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Death Occurred Shortly After 11 O'clock Today—Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Miss Margaret E. Bessett, one of Concord's most beloved women and a pioneer in education work in Cabarrus county, died here this morning shortly after 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, with whom she had lived for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at All Saints Episcopal Church. The services will be conducted by Archbishop W. H. Hardin, of Salisbury, and interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Miss Bessett was born on August 2, 1844, at Mocksville, Davie county. After her father's death, which occurred when she was eight years of age, Miss Bessett came to Concord, being adopted by her uncle, the late Dr. R. P. Bessett as she grew up and was known to her as Miss Maggie.

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DEFENDS HIMSELF FOR PRAISING PRIZE FIGHT

Minister Characterized the People Who Have Criticized His Statement as Hypocrites.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—The Rev. Frederick E. Hopkins in his sermon yesterday at the First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City, Ind., characterized as hypocrites those who criticized his sermons Sunday a week ago praising the Dempsey-Firpo fight. He said he had received hundreds of letters assailing him for extolling the fight and the elements of character which the fight exemplified.

"I have been listening all week to quite a storm of hypocrisy," he said. "As for those who praise the fight, it is only using common sense to realize that newspapers would not sell millions of papers describing the fight if only the low-minded are interested in the fight."

"One reason the pulpit does not reach more men is because it does not talk of things that interest men. The first thing men turn to in their newspaper is the sports page."

PEASANT ARMY MARCHES ON BULGARIA'S CAPITAL

Attempt to Be Made to Oust Government Is Reported in France.

Paris, Sept. 23.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Sofia says the present insurrection in Bulgaria is spreading and gathering strength. One hundred thousand peasants, a majority of whom are armed, and fairly well organized, are marching on Sofia in an attempt to overthrow the government.

The despatch adds that the cabinet sat throughout Saturday night. It was presided over by King Boris. Two regiments have been despatched against the oncoming peasants who are reported to have halted in the face of rifle fire.

Bulgarian towns along the Jugo-Slav frontier are showing special activity. Although it is asserted in Sofia that the movement is purely agrarian, the communists are directing a general strike which is to become effective Monday.

A Havas despatch from Sofia dated Saturday says the Bulgarian chamber of deputies was dissolved by royal decree. The despatch adds that the date of the elections had not been fixed but, under the constitution, these would take place within two months of the dissolution of the chamber.

Four Are Killed in Auto Accident. Schenectady, N. Y., Sept. 23.—Four persons were killed and two others injured when their automobile was struck by an interurban trolley car near here late today.

The dead are Mrs. Louise Talford, 19, of Schenectady; Regna Talford, her one-year-old daughter, Earl Moore, 25, brother of Mrs. Talford, and Mrs. James Levee, 35, Schenectady, sister of Mrs. Talford.

The injured are Herbert Clarke, 7, of Albany, and Robert Talford, husband of Mrs. Louise Talford, who was struck by the trolley when it was being driven across the tracks. The trolley carried it 60 yards.

Club Meetings For Week. Miss Cathleen Wilson, county home demonstration agent, announces the following community meetings for this week: St. John's, Wednesday night 8 o'clock; Rocky River, Thursday night 8 o'clock; Harrisburg, Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock; The St. John's and Rocky River meetings will be regular ones, but the one at Harrisburg has been called for the purpose of discussing exhibits to be entered in the county and community fairs.

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FAMOUS MENDELSSOHN QUARTET TO SING AT THE EXPOSITION

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The Mendelssohn Quartet is one of the most famous musical organizations in the world. The quartet consists of four men, all of whom are well known to the musical world. They will perform a variety of chamber music during their stay in Charlotte.

COTTON MILL STOCKS CONTINUE TO CLIMB

Average For Week Is \$138.72, While Some Stocks Jump From \$4 to \$11 the Share.

Gastonia, Sept. 23.—Cotton mill stocks continued to climb to higher levels during the week, according to the average released by R. S. Dickson and Company, the present average standing at \$138.72 compared with \$137.40 last week. The advance this week brings the average back to where it stood May 15th, of this year.

