commissioner Sherrill introduced the resolution at the morning session of the Board of City Commissioners and it was unanimously adopted, authorizing the project and preliminary proceedings to the issuance of $500,000 water bonds, to be dated April 1, 1923.

Funds necessary to carry on the preliminary work will be taken from one of the bond funds of the city, which can not be used until Spring, and the funds replaced upon sale of the water bonds.

F. L. Conder, Secretary-Treasurer of the city of Asheville, is now preparing the necessary ordinances to authorize the issuance of the water bonds to finance the building of the reservoir and the ordinance will probably be placed before the Board of City Commissioners during the coming week.

S. G. Bernard appeared before the Commissioners and protested against the building of the impounding reservoir, calling attention to the present overflow at North Fork, and recommended that this supply be utilized to its fullest extent.

Wide Interest In Ample Water Spply.

Following publication in The Citizen Thursday morning of the true status of the water supply in Asheville, also an editorial urging that a remedy be provided, which was followed with word Friday morning that the resolution would be introduced by Commissioner Sherrill, wide interest was evidenced throughout the city in a program for providing the city of Asheville with an ample water supply.

Commissioner Sherrill introduced the following resolution, addressed to the "Honorable Mayor and Board of City Commissioners of the City of Asheville."

"The present shortage in the water supply of the city, demonstrating clearly the fact that it is imperative for immediate steps to be taken to supplement, in some manner, our water supply, and Mr. C. E. Waddell, an engineer of recognized ability, after an exhaustive study, having recommended that an impounding basin be constructed on the Bee Tree watershed in order that the city might receive the full capacity of the Bee Tree water line during all seasons of the year; the said line at the present time delivering about one-third capacity, said impounding basin to cost, according to Mr. Waddell's estimate, not exceeding $500,000, I respectively recommend:

"First, that all preliminary proceedings, looking to the issuance of $500,000 water bonds, to be dated April 1, 1923, be perfected.

"Second, that the Department of Public Works be authorized to immediately employ a force of men to clear off the site of the proposed impounding basin and do other work preliminary to the actual construction of the necessary dam.

"Third, that the funds necessary to carry on this preliminary work be taken from one of the other bond funds of the city, the proceeds of which cannot be used for the purpose of which said proceeds were appropriated before next Spring, the said funds so used to be replaced out of the proceeds of said water bonds when same are disposed of.

"Fourth, that plans and specifications covering the proposed impounding dam be immediately prepared and that the purchasing agent be authorized, as soon as plans are completed, to advertise for bids for the constuction of said dam; the work to be started as soon as the site has been cleared and all preliminary work performed.

"I make this recommendation, feeling that it is absolutely necessary if we are to avoid a reoccurrence of the present water shortage and supply the citizens of Asheville with an adequate supply of water that we take action at once."

W. P. G. HARDING MAY NOT GET THE RE-NOMINATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—While it was said at the White House today there had been "no developments in the Federal Reserve Board situation" and that President Harding had made no pledge to nominate or not to nominate any one as governor of the board, some administration leaders in Congress who discussed the case with the chief executive said their understanding that he was not disposed to renominate W. P. G. Harding to the position.

Governor Harding's term expired last month and his annual

Congressman Free Killed In Accident; Secretary Is Hurt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Representative Arthur M. Free, of California was injured tonight and his secretary, L. C. Freeman was killed, when the automobile in which they were riding, with a party of friends, went over an embankment at Savage Mills, Md., near Laurel.

Mr. Free was taken to the Maryland general hospital in Baltimore where it was said his injuries might prove fatal. Other members of the party included M. A. and W. S. Dennis, California, both of whom were slightly injured.

ASK CHARTER FOR CORPORATION TO BUILD HOTEL HERE

Permanent Organization to Follow Receipt of the Charter.

