

JAMES PASTOR PREACHES TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Commencement Sermon to Local High School Graduates Delivered Yesterday by Rev. L. A. Thomas.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT THE SERVICE

James Choir Assisted by Mrs. Roy Kimball.—Students Advised as to Choosing Paths to Be Followed.

...his hearers to watch carefully the pathway of life... to follow from the present... L. A. Thomas in his baccalaureate... to the seniors of the Concord... School yesterday delivered an eloquent... for a life that is worth while... Mr. Thomas selected his... of the 23rd verse of the 10th... of Matthew: "He that findeth... shall lose it; he that loseth his... My sake shall find it."

...was delivered before a... that overflowed the seating... of the high school audi... Large as was the gathering... place for those who could find... to leave before the hour of... in the large auditorium began to... at 11 o'clock there were no emp... Thomas, who is pastor of St. L... Lutheran Church, was assisted... by several other minis... of the city and by the St. James... The music, led by the choir... of the most interesting features... very impressive service.

...service was opened with the sing... "Come Thou Almighty God," and... was followed by the invocation... of Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of... of St. Barnabas Church. The scrip... was next read by Rev. M. J... pastor of the Associate Re... Lutheran Church. Just be... of the congregation sang... the Power of Jesus Name."

...seemed to the high school... Mr. Thomas advised them th... of the pleasant things in life... their steps in the future... this point, he explained, the... people have had their parents... and other friends and relatives... them, but from this point... will have to do their own... It is pleasant, he said, to... of life being one sweet experience... rather, but such lives in most... lead to emptiness and worthless...

...to be chosen, the speak... one being easy and broad... and rugged. It is not... to choose the former, but... is not as pleasant as the be... Thomas said in part:

...the mountain top of priv... speak to you, my young peo... morning. There is nothing more... this life; there is no responsi... comparable to that of directing... of that life. For years you... this occasion when you could say... finished the course up to this... But as you stand on this high... today there comes a swifter... than had you remained... level. But this current... to bring closer to that great... which is able to keep... the fearful that this text... of the loss of life will not... one inkling of sorrow to come... happiness at this time. For... whole mind is set on joy and... is upon a clear sky. Even... of the sun are melted by the... of a kindly feeling towards the... of the human race. Let it not... that those who are older... all critical because perchance... some suggestions, or that... out of sympathy with you, or... they have lost interest in you. But... the reverse is true. They have... for you and are interested in... because they venture upon this... ground. It is because there... of hope, and a truer life through... through the loss of it that its... importance is stressed. In the... of a better world we proclaim... the interest of the world as it... is more pleasant, wealth and... and work. This is the least to... makes the rich and the full, the... and deeply happy life, but... as it may become, when it... and by men whose souls are... they will be probably registered a... shall not be offended should... from furrow your brow as you... the words "his life." Too long... they have men been trying to... and go for their own lives. A... and self-centered religion, so... have grown out of this of... others that's own life. You say... indirectly of the cause di... of life which we are compelled... and the. The age cries... need is the salvation of society... ourselves to make men's... laws to give them more for... they pleasure, instead of dwelling... and unreal realm on... and inner life. Away from... (Continued on Page Six).

NORRIS BILL GIVEN FAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEEMEN

Senate Agriculture Committee Denounces Bid Made by Henry Ford for Muscle Shoals Property.

ADMINISTRATION ALSO CRITICISED Because of Its Favorable Attitude Toward the Ford Bid—Politics Mentioned in the Report.

Washington, June 2.—Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals bid, and the attitude of the administration toward it are denounced in vigorous terms in the majority report of the Senate Agriculture committee, which at the same time recommends enactment of the amended Norris bill for government ownership and supervision.

The report drafted by Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, chairman of the committee, makes repeated reference to what it terms Mr. Ford's withdrawal as a candidate for President, and his decision to support President Coolidge, and assails in particular the plan to replace in the properties the Gorgas steam plant, sold to the Alabama Power Company for \$3,472,487.

