

MEYER MAKES FOR POSITIVE BEL IN SERMON

Retiring Moderator of 66th Annual General Assembly of Presby-Church in U. S.

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May 20. (AP)—Dr. ...

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Charles W. Keeler, 93, of Danville Ill., contradicts reports that the late member of John Brown's gang died in Kansas recently by declaring that he himself fought under Brown's banner in Kansas in 1855 and later He served in the Union army during the Civil War.

MAY 20, 1875

On That Date Leading Mecklenburg Citizens Renounced Allegiance to British Crown.

Raleigh, May 20.—Aroused to the point of definite action by news of the Battle of Lexington, which had just reached them, the leading citizens of Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, assembled in Charlotte, one hundred and fifty-one years ago today and signed a set of resolutions in which they renounced all allegiance to the British Crown. This document is known in history as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and its importance is recognized even by those who are not inclined to give it the significance that is accorded it in North Carolina. There has been some controversy as to just how far-reaching the document was. However, the leading American historians refer to it as one of the pointedly significant events leading up to the War of the Revolution.

The Mecklenburg declaration was signed fourteen months before the Philadelphia declaration which, of course, takes precedence over all previously signed documents, and nearly eleven months before the Halifax resolution, which instructed North Carolina's delegates to the Continental Congress to act with representatives from other colonies in voting full independence from Great Britain. It was referred to by President Roosevelt, in an address in Raleigh, as an historic fact of real significance.

May 20th is a legal holiday in North Carolina and the date—May 20, 1775—appears on the State flag, along with "April 12, 1776", the date on which the Halifax resolutions were signed.

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, in part, was couched in the following language: "Resolved, That whoever directly or indirectly abetted, or in any other way, form, or manner, countenanced the unchartered and dangerous invasion of our rights, as claimed by Great Britain, is an enemy of this country to America, and to the inherent and inalienable rights of man."

"Resolved, That we, the citizens of Mecklenburg County, do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us to the mother country and hereby absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British Crown, and do hereby renounce the contract or association with that nation, who have wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties—and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of American patriots at Lexington."

"Resolved, That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, and of a right ought to be a sovereign and self-governing association, under the control of no power other than that of our God and the general government of the Congress; to the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual cooperation, our lives, our fortunes and our most sacred honor."

A few days later a delegation was sent to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, with a copy of the resolutions and a letter addressed to North Carolina's representatives there—Richard Caswell, William Hooper and Joseph Hewes, two of whom signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776—urging them to use every means to have the proceedings sanctioned by the Congress. Delegates Caswell, Hewes and Hooper took the position that the time had not yet come for the presentation of such a resolution in the Continental Congress, but they wrote the signers complimenting them on their zeal.

Annual May Drive at Parks-Belks Co.'s.

The big Annual May Drive at the Parks-Belks Company's will take place beginning Monday, May 31st. They intend to make the last nine days of May the largest in the history of their store. During this sale there will be big stock reductions all over the store.

Specials every day—not just one day. In both The Tribune and The Times today you will find two pages of big bargains which will be ready for you tomorrow morning and for the next nine days.

SECRETARY MELLON SPONSORS FRENCH DEBT SETTLEMENT

Cabinet Member Tells the House Committee Plan Is Fair Both to Americans and the French.

ABILITY TO PAY WAS CONSIDERED

Mr. Mellon Thinks Plan Will Give France Chance to Get on Feet Before Big Payments Come.

Washington, May 20.—(AP)—The French debt settlement was described today by Secretary Mellon to the House Ways and Means Committee as "fair, both to the American taxpayer and the French people."

It represents France's capacity to pay, Mr. Mellon said, as he predicted that when France has concluded her debt settlements with England as well as this country it will be able to stabilize its currency which has declined considerably in recent weeks.

The appearance of the Secretary, who was accompanied by Floyd Blair, acting secretary of the debt commission, before the committee today, marked the first step in the legislative consideration of the French and Jugoslavain debt matters which the administration hopes to have approved by Congress at this session.

