

ARMY BOOSTERS MEETS AT LOCAL "Y"

Also Entertained at
Short Stop Just as
Entered County.

PORT MEETING AT LOCAL "Y"

Left After Meeting
for Charlotte, Where They
Will Be Entertained During
the Day.

A delegation on its way to
the North Carolina Exposition was
this morning shortly before noon by
a party of twenty-five or thirty auto-
mobiles, made a brief stop at Kannap-
olis, then hurried to Concord for a
visit in this city.

The Mt. Airy
congregation about seventy-five strong
concord welcome party met them
around the lake in Kan-
napolis. The entire crowd stopped in the
park for a few moments where
the Mt. Airy and Concord parties were
met by a number of prominent of-
ficials of the Cannon Mills there. Short
speeches were delivered by
Sheriff of the Kannapolis Y and H.
clubs of the Concord Chamber of
Commerce.

The response to these re-
sponses was made in a word by Zeb-
baldson of Mt. Airy.

Leaving Kannapolis, the party
made its way to Concord. Along
the way had been packed to objects
of interest to the visitors. A welcome.
The city was made down North
street and north blowing of horns
from the cars and the waving
of flags by persons on the porch-
es of the line passed.

At Concord, which was to
be made on the lawn of the Y
club, a prominent Haywood
county family, was placed under
a new-born baby found strangled
with a cord about its neck, had been
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Miss Mollie Teague Has Been Missing Five Days

School Teacher Charged With Strangling Her Own Baby Was Carried Off Sat- urday Night.

OFFICERS UNABLE TO LOCATE HER

Believe She Was Carried Off By Friends Who Faced Her Guard With Number of Guns.

Waynesville, N. C., Sept. 25.—Spirited
away from the home near here where
she was held under guard in connection
with the strangling of her new born in-
fant, Miss Mollie Teague, aged 26, school
teacher, was sought today by Haywood
county officers who confessed themselves
baffled after a five days' search.

The abduction of the attractive young
woman by a party of unidentified men
early last Saturday morning was discov-
ered today. Friends of the young woman
who was in a serious physical condition
and facing a charge of homicide, are
thought to have been the abductors.

Members of the party covered the guard
with guns and calmly removed her to
a motor car which was driven toward
the Tennessee line.

Miss Teague was under guard at the
home of W. G. Messer, near Little Cata-
loochee, while her recovery was being
awaited before transferring her to the
county jail.

About 1 o'clock Saturday morning five
men with blackened faces knocked on
the door of the Messer home. When
Deputy Sheriff Bennett on guard in the
house went to the door he was covered
with rifles and pistols and commanded
to raise his hands. He was disarmed.

Then the men aided the Teague girl to
the door, placed her on a horse, and led
the horse to an automobile some dis-
tance away. Deputy Bennett said the
automobile drove off in the direction of
the Tennessee State line.

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HEARING ON COTTON RATES IS CANCELED

Washington, Sept. 25.—A hearing on
the proposed new schedules for cotton
rates, from, to, and between Southern
points, now assigned for October 3rd,
at Montgomery, Ala., before Examiner
Koehl, today was cancelled by the Inter-
state Commerce Committee.

The cancellation of the hearing was
brought about after a tentative agree-
ment had been reached by Southern cot-
ton interests and carriers over the terms
of the proposed rate revision. The ten-
tative agreement provides that a propos-
ed 15 cent per hundred pounds advance
in the rate on compressed cotton shall
not be made.

The suspended schedules were to have
become effective September 1 and were
ordered held in abeyance pending the
hearings, until December 31st.

Generally speaking, the suspended
schedules proposed to cancel the present
cotton rates in the entire southeastern,
Mississippi Valley and Carolina territor-
ies, and to apply, in their stead, a scale
of cotton rates now applicable on Geor-
gia intra-state traffic with few exceptions.

McLEAN DENIES THE CHARGES BY MEEKINS

Says Republican Foreign Policy Respon-
sible for Bank Failures.

Reidsville, N. C., Sept. 25.—Angus W.
McLean, Democratic candidate for gov-
ernor, speaking here last night, follow-
ing an address in the afternoon at Leaks-
ville-Spray, answered the charges of
Isaac Meekins, Republican candidate,
that the Democratic party was responsi-
ble for the bank failures in North Caro-
lina by declaring that the bank failures
in North Carolina and throughout the
country were due to the Republican ad-
ministration of the national government.

He said that this was true because the
Republicans closed up the foreign mar-
kets by its foreign policy and had bank-
rupted the American farmer by flooding
the local markets with their own prod-
ucts.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 6 to 13
Points—December Off.