"When the sale of the Gorgas plant was made by the Secretary of War," says the report, "in which I have said he simply carried out the contract made by his predecessor, Mr. Ford, who was at that time a candidate for President of the United States, became exceedingly angry and condemned the Secretary of War, and through him the administration, in unmeasured discursive terms.

"To appease his anger, a vacillating administration publicly announced that the amount received for the Gorgas plant would be credited upon the \$5,000,000 which Mr. Ford agreed to pay for Muscle Shoals in case his bid was accepted by Congress.

"This kindly favor superinduced by other considerations so pleased Mr. Ford that his anger at the administration was not only turned into love and admiration, but he became so violently friendly that he himself withdrew as a candidate for President and announced his support of the Executive who had made such liberal concessions."

The House bill, the report says, carried out the idea of the President in reference to the sale of Gorgas plant, and directs the Secretary of War to construct a steam power plant of 40,000 horsepower on the Warrior River, upon land to be obtained by purchase or condemnation, and to purchase or condemn a right of way therefrom to Muscle Shoals and turn it over to the Ford corporation.



Photograph Shows Students Who Received Their Certificates of Graduation at the Concord High School This Season.

BISHOP BROWN IS DECLARED GUILTY

"I Cannot Be Deposed," Says the Rt. Rev. William Montgomery Brown.

Cleveland, O., May 31.—Declared "guilty" late today of teaching doctrine not held by the Protestant Episcopal Church, William Montgomery Brown, retired Bishop of Arkansas, asserted his case was far from settled.

"I cannot be deposed," he said, and this was supplemented by formal notice of appeal, filed by his counsel.

The trial court itself gave the defendant a respite of nearly six months by announcing that it would not pass sentence until October 14th, next. After that the defense will have sixty days in which to file its appeal to the church's board of review. Beyond that lie possible appeals to, first, the House of Bishops and, if deemed necessary, to a general convention of the church, embracing the House of Delegates as well as the House of Bishops.

The function of the trial board will end with the passing of sentence. This may be, according to the terms of the suspension from the Bishopric or expulsion from that body.

It was emphasized by Charles L. Dibble, church advocate, in his closing argument, that there was not power to expel Bishop Brown from the church, the most severe penalty being a reduction to the ranks.

CAPT. H. B. PARKS DIED SUNDAY MORNING

Well Known Citizen and Confederate Veteran Will Be Buried in Local Cemetery Tomorrow.

Capt. H. B. Parks, prominent in the business, religious and civic life of Cabarrus county for half a century, and for many years commander of the Cabarrus Confederate Veterans, died yesterday morning at 12:25 o'clock at his home on West Depot street. He had been in declining health for six weeks but it was not generally known that his condition was considered critical and the announcement of his death came as a shock to the entire county. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of this city tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. C. Rowan. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

Harvey Baxter Parks was born May 10, 1840, a son of the late Levy Parks. He was born and reared in the Rocky River Church neighborhood, where his family had lived for years. On December 23, 1869 he was married to Miss Alice Elizabeth Barnhardt, who with a number of children, survives.

Capt. Parks served with distinction and honor with the Confederate Army. Being very young at the outbreak of the war he was unable to get into the army in his own State, so he ran away from home and joined a South Carolina regiment. By his fine conduct he won rapid promotion and at the end of the war had attained the rank of captain.

Mr. Parks spent the greater part of his young manhood on the farm, but shortly after 1900 he entered the mercantile business, being connected with the H. L. Parks & Co. He was affiliated with this company for about 15 years. He retained the ownership of several valuable farms in this and other States, however, and was very successful both as a merchant and a farmer.

While still a young man Capt. Parks joined the Rocky River Presbyterian Church. He kept his membership in that church until about 24 years ago when he moved his membership to the First Church, of this city. He was interested in the work of his church and was one of its most active members.

A number of years ago Capt. Parks was elected commander of the veterans' camp in this county and he gave unsparingly of both his time and money to the work of the camp. He has been attending reunions for many years and has been prominent for many years in the work of the veterans in North Carolina. It was his duty to arrange details for all veterans of the county who attended the State or Southern conventions and he was untiring in his efforts in behalf of his comrades.

Seven children in addition to Mrs. Parks survive. They are: Mrs. E. W. Frieze, of High Point; Mrs. Ed. Kearns, Statesville; Mrs. M. F. Ritchie, of Concord; Paul Parks, of Durham, High Point; Mrs. T. N. Crowell, of Parks, of High Point, and Joe Parks, of

CONDITION OF COTTON CROP NOT FAVORABLE

On May 25th Condition Was 65.6 Per Cent. of Normal—Not as Good as Last Year.

Washington, June 2.—The condition of the cotton crop on May 25th was 55.6 per cent. of normal, as compared with 71 per cent. a year ago, 69.9 per cent. in 1922, and 72.8 per cent. the average of the last ten years on May 25th, the Department of Agriculture announced today in its first report of the season.

The condition by states follows:

Virginia 62, North Carolina 71, Georgia 68, Florida 77, Alabama 70, Mississippi 69, Louisiana 70, Texas 66, Arkansas 58, Tennessee 54, Missouri 52, Oklahoma 58, California 91, Arizona 90, and New Mexico 89.

Announcement of the acreage planted to cotton this year will be made by the department next month, when a forecast of production will be issued.

Special Bargains at the Parks-Bell Co.

The Parks-Bell Co. has two pages ads. in this paper today in which are set forth some very attractive bargains which the company is now offering.

One ad. tells of unusual values to be found at the store now in Fashionette dresses. The dresses will be sold at \$1.39 and the sizes will run from 36 to 52.

The other ad. sets forth bargains that are offered in house furnishings. The stock of the company in this line of goods has just been replenished and many fine offers are being made.

It will be to your advantage to read each of the ads. very carefully.

Six Men Escape From Jail

Greensboro, June 2.—Six white men awaiting trial in the Randolph county superior court escaped from the county jail at Asheboro late yesterday.

The meeting of the King's Daughters, which was scheduled for tonight has been postponed on account of commencement exercises at the high school.

Philadelphia.

The following men have been asked to serve as active pall bearers at the funeral:

C. W. Swink, C. B. Wagoner, J. F. Dayvault, E. H. Brown, J. P. Goodson, D. B. Morrison and H. W. Caldwell. The honorary pall bearers will be: G. M. Love, A. S. Dayvault, H. L. Woodhouse, Rev. T. W. Smith, G. T. Crowell and D. B. Coltrane.

All veterans of the county have been notified of Capt. Parks' death and many of them will attend the service in a body. The annual veterans' dinner which was to have been held tomorrow has been postponed as a mark of respect to the memory of the man who had been a leader among the wearers of the gray for so many years.

Three of Capt. Parks' children, Mrs. Frieze, Mrs. Ritchie and Hugh Parks, were at the bedside with their mother when the end came.

DUKE TO SPEND HUGE AMOUNT AT TRINITY

Announcement of Gift Will. It Is Said, Be Made at Commencement.

Durham, May 31.—J. B. Duke, of Charlotte and North Carolina, Trinity College's greatest single benefactor, is preparing to make another huge gift for the enlargement and beautification of North Carolina's Methodist institution, according to well authenticated information.

Announcement will be made at commencement, it is stated, and it is estimated that this gift will amount to as much as \$100,000. Mr. Duke and his architect have gone over the college grounds during the past week with members of the faculty and governing board.

His plans are said to call for the razing of the present library, Memorial building and several other edifices which do not conform to the general scheme of sand colored brick with green tile roofing. These will be replaced with modern structure which conform to the general scheme of uniformity.

A "quadrangle" will be laid out, it is reported, between the freshmen athletic field and the Administration building, all structures to be constructed of sand colored brick and green roofs. This will apply to every building on the college reservation, it is said.

TH ECOTTON MARKET

Unfavorable Weather Reports and Firm Cables Reflected in Opening.

