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## SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN PLANS CLOSER RELATIONS

Resolution Adopted Without Dissenting Vote—Question Passed Without Debate By Southern Church Assembly at Charlotte— Issue Presented To Moderator as Unfinished Business.

(By Associated Press.) CHARLOTTE, May 24.—The plan of union proposed by the joint committee on closer relations of the assembly of the Southern and Northern Presbyterian Church was adopted without a dissenting vote at the session of the Southern Assembly here today. This issue was presented by the moderator at the opening of the morning session as unfinished business, and when he called for debate none developed and the question was passed by unanimity.

### RAILROAD HEARINGS START IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Arguments on the applications of railroads of the country for a general increase in freight rates to afford the six per cent revenue guaranteed by the new transportation act began today before the Interstate Commerce Commission with the presentation of the carriers' case. The hearings are expected to last about two weeks.

### ALASKAN AGRICULTURAL LANDS BEING SURVEYED

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, May 24.—According to the report of Alexander T. Cogswell, acting secretary of the Interior, over 1,000,000 acres of agricultural land has been surveyed in the territory of Alaska to the end that it may be available for entry and patent under the public domain laws. A considerable portion of this land is within country traversed by or tributary to the government railroad now being constructed in Alaska.

### GREEK KING TAKES MORGANTIC WIFE

Girl is Daughter of Former Aide de Camp to King Constantine

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, May 24.—King Alexander of Greece is reported here to have been married in a magnificent ceremony to the daughter of a former aide-de-camp to his father, King Constantine. The Greek legation in Paris has refused to confirm or deny this report. The king and his wife are living at the same hotel here.

### SENATE INVESTIGATING CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of Major General Leonard Wood's campaign managers, told the senate investigating committee today that so far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was \$15,000 in New Jersey. He added the next largest was \$12,500 in Maryland. Hitchcock said that in New York, "as in a number of other states," the Wood supporters "financed their own campaign in their own way," without asking assistance from the Wood organization.

### OUTRAGE BOARD HOBBY IS PREVALENT HERE

Even The Politicians Have Resorted To Its Use, It is Said

That the ouija board craze has hit NEW BERN in its full and complete force is asserted by merchants who are handling these mystical mediums of conversation with things less material than those persons who purchase them, and it is asserted that scores of them have recently been purchased here. Even the political aspirants have taken to it of ouija to endeavor to ascertain in advance the fate that is to befall them and one well-known aspirant for place and power is said to have purchased half a dozen at one trip and has had his office force manipulating the "indicator" eight hours a day for the past week. But, all in all, the ouija fad seems to have arrived for the moment at least, even though it passes into oblivion in the course of time.

### Predicts 10 Hour Flight Paris to New York



LIEUTENANT HENRI ROGET Lieutenant Roget recently flew from Paris to Lyons, a distance of nearly 285 miles, at a speed of 156 miles an hour. Roget flew at a height of 15,000 to 18,000 feet all the way and maintained his speed in this rarefied atmosphere by means of an invention which he claims will revolutionize flying and make a trip from Paris to New York within ten hours easily possible.

### OIL STOCK CRAZE STRIKES THIS CITY

Many Local Residents Investing Savings in This Variety of Securities

New Bern people cannot be said to have gone loony over oil stock but the fact remains that they are having an opportunity to purchase this in any size lots that they desire and it is said that quite a few have invested their earnings in securities of this sort and with the promoters waging an active campaign it is predicted that many more dollars will change hands ere the "drive" is ended. And along with the foreign oil well stock salesmen, a local company has options on tracts of land near New Bern which they believe will be found to be literally swimming on top of millions of gallons of oil and already plans are underway for making a survey and investigate to see if there really is oil to be found. Under circumstances such as this, it is little wonder that many New Bern people are thinking and dreaming of oil and of becoming millionaires overnight.

### OPERETTA TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

This Event Is To Be One of The Most Stupendous Seen Here

Tickets to the operetta and cantata Wednesday night in Griffin Auditorium will go on sale today. As there are about 150 children involved, it is to be supposed that the advance sale will be good. Among the leading characters are Ruth Brown, Ida Mae Myers, Opal Gaskins, Martha Harper, Donald Hayes, Lillian Foy, Johnnie Gaskill, Elsie Parker, Harold Waters, Elizabeth Skinner, Clyde Smith, Whitney Voltz, