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COMMITTEE WON'T CALL GOV. COX AS WITNESS

Chairman Kenyon Says Moore's Testimony Sufficient—Hearing Recedes Until September 22 When it Will Be Resumed in New York

Washington, Sept. 11.—(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 11.—Refusal to summon Governor Cox as a witness before the senate committee investigating campaign expenses was announced today by Chairman Kenyon.

The committee completed its inquiry here shortly after noon today and returned to New York or Washington September 22. Plans to meet in Pittsburgh have been abandoned.

Senator Kenyon's reply was to the effect that Edmund H. Moore had appeared before the committee as the representative of the Ohio executives and the committee considered that sufficient.

Senator Kenyon said the telegram from Mr. Munsey was typical of hundreds received by him and others of the committee and indicated that the public announcement of the Munsey message was made in the hope that it might serve as an answer to other telegrams and letters which members might receive urging that Governor Cox be summoned.

Franklin Courtenay Barber of New York testified that he was brought to Chicago to organize a seven-day drive in this city for the \$500,000 which Harry M. Blair said was Chicago's quota. He said the real head of the drive was Charles Piez, chairman of the executive committee of the drive.

He said there was a "preferred list" of between 700 and 800 names, these prospects being all men who were considered capable of giving \$1,000 each.

"Did you ever hear \$700,000 mentioned as the amount to be raised in Chicago?" Senator Reed asked.

"Only casually, one or twice," said Mr. Barber, and he added that

ALEXANDER WANTS 30 DAY REPRIEVE

Raleigh, Sept. 11.—Ed Alexander, cripple of Statesville, under sentence to death in the electric chair September 17 for slaying Kayle, asks Governor Bickett through his attorney, Edgar W. Pharr of Charlotte, for a reprieve of thirty days. The telegram reached the governor's office yesterday from the Mecklenburg attorney with the information that a letter follows.

Governor Bickett is spending some time at Morehead City and that vicinity practicing the coast writing campaign speeches which he will deliver in the state and the middle west. It was announced at his office today that no action would be taken until Attorney Pharr's letter had been received.

A meeting of the North Carolina division of the American Cotton Association will be held in Raleigh September 16. Among other things to be discussed at that time will be that of taking steps to prevent the selling of cotton at bankrupt prices. In preparation for the meeting county gatherings are being held at various points over the state this week.

HARDING SCORES DEMOCRATIC RULE

Marion, Ohio Sept. 11.—In a double barreled attack on the administration, Senator Harding charged today that Democratic officials had been guilty of "reckless inefficiency" in their conduct of the nation's business affairs and had sought through duplicity or misunderstanding to have the United States surrender its Monroe doctrine in becoming a member of the league of nations.

His own policy towards the business world, he declared, would put an end to "ineffective meddling" by the government, wipe out many wartime restraints, meet readjustment of tariff levies and taxation and establish a new cooperation between government and private enterprise.

Having restored a condition of "sober business" again, he said he would summon the aid of the ablest administrators of the country to put the government on an efficient basis.

ROAD WORK DONE BY HIGHWAY BOARD

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Sept. 11.—Road work under construction in North Carolina made possible by federal aid at this time totals 57 separate projects at a cost of \$7,188,078.88, according to a summary of the work made public by the State Highway Commission.

Included in this list are 21 hard surfaced highways of 114 miles, thirty-five gravel and sand-clay stretches totaling 323 miles in length and one concrete bridge. Both hard surfaced and gravel on clay roads runs the total mileage up to 453 miles.

Work already completed under the direction of the highway commission includes six projects of hard-surfaced highways, 16 miles long, at a cost of \$507,370.69, eight gravel sand clay roads 57 miles in length which cost \$202,835.11. One bridge was constructed at a cost of \$50,224.80.

There are now under contract 9 projects totaling more than 68 miles of both hard-surfaced and gravel roads which, when completed, will cost \$748,102.02.

The work now being done on the roads in the state is widespread, more than half the counties having taken advantage of the federal aid. Buncombe county probably stands at the top of the list at this time with more than one half million of dollars worth of construction work underway. Lenoir county's work also runs beyond the half million mark, or \$732,226. Martin-Berrie counties \$427,072.27; Alamance, \$292,821; Mecklenburg, \$569,082; Guilford, \$267,197; Sampson-Hammett, \$234,712.

T. M'SWINEY IS MUCH WORSE TODAY

London, Sept. 11.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, was still conscious this morning, although he passed a very bad night and was in a very bad condition, according to a bulletin issued by the Irish league.

The 3 o'clock bulletin given out by the league said the mayor was much worse.

"He appears to have completely collapsed," the bulletin stated. "His mind is getting dull, though he is still conscious."

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RECEPTION IS HELD FOR NEW STUDENTS

New students and members of the faculty of Lenoir College were delightfully entertained last evening by the Luther League of St. Andrews church, on the lawn around the church building. After a brief program, during the course of which the newcomers were welcomed to the church and college by the Rev. R. B. Peery and President J. C. Peery, and readings were rendered by Mrs. R. T. Leonard of Hickory and Miss Florence M. Wessell of the college faculty, refreshments were served, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to entirely informal greeting of old friends and meeting new ones.