New York, Sept. 25.—The cotton mar-
ket opened steady today at a decline of
6 to 13 points in response to rather poor
Liverpool cables and a favorable view of
the weather outlook except for the possi-
bility of further showers in the Atlan-
tic States. December sold off to 22.65
at the start, but was good buying on the
decline which seemed to be partly for
trade accounts. Prices turned firmer in
consequence.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct.
23.40; Dec. 22.68; Jan. 22.70; March
23.03; May 23.25.

McAdoo is Silent on His Return to United States

New York, Sept. 25.—William G. Mc-
Adoo, returning on the Leviathan today
after several weeks in Europe, declined
to comment on politics at this time, al-
though he asserted he would "have
something to say later."

"I have been out of touch with the
political situation for more than two
months," Mr. McAdoo said, "and am
therefore unable to discuss it intelli-
gently at the moment."

Unable to Find Missing Vessel

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 25.—A thorough
check of the Lake Huron coast line from
Oseada, fifty miles below Alpena to
Point Huron at the foot of the lake had
failed at noon today to reveal any trace
of the missing freighter Clifton with its
crew of 28 men. The boat was due here
yesterday.

\$100,000 Missing

Springfield, Mass., Sept. 25.—The Uni-
on Trust Co. of this city today report-
ed to the police that \$100,000 consigned
to it by registered mail was missing. The
bank asked the police to seek Wm. J.
Hamfin, 45 years old, employed by the
bank as a messenger and guard, who also
is missing.

King and Harrell to Die for Murder of Maj. McLeary

Chesterfield, S. C., Sept. 23.—Follow-
ing a swiftly moving trial replete with
dramatic moments, Mortimer N. King
and Frank Harrell, young cotton mill
workers, were given death sentences late
today in sessions court for the murder
of Major Samuel H. McLeary, United
States army officer, on July 2, which
they had both admitted in signed con-
fessions.

Judge C. C. Featherstone, presiding,
sent November 21 as the day when they
should be electrocuted in the state peni-
tentiary at Columbia, advising them that
he was giving them ample time to re-
pent of their "most horrible" crime and
to make their peace with their Master.

Taking the stand as the first witness
for the defence, King produced one of
the dramatic moments of the day that
kept the court room, packed and jam-
med with humanity, silent by the
drama being enacted. The 23 year old
defendant, after making a brave effort to
defend his emotions, broke down and
sobbed. Pleading for mercy to both him-
self and his companion, he attempted to
take the entire burden of the crime upon
his own shoulders. Harrell, he declared,
had never had a chance, and had a
wife with a baby born just six days ago,
depending upon him for support.

Harrell, he admitted, was not at hand
when he fired two bullets into the army
officer's head with fatal effect, but was
back at the automobile of Major Mc-
Leary, in which the two had been taking
a lift by the officer. Harrell went back

at his direction, the defendant said, to
turn the engine of the officers car off.
Several automobiles had passed while
they were robbing the major in the
woods, King testified, and he decided to
have the engine of the officer's car stop-
ped to lessen the chances of detection.

MANLESS DENIES THE BAPTISTS SPONSORED CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL

Says Mecklenburg-Cabarrus
Association Secured Option
on Property but Never Ex-
ercised the Option.

BAPTIST IN NAME ONLY, HE SAYS

Association at Last Meeting
Decided Not to Exercise
Option and to Drop the
Matter Entirely.

The following communication was re-
ceived this morning from T. D. Maness
by the editor of The Tribune:

Dear Sir:—I herewith hand you state-
ment in regard to the Baptist Hospital
Company and would be glad if you would
give it the same publicity as carried in
your paper yesterday.

Truly yours,
T. D. MANESS.

I notice in your issue of the 24th in-
stant, that the Associated Press sent out
from Charlotte, the report that the Baptist
Hospital Company was "A Hospital
to be operated by the Mecklenburg-Ca-
barrus Association."

Today's Charlotte Observer states that
"the organization of the company was
fostered by T. T. Cole, Charlotte real-estate
promoter, the movement being started
with the support of the Mecklenburg-
Baptist Association."

It is true that the company was "fostered
by T. T. Cole, Charlotte real-estate
promoter," but as a matter of fact,
as shown near the bottom of page 16 in
the minutes of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus
Association held September 1923, that
there was no financial obligation whatever
assumed by the Association; that the
Baptist Hospital Company assumed the
full financial responsibility. The Meck-
lenburg-Cabarrus Association at no time
assumed ownership of the property or
financial responsibility. The last para-
graph on the minutes, page sixteen, above
referred to, being as follows:

"The Baptist Hospital Company offers
to said Baptist Association, without cost,
the option on the purchase of the present
hospital buildings and equipment, to-
gether with ten acres of land, for the
sum of \$150,000.00, plus the cost of any
material and permanent improvements
added to the present plant from this date
until the said association may exercise
its option to purchase the property. This
option to remain in force for a period
of five years."

