

UNION OF CHURCHES NOW BEING PLANNED

Reuniting of the Methodist Churches, After Separation of 79 Years, is Now Approaching Reality.

Cincinnati, Jan. 19.—Reuniting of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, separated 79 years ago upon grounds of slavery, approached reality today with the committee of representatives to consider statements of two bodies and to lay down the basis of a contract on which reunion could be accomplished. This contract followed a proposal by representatives of the northern body, and a unanimous statement of the Southern body presented at a joint session of the committee of ten will be presented to the joint commission this afternoon.

Members of the commission expressed hope that the committee would report a plan of union to be presented to the Methodist Episcopal Church conference, and to the Southern church at a special conference called before the general conference which does not meet until next year. An agreement would result in the presentation of the third plan to the general conference, the first having been proposed 16 years ago and the second plan was rejected some years ago.

Referendum Now Taking Place

Washington, Jan. 19 (Capital News Service).—A special committee, appointed by the United States Chamber of Commerce to examine into the Federal Government's participation in education has reported. A brief of the majority and minority reports has been called by the Washington office of the chamber as a referendum, with a view to individual and associate members of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, with the request that they place the question before their organizations to ascertain their views on three questions: (1) Do you favor the creation of a Federal Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet? (2) Do you favor enlarging the present Bureau of Education? (3) Do you favor the principal of Federal aid to the education in the states on the basis of the states appropriating sums equal to those given by the Federal Government?

The special committee consisted of eight members. The majority report, which is opposed by a minority report of two and one member of the committee, submitted a separate memorandum, signing neither majority nor minority report. The scope of the referendum with the text of the two reports are available to interested inquirers, from the number of Commerce of the United States, Washington, D. C. The final voting must be done by February 9th, after which the results will be collated and made available to the public through a bulletin.

Wedding Banquet With Their Brides

Washington, Jan. 19.—Two brides of 1922, respectively, sat beside their husbands at the annual Confederate veterans banquet held here today as a memorial to General Robert E. Lee. They were Mrs. Richard Reeves, who was married four weeks ago, and her sister, Mrs. J. T. Hancock, whose matrimonial ventures came ten days later. Mr. Reeves is 81 and Mr. Hancock 84. Both took part in the Civil War as members of a North Carolina infantry regiment.

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WORK OF STATE LEGISLATURE

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—(By the Associated Press).—Measures to restrict the sale of drugs, medicines and poisons, and to prohibit the use of public garages as residences, and a new solicitor's salary bill were introduced in the Senate today. Other legislation put under way of statewide significance would regulate the storage and transportation of gasoline and oils where they are not controlled now, and provide for the erection of buildings now needed at the state prison farm.

A memorial from the Washington, North Carolina chamber of commerce addressed to the Senate and House of Representatives and read in both bodies declared it was the sense of that organization, expressed in a public meeting, that the ship line bill submitted to the General Assembly at the request of Governor Cameron Morrison, should be defeated. The memorial stated that the Washington Chamber of Commerce regarded the proposition as impracticable, a "violation of the American idea" of government in its approach to "paternalism," and that the stand the chamber of commerce understood that the senators of its district, Harry Stubbs and Johnston, and Representative L. C. Warren, were taking against the bill was commendable.

The drug bill, introduced in the Senate by Senator DeLaney, of Mecklenburg County, is a measure emanating from the State Pharmaceutical Association, the Senator stated, and he described it as "less drastic" in its provisions than the first bill drawn. The measure would prohibit the sale of drugs by general stores.

The new solicitor's salary bill was presented by Senators Woodson and Varner. It would fix the salary of a solicitor at \$4,000 a year, with allowances for actual hotel and traveling expenses while on duty with the criminal courts, and make the payment of the salaries out of the state treasury. The bill goes to the committee for consideration along with that introduced yesterday fixing a salary minimum of \$3,600, with the allowances up to a maximum of \$5,000, and a further allowance of \$50 monthly for expenses.

By a resolution introduced in both houses, the General Assembly expressed appreciation for the life and character of General Robert E. Lee, and adjourned in honor of his memory.

The only new bills of importance introduced in the House were presented by Representative Turlington, of Iredell County. One would propose a constitutional amendment to provide that by vote of the people the General Assembly be empowered to enact laws which would permit garnishment of not more than 10 per cent. of the salary of workers for the payment of a debt.

Raleigh, Jan. 20 (By the Associated Press).—Increase of the judicial districts of North Carolina to 27, is the purpose of a bill introduced today in the Senate by Senators DeLaney, Stubbs, Grady, Squires, Varner and Sams. Favorable committee report on the bill which would establish a pardons board and take the pardoning power out of the hands of the Governor was made at today's session.

The judicial redistricting bill provides for 27 districts instead of the 20 of the present, and the preparation of two supplementary measures waiting on the passage of this bill, according to the sponsors of it. Proposed redistricting is the interest of speeding up court trials and clearing up congested dockets and calendars of the state.

If the General Assembly enacts the bill introduced today, Senator DeLaney stated that the body then would be asked to divide the state into three circuits—western, central and eastern—instead of two circuits as now constituted. Nine districts would be allotted to each circuit. No boundaries are sought to be established in the bill now before the Senate. This part of the plan to redistrict also will be incorporated in the supplementary measures.

THE SENATE TODAY WAS SHORT AND WITH LITTLE ACCOMPLISHMENT.

Announcement was made today that the joint committee on investigation of the department of labor and printing and its handling of contracts for state printing will have its first meeting Tuesday night of next week at 8 o'clock.

Public examination of witnesses on proposed legislation to be conducted next week includes the hearing before the Senate railroad committee next Wednesday afternoon on the Mendenhall bill to expedite the movement of intra-state freight, and that of next Thursday afternoon on the bill which would revoke the franchise of the Carolina-Tennessee water company. Representative Doughton, of Alleghany County, introduced the budget report in the House. It went to the appropriations committee. Three bills came before the House. One by Everett, of Durham, would extend the present law regarding secret political organizations to organizations which tried to control persons not members. Representative Turlington, of Iredell, in a statement to the House concerning his constitutional amendment bill yesterday, said he wanted to bring the matter of garnishment of wages before the people. He was opposed to such practices, he said, but he intimated the constant pressure of the Merchants Association and other bodies kept the matter an open question and he wanted the people of the state to show the proponents of such legislation what they thought of it, and he ventured it would be overwhelmingly defeated. He himself, he said, would vote against it.

MRS. COLLINS SATISFIED MARY KILLED URAY SMITH

Daughter in One End of Burke Jail and Mother in Other Accused of the Crime.

Morganton, Jan. 19.—On the eve of the hearing in the Gray Smith murder case there is still a conflict of stories. In a cell on the first floor of the Burke county jail Mary Collins sticks to her story she told yesterday that her mother came back after she started to Glen Alpine on the afternoon of the tragedy and fired the shot which caused young Smith's death. On the opposite side of the jail and in an upstairs cell Mrs. Rosalie Collins still bitterly and emphatically denies that she had any idea of who was responsible for her nephew's death until Mary's alleged "confession" on Wednesday afternoon. Although she has not been allowed to talk to Mary since that afternoon she knows now that her daughter is telling that she is responsible for the deed. It is a very unusual state of affairs and whether the hearings tomorrow will throw any new light on the situation remains to be seen. It appears now that the mother will continue to hold to her position of absolute innocence and to break this down will be the daughter's testimony that as she was struggling with her cousin to keep clean her honor Mrs. Collins returned, they heard her kicking and calling at the door and that she ran away as Uray opened to admit her. She did not see the shooting but heard the shot, she still contends, and saw her mother running toward the barn. In letters which she wrote today to relatives with whom she expects to find a home after her release for which she confidently hopes, she says that she would never have told the first story but for her mother. To them she told that when Mrs. Collins visited her on Wednesday she was almost forced to make the confession that "they wanted me to make," but that after she had thought it out, she decided to tell the truth. Yesterday afternoon to a newspaper correspondent she smilingly said, "I'm quick, I know I am. Why I made up that first tale in about three minutes." Late today the same correspondent visited Mrs. Collins to see if by this time the story she might tell would correspond with the sworn statement her daughter has made. She is a nervous high-strung woman and while she talked was several times on the point of becoming emotional. "God being my helper, I am as innocent of Uray Smith's murder as you are," she declared. "Somebody has scared Mary into telling this last tale and putting the blame on me."