Although the registration is still by no means complete, the freshman class is the largest in the history of the college and with most of the old students back accommodation in the dormitories is becoming more or less a problem. However, no serious difficulty in this particular is anticipated in this particular, and at present all things point to a most successful season.

ALABAMA MINES OPERATING TODAY

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 11.—With Governor Kilby's coal commission planning to extend the scope of its inquiry into all features of the coal strike, the Alabama coal strike entered upon its crucial stage today.

Operators declared, however, that the walkout had no appreciable effect on production. It was estimated that the three-days' production had been only 15 per cent less than normal and that shipment of cars had been a factor in the decreased production.

The president of the united mine workers' district organization claimed the strike was spreading. He said a dozen operators had signed "blue-book" contracts since the walkout was started and that negotiations are being conducted with others. He said 12,000 men are idle and that the number would be increased.

Operators said only about 6,500 men had quit.

THIS BABY FELL FOUR STORIES IS HAPPY

New York, Sept. 11.—Charles Darwin, who said the struggle for existence resulted in the survival of the fittest forgot one essential element—luck. Proof of this oversight was supplied today by an infant member of New York's East Side tenement dwellers.

When Mrs. Josie Vecchio, the baby's mother, saw him fall from a four-story fire escape last night, she ran out expecting to see him rushed to death.

Instead, however, she found her child happily gurgling in a cushioned baby carriage into which he had landed unharmed.

REVIVAL ENDS

Newton, Sept. 11.—The open air revival meetings which have been in progress in North Newton came to a close Thursday morning with the final sermon in the First Baptist church. The church was packed and a large number joined and there are many yet to become members.

The revival has been one of the best ever held in Newton and has resulted in about 175 professions. Rev. Geo. W. Wilburn, who has done the preaching left Newton yesterday for Alabama, Tennessee and Texas. A large number of Mr. Wilburn's friends accompanied him to the station.

Liberty—eternal spirit of the chainless mind—Byron. Take things as you find them, but leave some for the rest of us. French engineer army officers have found petroleum in Greece.

CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN HERE ON MONDAY NIGHT

Baptist Sunday School Superintendents to Hold Annual Convention—Good Program Arranged—Dr. Spilman to Occupy Pulpit of First Church Tomorrow

Baptist Sunday school superintendents began arriving in Hickory today for the opening Monday night of the state conference of superintendents to be held for three days in the First Baptist church of this city.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, pastor of the First church, and other officers were meeting all here today and assigning delegates to homes. While several hundred are expected, only 78 superintendents have notified the local committee of their intention to attend.

Dr. B. W. Spilman of Kingston, field secretary of the Sunday school board, Nashville, Tenn., will arrive on 21 this afternoon and occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church at the morning service tomorrow. Dr. Spilman is an unusually eloquent speaker, a well equipped man and what he will say will be of much interest. The public is invited to attend.

The program for the conference next week is as follows: Monday, September 13. 8 p. m.—Devotional—Pastor, W. R. Bradshaw. 8:15 p. m.—Magnifying the Office of Superintendency—Secretary B. L. Spilman.

Tuesday, September 14. 9:30 a. m.—Song and Praise—Prof. J. Henry Highsmith. 9:45 a. m.—A Proper Rating of the Sunday School—Pastor J. E. Hoyle, Lenoir.

10:15 a. m.—The Devotional Life of the Sunday School—Secretary B. W. Spilman. 10:45 a. m.—The Superintendent Planning for the Future—Prof. J. Henry Highsmith. 11:15 a. m.—The What, How and Why of Grading—Secretary Arthur Pike.

12:00 m.—Open discussion. 12:30 p. m.—Recess for luncheon. 2:15 p. m.—Devotional. 2:30 p. m.—Facing Some Common Church Problems—Secretary B. L. Spilman. 2:45 p. m.—Revising the People of the Country Sunday School—Capt. A. L. Goodrich, Kelly.

3:15 p. m.—Providing for Our Own Country Sunday School—Capt. J. N. Barnett, Shelton. 3:30 p. m.—The Monthly Workers' Council—Secretary B. L. Spilman.

LARGE ENROLLMENT AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

Newton, Sept. 11.—The sixty-ninth year of work has begun at Catawba College with the largest enrollment of students for some years. The students represent a large area of North Carolina as well as the states of Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Ohio. Not the least of the work at Catawba College is the ready which carries the credits of high school courses and is sought by many parents as a place where the boy and girl is assured careful and thorough training. All members of the faculty have reported these reports five different states, denominations are represented in the student and faculty enrollment. A genuine spirit of fellowship at work pervaded the student body.

Professor Overcash, the new man in the science department, will offer a new advanced course in the sciences thus bringing it more in line with medical and other courses. Professor Lawrence, a native Floridian, will draw a fine number of students into his classes by reason of his thoroughness in this course. His study abroad enables him to fill a valuable place on the faculty.

