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AMERICA WILL NOT PLACE ANY OBSTACLE TO ARMS LIMITATION

The American Delegate to Geneva Says This Country Will Do All Possible to Limit Armaments.

GIVES AMERICAN ATTITUDE TODAY

Americans Will Not Be Able to Participate in Discussions, But Will Not Stand in the Way.

Geneva, May 24.—(AP)—Assessing that the United States wished to do everything possible to promote the movement for the limitation of armaments, Hugh Gibson, American delegate, today told the preparatory commission on disarmament that his delegation did not wish to present any obstacles to a discussion of disarmament problems which might have League of Nations aspects.

Mr. Gibson said that the Americans of course would not be able to participate in such discussions, but would not stand in the way. His statement was made in the course of a debate over the desirability of exercising some sort of control over the armaments of nations participating in the conference, once reductions have been agreed upon.

DR. OSCAR HAYWOOD IN LEGISLATIVE RACE

Picturesque Preacher From Mount Gilead, It Is Said, Has Fair Chance to Win.

Raleigh, May 23.—Montgomery county will send Rev. Dr. Oscar Haywood to Raleigh if Editor B. S. Hurlley, of Troy, knows politics, and when the picturesque preacher, who is president of the North Carolina Anti-Capital Punishment Association, gets here he is expected to help out the prayer folks.

Dr. Haywood had no opposition when the last train came in and he is expected to have none. Mr. Hurlley represented the county at the last sitting and got enough. Dr. Haywood is a big farmer of Mount Gilead and has hankered slightly for this place before.

Postmasters Causing Trouble With Auto License Tags.

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—The State department of revenue is having troubles all its own, in connection with the automobile license rush, which will actually begin on June 1st, for but which preparations are already underway.

With Our Advertisers.

The Parks-Bell Co. is receiving new goods from New York every day. Just now they are making a special offering of printed and plain crepe dresses at \$9.75 and \$9.95. Special prices on a big lot of rugs—from \$1.50 to \$2.75.

ESTIMATE OF THE POPULATION CITIES OF 30,000 AND OVER

Estimates Based on Assumption of Annual Increase Since 1920 Same as Average at That Time

WINSTON-SALEM STILL LARGEST

It's Estimated Population Is Given as 71,800.—Charlotte Is Next in the State, With 54,600.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Estimates of the population of 229 cities having 30,000 or more inhabitants were announced today by the department of commerce.

The estimates prepared by the census bureau and carrying figures up to July 1st this year are based in most cases upon the assumption that the annual increase since 1920 has been the same as the average between 1910 and 1920.

For cities in states which took a state census in 1925 the estimates are based on the 1920 to 1925 average, and annual increase. Estimates were not given for twelve cities where the last census showed a decrease in population, nor in ten cities where exceptional conditions of growth which would cause estimates to be far from correct are believed to prevail.

The big four, the country's only cities having a million or more population, show no change in rank. New York leads with 5,924,000 against 5,620,048 in 1920. Chicago passed the 3,000,000 mark for the first time with 3,048,000 against 2,701,705 in 1920.

Philadelphia, crossing the 2,000,000 mark retained third place, with 2,008,000 against 1,823,779. Detroit continued fourth with 1,900,000 against 993,674.

The estimates for North Carolina cities: Charlotte, 71,800 against 46,338; Durham, 43,900 against 42,258; Greensboro, 48,700 against 43,525; Wilmington, 37,700 against 33,372; Winston-Salem, 71,800 against 48,395.

HOP OFF ON FIRST LEG OF LONG FLIGHT

Left Staten Island Today For Charleston, Beginning 6,000 Trip.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—Bernard Duggan, wealthy Argentine sportsman, and two companions hopped off in a flying boat from Miller Field on Staten Island at 7:04 a. m. Eastern standard time, today, for Charleston, S. C., on the first leg of a 6,100 mile flight to Buenos Aires.

Wanted Governor to Find Him a Bride

(By International News Service) Baton Rouge, La., May 24.—This thing of being Governor is no simple job, as everyone knows, and many are the requests for various kinds of services received, but now Governor Henry L. Fuqua is about to find his office turned into a matrimonial bureau.

Women Win Victory.

Pensacola, Fla., May 24.—(AP)—Women of the Presbyterian Church in the United States won a sweeping victory in the general assembly here today when the church court by a vote that was almost unanimous, greatly broadened opportunities for participation by women in church affairs.