TWO NEW HOODED MEN HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED

H. E. Blankenship Says He Recognized Oliver Shipwath and Smith Stevenson.

Bastrop, La., Jan. 20 (By the Associated Press).—H. E. Blankenship testified today he had identified a Ford truck bearing Louisiana license tag No. 74-657 as the truck he saw on August 24 in which Watt Daniel was a prisoner of hooded men.

Blankenship said two of the masked men he recognized as Oliver Shipwath, youngest son of Capt. J. K. Shipwath, head of the Morehouse Parish Ku Klux Klan, and Smith Stevenson.

Influenza Epidemic in Maryland. Baltimore, Jan. 19.—Influenza in a mild form is virtually epidemic in Maryland, reports to the State Board of Health disclose.

Five hundred and sixty-four cases were reported for the first 18 days of January, as compared with 143 cases for the entire month last year, and state health officials estimated that less than 10 per cent. of the actual cases were reported.

New Trial Granted F. E. Willingham. Macon, Ga., Jan. 19.—Richard F. Willingham, convicted last May in Bibb county superior court of larceny at a trust of \$163,475 from the Shippers' Press Company, and sentenced to serve 12 months at the state prison farm, this afternoon was granted a new trial by Judge H. A. Matthews, who heard the case.

The opening of the Erie Canal, which cheapened transportation with the Great Lakes and the Western States, was responsible for starting railroads in Massachusetts. In order to protect itself commercially, commercial and industrial Massachusetts felt obliged to do something to offset the advantages New York gained by the completion of the Erie Canal, and for some time there was quite a sentiment for public ownership of railroads.

NO ACTION YET ON ROBINSON PROPOSAL

Secretary Hughes is Preparing More Data for the Senate Concerning the Senator's Plan.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Additional information on the subject of American representation on the reparations commission and unofficial contact with that body through the services of Roland W. Boyden, is being prepared by Secretary Hughes for submission to the Senate foreign relations committee.

The secretary's willingness to make a further report became known today after a conference between him and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the chairman of the committee, which decided yesterday to await additional information before taking any action on the resolution of Senator Robinson, democrat, of Arkansas, to authorize full American representation on the commission.

The night was chill; she longed for the comfort of the fire. The actual labor of building it might take her mind from her fears for a while. Besides, it might be a beacon light for Ben. She turned at once to the pile of kindling Ben had prepared.

But before she could build a really satisfactory fire, one that would endure the rain, she must cut fuel from some of the logs Ben had hewn down and dragged to the cave. She lit a short piece of pitchy wood, intending to locate the heavy camp axe. Then, putting on her heavy coat—the same garment of lustrous fur which Ben had sent her back for the day of her abduction—she ventured into the storm.

The rain splashed in vain at her forehead. The pitch burned with a fierce flame. But her eyes sought in vain for the axe.

Ben had taken it; he had plainly gone forth after fuel. Trees stood all about the little glade; he couldn't have gone far.

Holding her torch high she went to the edge of the glade and called into the gloom.

She turned at once to the cave, and pling up her kindling, built a fire just at the mouth of the cave. This fire would serve to keep her direction and lead her back to the cavern.

Then she hunted for pine knots taken from the scrub pines that grew in scattering clumps among the spruce, and which were laden with pitch.

One of these knots she put in the iron pan they used for frying, then lit it. Then she pushed into the timber.

Holding her light high she began to encircle the glade clear to the barrier of the cliffs.

With courage and strength such as she had not dreamed she possessed, she launched forward. But fatigue was breaking her now. The tree tops tripped her faltering feet, the branches clutched at her as she passed. It was hard to tell what territory she had searched, or how far she had gone.

The flickering light revealed a tree, freshly cut, its naked stump gleaming and its tall form lying prone. Yet beneath it the shadows were of strange, unearthly shape, and something showed stark white through the green foliage. Great branches stretched over it, like bars over a prison window.

Her strength willed and for an instant she could only stand and gaze on the unbelievable eyes. But almost at once the unquenchable fires of her spirit blazed up anew.

Instantly she was beside the form of her comrade and enemy, struggling with the cruel limbs that pinned him to the earth.

COTTON GINNINGS

State Increased Its Cotton Total, the Increase Being 8 Per Cent.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 18.—With an estimate of \$30,410 bales of cotton ginned in North Carolina prior to December 13, 1922, only 22,000 bales remain to be ginned, if the government's estimate of a crop of 82,000 bales for the state is correct, Frank Parker, of the North Carolina and United States departments of agriculture, stated tonight in announcing the ginnings by counties.