Incorporation papers for the proposed million dollar hotel to be erected on Haywood Street by the Citizens Hotel Corporation of Asheville, will be mailed to Raleigh today, by Junius G. Adams, who was authorized by the incorporators to proceed with this detail of the organization, following a meeting at the National Bank of Commerce, yesterday morning.

The incorporators who have already arranged to become stockholders, the majority being present at the meeting yesterday, are as follows: J. E. Rankin, Junius G. Adams, Canie N. Brown, P. M. Burdette, H. D. Miles, M. V. Moore, Archibald Nichols, S. Sternberg, Julian A. Woodcock, C. N. Malone, S. M. Carlberg, W. Floyd Byram, Julius C. Martin, Dr. J. A. Sinclair, W. M. Redwood, Dr. P. R. Moale, Charles A. Webb, Mark W. Brown and J. G. Stikeleather.

The State and City Bank and Trust Company, of Richmond, who recently had a representative, Tristram T. Hyde, Jr., in Asheville, has agreed to loan $400,000 to the Corporation, at six per cent interest in the nature of a first mortgage for a period of 15 years.

Herbert D. Miles has been named as Chairman of the Corporation, until a permanent organization is formed, after the papers of incorporation are received from Raleigh, which will probably be during next week.

Expect No Trouble in Selling Stock.

Stock will be sold at $100 per share and it is believed that little trouble will be experienced in raising the quota for the erection of the million dollar hotel.

The hotel will have 200 rooms, located on the Briggs property, commanding a sweeping view of the city from the upper floors and at the same time in the heart of the business district.

It is planned to have the new hotel ready early in 1924, as it is believed not practical to start before early in the Spring of 1923, and at least nine months will be required to complete the building.

The plan is to lease the hotel to some well known hotel expert and it is believed that an operating company will be formed by the lessee to furnish and operate the properly.

A meeting with hotel lessees interested in the Asheville hotel will probably be held as soon as the papers are received from Raleigh.

Plans of architecture and construction will also follow as details to be handled in the near future.

With the nation-wide strike practically settled and business ready to resume normal operation, following the interruption, it is believed that the new commercial hotel for Asheville is about to become a reality.

ASKS FOR PLANE.

(Special Correspondence, The Asheville Citizen)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—W. W. Neal, of Marion, who was here today, asked Senator Simmons to request a plane from Camp Bragg for the McDowell County Fair at Marion, October 10 to 15.

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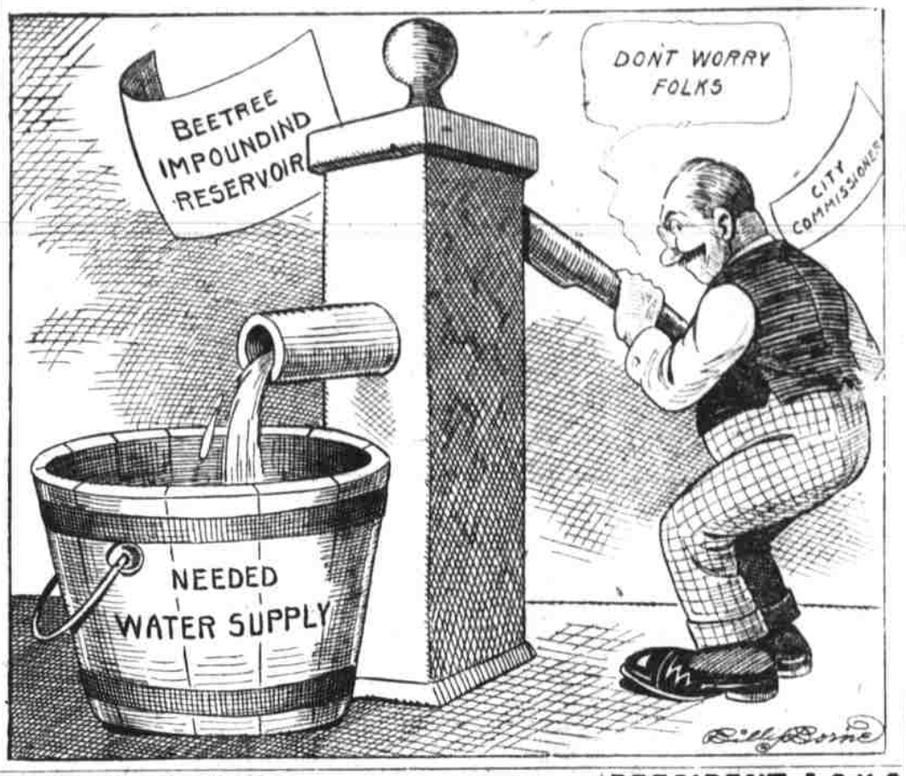