Mr. Mellon pointed out that the settlements provide for total payments by France of \$6,847,674,102 over a period of 62 years on its original loan from this country of \$3,340,000,000 with payments starting at \$30,000,000 and graduated up to \$125,000,000 annually which will be paid for the last 45 years.

"To insist on too heavy payments in the early years," the Secretary declared, "might well jeopardize the accomplishments of these reforms essential to France's economic and financial rehabilitation."

VARIOUS ROADS IN THE COUNTY BEING WORKED

Side Roads as Well as Main Highways Getting Attention of the Road Commission.

Highway forces of the county are engaged on various road projects at present, and their plan of operation calls for the rebuilding of side roads as well as the principal highways.

During the past several weeks the road leading from State highway 15 to Mooresville has been reconstructed. This road runs over Cabarrus county for a distance of about five miles and this stretch has been put in excellent condition.

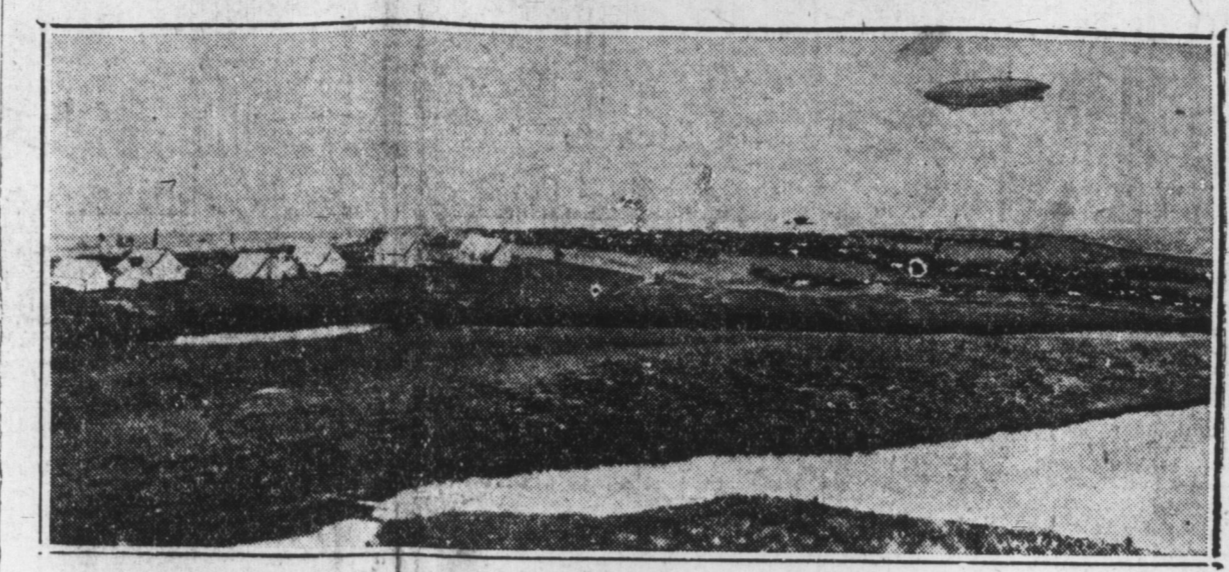
At present part of the equipment of the commission is engaged on the road extending from Pioneer Mill to Harrisburg. This road is one of importance and will be modernized in its entirety.

The major part of the road force at present is at work on the Bethpage road. This road, which extends from the Kannapolis road to the Irredell county line, has been reworked to a point near Coddle Creek.

In discussing the work one road official explained that much attention is being given now to the side roads which connect the more important highways. "While we are trying to get as many of the principal highways as possible completed this summer," the official stated, "we are giving time to the connecting roads. We have widened many of these roads and in addition resurfaced them with topsoil."

It is known that the commission plans to rebuild the road from the Shakespeare Harris home to the Mecklenburg line within the next several months, although no definite announcement to this effect has been made.