The special departments will open their work next Monday. These are headed by specialists who represent the best schools of the country. The local support by a large number of students is significant of the new interest the community is feeling in the institution.

Professor Kopenhaver remains teacher of English, Greek and German, Professor Whisenand Latin and Mathematics. Professor A. C. Shreve, principal of the academy, is assisted by Misses Glenna Lentz and Agnes Andrews.

At the meeting of the faculty today Miss Lentz was elected secretary; Miss Becker is lady principal, and is assisted by Miss Lentz and Miss Andrews. Miss Becker of Pennsylvania is in charge of the music department; Miss Emma Reesler, also of Pennsylvania, remains in charge of the commercial department; and Miss McInteney of Charleston, S. C. is the new expression teacher.

GOOD FIRE RECORD MADE LAST MONTH

Raleigh, Sept. 11.—The metropolitan of the state, Winston-Salem, breaks the record for the past month with only one fire recorded to the state insurance department, caused by the explosion of an oil stove in a dwelling with the damage amounting to \$100.

From then the Antlers of North Carolina, which are now with four fires, caused by careless use of gas-stoves, three from chimneys, but a fourth, from the month of only \$2,167.50. Property Commissioner Washburn said that this can be furnished to the office of the state fire marshal in the limited state in August was \$1,000,000.

The record showing that is being made by the state is to modern appliances for fighting fires and the protection measures in the insurance department is a continuation of the work which is being carried on by the state fire marshal, Deputy Washburn today.

ONE CAR STOLEN ANOTHER IS FOUND

When Mr. Heavner of Hildebran left his Ford touring car, 1915 model in front of the Abernethy stables last night, he was little aware that a 1917 model probably belonging to a Mr. Frye at Newton, whose machine was stolen some time ago, would be substituted for his own.

Investigation of the exchange and accident to the car in Newton was being made at Hickory and Newton Chief Lantz called Sheriff Isenhower to open the phone and told him to take Mr. Frye call for his machine, which he called with descriptions sent out by car.

In the meantime the sheriff will find out if he can learn something about a wrecked Ford that was left on the street in Newton last night. The Hickory chief chased the thief who made off with Mr. Heavner's car up into Burke county last night, but it would have been an easy matter for him to do so and take the road for Newton. There he might have met with disaster.

As it is, one car was recovered and another stolen, and Mr. Heavner temporarily is the loser.

With Miss Reinhardt. The Senior Bible class of Holy Trinity Lutheran church was entertained at a most enjoyable social last night at the home of Miss Maud Reinhardt on Ninth avenue. Misses Margaret Wammanacher and Pearl Little gave several musical numbers and Miss Pearl Little gave an interesting account of her trip to Nova Scotia, Halifax and Brunswick which she made during the summer. Miss Little had a number of pictures of the interesting places she visited and these were passed around for inspection.

At the conclusion of the evening the party adjourned to the yard where a watermelon feast was held and fully enjoyed. About 40 young people were present.

Lening is in the midst of his orgy of exploiting the workers of Russia; but wait until he really comes to where he has to face the mulkik—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

WOMAN IS NAMED AS COMMISSIONER

Washington, Sept. 11.—President Wilson today appointed Mabel T. Boardman, for many years a member of the executive committee of the American Red Cross to be a commissioner for the district of Columbia effective next Wednesday in place of Commissioner Brownlow, who has resigned to become city manager of Peterburg, Va.

The appointment makes Miss Boardman the first woman member of the commission which directs the whole government of the district.

CHRISTENSEN ALSO SPEAKS AT FAIR

Humboldt, Minn., Sept. 11.—P. P. Christensen, presidential candidate of the farmer-labor party, addressed visitors to the Minnesota State fair where three other presidential candidates preceded him.

TAR HEEL TOWNS POPULATIONS GIVEN

Washington, Sept. 11.—North Carolina census figures announced today are: Andrews, 1,634; Murphy, 1,314; Burgaw, 1,040; Hertford, 1,704.

Zerders Underselling Store will be closed Monday and Tuesday on account of holiday of Rosh Hashonah, the Jewish new year.

HARD COLLIERIES CLOSE DOWN TODAY

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 11.—The first effect of President Wilson's refusal to have the scale committee of miners and operators in the anthracite region draw up a new wage contract was shown when the Coal Brook colliers at Carbondale, the largest operated in this region of the Hudson Coal Company, closed down.

ALL CLOSED HERE

Hazletown, Pa., Sept. 3.—Every colliery in the Hazletown district was idle today. The Colerain was the last to suspend after holding out since the miners started to leave the mine a week ago.

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The western trip would start the last week in September and probably would include addresses at Indianapolis, Chicago, Louisville, Butte, Spokane, Seattle, San Francisco, Denver, Oklahoma City and a number of other cities.

ACCIDENT OCCURS ON BROOKLYN LINE

New York, Sept. 11.—Another serious accident occurred today on the line of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company whose employees have been on strike for two weeks. Two trolley cars carrying crowds to the baseball game collided and 30 persons were reported injured.