WIDER BUILDING LINES URGED FOR BILTMORE AVENUE

City Planning Commission Is Organized Under Legal Authority.

Recommendation that the building line for Biltmore Avenue between Pack Square and the Coca-Cola plant should be placed so as to give a thoroughfare 70 feet wide came as the first official act of the Asheville City Planning Commission which yesterday for the first time was legally organized under the authority given by the State Legislature in December, 1921.

George Stephens was elected Chairman of the Commission* A. G. Barnett, Vice-Chairman; and Frank L. Conder, Secretary, when several members of the Commission gathered Friday afternoon for official organization following action earlier in the day when the City Board of Commissioners passed a resolution creating the Planning Commission and naming the members as the Mayor, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Barnett for a period of two years, and D. Hiden Ramsey and Harry L. Parker for a period of one year.

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Ramsey, decision to recommend a new building line on Biltmore Avenue was brought to a vote. The Commission also recommended that the City Engineer be authorized to furnish a plat of Biltmore Avenue from th Coca-Cola plant, Southward, to the City limits with a view to further widening recommendations which will be made by the Commission.

That Biltmore Avenue, a main artery of trade and travel, should be greatly widened and should at least be uniform in width rather than as at present, was the unanimous opinion of the Commission members. A plat prepared by the City Engineer was shown by Commissioner R. J. Sherrill, of the Department of Public Works, who pointed out that at present the Avenue is but 29.65 feet wide at the Pack Square termination, and varies greatly as it reaches Southward to 35.75 feet at the intersection of Eagle Street and increasing to 44.6 feet between the curbs opposite the Coca-Cola plant. Beyond this it narrows again to 30 feet between curbs.

The recommendation for the 70 foot building line from this point to Pack Square is merely in anticipation of further action looking to recommendation of a similar building line throughout the length of the Avenue.

During the discussions it was pointed out that E. D. Latta, who is planning business buildings on the Avenue near Sycamore Street and who is now having ancient buildings removed preparatory to erecting new stores, has offered to allow the City to take sufficient frontage on his property to make widening possible, provided other property owners will do likewise.

The resolution authorizing the formation of the Commission as passed by the Board of Commissioners yesterday, follows:

"Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners do hereby create a Board to be known as the City Planning Commission of the City of Asheville, North Carolina, which Board shall consist of five members and said City Planning Commission is hereby authorized and fully empowered to perform all of the duties and functions of a City Planning Commission as defined in an act of the General Assembly more specifically set forth in the caption hereof.

"Section 2. That the members of said City Planning Commission shall consist of the Chief Executive Officer of Asheville, viz., the Mayor, Commissioner of Public Accountants and Finances, and George S. Stephens and A. G. Barnett, who shall serve for a period of two years and D. Hiden Ramsey and Harry L. Parker, who shall serve for a period of one year.

"Section 3. All vacancies and new appointments to the City Planning Commission shall be made by the governing body of the City of Asheville, as provided in the act of General Assembly, hereinbefore mentioned."

PERSHING UNABLE TO BE PRESENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 22.—Senator Overman, for the Old Hickory and Wild Cat Veterans Association of North Carolina has been informed by General Pershing that a previous engagement will make it impossible for him to attend the celebration of the completion of the Old Hickory and Wild Cat Highways, which have been joined at Asheville. Maj. General C. J. Bailey, however, has consented to go.

