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PRICE FIVE CENTS

MORRILL TALKS TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

One of the best talks the students of Lenoir College have had the privilege of hearing during the present session was that delivered Wednesday morning by H. L. Morrill of Charlotte.

Mr. Morrill was the guest of the Kiwanis Club Tuesday night and kindly consented to make a talk to the students the following morning.

The talk, though entirely impromptu, was filled with sane, wholesome counsel to the students, and of real value to them. He first commended the students for having decided to train themselves for life's work and urged the necessity of serious training if life's work is to be successfully accomplished. He stated that life was a most serious business. We are here and must live our lives. How are we going to live our lives? and what shall we accomplish? are the important questions?

Mr. Morrill warned the students, however, not to depend upon the college to do their work for them. Each man had to do his own work and when leaving the college with a diploma only a start upon the road to knowledge will have been made. Everyone should take time to develop himself intellectually all through life. He quoted a prominent American who had reached the age of 65 years, saying that he had bought more books and had done more studying in his life than in any one year in his life. The man, even the business development, can not take time for himself. The man who is constantly saying that he has not time for anything that good thing is thereby missing his opportunity.

The necessity of a higher standard of real intelligence was stressed by reference to statistics which the speaker said show that the average intelligence of the people of the United States is that of the 13 year old child. This means that about three-fourths of the opportunities for self-development are wasted.

The speaker said there was no such thing as luck, but if there is it should be defined as an opportunity seized by him who is prepared for it.

RETURNS ARE SLOW ON INCOME TAXES

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Income tax returns for 1921 are slow in being mailed, only 1,600 have been received at Commissioners of Revenue A. D. Watt's office today.

This represents a very small percentage of the returns which must be sent in by March 15. The department mailed out a total of approximately 50,000 blanks to individuals and corporations and it is estimated that seventy-five or eighty per cent of that number are subject to taxation under the state law.

But the final day does not come around until March 15 and Federal tax collectors testify that North Carolinians are unlike other citizens in holding back until the last minute.

The state corporation commission will hear cotton mills, customers of the Southern Power Company, on the power company's application to validate contracts made prior to August 1 last which did not come under the provisions of the commission's recent order.

A number of cotton mills have expected to file their returns before the commission on February 28.

The capital laws of the critical illness of Col. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, who is reported in extreme condition.

State officials express regret at Colonel Lamb's illness. He is chairman of the state board of elections and has been prominently identified with politics of the state for many years.

The state board of education which is hearing book representatives as to the books which were recommended by the state text book commission for use in the elementary schools, expects to complete its sittings today or tomorrow. The board is made up of the council of state and the governor and Lieut.-Gov. W. B. Cooper of Wilmington.

Agricultural Conference Hails the President



Delegates and guests attending the national agricultural conference in the Willard hotel, Washington, giving President Harding an ovation as he closed his address. On the platform with the President are Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and George Christian, secretary to the President.

ANOTHER BLANK IS FIRED BY WATSON

Washington, Feb. 16.—Basing his view on legal advice, Secretary Mellon considers that he has not contravened the law prohibiting the secretary of the treasury from engaging in trade or commerce, high officials said today in commenting on the Watson resolution yesterday.

The law was called to Mr. Mellon's attention, officials said, when he was considering Mr. Harding's invitation to join the cabinet. A number of lawyers gave it their opinion that the ownership of stocks did not prevent his serving as secretary.

Before accepting the portfolio of officials said, Mr. Mellon's only active participation in business was as director of a number of banks, and from these he resigned. Since becoming secretary of the treasury, officials said, Mr. Mellon has not devoted a single hour to private business.

HARDING'S FOR SALE TAX

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Harding advised congress today he considered a general sales tax to raise the money for the soldier bonus.

The executive in a letter addressed to Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee and Chairman McCumber of the senate finance committee suggesting that unless congress saw fit to enact a sales tax passage of the bonus legislation should be temporarily postponed.

"I believe," the president wrote, "that the American people will accept a levy of a general sales tax and we should adopt this tax or delay action on the bonus temporarily. If congress will not adopt such a plan it will be wise to let the matter go over until conditions are better" the president wrote.

Declaring that the government had under consideration the disposition of surplus war properties and other transactions which should bring great relief to the treasury, the president said it would be wise to let the legislation go over if congress does not deem it advisable to adopt the sales tax.

BELIEVE TAYLOR WAS ROBBED OF STOCKS

Los Angeles, Feb. 16.—Oil stock and money believed to have constituted part of the estate of William Desmond Taylor, murdered film director, is missing, according to Charles A. Jones, investigator for the district attorney. Jones made his statement after checking up Taylor's personal belongings and after conferring with Mrs. R. M. Berger, an income tax expert, with whom Taylor is said to have discussed his 1921 income tax report a short time ago.

From this it was learned, according to Jones, that Taylor was prepared to pay an income tax on securities and money which have not been located.

Investigation continued today. The district attorney said he would question persons at their homes, believing that his agents could get more information that way.

