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SPEAKERS STIR THE TEACHERS

"Professional Musician" Most Dangerous Calling

METHODS CRITICIZED

Miss Parish Regards Many Methods As Useless Relics of Another Age. Dr. Smith's Hopeful Address On "Educational Statesmanship" Message From Governor Glenn.

More than 600 educators assembled in Pullen hall at the A. and M. College this morning, for the second session of the twenty-third annual meeting of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly. Rain was falling in torrents but the attendance was surprisingly large.

The features today were addresses on "Some of the defects of our system of common school education," by Miss Cecelia Parish of the Georgia State Normal School; on "Educational Statesmanship in the South," by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of North Carolina and a letter from Governor Glenn to the assembly in which he eulogized the work of the teachers and pledged to them his hearty and whole-souled cooperation and aid.

The address by Miss Parish bordered on a sensation. She is a keen thinker and observer and her talk this morning was a severe criticism of many school methods now in vogue which she characterized as fossils, methods which have outlived their usefulness. In the course of this remarkable address Miss Parish gave as her conviction that the highest calling to woman yet the education of girls seems to take no account of this calling. Here the little smattering of French and music came in for an indictment from the speaker. A proper knowledge of child life and of physics and practical chemistry she considered for more important.

"While I have no desire for our southern girls to become preachers and lawyers," declared Miss Parish, "still I should far rather my daughter become a lawyer than a professional musician. Far more dangerous, insidious and debasing influences surround the professional musician than surround the woman lawyer."

Dr. Smith's address was optimistic and thoroughly hopeful. In the "Educational Statesmanship of the South" he saw the dawn of a new and brighter day. The speaker paid his respects to "Vardamanism" which has no place as he sees it in the glorious tomorrow of the south.

When President W. T. Whitsett called the assembly to order and Rev. W. W. Davis offered prayer Superintendent J. J. Joyner read the following letter from Governor Glenn:

Letter From Governor Glenn.

To the Members of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly:
Ladies and Gentlemen:—It had been my intention any earnest desire to have extended to you, both personally and collectively, a most cordial welcome to our capital city, and to wish for each of you a most profitable and pleasant stay while in our midst, but on account of sickness and acting under orders from my physician I am prevented from appearing before you or even being present at the reception given tonight in your honor, so through the medium of a short letter I have endeavored to express to you my appreciation of the great work you are doing for our state.

To simply say that you are engaged in doing a great work for North Carolina would be trite and commonplace, but if I should add the superlative degree and say, that notwithstanding the many great works now going on in our midst, you are doing the greatest of all, this would perhaps convey to you my estimate of your noble calling.

I would not underrate what others are doing in many ways for the up-building and enrichment of the state, for by this time it is well-known throughout North Carolina that my platform consists of four planks—Agricultural Improvement, Industrial Development, Educational Power and Moral Growth, and I have tried to do all that I could to advance these various interests, but truth compels us to admit that without an educated brain but little can be accomplished in the other fields mentioned, for if physical strength is all that a man and a woman possess, they accomplish little for progress or advancement, but are content merely to exist. But with the brain trained and educated they become ambitious—are impelled to go forward and put into practical execution the knowledge they have gained, applying it to farming, industrial work, moral progress and all things that go to mark a new era in the history of a people.

Looking at the many obstacles in your way, such as poor school houses, inferior equipment, short terms and many other disadvantages, I believe I can truly say that for the amount they

receive the teachers of North Carolina are the poorest paid for what they accomplish of any class of workers in the state. Much has already been done, and in the future I hope we will see still better school houses, more perfect equipment, longer terms—brought about by local taxation and higher salaries, thus insuring both in the city and the country better facilities than we even now enjoy.

All good men and women today should be awake to the importance of training the minds of their children, and if any are to be found who are so blind to the interests of their loved ones as to be willing to dwarf their bodies and minds by compelling them to work, while of tender age, I sincerely trust that the law will step in and compel such people to send their children to school until they arrive at the age of twelve or fourteen years, for ordinarily parents who have to use the little pittance earned by their children to eke out for themselves a scanty living, are fit subjects to be learned for in the county homes or to learn lessons in industry, taught under the vagrancy act. Education gives power and strength, and wise parents should realize that in educating their children they are preparing them to better fulfill the requirements of life, to provide for their future and to become more useful citizens than they themselves on account of their ignorance have had the opportunity of becoming.

No workers in the educational field do better service than the teachers in the city and country public schools, for they reach all grades and conditions of children, thus forming the character of men and women who are to fill every station in life.

Again regretting that I cannot be with you I close this message by expressing the hope that during your stay in our midst you may learn lessons of great value and may return home fired with new zeal for your work and be better able to impart to the youth committed to your care loftier ideas and aspirations—stimulating them to renewed efforts in their studies and inspiring them with ambition to use their acquired knowledge in the service of their state, their country and their God.

With best wishes for all, I am,
Sincerely yours,
R. B. GLENN,
Governor.

Defects in Common Schools.

In speaking on "Some defects in our common schools" Miss Cecelia Parish, of the Georgia State Normal School, pointed out in every move forward some remnants of the outgrown or old system remained, just as decay is coincident with development. Broadly speaking the universe

C. & O.'S COMMITTEE

N. Y. Central and Penn. Officials on It

Executive Committee of Chesapeake & Ohio Includes President Newman and New York Central, Samuel Rea and J. B. Thayer, Vice Presidents of Pennsylvania.

(By the Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., June 12.—When the interstate commerce commission resumed its sessions today Commissioner Clements announced that the commission would sit in Washington on June 21, when the railroad companies which have been under investigation will be permitted to make any statement or present any defense they may desire. Previous to the opening of the session the commissioners telegraphed their secretary at Washington to forward official notification to the railroad presidents. The appearance of these officials is optional as no subpoenas will be issued. The president invited to attend the Washington hearing are: A. J. Cassatt, Pennsylvania Railroad; Oscar G. Murray, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; L. E. Johnson, Norfolk & Western Railroad; George W. Stevens, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad; W. H. Newman, New York Central lines, and A. G. Yates, Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad.

It developed during the morning session of the commission that the executive committee of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad is composed principally of officials of the Pennsylvania and New York Central Railroads. The information was furnished at the commission's request in a letter received from the secretary of the Chesapeake & Ohio Company, who gave the names of the executive committee as follows:
Decatur Axtell, vice-president of the Chesapeake & Ohio; W. H. Newman, president of the New York Central; Samuel Rea and J. B. Thayer, vice-presidents of the Pennsylvania Railroad; George W. Stevens, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio.

Carrie Nation Speaks.
(By the Associated Press.)
Madison, Wis., June 12.—The prohibition state convention opened at the state capital this afternoon to name a full ticket. Addresses were made by the Rev. E. L. Eaton of Madison, candidate for governor and by Alonzo E. Wilson of Chicago. The women's council of prohibition clubs was addressed by Carrie Nation.

GURTIS JETT'S CONFESSION OUT

Throws Light on the Murder of Dr. B. D. Cox

HE IMPLICATES FIVE

Relieves Alex Hargis of Any Complicity in the Cockrill and Marcum Murders—Confesses to Murder of Marcum at Instance of James Hargis and Ed Callahan.

(By the Associated Press.)
Louisville, Ky., June 12.—The Courier-Journal today in a dispatch from Cynthia, Ky., prints the confession of Curtis Jett, which gives the alleged details of the assassination of James B. Marcum and James Cockrill, and also throws new light on the murder of Dr. B. D. Cox, the three crimes having been committed during the reign of feudalism in Breathitt county. The confession is authorized by Jett's attorneys.

Jett says he, John Smith and John Abner killed James Cockrill, that Robert Denton went after Abner and Smith to aid in the murder, and that Elbert Hargis, James Hargis, Ed Callahan, Jesse Spicer and Bill Britton are the men who formed the conspiracy. According to these statements Jett enters extensively into details of the murder and lays bare every feature of the conspiracy and the events before and after the murder.

He then confessed to the murder of James B. Marcum, which he says was at the instance of James Hargis and Ed Callahan, declaring that the pistol with which he did the shooting was furnished him by Callahan for the purpose. He says B. J. Ewen told the truth about the killing.

Jett's statement in regard to the assassination of Dr. Cox is little less sensational than his assertions in regard to the other murders. He says he was at the jail and heard these shots, after which the smoke-house went to the roof. He says he never forgets it—stood Ed Callahan, Jim Hargis, Bill Britton, Jesse Spicer and Elbert Hargis, with two shotguns; I saw no pistols.

Jett closes his confession by saying that he has told the "plain truth, nothing more and nothing less." He relieves Alex Hargis of any complicity in the Cockrill and Marcum murders, saying "He is an innocent man."

Jackson, Ky., June 12.—Former Sheriff Edward Callahan and Elbert Hargis were arrested here today on the charge of murdering Dr. B. D. Cox, several years ago. The warrant was issued by Judge Taubee on an affidavit by "Tom" Cockrill. Callahan and Hargis were mentioned in the confession of Curtis Jett, which has just been made public.

ROOSEVELT DISCLAIMS ANY MEDDLING IN IOWA

Italian Embassy At Washington Advised of the Occurrence, But Will Await Action of Federal Court at Asheville—Rumor of Plot to Murder An Overseer.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—President Roosevelt absolutely disclaims any participation or interference in Iowa political affairs, and says that Secretary Shaw's visit to his home state at this time is made "on his own responsibility."
The disclaimer was called out by published statements that Secretary Shaw would represent the president in a speech he is to make at Davenport, Iowa, in opposition to Governor Cummins. In response to an inquiry from Charles Greik, secretary of the republican central committee of Iowa, as to the truth of the published statements, Secretary Loeb yesterday sent the following telegram:
"Secretary Shaw's visit to Davenport is of course on his own responsibility. The president has sent no message through any body to Iowa republicans, and has not interfered, is not now interfering, and will not interfere in the Iowa factional contest nor in that of any other state."

Broke His Arm.
Lexington, N. C., June 12.—Master Proprietor Trice, the youngest son of Captain C. W. Trice, while skating at the rink here last night, fell and broke his left arm. It is the first accident that has happened at the rink, which has been open now for some time past.

CONGRESS WILL SOON ADJOURN

Republicans Hope to Finish Work in June

NOTHING IN THE WAY

Steering Committee Met Today and Considered Question—Canal Deadlock Interferes Somewhat, But Bulw of Work For The Session Is Practically Over.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—The republican steering committee of the senate met today and considered the question of an adjournment of congress as soon as possible after next week. The committee was in session for an hour and adjourned convinced that nothing stands in the way of such a program. It was stated that every important matter before either branch practically is ready for conference except the sundry civil and general deficiency appropriation bills and the isthmian canal type bill. If rapid progress is made by the house with the appropriation bills Senator Hale, who will have charge of both of these measures in the senate, believes they can be disposed of by Monday, June 25, or Wednesday, the 27, at the latest. That would permit of an adjournment on the 27th or 28th. The program thus arranged contemplates a vote on the canal type bill in the senate, but no further action until the next session.

Senator Spooner, with pending authority made the statement at the meeting today that the appropriation for the canal, carried by the sundry civil bill can be expended with equal advantage during the coming year for a lock canal or a sea level canal, and that Chief Engineer Stevens can go ahead doing work which would be necessary to either type. It is agreed that congress cannot dispose of this question at the present session in view of the contrary opinions of the two branches. The vote in the senate is believed, will result in a decision in favor of a sea level canal. In this event it is expected the administration in work done on the isthmus would not commit itself to either type.

Statehood, railroad rate, meat inspection and bills relating to a number of other subjects of great public interest were considered by the steering committee, but it was the opinion that all of these matters had reached stages that will offer no obstacles to adjournment at an early date. The meat inspection bill is the only one of these that is not already in conference and the house committee has about concluded its consideration of this subject. When that has been done it will go to conference. There are no bills on the calendar scheduled for consideration at this session that are regarded as likely to lead to prolonged discussion.

An understanding was reached in the (Continued on Page Seven.)

TROUBLE IN MITCHELL

Two Italians Killed; Many Attacked

Italian Embassy At Washington Advised of the Occurrence, But Will Await Action of Federal Court at Asheville—Rumor of Plot to Murder An Overseer.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—The Italian embassy has been advised of the killing of two Italian laborers and an assault on many other Italians in Mitchell county, N. C., which resulted in the flight of a large party of Italian railroad workers employed by the South & Western Railroad. United States District Attorney Holton is cooperating with representatives of the Italian government in investigating the causes of the riot which resulted in the death of the two men. As the department of justice is active in looking into the trouble the Italian embassy will not make any diplomatic representations pending the disposition of the matter by the federal court at Asheville, N. C.

It is rumored that the riot was the result of a plot on the part of Italians to murder an overseer.
Comedian To Die.
(By the Associated Press.)
Brighton, Eng., June 12.—John Lawrence Toole, the veteran comedian, who has been ill for some time, is dying. He was born in London in 1820.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE ON DOCKS

Merchants and Miners Baltimore Terminal

THE ESSEX DESTROYED

Three of Crew of the Essex Perished—Five Others Rescued With Difficulty, Two Making Flying Leaps to Rescuing Vessel From Deck of Essex.

(By the Associated Press.)
Baltimore, Md., June 12.—The greatest fire since the conflagration of 1861, involving property loss of about \$1,000,000 and the sacrifice of three lives, occurred at an early hour this morning on the water front.