An examination for forest ranger will be held at Asheville and Franklin October 24.

EPISCOPALIANS REFUSE WOMEN AS LAY LEADERS

House of Deputies Picks Members as Council Is Completed.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 22.—The national council of the Protestant Episcopal Church was completed today with election by the House of Deputies on its quota of members and ratification by that house of the members chosen earlier by the House of Bishops.

The members elected by the deputies were: Rev. Dr. James E. Freeman, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, Boston; Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, of Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. Dr. E. M. Stires, of New York; Stephen Baker, New York; John Stewart Bryan, Richmond, Va.; Burton Mansfield, New Haven, Conn.; Samuel Mather, Cleveland Ohio; Phillip Parker, Brookline, Mass.; George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia; Harper Bley, Rochester, N. Y.; H. C. Wyckoff, Watsonville, Calif.

The House of Bishops elected member of the national council as follows: Bishop W. C. Brown, of Virginia; Bishop E. T. Lines, of Newark; Bishop W. T. Manning, of New York and Bishop Coadjutor, T. I. Reese of Southern Ohio.

Election of the Rev. W. B. Roberts, of Dallas, South Dakota, as suffragan bishop of South Dakota, also was ratified by the deputies.

Resolutions adopted by the House of Bishops, defining the stand of the church on relations of capital and labor and world peace were adopted by the deputies.

The convention voted an appropriation not to exceed $5,000 to aid the Christian church organization in China.

That sick and wounded ex-service men should receive "every fair and equitable treatment" and that clergymen should do everything possible for them was declared in other resolutions adopted by both houses.

Resolutions thanking the press of the country for full and accurate reports of the proceedings of the convention were adopted by both houses.

Hopes of women for legislation at the convention giving them greater recognition by the church's work were dashed by the action of the House of Bishops today in failing to concur in the action of the deputies in an amendment to a canon which would make possible the licensing of women as lay readers.

Some consolation was held out to the women by the bishops in

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action of the house of deputies at the general convention here.

The bishops' action authorizes clergy and lay members, who believe they possess powers of healing, to prepare themselves "by care and prayer and theological and medical study for their proper and safe exercise."

Provisions is made that where-

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PRESIDENT ASKS HELP OF ROADS IN COAL EMERGENCY

Name Spens Fuel Distributor Under New Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The entire operating personnel of the railways of the country was called upon today by President Harding for a "concentrated drive" for 30 days to provide the transportation facilities necessary to meet the national coal emergency.

In a letter to Conrad E. Spens, vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, who was named today as Federal Fuel Distributor under the new coal distribution and anti-profiteering act, the President declared if the enthusiastic attention of the railroads could be stimulated for a month on the movement of coal and handling of empties "we would solve the coal situation, not only as to ample supply, but prices would be quickly readjusted."

The president suggested that Mr. Spens take up with the Governors of the various States the question of prevention of extortion as the new act is limited to coal moving in interstate commerce only.

"The Federal government," the President said, "is loath to undertake to fix definite prices for coal because of the objectionable character of such intervention in peace times, because of the difficulty in arriving at fair prices without giving undue favor to some and loss to others and also because of the incompleteness of an authority which is only supplementary to State action. On the other hand, I wish you to set up such agencies as will vigorously follow up individual using facilities of interstate commerce who are exacting extortion, as defined in the act, in order that we may have relief from such practices at the earliest moment.

APPOINTMENT CARRIES BROAD AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Conrad E. Spens, vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, today was appointed Federal Fuel Distributor under the new coal distribution and anti-profiteering act.

Selection of the Burlington official for the new post, which carries with it broad authority to devise plans for movement of coal shipments, was announced at the White House shortly after President Harding had affixed his signature to the coal distribution and anti-profiteering bill and to the separate emergency measure for a fact-finding coal commission. Mr. Spens is understood to have been recommended by Secretary Hoover with whom he was associated in the war-time food administrations.

"It is felt by the administration that the coal problem is a problem of transportation rather than production and for the reason especially requires transportation ex-

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Allies Tentatively Agree To Return Constantinople And Other Points To Turkey

Congressmen Released For Their Fall Campaigns Expect Extra Session By November 15

Dyer Anti-Lynching and Liberian Loan Bills Awaits Next Session.

VIEWS ON RECORD OF CONGRESS VARY

Out of 3,498 Bills There Are 300 Laws Enacted by the House.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Congress adjourned sine die today with leaders generally expecting a call from President Harding for a special session November 15 preceding the regular December session.

The President was in attendance today for a few minutes before the final gavel dropped, to sign the usual sheaf of eleventh hour bills. The only important measure to get through on the last day was the deficiency appropriation bill, the Administration Liberian loan bill and the Dyer anti-lynching measure going over until the next session.

Lacking in the adjournment today were many of the popular features often attending the death of a congressional session. The gallery crowds were small and undemonstrative and there were few floor wrangles. After disposing of the deficiency appropriation bill, the Senate passed a number of minor measures and listened to a few set speeches while House members made one minute addresses mostly for publication during the next few days in the Congressional Record and heard Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, defend Attorney-General Daugherty and criticise Republicans for alleged neglect in that respect.

Speaker Gillett after a brief speech wishing all members Godspeed and good luck, banged the adjournment gavel promptly at 2 o'clock. The Senate adjourned two minutes later, having to stop the clock briefly while necessary bills were signed for submission to President Harding waiting in his room off the Senate chamber.

Congressmen Released For Fall Campaigns.

A few political speeches marked the closing hours of the session—the second of the 67th Congress. Representative Mondell, Republican leader in the House, and Senator Smoot, in the Senate, praised the dominant party's record, which was attacked in brief speeches by Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, and McKellar, of Tennessee, Democrats. Leaders and rank and file now "go to the country" on the record, entering a Fall campaign. Trains and automobiles leaving Washington tonight carried scores of Congressmen released for the campaign.

Statistical sharks were tonight calculating the work of the session, prominent of which was the enactment of the tariff law and passage of the soldier bonus bill with its death after the President's veto.

About 300 laws were said to have been enacted out of 3,498 bills, and 358 resolutions introduced in the House and 1,249 bills and about 280 resolutions in the Senate. Appropriations of the session aggregated over $2,250,000,000 and with authorizations $3,761,917,000 was made available for the Government's fiscal year needs. About 900 nominations were sent to the Senate by President Harding which were confirmed with but few exceptions.

Opposite Opinions On the Record.

Opinions as opposite as the poles regarding the record of the 67th Congress were expressed tonight in formal statements by the National Chairmen of the two great political parties.

Speaking for the Republican organization, Chairman John T. Adams declared that "no Congress in time of peace ever made such a splendid record" while on the Democratic side Chairman Cordell Hull asserted that "no other Congress ever so signally failed to grasp the great opportunities or to meet important responsibilities."

The budget law, reduction of taxes, the peace settlement, the tariff, the veterans bureau act and agricultural and public roads reforms were among the legislative land marks enumerated by Mr. Adams as indicating the "constructive" pathway followed by

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Abrupt Breakdown In The Soviet And Jap Negotiations

CHANG CHUN, Manchuria, Sept. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—An abrupt breakdown is imminent in the negotiations now going on here between Japan, the Moscow Soviet Government and the Far Eastern Republic of Siberia, owing to the Russian demand that Japan immediately evacuate the Northern half of the Island of Sakhalien. Both delegations, while awaiting final instructions from their Governments announced today that they were prepared to depart.

SOUTHERN BIBLE INSTITUTE PLANS TO MOVE TO CITY

Founder Would Erect the Necessary Buildings With Assistance.