SEVENTEEN INJURED



Seventeen persons were severely injured when a passenger train on the Chicago & North Western Railroad plowed into the rear end of a freight train at Wilmette, Ill. Most of the injured were of the crews of the trains.

MINISTERS DECLINE TO TAKE DEFINITE STAND

Charlotte Association Does Not Act On Anti-Evolution Campaign.

Charlotte, May 24.—(AP)—The ministerial Association of Charlotte called a special session today, and declined to take definite stand regarding the anti-evolution campaign being conducted in North Carolina by "outside organizations."

FLORIDA REPLACES NORTH CAROLINA AT THE HEAD OF KILLED AND INJURED COLUMNS

(AP)—A decrease of two deaths and an increase of 53 persons injured in accidents during the past week as compared with the preceding seven days was shown in a survey of traffic conditions in eleven Southern states conducted by the Associated Press.

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Los Angeles, May 24.—(AP)—Los Angeles, 576,073 in 1920; San Francisco, 567,676; Buffalo, 544,000 against 506,775; Washington, 528,000 against 437,571; and Milwaukee, 517,000 against 457,147.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE RADITCH IS FRUSTRATED

Young Nationalist Arrested Just as He Was About to Throw a Bomb.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, May 24.—(AP)—An attempt to assassinate Stefan Raditch, Croat peasant party leader and minister of education, was frustrated at Starapazova today. A young nationalist, Slavko Mileh, was arrested just as he was about to throw a bomb at the minister during a meeting at Raditch.

WILL INVESTIGATE BOYLES CHARGES.

Mobile, Ala., May 24.—(AP)—Federal Judge Robert P. Ervin today instructed the grand jury to investigate charges of violating the federal law by District Attorney Aubrey Boyles.

GOVERNMENT CAPTURES BLUEFIELDS.

Managua, Nicaragua, May 24.—(AP)—The city of Bluefields which has been held by the revolutionists, was captured this morning without fighting, the government announces. This is regarded here as the end of the revolutionary movement.

AIR SURVEY OF CROP CONDITIONS IN STATE

A Systematic Air Survey Planned by Department of Agriculture.

Raleigh, May 24.—A systematic photographic air survey of crop conditions in North Carolina is being planned by the state department of agriculture and the necessary machinery in Washington has been set in motion to secure the assignment of a photographic plane from Langley Field for the use of the state agricultural department here, it was announced today.

It is planned to make the first survey about June 15th and to follow with two more similar surveys on July 15th and August 15th over the same territory, thus obtaining a photographic record of crop growth in the various agricultural sections of the state during these periods.

The route of the survey will extend through approximately twenty counties in the heart of the state's agricultural section, so that the photographic record will show as wide a variety of crops as possible. The centers of the cotton, tobacco, peanut, corn, oats and trucking centers will be traversed.

THE COTTON MARKET

Appeared to Be But Very Little Buying Power After the Covering Late Last Week.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—A more favorable view of Southern weather conditions seemed responsible for an opening decline of 4 to 6 points in the cotton market today.

BOOTLEGGERS MUST NOT FURNISH NAMES OF CUSTOMERS.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Bootleggers and their customers cannot be prosecuted under the prohibition enforcement act for failing to furnish the government a permanent record of all illegal sales including the names of customers, the Supreme Court declared today in a case from Pennsylvania.

KRIM SENDS LETTER TO FRENCH.

Paris, May 24.—(AP)—It is officially confirmed that M. Parent, member of the French medical mission in the Rif, bore a letter from Abdel-Krim to the French resident general, Jules Stegg, upon his return to Fez today.

DECIDES AGAINST NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—The National Cash Register Co. infringed in 44 points on patents owned by the Remington Cash Register Co. and will have to pay the latter company damages for losses sustained, it was decided today by Judge Marton of the circuit court of appeals.

INVESTIGATION OF CHAIN GANG SYSTEM IN ALABAMA

The Most Sensational Developments Come to Light.

(By International News Service) Birmingham, Ala., May 24.—On the heels of one of the most sensational developments in the whole convict leasing investigation by the grand jury, rumors were current here that Cecil Houston, pictured as the "killer" at the Flat Top convict mines, has confessed to his alleged part in the death of James Knox.

Solicitor Jim Davis announced that Houston, the life-term trusty, will be a State's witness in the forthcoming trial of Charles R. Davis, former warden who is charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of Knox.

While the Solicitor refused to add to this statement, reports immediately became current that Houston had confessed. Such a confession was made by Homer Anderson, negro hospital steward at Flat Top, who now admits that he pumped poison into Knox's body to simulate suicide after Knox had died from alleged abuse.