CONGRESSMEN MAY VISIT GREAT PLANT

Washington, Feb. 16.—An invitation of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., by members of the house committee investigating Henry Ford's offer to purchase the plant, appeared probable today in the event members of the senate agricultural committee, also considering the Ford proposal, decide to make a personal inspection.

Representative Miller, Republican of Washington, told Chairman Kahn of the house committee he understood members of this senate committee would go to Alabama and believe the house committee also should do so.

"I am perfectly willing for the committee to decide that question for itself," said Mr. Kahn, "but first let us find out what the senators will do."

The chairman then called Mr. J. W. Worthington, Mr. Ford's representative who said he would speak on his own account and not as Mr. Ford's representative. He described the statement before the senate committee by other witnesses that Mr. Ford is groping around in the dark as inaccurate.

"Mr. Ford is the most rapid-fire action sort," the witness said. "I carried him the original proposal which led him to make his offer and two hours after he received it, he decided to go to Muscle Shoals and see what there was in it."

FIRE LOSSES IN STATE HEAVY 2 MONTHS

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, Feb. 16.—Million dollar fire losses in North Carolina during December and January have started investigations into causes of the conflagrations and the state department of insurance will likely begin criminal prosecutions in a number of cases within the next ten days.

The fact that of the 217 fire reports to the department in January, 41 were listed as unknown offers the best clue as to whether any of the fires were of incendiary origin. Information in the possession of Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade indicates that prosecutions will be made in several instances similar to the ones at Henderson following a series of fires in that city recently. Inspectors of the department are being assisted by detectives of insurance companies which stand to lose by reason of the fires.

Financial difficulties are given as the reason for the origin of many fires in the state in recent months although convictions have been very few. The insurance department is conducting a rigid investigation of every fire now in an effort to determine possible for incendiaries to realize on their conflagrations.

For January last the loss from fires in the state was \$1,082,350. The December loss was \$1,026,000. These two months exceed all others with the exception of damages reported in April of last year which was \$1,248,075. One million of the loss in April however, was one lumber plant near Wilmington.

"Four fifths of the January loss," the department announces, "arises from 22 fires averaging over \$55,000 each in 15 towns and suburban points. There were 217 fires with damage reported, leaving an average of \$1,000 each. The big fires were at Wilmington, 3; Henderson, 3; Wilson, Kinston and Durham, 2 each; Greenville, Louisburg, Zebulon, Asheville and suburbs, 2 each; State Road, Asheboro, Mt. Airy, Auburn, Reidsville, Southport, Goldsboro and Fayetteville. At no other point did single fire loss reach \$4,000.

"Among the towns reporting no damage during the month and thereby getting on the department's honor roll are: Rocky Mount, Greensboro, Albemarle, Mt. Olive, La Grange, Wake Forest, Sanford, Red Springs, Ayden, Benson and Warsaw."

Excellent showings were made by Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Hickory, Gastonia, Tarboro, New Bern, Waynesville, Dunn and others.

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HOME BREW GOES STRONG IN CANADA

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Local brewers have asked the government for protection against the home-made beverage. Many men employed by beer manufacturers have been laid off recently because of the home brew product.

The brewers complain that their product cannot compete with home-made beer of unlimited alcoholic content.

LO ADELE

I love a girlie sweet and true
With lovely eyes of violet hue.

Her fairy grace, and talents rare,
Combined with beauty radiant fair
Have caught me in a true-love's snare.

Who is this maid with eyes of blue,
Don't you 'spose that it is—You?
—Eliza Woodfin Holland.

BUSINESS BETTER, SAYS TREASURY

Washington, Feb. 16.—Business conditions throughout the country are better than they were a year ago in view of the treasury officials, who declared, however, that the improvement has been gradual and there was no indication of a great revival.

Some seasonal activities might be looked for in the spring, they asserted, but in general only gradual improvement may be expected.

ENGLISH DISCOUNT RATE CUT AGAIN

London, Feb. 16.—The Bank of England today reduced its rate of discount to 4 1/2 per cent.

The discount rate of the Bank of England has been five per cent since November 3 last, when it was reduced from 5 1/2, where it stood last July.

Today's action was forecast in a London dispatch last night in which it was pointed out that the treasury had suspended temporarily its issue of five per cent treasury bonds. The figures today are the lowest since the outbreak of the war in 1914.

NEW ATHENS DAILY GOES TO THE WALL

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 16.—A petition for a receiver for the Athens Daily News, a newspaper published in Athens, was presented in the circuit court here today.

The petition was filed by T. J. Simmons, former editor and general manager, who had charge of the paper from its first issue.

The petition alleges that the company is hopelessly insolvent.

AMERICAN RELIEF CEASES NEXT FALL

Washington, Feb. 16.—The American relief administration expects to withdraw from its undertaking in famine stricken Russia by September 1, Edward Ricker of that organization said today after he had conferred with Secretary Hoover.