It will thus be seen that the Mecklen-
burg-Cabarrus Association had an option
for five years to purchase the property.
The Association, at its last meeting,
voted to surrender the option, thereby
severing even its right to exercise the option.

My information is that the \$105,000.00
mortgage, given by the Baptist Hospital
Company, was simply the switching of
mortgages of practically the same amount,
which T. T. Cole and associates had pre-
viously given upon the property.

If the information which I have is cor-
rect, I am firmly convinced that the word
"Baptist" in the Company was put
there in order to commercialize the Baptist
name, and the intention of the real
promoter, Mr. Cole, was that he should
stay in the background and be the "power
behind the throne."

This view is backed by the uncontra-
dicted statements of men of unquestion-
able reputation as stated upon the floor
of the Association at its last meeting.

I do not question the absolute integri-
ty and honesty of a number of good Bap-
tists, who became connected with the en-
terprise, as promoted by Mr. Cole, but a
much larger number of Baptists, equally
as good, when the absolute facts became
known, at once lost all confidence in the
plans of Mr. Cole and also in his man-
agement and thereafter refused to have
anything whatever to do with the Com-
pany.

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Associa-
tion as a matter of fact, held an option
and as well known the Association had
a right to refuse to exercise the same and
surrender it at any time.

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association
did not assume any more responsibility
for the obligations of the Company than
it would be the obligations of Cannon
Mfg. Co., should it amend its charter so
as to read "Baptist Mfg. Co." It was
simply Baptist in name but not in fact.

As is well known, when any object is
Baptist in fact and under Baptist con-
trol its obligations are always worth one
hundred cents on the dollar.

It occurs to me that the next Legis-
lature would do a great service if it
would pass a law making it a felony for
any promoter to organize any corpora-
tion and use the word "Baptist" in con-
nection with the Company, unless the
ownership and control of the Baptists,
thereby making it impossible for anyone
to commercialize the name "Baptist."

Expelled From Stock Exchange

New York, Sept. 25.—Geo. F. Secor, a
member of the brokerage firm of Secor,
Reynolds & Co., was expelled from the
New York Stock Exchange today for
alleged irregularities in connection with
transactions in the stock of the Southern
States Oil Company.

Stubborn Fire Causes Heavy Damages Here

PLANS TO RETIRE SOME STATE HIGHWAY BONDS

Bonds to the extent of \$1,000,000 Will
Be Retired Within the Next Few Days.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Highway bonds of
North Carolina will be retired to the ex-
tent of \$1,000,000 within the next few
days, it was announced here last night,
following monthly session of the State
Highway Commission which lasted until
well into the evening. The total amount
of bonds then retired will be \$2,500,000.

Besides placing the \$1,000,000 in the
sinking fund, the Commission drew up
plans for asking the 1925 General As-
sembly for a bond issue of \$35,000,000
for continuance and expansion of the
highway work. The \$65,000,000 pro-
posed from the bond issue authorized by
the 1921 legislature has been expended,
it was stated.

The committee unanimously voted to
use its authority invested in it by the
recent extra session of the General As-
sembly and voted Chairman Frank Page
an increase in salary from \$5,500 to
\$15,000.

STATE GUARDSMEN TO BE INSURED IN GROUP

Group Insurance Plan Approved by Adju-
tant General, Attorney General and
Insurance Commissioner.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 25.—Members of
the National Guard of North Carolina
will become policy holders of a \$7,500-
000 group insurance issue under a plan
approved by the Adjutant General, the
Attorney General, and the Insurance
Commissioner, made public here last yester-
day.

At the same time it was announced that
the South Carolina National Guard would
be insured under a similar plan, and the
same extent. The underwriting agree-
ment stated that the combined policies
of the two states were the largest of its
kind ever written in the South.

LANDSLIDE WIPE OUT PART OF VILLAGE

Twelve Houses Were Crushed and Par-
tially Buried.—Fifteen Persons Re-
ported Killed.

Bernie, Sept. 25.—A landslide last
night obliterated a large part of the
mountain village of Soane, in the Tes-
sin canton, crushing 12 houses into twine,
and partially burying them. According
to late reports, 15 persons were killed
and 20 houses destroyed in the disaster
which followed a heavy thunderstorm.

"Little Fair" at High Point

High Point, Sept. 25.—"The Little
Fair" will be held again in this city on
October 4 next for the benefit of the
Bernardo homes, it has been announced
by the arrangements committee. The
fair will be complete in detail, it was
said, and will include all kinds of ex-
hibits as well as many contests.

So far the chief exhibit and contest
planned, according to those fostering
the fair, is the baby show in which
fond parents may exhibit their children
in hopes of carrying off the prize, either
in the class for looks and figure or
health and intelligence. There will also
be dog show and a pet animal show in
which any pet animal may be entered.
Plans are also under way for a horse
show.

Severe Storm in Eastern France

Paris, Sept. 25 (By the Associated
Press).—A storm of cyclonic violence is
ravaging southeastern France. The an-
cient city of Orange has been particularly
hard hit a deluge of rain flooding the
railway station, washing out the track
and cutting the main railway from Paris
to Marseille.

Weather Affects New Orleans Market

New Orleans, Sept. 25.—The New Or-
leans cotton exchange settled with the
closing of this morning with the posting
of the weather map showing more rains
in the eastern belt. Heavy short cover-
ing ran prices up rapidly, October jump-
ing from 22.20 to 23.45, an increase of
125 points.

The homicide rate in the United States is 18 times that of England.

Special Despatch to New York World.
Washington, Sept. 24.—Harry M.
Daugherty, whether he meant to or not,
has struck back at President Coolidge
for ousting him from the cabinet.

His production of Gaston Means' re-
pudiation of the testimony given before
the Brookhart-Wheeler committee has
reopened the whole scandal.

Blaze Which Started in Mov- ing Picture Theatre Caused Damages to Several Busi- ness Concerns.

\$100,000 DAMAGE IS SANE ESTIMATE

Hoover's and Porter Drug Store Suffered Very Heavy Losses From Water and Smoke.

A fire which started in the pro-
jection room of the Piedmont Theatre
yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock,
threatened for some time to destroy sev-
eral buildings in the heart of the busi-
ness district and before extinguished did
cause damages estimated at \$100,000.
Beginning about 2:30 o'clock the blaze
burned dangerously for about two hours
before it could be controlled.

The fire spread with a rapidity that
could not be met at the outset. Its ori-
gin was in the booth built for the opera-
tor of the machines of the Piedmont and
this booth was cut off from the front
part of the building by a brick wall.

That meant that water thrown into the
front of the building did not reach the
blaze for some time, and the smoke was
so dense that firemen could not get with-
in striking distance to use chemicals.

The theatre building, owned by W. W.
Flowe, housed the theatre on the ground
floor and the offices of C. M. Isehour,
manager of the theatre; Dr. G. L. Lang,
optometrist; and Dr. J. V. Davis, den-
tist, on the second floor. The office of
Mr. Isehour was entirely gutted and the
offices of Drs. Lang and Davis were badly
damaged by fire, smoke and water.

The buildings occupied by the Porter
Drug Store and Hoover's, on either side
of the theatre building, were badly dam-
aged by smoke and water. The fire
never reached the building occupied by
Hoover's but it did reach the second floor
over the drug store. Water poured into
the two buildings in great streams and
at one time yesterday afternoon water
was standing three feet deep in the two
buildings.

Eird's also was slightly damaged by
smoke and water, and the roof of the
building probably was badly damaged as
it had to be used by the firemen as a
means of reaching a point higher than
the blaze.

It is impossible now to give anything
like an accurate estimate of the damage
suffered by Hoover's and Porter's. Both
companies carried insurance.

The building occupied by the drug
store is owned by M. L. Marsh and the
building occupied by Hoover's is owned
by M. J. Corl. It is understood the
owners of the buildings carried insurance.

Mr. Flowe, who owned the theatre
building, had it covered by insurance.
Mr. Isehour, manager of the theatre,
declared last night that he carried no
insurance on his theatre fixtures. He
estimated his loss at \$8,000.

The fire was a very stubborn one. At
first it seemed very unimportant as fire-
men rushed into the building expecting
to quickly extinguish the blaze with
chemicals. When they reached the top
of the steps at the entrance to the Lang
and Davis offices, they were greeted with
a volume of smoke that drove them to
fresh air.

They immediately trained several
streams of water on the building but it
was some time before the water reached
its mark, due to the fact that the blaze
was protected by brick walls. Several
firemen climbed to the roof of the ad-
joining buildings and after working des-
perately for some time managed to cut
a hole into the roof.

By this time the blaze was plainly
visible from the rear of the building
and five streams of water were started
from the rear. The smoke was so stifling,
however, that the firemen could not get
close enough to the building to train their
streams directly on the blaze, they hav-

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SEN. ASHURST WILL CALL SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Democratic Member of the Daugherty Investigating Committee Says Chairman Brookhart Must Act.

SAYS CHAIRMAN KNOWS CONDITION

Senator Ashurst Says He Will Agree to Meeting But Will Leave Saturday for Home in Arizona.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Senator
Ashurst, of Arizona, a Democratic mem-
ber of the Daugherty investigating com-
mittee, declared today that "under no
circumstances" would he call a meeting
of the committee.

The Arizona senator said if a meeting
was called he would be glad to attend,
but he questioned his authority to call
one. He had sent a telegram to Sena-
tor Brookhart, Republican, of Iowa,
chairman of the committee, he added,
pointing out that the chairman was in
touch with the situation and that if he
considered it advisable to call the com-
mittee