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ORDER INTENDED AT PRESENT FOR CALIFORNIA ONLY

Assistant Secretary Andrews Makes Statement Regarding State Officials Acting as Federal Agents

WAS BOMBARDED BY CRITICISMS

He Defended the Order as Entirely Constitutional. May Be Revoked at Any Time, He Says.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Bombarded by criticism from both wets and dries, Assistant Secretary Andrews today assured the country he had no intention of authorizing state and local officials generally throughout the country to act as prohibition agents.

The government prohibition chief reiterated that President Coolidge's executive order making possible the performance of such a function by state, county and city officials, was intended for the present at least for California only.

He defended the Presidential order, however, as entirely constitutional, but conceded that it involved some aspects which might be "very dangerous."

General Andrews expressed "surprise" at the reception given the order which has been assailed by the wets as an invasion of states rights, and criticised by some dries as resting on doubtful constitutional basis.

"Giving authority to a man over whom you have not got 100 per cent control is very dangerous," he said, "and I will be very loath to do it. The Executive order was asked for merely to meet the situation in California where some deputy sheriffs have volunteered to police rural precincts in cooperation with the Federal forces."

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COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT ATTRACTING MANY

The Program Opened With Class Day Exercises at Mount Amoena Seminary at 6 p. m. Saturday.

SERMON HEARD BY BIG CROWD

Dr. Bell Preached to Congregation That Packed Church—The Class Play Will Be Given Tonight.

BY W. M. SHERRILL. Mt. Pleasant, May 24.—The commencement program for Mount Amoena Seminary and Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute, the two Lutheran schools here, is in full swing today with scores of former students and friends of the two institutions present.

The program began Saturday evening when members of the senior class at the seminary held their class day exercises. The exercise attracted a large crowd and proved one of the most interesting in the history of the school.

Yesterday the first feature of the joint program was held when Dr. G. K. Bell, of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., preached the baccalaureate sermon. Many were unable to get into the Lutheran Church where Dr. Bell delivered his sermon, the congregation being the largest perhaps, in the history of the schools.

The streets of this town are crowded with visitors today, and there is a holiday spirit in evidence. The auto has done as much as any other factor, to increase attendance at the commencement exercises, for whereas it formerly took all day to drive in with the horse and buggy, the town is only a short distance from all of the outlying districts now that motor has taken its place with other necessities on the farm.

The people here are still talking about the very able address, delivered last night by Rev. Oscar Blackwelder, one of the most successful graduates of the institute. Mr. Blackwelder spoke before the Luther League of the Seminary and the Y. M. C. A. of the institute, giving the young women and young men a masterful address on some of the essentials in life.

Mr. Blackwelder is often called to Mt. Pleasant at commencement time for by all former students and patrons of the school he is held in peculiarly high esteem.

The program this morning attracted an audience that packed the auditorium, the occasion being the annual declaimers' contest for a gold medal. The contest this year brought out six speakers of unusual ability and their subjects were heard with keen interest.

P. H. Lipe, whose subject was "How the La Rue States Were Lost," was awarded the medal and honorable mention was won by H. H. Sloop, who spoke on "The Unknown Rider." Judges for the contest were Dr. C. K. Bell, L. E. Blackwelder and Rev. W. C. Lyerly. Other speakers in addition to the winners were: E. B. Bolick on "The Ruins of Time," W. E. Hendrix, on "True Nobility," A. H. Johnson, Jr., on "Burgoyne's Surrender," and H. C. McAllister on "Lest We Forget."

While the institute is noted for the thoroughness with which it conducts its work its most enviable reputation perhaps, has been attained through the excellence of the speakers who have gone out from it. The unusual training the students receive was reflected in the fine manner in which the young men spoke this morning.

Many alumni of the school gathered at noon for their annual meeting, being served dinner as the guests of the school.

The crowd was looking forward with interest to the address to be delivered at 11 o'clock Sunday morning by the Rev. Charles K. Bell, D. D., professor of Practical Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

Dr. Bell took his text from St. Luke 5:3, "And He entered into one of the boats which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitude from the boat." In his discourse Dr. Bell stressed the thought that man is honored by a request from God. The opportunity for active service is one which permits a man to definitely align himself with God, or to remain on the side that is against Him.

The request that came to Simon was for a favor—God asking a favor (Continued on Page Three)

THE WEATHER

Generally fair and somewhat warmer tonight and Tuesday. Gentle to moderate variable winds.