The six counties that ginned over 30,000 bales up to December 13 are Johnston, 57,525; Robeson, 44,750; Halifax, 37,210; Cleveland, 35,743; Nash, 34,124, and Edgecombe, 33,146.

Robeson county for many years has led the state in cotton production, but Johnston now takes the lead, according to the latest figures, gaining 18 per cent. over its last year's ginnings.

Halifax increased its yield approximately 20 per cent. and advanced from fifth to third place, with 30,410 bales. However, it shows an increase of 10,000 bales, or almost 40 per cent. in its ginnings, jumping from eighth to fourth place.

The ginnings of the state show an increase from 767,150 bales to 830,410, or eight per cent., for the same periods in 1921 and 1922.

HENS KNOCK PROPS OUT FROM UNDER EGG MARKET

Prices in Chicago Less Than in Any January in Five Years.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—An open western winter and the productive hen have knocked the props from under the egg market. The drop has been 15 cents a dozen wholesale since January 1. Fresh eggs are now 34 cents. The storage article is 10 cents under this price. Speculators have been trapped and have lost huge sums. They are scrambling out from under as best they can. The packers report fresh eggs in abundance and 20 cents a dozen cheaper than in any January for five years. The hens are 45 to 60 days ahead of their schedule. The decline in price is 27 per cent. The packers say: "The new crop is slightly large and so generally produced that nothing short of severely cold weather or heavy snows will now interrupt production. The owners of the remaining storage eggs are now pressing their wares for sale at very moderate prices. The poultry crop is tremendous. This is a highly desirable situation because it promises a large supply of eggs for the coming season."

Board of Optometry Meets.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 19.—The North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry was in session here Thursday examining applicants for license to practice optometry in this state. This is the regular semi-annual examination.

Members of the board are Dr. F. C. Roberts, Charlotte, president; Dr. A. P. Staley, High Point, secretary-treasurer; Fred N. Day, Winston-Salem; Sam Levy, Charlotte, and A. G. Spangler, Raleigh.

The Only Way.

Farmer: "That's a fine lot of pigs your father's got. How does he feed them?" Tenderfoot: "With corn." Farmer: "In the ear?" Tenderfoot: "No; in the mouth."

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Athens, Jan. 20 (By the Associated Press).—The death list, as a result of the epidemics among the Near East refugees in Greece now approaches 1,000 a day, according to Dr. Mabel Elliott, head of the American Women's Hospitals, and medical director of relief work.

"There are now refugees in 800 different localities, and their number exceeds one-fifth of the total population," she said. "Messages show that there is typhus in 36 places, while smallpox has broken out in 64."

Fifty per cent. of all the refugees are suffering severely from malnutrition, exposure and inadequate food, she said, and added that 1,000,000 refugees must be provided with shelter, clothing and food.

Ralph Graves Resigns His Post on the New York Times.

Charlotte, Jan. 19.—Ralph Graves, city editor of the New York Times, has resigned his position, and will February 1 become associated with Doubleday, Page and company, at Garden City, Long Island. Mr. Graves is a native of North Carolina.

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION WRECKS TWO BUILDINGS

Fifteen Men Buried by Explosion, Two Being Seriously Injured.

Corbin, Ky., Jan. 20.—An explosion apparently due to dynamite wrecked a two-story boarding house here today and buried 15 men in the debris. M. M. Ellis, of Sevierville, Tenn., and P. B. Keener, of Pulaski, Tenn., were seriously hurt. The others escaped with scratches and bruises.

The men were employed by the Louisville & Nashville railroad. Authorities are working on the theory that the explosion was connected with the railway shopmen's strike.

Manicize With Gun Attacks 8 Women.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 19.—The search for a run-crazed gunman, who for three days has caused a reign of terror in the vicinity of Woodland avenue and East 55th street, ended tonight with the arrest of the maniac after he had shot and probably fatally wounded Mrs. Carmela Cocco.

During his rampage the man attacked eight women and shot a man when he went to the rescue of a family. Defeat at the hands of Miss. Lenglen last summer has made Miss. Mallory more eager than ever for another opportunity to try conclusions with the great Suzanne.

Redfield Proctor, the new governor of Vermont, is the third member of his family to be honored with the gubernatorial chair, his father, the late Senator Proctor, and his brother, Fletcher D. Proctor, having held the office.

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