Where Norge Ended Trans-Pole Trip



In this view of Teller, Alaska, the artist has inset a picture of the Norge, showing how Amundsen's Polaris dirigible possibly appeared as it came to the end of its journey across the pole.

CATAWBA COLLEGE TO HAVE NO COMMENCEMENT

Has No Graduates, Due to Being Closed For Two Years.

Salisbury, N. C., May 20.—(AP)—Catawba College is perhaps the only institution of higher learning in the state which will have no commencement exercises this spring.

There will be no commencement, since there will be no graduates. The explanation is that Catawba College, which is a Reformed institution, after being closed for two years during the course of moving the plant from Newton to Salisbury, was reopened with a view to doing only A-grade college work. Hence only freshmen and sophomores were admitted at the re-opening last September.

The institution was closed in May 1923, after nearly 75 years of operation at Newton. It re-opened here last September with new buildings, entirely new faculty, administrative officers and students.

The institution has made a brilliant beginning. President Elmer R. Hoke declared today, "with a strong faculty, an enrollment of 127 students, and new equipment. Recently the committee of the North Carolina Conference of Colleges made an inspection, and as a result the college will be given full credit for the work of all four years during the approaching school year." An enrollment of 250 students is expected next year, President Hoke added.

The new catalogue shows a staff of 30 persons for next year. Twelve of these are professors with Ph.D. degrees.

The college is now completing its equipment by the erection of a modern gymnasium to be ready July 17.

SENATORS DECLINE TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE

Senators Reed, Deneen and Bayard Will Not Serve Investigating Body.

Washington, May 20.—(AP)—Three of the five senators named on the senatorial campaign investigating committee tendered their resignations from the committee today to Vice President Dawes.

They were: Senators Reed, of Pennsylvania; and Dennen, of Illinois; Republicans; and Bayard, Democrat, of Delaware. The members left are: Senators Reed, Democrat, of Missouri; and LaFollette, Republican, of Wisconsin.

Reed, of Pennsylvania, said he could not serve because he already is on the Senate tariff investigating committee, and also wants to go abroad this summer with the battle monuments commission of which he is a member.

Senator Deneen is secretary of the Republican senatorial committee, and has been designated to have charge of that committee's Chicago office.

LOCAL MENTION

Panelled visiting cards beautifully printed at The Times-Tribune office, 50 for \$1.00 or 100 for \$1.50. Orders filled on a few hours' notice.

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Gorman Friday evening at eight o'clock.

Marriage license was issued here yesterday by Register of Deeds Elliott to Edwin C. Parrish, of Rousemont, and Miss Anna B. Grier, of Harrisburg.

Rehearsals are being held daily now for students who are to take part in the annual high school play which will be given at the high school auditorium on next Wednesday evening.

Police officers this morning stated that they had nothing new to report. No session of the recorder's court was held yesterday afternoon and no business of unusual interest developed during the day, they stated.

J. A. Walker has the contract to build the new sidewalk in front of the hotel. Excavation work for the sidewalk was begun this morning and the cement will be laid as soon as this preliminary work is completed.

The tennis court at the country club is being used now. A wire fence has been erected around the court which was used for the first time yesterday. While the court is not in good condition yet it is smooth enough to allow players to use it.

Police officers yesterday continued their war against homeless dogs. Eighteen were killed Tuesday and about a dozen others yesterday. As a result of the campaign Dr. T. N. Spencer, veterinarian, states that he has given more than forty dogs the rabies serum this week.

Examinations are being held at the high school this week. Work in the school will be completed within the next week, the commencement exercises to be staged next week. Members of the senior class always have their examinations a week sooner than members of other classes.

R. W. Graeber, state forestry expert, will pay a visit to the county tomorrow as the guest of R. D. Goodman, county farm agent. Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock he will give a demonstration in forestry at the farm of B. F. Moore and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Concord Kiwanians who are going to Statesville tomorrow for the inter-city meeting will leave Concord at 4:30. They will meet at the Y at 4:15 and leave in time to reach Statesville by 6:30 when the meeting starts. So far as is known no member of the club plans to make the trip.