In addition to the other many good things that are coming Asheville's way, the City may become permanent home of the Southern Bible Institute for preachers, ministerial students, missionaries and Bible school teachers.

If such a plan now in negotiation becomes effective, Asheville will number among its permanent population Rev. Dr. John W. Tyndall, the world's foremost Bible scholar. Rev. Dr. Tyndall is President and founder of the Southern Bible Institute. It is said that he has completely memorized the New Testament and can recite the entire chapter of any part of the Old or New Testament, if given the first verse.

During the Summer months, from June to September, Rev. Dr. Tyndall conducted a Summer course of the Southern Bible Institute at Black Mountain where students were in attendance from more than 22 States and some foreign countries, and many local Bible school teachers took advantage of the Summer course. While summering at Black Mountain he became interested in the healthfulness and progress of Western North Carolina. Sites were offered him and inducements given to have him make several mountain communities his permanent location, but through the presentation of Asheville's superior advantages by Rev. Dr. Arthur Talmage Abernethy, former Pastor of the First Christian Church, and now Pastor of the Community Church of Asheville, Rev. Dr. Tyndall, who is a minister in the Christian church and a native of North Carolina, was persuaded to come to Asheville and look over the situation here. A splendid location in the heart of the City and containing several acres of land suitable for dormitories, has been tentativey selected, and arrangements will in all probability be made to bring this great institution here, in time to begin operations next Summer.

"It greatly depends on the attitude of Asheville public-spirited Christians," said Rev. Dr. Arthur Talmage Abernethy yesterday. "I went to interview Rev. Dr. Tyndall, who is a personal friend of mine, as soon as I heard that he contemplated locating in this section, and he seemed impressed with the idea. I found him already contemplating the purchase of a mammoth Summer hotel property in an adjoining State and the townspeople had made him specific inducements to locate his institute there. I urged him to come to Asheville before making his final decision and he met me in the City Thursday and we went over several sites. He finally said that if Asheville people were interested enough to co-operate in sufficient contributions to equip the buildings which he has in view here, he would be glad to locate here. Several thousand dollars

APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN MEANS END NEAR EAST CRISIS

Guns May Speak Before Negotiations End—Demands Action.

POINCARE FAVORS KEMALIST DEMAND

English Labor Party Is Opposing War to Aid Greek Ambitions.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—(By The Associated Press.) — Limited assurances involving the return of Constantinople, Eastern Thrace and Adrianople to Turkey, were tentatively agreed upon today at a meeting of the conference of Allied representatives and will be formally considered by the French and British cabinets tomorrow.

Approval of these conditions of peace would mean a definite end to the Near East crisis and it is hoped, would remove the possibility of a clash between the British and the Turkish Nationalists. To meet the insistence of the British that no claims of the Angora government should be accepted in advance of a peace conference, today's plan would be subject to further discussions and approval by a full peace conference.

M. Poincare favored out and out approval of all the Kemalist demands, but it is realized in French government circles that the best that can be hoped for is limited acceptance by Great Britain.

NEUTRALIZATION OF STRAITS IS DEMANDED

LONDON, Sept. 22. — (By The Associated Press.)—The question of peace or war in the Near East seems to turn tonight first upon whether the question of the future status of Thrace can be kept separate and distinct from the question of neutrality and freedom of the Dardanelles and second, whether the guns begin to speak before the negotiations between the Allied representatives in Paris have ended.

While there is not the slightest diminution in the announced determination of the British government to uphold the neutrality of the Straits of the Dardanelles, a very significent semi-official statement issued this evening seems to indicate some modifications of the British policy and its attitude toward Greece in Thrace, which it may be assumed is the outcome of the Paris negotiations in which Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary participated.

This statement declared Great Britain was seeking nothing for herself, but that she would insist on the neutralization of the Dardanelles and free passage of the waterway under the League of Nations or some other international organization. All other questions were secondary.