New York, June 2.—Reports of unfavorable weather for new crop developments over the holiday and strong livements were reflected by a firm pool in the cotton market today, opening in the cotton market today, opening prices were 15 to 53 points higher on covering, rebuying by sellers of last week, and fresh commission house buying, which sent prices up to 30.07 for July and 27.00 for October, or about 42 to 55 points net higher during the early trading. Opening prices were: July 29.75 to 29.90; Oct. 26.80 to 26.98; Dec. 26.62 to 26.40; Jan. 26.00; March 26.07.

Two Hundred and Ten Miles of Jointless Pipe to Carry Natural Gas Supply.

Kirbyville, Tex., June 2.—A continuous steel tube 210 miles long without a coupling or a screw thread connection will be laid this summer between the Texas-Louisiana natural gas fields near Shreveport, La., and Beaumont, Texas. When completed, the longest 16-inch diameter pipe line in the world will cross two rivers, innumerable creeks and run underground through four counties to carry the natural gas to Beaumont. Oxy-acetylene welding will seal every joint, replacing the old method of screw couplings, thus reducing the upkeep of the line to the vanishing point, and conserving a great quantity of gas from the leakage which has always been unavoidable with threaded joints.

Corroborating Details of Chicago Boys' Confessions Are Given

Chicago, June 1.—A metal buckle worn by Robert Franks, co-heir to a \$4,000,000 estate, who was kidnapped and killed, according to their confession, by Nathan E. Leopold, Jr., and Richard A. Loeb, likewise sons of millionaires, was found today as the pair made the second trip of the day over the route taken on the day of Frank's disappearance and death. A pair of shoes worn by the youth were recovered yesterday near Hammond, Indiana, where they had been buried.

Attorneys retained by the Loeb family were prepared to go into court tomorrow morning to obtain permission to talk with their client following the refusal of State's Attorney Crowe to permit them to see the youth. Attorneys asserted the youth was being examined in the State Attorney's office, according to their announcement, by alienists, and this is objected to unless an attorney is present, they explained.

During the trip this afternoon a reporter, in the same automobile with Leopold, obtained statements from him relative to the day over the route taken by the youth, saying the latter planned the kidnapping and slaying, but admitted that he was equally guilty, and that he wrote the \$10,000 ransom letter which was sent to the Franks' home following the disappearance of the youth, and according to their confession, after the boy was dead.

"It was Loeb," said Leopold, "who enticed Franks into the car and it was he who struck the boy the next instant. Weapons are so repugnant to me that it would have been impossible for me to strike the blow that killed Franks."

"I was driving, while Loeb was sitting in the back seat. The side curtains were on and Loeb leaned over the front seat, opened the door and called: 'Come here Robert, we will ride you.'

"No," replied the boy, "it's only two blocks. I'll walk."

"Come here anyway," said Dick. "I want to tell you about a new tennis racket." Franks came across the street and hopped upon the running board.

"Get in," said Loeb, "I want you to meet Nathan Leopold."

"Franks got in and the next moment Dick struck him on the head and drew

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MORGUE OR HOSPITAL HOUSE ALL STUDENTS OF BURNED SCHOOL

All 38 Students in School for Sub-Normal Presons Were Either Killed or Hurt During the Fire.

22 PERSONS IN SCHOOL PERISHED

Twenty Were Students, One Was Matron and the Other Was Adopted Son of Head of the School.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 2.—A morgue and a hospital today housed all of the 38 subnormal girls who were in the care of the Hope Development School at Playa del Rey, southwest of here, when that institution was razed by fire Saturday night.

Twenty of the bodies of what had been children of less than ten-year-old girls in their teens, young women in their twenties but still children in mentality, were being prepared for burial near the scene of the blaze. Eighteen of the girls, most of them suffering from minor burns, were at a hospital at Santa Monica.

Also in the morgue were the bodies of Mrs. Drew Thomas, head matron of the school, who sacrificed her life in a vain effort to lead the girls from the flame-swept building, and Wilfred Ringer, 14 years old, adopted son of Mrs. Mary Jacobs, operator of the school.

At the very moment her adopted son was perishing in the fire, Mrs. Jacobs was trying to find new quarters for the children entrusted to her care. State and county officials and Mrs. Jacobs were agreed, they said, that the old frame hotel building in which the school was housed, was dangerous, and were making efforts to have it moved to safer quarters.