For a time the entire harbor front was threatened with destruction on the north side, the flames being with difficulty kept within the confines of the wharf of the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company, and on the south side a stubborn battle being fought to prevent a wholesale destruction of property by fire, which spread from the steamship Essex and six barges, which were burned.

The fire started at 1:30 o'clock, but at 5 o'clock was out. At that hour the flames on the Essex had been extinguished, and the shell of the vessel was badly listed from the water in her hold.

Several members of the crew of the Essex are missing, and it is believed that they were burned to death or jumped overboard and were drowned. The known dead are:
Edward Atkinson, cabin assistant.
John Castello, second steward.
Manuel Odello, fireman.

Five other men were rescued with difficulty by the tug Mary, two of them narrowly escaping death in the flames or drowning as they were forced to make flying leaps to the rescuing vessel from the deck of the Essex as the former boat pulled away from the burning steamer.

On the south side of the harbor the packing house of Moore & Grady Company was damaged, the steamer Minnie Wheeler of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Steamship Company and a cotton shed of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company were partially destroyed. They caught fire from the barges and the Essex when they floated across the harbor after being cut loose from their moorings. The steamer Essex arrived in port several nights ago and was half unloaded. She was lying alongside of the south end of the wharf, and before work could be passed she caught fire and was towed out into the harbor, burning fiercely.

Six barges and barges that were also lying alongside of the wharf were completely destroyed. A number of them were towed out into midstream so as to prevent them from setting fire to adjoining property.

STEAMER EMPIRE SOLD TO NICARAGUA

City of Mexico, June 12.—The steamer Empire, now at Corinto, Nicaragua, and said to be assisting the Guatemalan rebels, has been sold to the Nicaraguan government, according to advices received here from Salvador, and cannot now be seized by the United States.

Tapachula advices report that Ayulla, Guatemala, has not been taken by Guatemalan regulars, and Ocosingo is said to be still in the possession of the revolutionists.
The leaders of the Guatemalan revolution seem the adverse reports sent out from Guatemala city.

NO YELLOW FEVER CASES IN COLON.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—The isthmian canal commission received the following dispatch today from Governor Magoon at Panama:
"No yellow fever nor suspected cases in Colon. Doubtful case reported May 23, evidently not yellow fever, as Cristobal, Colon contains over two thousand non-immunes and no case since."
"Wyman advised us and reported cases taken from S. S. Whitehall (at

New Orleans), but our medical staff thinks his diagnosis erroneous.
"Health conditions excellent. Deaths of employes during May—5 whites, 49 colored—smallest percentage for past twelve months."

PENNSYLVANIA R. R. STOCK 6 PER CENT.

(By the Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., June 12.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company which operates the Pennsylvania Railway lines west of Pittsburgh today declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, thus placing the stock on a six per cent basis instead of five.
The dividend declared today is on the \$50,000,000 new stock issue, authorized in 1902, which was taken by that company.

COMMENCEMENT AT PRINCETON.

(By the Associated Press.)
Princeton, N. J., June 12.—Commencement day was observed by Princeton University today and the degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon several prominent men. The degree was given Ellihu Root, secretary of state; Rev. William Douglas MacKenzie, D. D., president of Hartford Theological Seminary, and Horace Porter, former ambassador to France.
During the exercises it was announced that the university had received gifts amounting to \$78,000.

CAPT. BERRY TO SUCCEED REAR ADMIRAL HARRINGTON.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—Capt. Robert M. Berry, commandant of the navy yard at Pensacola, Fla., who will shortly be promoted to the grade of rear admiral, will succeed Rear Admiral P. F. Harrington retired, in command of the navy yard at Norfolk, Va., when the latter is relieved early next month. Captain Berry stands near the top of the record for length of service at sea, having had 21 years of such duty.

Sundry Civil Bill.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—The house today further considered the sundry civil bill.

KENTUCKY HOME COMING

Exercises Begin in a Pouring Rain

Formal Address of Welcome By Henry Watterson—Governor Beckham Presides—Abraham Lincoln Cabin Set Up Today—Miss Hardin Presented With a Medal.

(By the Associated Press.)
Louisville, Ky., June 12.—A pouring rain marked the beginning of the first official day of "home coming week." Fortunately the greater part of the exercises were scheduled to be held inside the armory on Walnut street. The weather, however, made it doubtful whether or not the great floral parade, which was to be the feature of the afternoon, would be held.