According to a deed filed yesterday J. B. Linker has sold to the York & Wadsworth Company property in Ward 2 for \$2,850. Another deed records the sale of property in No. 4 township by John A. Sims and others to Charles G. Sims and another records the sale of land in No. 4 by Charles G. Sims to R. S. Rumble for \$300.

Former Pastor at Albemarle Near Death in Florida.

Albemarle, May 19.—News was received here last night from Eustis, Florida, stating that Dr. F. C. Davis, former pastor of the First Baptist church here, was in a serious condition following a serious operation in Orange General hospital at Orlando.

PRIMARY VOTE IN THIS COUNTY MAY BE LARGE

Due to Fact That Concord Man It to Be Voted For Big Vote Is Expected.

Ordinarily a primary vote in Cabarrus county on "off years" is not very big, but there are indications that this will not be the case this year.

Going about the streets now one hears politics discussed rather frequently, interest for the present being centered in the Democratic primary vote of June 5th.

One factor expected to bring out a big vote in the county is the candidacy of Judge John M. Oglesby, seeking the Democratic nomination for judge of the fifth judicial district. Judge Oglesby will have no opposition in the primary, to be sure, but just the same his Cabarrus friends seem determined to give him a large vote of confidence.

Interest here has been aroused too, in the fight between Senator Overman and Robert R. Reynolds. While most people contend that Senator Overman will carry the county there are many who will argue that Reynolds will get more votes than the Overman forces expect. It is a fact that many prominent men of the city and county are working for the Asheville candidate, and they are going to throw votes his way.

Often it is feared that the Reynolds vote throughout the state is going to surprise the Overman forces.

The contest between Solicitor Zeb V. Long, of Statesville, and B. F. Brittain, of Asheville, for the Democratic nomination of solicitor of the fifth district, is arousing interest in the county. Both candidates have been working in the county, Mr. Brittain having paid several visits to the county within the past several weeks. Mr. Long is conceded the edge in the county at present, he having many friends here who are working earnestly in his behalf. Mr. Long has served but one term as solicitor, these friends point out, and his service has been very efficient and effective.

The vote in the county this year may be as big as it was two years ago when the gubernatorial candidates were responsible for a large vote.

MT. PLEASANT FINALS WILL BEGIN SATURDAY

Class Day Exercises Will Be Held at Mont Amoena Seminary Saturday Night.

The commencement program at the two schools at Mt. Pleasant, Mont Amoena Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, will begin on Saturday evening of this week. The exercises will be concluded on Wednesday of next week.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock class day exercises will be held at the Seminary, the general public being invited.

The Sunday services, the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Prof. C. K. Bell and the address before the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. by the Rev. O. F. Blackwelder, will be held in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The other exercises will be held in the auditorium.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Rev. Oscar Blackwelder, of Baltimore, will address the Luther League of the Seminary and the Y. M. C. A. of the Institute.

GERMANY READY TO OUTLAW AIRPLANES AND POISON GAS

Would Forbid Each in Future Wars Under Proposal Submitted at Conference at Geneva.

HEAVY GUNS TO BE BANNED TOO

In Plan Submitted at Conference by Count Von Bernstorff, Former Ambassador to America.

Geneva, May 20.—(AP)—Concrete proposals to forbid the use of airplanes and poison gas in warfare, and suppress heavy artillery and tanks were put forward by Germany today at the session of the preparatory disarmament commission. The proposals were presented by Count Von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States.

Answering all allusions to Germany's industrial strength which would have to be taken into account when Germany's neighbors were asked to disarm, Count Von Bernstorff declared:

"I don't want to evoke memories of the past, but history has demonstrated the impossibility of transforming our industrial equipment into implements of war, primarily because our factories are so near the frontier that they can be destroyed at the very outset of a war."

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 2 to 5 Points, With July Off to 18.07.