The negotiations in Paris have not yet been completed, but according to advises received tonight from the French capital, Premier Poincare is hopeful that by tomorrow a formula will be found acceptable to all parties and which will enable the Allies to send a collective note to the Turks suggesting a conference to arrange a peace between the Turks and the Greeks.

One of the strongest charges made against Premier Lloyd George's Near Eastern policy, especially by the Labor Party, has been its pro-Greek character. The Labor Party announced that it was unwilling to engage the nation in a war for the fulfilment of Greek ambitions. It has been commented upon as strange that after the premier's conference with the labor leaders on Wednesday no report of the speeches made were published by either side to the conference.

Concession Made To Labor Party.

This silence, especially on the part of the Laborites, was considered in some quarters to indicate that some explanation or concession to the viewpoint of labor was made by the premier.

According to Constantinople ad-

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Fifty Children In Lobby of Theatre In Pittsburgh Drop Into Basement as Floor Gives Way; Number Injured

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22.—(By The Associated Press.) — Fifty chattering school children, most of them less than 12 years old, were massed in the lobby of the Strand, a new motion picture theatre in the East Liberty district late today, awaiting admission to a free show when the concrete floor cracked from end to end and dropped the little ones into the basement.

The body of eight-year-old Madaline Kunkle, dressed in holiday garb, was removed from the debris. The injured, 38 children and the theatre proprietor, were placed on cots in a nearby hospital at approximately the minute the performance should have started.

Sol Selznick, theatre owner, who fell with his guests, and four of the children were in a serious condition tonight. A dozen boys and girls were unconscious when they were dug from the powdery mass of stone and cement. Some were bleeding profusely. Others, vaguely realizing what had happened, whimpered and cried for their parents.

Physicians at the Pittsburgh hospital rendered first aid to the injured before the institution was reached by a score of hysterical mothers. Victims, who escaped grave injuries were permitted to go home.

City officials began an investigation as soon as the injured were removed.

The crash and cries of the frightened youngsters were heard two blocks away. Policemen and civilians who made the first rescues said some of the children were buried "three deep."

Robert L. Cochran, city superintendent of building inspection, after a minute examination of the theatre flooring tonight, reported the floor was not properly constructed and that several of the timber-supports were rotten.

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...permanent presence in our City of the foremost Bible scholar of the world today. Rev. Dr. Tyndall's knowledge of the Book of Books is little short of miraculous.

"If I shall have been instrumental in bringing this great scholar to our City, I shall have been able to do the City of my adoption a lasting good," Rev. Dr. Abernethy said.

TWO FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULTING NEGRO

ELIZABETH CITY, Sept. 22.—Police Officer George Twiddy, of this city, and Ralph Cuthrell, of Camden, were found guilty by a Superior Court jury tonight of assault with a deadly weapon on David Overton, 16-year-old negro, who it was charged they arrested April 2, without warrant and who was found four days later with a bullet wound in the back. Three other defendants alleged to have been in Twiddy's posse were found not guilty.

WE HAVE WITH US TODAY

H. T. PROSSER

"Asheville and the whole of Western North Carolina is the garden spot of the world and both scenery, climate and business conditions serve to make it an ideal section," H. T. Prosser, of Hamlet, stated to a representative of The Citizen yesterday.

Mr. Prosser who is spending a few days in the city is a former land appraiser for the Farm Loan Board and has always been interested in agricultural developments of the South, having also been connected with the Seaboard Air Line Railway as Agricultural and Industrial Agent.

As organizer of the Hamlet Chamber of Commerce he has been interested in this department of promoting the welfare of his native city and served as Director of Agricultural Affairs.

Mr. Prosser is one one of the few Consulting Agriculturists in the country and is the organizer and promoter of the Sandhills Peach Show, serving as Managing Director in 1921 and 1922. He is an excellent speaker and is well known through the constructive merits of publicity issued in connection with the organizations in which he is interested.