TWO CHARGES READY AGAINST MURDERERS OF ROBERT FRANKS

State's Attorney Says He Will Have Charges Ready for Grand Jury Not Later Than Tomorrow.

LAWYERS ENGAGED TO HELP SLAYERS

Leopold and Loeb Will Make Determined Fight and Attorneys Hold First Conference With Them.

Chicago, June 2 (By the Associated Press).—State's Attorney Crowe announced today as attorneys began their battle on behalf of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, confessed kidnapers and slayers of Robert Franks, that he would seek two grand jury indictments against them tomorrow. The indictments would charge kidnaping for ransom, and for murder, both punishable by death.

The State's attorney's announcement came when petitions for writs of habeas corpus were presented in criminal court by counsel employed by the millionaire fathers of the two prisoners. The court made the writs returnable forthwith, and the prisoners were immediately taken into court. Justice Caverly ordered the sheriff to take charge of the prisoners and continued the hearing until June 6th. Attorneys for the defense said the writ was aimed at forcing the State to permit counsel to confer with the youths, and that they did not hope to secure their release.

Having won their first legal skirmish, counsel immediately went into conference with the prisoners. They intimated that the two would not be allowed to testify at the inquest this afternoon.

The prisoners were permitted to telephone to their parents last night. Loeb talked with his mother, assuring her repeatedly that he had committed the murder.

Young Leopold assumed a business like conversation. His father is ill. His mother is dead.

"Send me a change of clothes and isn't it about time you employed an attorney for me?" he was reported as saying. "Yes, I did it. We have got to face it and make the best of it."

Mr. Crowe yesterday took the boys over the route they had traversed with the body of young Franks in their rented automobile.

Young Leopold whose father is a manufacturer and Lake shipping magnate is sure, according to Mr. Crowe and newspaper men who heard the conversation that money can do anything, and through the use of it he hopes to avoid the gallows.

"You know, we have got a lot of dough," he said. "I don't know how many millions. How about fixing this thing up by getting a few jurors?" Mr. Crowe merely smiled in reply.

Loeb, son of the vice president of Sears-Roebuck & Company, is alternately hopeful and in despair. "This will be the making of me," he asserted once during a ride with detectives last night. "I'll spend a few years in jail and I'll be released. I'll come out a new life. I'll go to work and I'll work hard, and I'll amount to something."

Leopold only laughs cynically. "We are equally guilty," he said, and then in reference to Loeb "that weakling."

Young Loeb suffers apparently that his mother would not believe him when he told her over the telephone that he was guilty. But at talk of punishment Loeb cringes. "The best you can expect is life in an insane asylum," said a policeman. Loeb's hands fluttered. His hope fled for the moment.

GRADUATING EXERCISES TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Final Exercise of Concord School Commencement to Be Held in New High School Auditorium.

The final exercise of commencement of the Concord high school will be held this evening at eight o'clock at the new High School auditorium. The literary address will be delivered by Judge M. L. Smith, of Camden, S. C., one of the most gifted speakers of that state. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend and hear this gifted orator.

The program for the exercise follows:

Class Song.

Presentation of Class Gift.

Presentation of Medals:

Wagoner Declamation Medal

Recitation medal by Junior Order U. A. M. No. 25.

J. F. Cannon Essay Medal.

Ross Essay Prize.

Scholarship Medal by Junior Order U. A. M. No. 49.

Literary Address—Judge M. L. Smith, Camden, S. C.

Presentation of Certificates of Graduation.

MEANS' CASE IN NEW YORK POSTPONED AGAIN

Counsel For Means Could Not Be Present—Bail Increased From 15,000 to \$25,000.

New York, June 2.—The trial of Justice B. Means, former Department of Gaston agent, and his secretary, Elmer W. Jarneck, again today was postponed when called in the U. S. District Court here.