New York, May 20.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at declines of 2 to 5 points in response to relatively little Liverpool cables and reports of beneficial showers in the eastern belt. Trading was not active, but prices worked off to 18.17 for July and 17.44 for December, the general list showing net declines of about 3 to 10 points at the end of the first hour.

Private cables said there had been some covering and trade clearing but reported hedge selling and liquidation in the market there.

Except for reports of more favorable weather the decline here seemed to be without any particular news factor, but there was further July liquidation and a little southern selling of new crop, worked off to 18.17. Cotton futures opened steady, July 18.19; Oct. 17.57; Dec. 17.48; Jan. 17.40; March 17.50.

QUIET TWENTIETH OF MAY IN CHARLOTTE

Granite Boulder Marking Site of Home of Capt. James Jack Unveiled During the Day.

Charlotte, May 20.—A granite boulder marking the site of the home of Captain James Jack, bearer of a copy of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence to Philadelphia, was unveiled here today on the 151st anniversary of the signing of the document.

The day with the exception of this ceremony was no different from any other except that banks and a few offices were closed.

Captain Jack's message carried to the Continental Congress at Philadelphia, was dispatched by "pony express" on May 20, 1775.

Last year marked the celebration of the sesqui-centennial anniversary and a pagant lasting six days and drawing thousands of visitors was staged.

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New shipment of Bostonian shoes at Ruth-Kiesler Shoe Store. Phone 116.

WINNERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS TO SETTLE STRIKE

Proposal Put Before Delegates Who Declined to Recommend It to Members of the Union.

FIGHTING WAGE CUT PROPOSED

Miners Not Making Wages Enough Now to Allow Decent Standard of Living, It Is Charged.

London, May 20.—(AP)—The national conference of miners' delegates today rejected the government's proposals for settlement of the miners' strike.

The delegates adopted a resolution saying: "We are unable to recommend that mine workers accept Premier Baldwin's proposals for reduction of wages which do not at present provide for a decent standard of living."

The resolution adopted by the delegates said that the conference was largely in agreement with the legislative and administrative proposals set forth in the premier's plan, but that the conference could see no reason why these measures should be reviewed by a coal advisory committee. The resolution said that the miners were prepared to render every assistance possible to secure the success of the measure.

VETERANS GIVE ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MATTERS

Cheering Throngs Greet Heroes as They Wended Way to the Meeting Place.

Birmingham, Ala., May 20.—(AP)—Veterans of the Confederate army today swung into the final business of their 36th annual reunion amidst scenes that inspired highest enthusiasm.

This remnant of Lee's immortals wended their way to the meeting place, the first Methodist Church, along streets lined with cheering humanity.

Sons and daughters and admiring thousands were out early to see and applaud the grey uniformed warriors. Bands were on every corner and flags were dipping in the gentle breeze. Traffic down town was blocked as the thousands gathered to do honor to the group who will not walk these streets again.

One early to greet the Veterans were smartly uniformed officers of the American Army, National guardsmen, marines and dozens of members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"We do not meet to keep alive old animosities, but to preserve and to promote an idealism which the union, not less than the South, will be blessed and eternally enriched."

The veterans did not want to transact business, but there was something which had to be done, principally election of a commander-in-chief to succeed General Freeman.

The grand ball will come tonight, and the parade tomorrow. Veterans registered to date numbered 3,253.

REVOKE CHARTER ASHEVILLE KLAN

Revolving Organization Is Dismissed From Membership.

Asheville, May 19.—Charter of the Asheville Klan No. 40, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has been revoked, and a new organization already has sprung up here loyal to Judge Henry A. Grady, grand dragon, it was learned today.

News of the revocation of the charter of the organization here and the forming of a new group followed close the heels of the fight which has been waged for the past two weeks about the person of Judge Grady, charged by revolving members of the Klan with having abused the powers of his office and with irregularities in the handling of funds.

THE WEATHER

Generally fair tonight and Friday, cooler tonight; slowly rising temperature Friday in west and central portions. Moderate to fresh northerly winds becoming variable Friday.