IRISH SITUATION SHOWS NO CHANGE

Belfast, Feb. 16.—The authorities today commended Ulster hall, the commodious structure ordinarily used for concerts and conventions, for the use of troops now engaged in combatting the disorders.

Up to 10 o'clock this morning the casualties had reached a total of 114, with the deaths numbering 34.

NEGRO PRINCIPAL FIRED BY FORBES

Washington, Feb. 16.—Immediate removal of W. J. Hale, negro president of the Tennessee Industrial Institute at Nashville, Tenn., against whom charges of extortion were made by former soldiers, has been ordered by Director Forbes, it was announced today.

TO REDUCE FURTHER ARMY IN GERMANY

Washington, Feb. 16.—An immediate reduction of 203 officers and 3,000 men in the American forces in Germany was asked today by the war department. There will be left in Germany a total of 169 officers and 2,117 men.

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

Mrs. Jones was entertaining several of her son's little friends, "Willie," she said, addressing a six year old who was enjoying a plate of cold beef "are you sure you can cut your own meat?" The child was making desperate efforts with his knife and fork replied: "Yes, thanks. I've often had it as tough as this at home."—Christian Evangelist (St. Louis).

THE STAGGER TODDLE

Algy—"Parker, I'm ruined socially! Last night at the ball I drank too much and staggered into everybody."
Valet—"Scarcely that sir. Everybody's talking of you as inventing a new dance."—Passing Show (London).

COTTON

New York, Feb. 16.—There was a good deal of realizing in the cotton market today. The somewhat reactionary showing of Liverpool, which failed to sustain the early figures, increased the disposition to talk profits.

Open	Close
March	17.88
May	17.33
July	16.81
October	16.57
December	16.45

Hickory cotton 16 1/2c.

MAINE RAILROAD CUTS FREIGHT RATES

Portland, Me., Feb. 16.—The Maine Central railroad today announced a ten per cent reduction on agricultural products to the south. The reductions will become effective next Monday.

If every time a man or woman mailed a letter he or she were made to realize a 50 per cent addition in postage because of a law to pension able-bodied young men for completing their education in France or at a swivel-chair desk, intolerance for cowards in public office would be developed. Secretary Mellon's scheme is worth considering.—Brooklyn Eagle.

FAKE MESSAGES ARE SENT TO HARDING

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—The sending of many fake telegrams and letters to President Harding from Pennsylvania has caused M. H. Baker, secretary of the Republican state committee, to make an investigation.

Mr. Baker revealed today that fraudulent telegrams have been sent from the president endorsing the candidacy of J. C. Overton, negro headwaiter at a West Philadelphia hotel, for appointment of register of the treasury.

The telegram bore the names of Mrs. Geo. W. Pepper, wife of Senator Pepper, Mrs. John Wanamaker (widow) and Mrs. Baker. Baker said that none of the persons whose names were signed to the telegrams knew anything about them.

PERPETUAL FLIRT?

"Daughter writes from Florida about delightful old Sol." "Now I hope she hasn't struck up a flirtation with some elderly codger."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Henry Ford is going to get every Senator who voted to send the man who defeated him out of his seat. This is the same "Uncle Henry" who chartered a steamship and took a cargo of nuts over to Europe some years ago, to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas.—Marion Star.

RICKARD INDICTED

New York, Feb. 16.—Tex Rickard, fight promoter, was indicted today for assault on two minor girls by the supreme court.

ASK PRESIDENT FOR MORE DETAILS

Washington, Feb. 16.—The resolution asking President Harding for full information regarding the four-power treaty was passed today after a debate in which the arms conference policy was debated on the senate floor for the first time.

CRAWFORD TRIAL IS NEARING CLOSE

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 16.—The trial of Capt. R. E. Crawford, freight conductor on the Asheville division of the Southern Railway, for second degree murder in connection with the death of Engineer D. S. Hinton in the Southern Railway Y. M. C. A. at Spencer December 5 when he struck him over the head with a catsup bottle and kicked him after he had fallen to the floor, was resumed in Cabarrus superior court today.

Hinton is alleged to have made insulting remarks about Crawford's wife. The defendant told of the affair this morning, saying that he had started to make Hinton apologize or take a whipping, declared that Hinton assumed an aggressive air. The state is contending that Crawford assaulted Hinton secretly.

The case is being attended by scores of railroad men and others. The state rested its case just before noon.

TWO AIRMEN HURT DURING BAD FIRE

Houston, Texas, Feb. 16.—A disastrous fire started this morning at Ellington field, United States army aviation field, 20 miles from here. Two men were injured when their planes crashed rapidly to the ground in a stiff wind.

ARMFIELD IN JAIL

J. L. Armfield, the alleged Thomasville bank wrecker, was landed in the Lexington jail last night on his failure to give bond in the sum of \$175,000.

DRY REBUKE

Jack—"Didn't you see me downtown yesterday? I saw you twice."
Jacqueline—"I never notice people in that condition."—Columbia Jester.