All stocks were firm during the week, the only decline being in the case of the stock of the Carolina Cotton Mills. The stock of this company fell from \$11 to \$8 during the week.

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Facts About Burning of Three Homes Given to Gov. Walton's Commission.

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A wedding ceremony performed in the center of a field in Creek County, adjoining Tulsa County while the bridegroom was chained to a gas engine with pistols leveled at his head was another case heard this morning.

NO METHOD FOUND FOR OPERATING SHIPS

Shipping Board Tells President No Sound Methods Have Been Found Yet.

Washington, Sept. 24.—President Coolidge has been advised by members of the Shipping Board that a thorough canvass of the situation has failed to develop any suggested plan of operating the government merchant marine fleet which offers hope of escaping a definite and continued deficit.

Computation of the various factors which enter into marine transportation place a "fixed differential" of \$5 a ton against American ships, the president was informed, and this handicap was met regardless of the method of operation devised by the board.

MARTIAL LAW IS NOW PLANNED FOR BULGARIA

Government Will Take Action to Prevent Spread of Insurrectionary Agitation.

Sofia, Sept. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The Bulgarian legation here announced today that it had received word that the government of Sofia had decided to declare martial law throughout the country, in order to prevent the spread of insurrectionary agitation.

The legation announced it had received an absolute denial from Sofia of reports that a provisional revolutionary government had been proclaimed in some parts of the country. According to the official version, outbreaks are confined to southern Bulgaria.

KEEPS MENAGERIE IN FOUR ROOM APARTMENT

New York Man's Neighbors Protest Resulting Nocturnal Cacophony.

New York, Sept. 20.—Four adults, five children, 15 pigeons, two cats, one dog and two canary birds are too many to live in one four-room apartment, Magistrate Barrett today told Salvatore Crivello, who answered a health department summons after fellow-tenants had complained that a nocturnal cacophony from the apartment was unendurable.

Crivello was fined \$5 for having pigeons in violation of the sanitary code. The magistrate advised him to dispose of the menagerie.

The Menhaden Fishing Industry. Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 24.—The Menhaden fishing industry is expected to get well underway here within the next 10 days. Two large commercial fishing concerns already have begun operations for catching menhaden fish, also known as "fat backs," but the industry is not expected to reach its height here for several weeks yet, until the southern migration of the fish from northern waters has caused a more plentiful supply.

Notaries of Public Licensed. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 24.—Notary of public licenses have been issued at the office of the Governor to the following persons: A. W. Gregory, Varma; Nathan Holleson, Apex; W. E. Barbour, Smithfield; Jay Bivens, Gastonia; C. L. Grier, Charlotte; C. L. Hill, Baladean; Miss E. Newton, Kinston; T. H. Taylor, Asheville.

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FOURTH PERSON KILLED IN TWO DAYS BY AUTO

Spencer Lad Jumps off Ice Wagon Just as Heavy Truck Passes and is Crushed.

Spencer, Sept. 22.—The fourth victim of automobile accidents in Rowan county during the past two days was George Thomas Melton, aged six years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Melton of Spencer, who was instantly killed by a heavy road truck owned by J. G. Council and driven by C. B. Rigbee, both of Raleigh.

The accident occurred near Spencer depot this afternoon when the lad jumped from behind an ice wagon on which he was playfully riding, just in time to be struck by the heavy truck loaded with six tons of stone, making good speed down a deep grade near the passenger station.

It was impossible for the driver to stop until after fatally injuring the boy, who lived but a few moments. Mr. Rigbee and others who saw the accident stated that the lad apparently did not see the truck. His body was badly mangled. The driver of the truck talked frankly about the accident and assisted in taking the body home and then sought officers for the purpose of placing himself in their hands.

It is contended, however, that the accident was unavoidable and that the driver is held blameless. The owner of the truck makes headquarters in Raleigh and is doing a large amount of hauling for street work in Spencer and has several trucks on the job.