The defendants submitted affidavits to the effect that Thos. B. Felder, Means' counsel, had been delayed in trying a case in Rochester, and could not appear for at least a week. Judge English set the trial over, and increased the bail to \$25,000 from \$15,000 and gave them until tomorrow to raise it.

JUSTICE HOKE APPOINTED CHIEF JUSTICE OF COURT

Appointment Made This Morning by Governor Morrison and Has Been Accepted.

Raleigh, June 2 (By the Associated Press).—Governor Cameron Morrison today tendered the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina to Associate Justice W. A. Hoke, senior member of the bench, since the death of Chief Justice Walter Clark two weeks ago.

Shortly afterward it was announced that Justice Hoke had accepted the appointment.

Confederate Veterans at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., June 2.—Memphis is a mass of bunting and flags today in honor of the Confederate veterans, whose annual national reunion will begin tomorrow and continue through Thursday. All regular and many special trans arriving today brought hundreds of the old soldiers, their wives, and their sons and daughters, who will take part in the annual meetings of the several organizations affiliated with the United Confederate veterans. The social features of the reunion will be notable.

House Wants to Adjourn Saturday.

Washington, June 2.—The House today adopted a resolution calling for sine die adjournment of Congress at 7 p. m. next Saturday. Senate concurrence is required. The resolution was offered by Representative Longworth, the republican leader.

Light travels 186,000 miles per second and radio waves 165,000 miles per second.

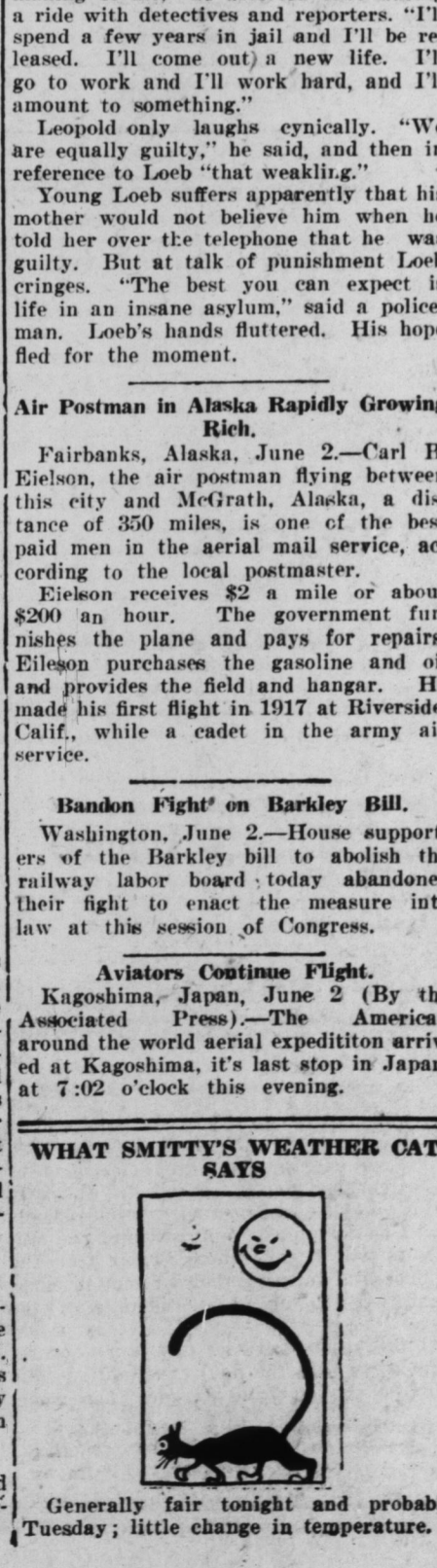
Aviators Continue Flight

Kagoshima, Japan, June 2 (By the Associated Press).—The American around the world aerial expedition arrived at Kagoshima, it's last stop in Japan, at 7:02 o'clock this evening.

Bandon Fight on Barkley Bill

Washington, June 2.—House supporters of the Barkley bill to abolish the railway labor board today abandoned their fight to enact the measure into law at this session of Congress.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



Generally fair tonight and probably Tuesday; little change in temperature.