The formal opening exercises in the armory were set for 11 o'clock. Long before that hour the great armory was filled completely, and A. Y. Ford, chairman of the reception committee, called the meeting to order. He introduced the Rev. T. M. Hawes of Louisville, who delivered the invocation. Mayor Paul C. Barth welcomed the visitors to Louisville.

Governor J. C. W. Beckham delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the state of Kentucky, and at the conclusion of his address assumed the gavel as the presiding officer of the reunion.
Governor Beckham introduced Henry Watterson, who delivered the formal address of welcome.
Former Governor David R. Francis of Missouri also addressed the assemblage.

Miss Louise Lee Hardin of Denver, Col., who conceived the idea of the "home coming," was escorted to the rostrum, where Governor Beckham presented her with a beautiful gold medal in behalf of the state of Kentucky. This brought the formal exercises of the day to a close.
The Abraham Lincoln cabin, which is to occupy a conspicuous site in Central Park during the week, reached the city late last night and has been under the constant guard of a detail of militia. It will be taken from the cars late today and set up. When the "home coming" week is over, it will be stored in a warehouse until the Lincoln farm, its future home, is in readiness for it.

GORILLA NEGRO SAFE IN JAIL

Has Made Confession of Criminal Assault

A LYNCHING AVERTED

Armed Marylanders On Scene Ready to Take Negro to Maryland and Lynch Him, But Arrival of Troops Before Dark Frustrated Their Plans.

(By the Associated Press.)
Norfolk, Va., June 12.—The negro William Lee, charged with criminal assault on Mrs. Robert Barnes and her cousin, Miss Frances Powell, of Kingston, Somerset county, Md., was brought safely to Norfolk this morning by the Norfolk and Portsmouth troops, who were hurried to Eastville, Northampton Va., yesterday afternoon by order of Governor Swanson to protect the prisoner in the Eastville jail and prevent his being lynched by the angry mob of Marylanders who had come from the peninsula from the scene of the crime just across the Virginia border during yesterday.

Lee, upon being landed here this morning, was committed at once to the Norfolk city jail, where he at 10 a. m. admitted to an Associated Press representative that he had made a confession this morning to Deputy Sheriff Charles Lankford of Northampton county, Va., who was the only civilian official to accompany the prisoner from Eastville across the bay to Norfolk.

In this confession to Lankford the negro admitted the assault on Mrs. Barnes and also admitted making an unsuccessful attempt to assault Miss Powell. Deputy Sheriff Lankford stated to Captain of Police Dalton of Norfolk that he had the negro's confession in writing signed by the prisoner.

Lee said he was not from Portsmouth, Va., but that his home was in York county, Va. He said he had been in Norfolk before, but declined to make any further statement for publication. The question as to the time and manner of the prisoner's delivery to the Maryland authorities is yet to be determined. A long distance telephone message to the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch from the office of Governor Swanson at Richmond says that the following message has been sent:

"Richmond, Va., June 12, 1906.
"Hon. Edwin Warfield, Governor, Annapolis, Md.:
"The negro Lee arrested in this state for criminal assault committed in your state is held in the Norfolk jail subject to your order and I will be glad to hear your wishes in the matter."
(Signed)
"CLAUDE A. SWANSON,
Governor."

But for the prompt action of Governor Swanson in calling out the militia and the timely arrival of the troops in Eastville just before dark last night the negro Lee would almost certainly have been lynched at the hands of the armed Maryland farmers who were on the scene. Their intention, a speech to the Ledger-Dispatch from Eastville says, was not to lynch the negro on Virginia soil, but to take him by force if necessary and carry him across the Maryland border into Somerset county, Md., and there lynch him. The Marylanders have returned from Eastville to their homes in Somerset, and the excitement in Eastville has largely subsided. The excitement in Somerset, however, is still great.
Immediately upon the delivery of the prisoner at the Norfolk jail the militia was disbanded. The state will pay them for two days service. There were 165 officers and men.

COLUMBIA CONFERS 1,132 DEGREES.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, June 12.—Eleven hundred and thirty-two degrees were conferred upon students of Columbia University and its allied institutions, including Barnard College for women and the College of Pharmacy, at the 152nd annual commencement of the university today. Seven honorary degrees were also conferred by President Nicholas Murray Butler.

In his address to the graduates President Butler declared that present signs of unrest point to a period of general reconstruction, in which individual character will be the reconstructing power, and that in the field of endeavor the university graduate must lead and teach.
Diplomatic Appropriations.
(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, June 12.—The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was sent to conference today by the house, the conferees being Mr. Cousins (Iowa), Mr. C. B. Landis (Ind.), and Mr. Flood (Va.).