J. ELWOOD COX BOBBIN PLANT, OF HIGH POINT, BURNED

Blaze Starts in Shaving Pit, Quickly Spreading to the Machine Department.

High Point, Sept. 23.—The bobbin plant of the J. Elwood Cox Manufacturing Company on South Hamilton Street near Commerce was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000.

The building, a three-story brick structure, and the complete stock, consisting of dogwood, persimmon, hickory and other woods used in the production, were burned.

The flames, which originated in the shaving pit, quickly made their way to the machine room and main section of the building.

The old Gate City Motory Company, an adjoining structure, was seriously threatened, but a large fire wall headed off the flames and saved that building.

The office of the manufacturing company, which adjoins the main building, also was threatened, but the flames climbed their way above the one-story building and did no damage there.

The origin of the fire had not been determined this afternoon. None of the officers of the company could advance any explanation concerning its origin.

UNDERWOOD DENIES HE HAS ABANDONED LEAGUE

Candidate for the Democratic Presidential Nomination Declares, However, It Not an Issue.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood, Alabama's candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, denied today having asserted recently in Chicago that he was "no longer a strong advocate of the league of nations." He added he had not been discussing the league "because that is not an issue."

"My views of the league of nations are well known," he said. "I voted for the Versailles treaty without reservations, which included the league of nations covenant. I have no apologies now for my action then. The Republican papers are trying to answer my criticism of the administration by saying that an now opposed to the league of nations. They have not yet answered my criticism that the party has no policy intended to be helpful in Europe, to preserve peace, re-establish Europe's finances and bring industrial stability."

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PACKING PLANT RUINED BY DAMAGING BLAZE

Swift & Co.'s Plant in Birmingham Is Wrecked by a Fire of Undetermined Origin During the Day.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 22.—Fire of undetermined origin today wrecked the packing plant of Swift & Co., on Morris avenue in the heart of Birmingham's wholesale district, and their contents were consumed by the blaze. The refrigerating plant was believed to have been ruined. Immense quantities of lard and other packing house products caused a fire which gave the firemen a difficult battle.

The loss is estimated at \$250,000 by D. W. Pearce, branch store manager. It was his opinion that the fire originated in the smoke houses where meats are cured by wood fires.

Cap. Brown of Horse Company No. 1, was injured and removed to a local hospital.

The Blood Tested to Make Sure of Happy Married Life.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—Unhappy marriages can be prevented by means of blood tests. Dr. William S. Bainbridge, of New York, today told the American association of obstetricians, gynecologists and abdominal surgeons in convention here.

Dr. O. M. Grunitz, of Detroit, presented the theory that there were four different kinds of blood. In the discussion that followed Dr. Bainbridge asserted that by taking blood tests of persons in love, unhappy unions could be forestalled as only the mating of persons of the same blood group could be recommended.

This would result, he explained, in marriage of people who had a natural affinity for each other, and who could withstand the trials of life.

DR. YARBOROUGH IS AGAIN BEING TRIED

Is Charged With Rioting in Connection With Flogging of Man in Macon.

Macon, Ga., Sept. 24.—Dr. C. A. Yarbrough, Macon-dentist, who the State alleges was the ring leader in a series of floggings here, was again placed on trial in city court here today, charged with rioting in connection with the flogging of W. O. Barnett, harness manufacturer. The cases of eight other men, charged with being implicated in various floggings, were continued.

Yarbrough was acquitted last week on a charge of whipping R. F. Mills.

LAWRENCE GLVES HIS SIDE OF CONTROVERSY

About Letter From Senator Hiram Johnson, Which Was Recently Made Public.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 22.—Andrew M. Lawrence, publisher of the San Francisco Journal, who first gave publicity to a private letter written by U. S. Senator Hiram W. Johnson, discussing his political chances in 1924, printed in the Journal today his version of the manner in which the version was obtained.

His disclosure followed allegations yesterday that the letter written to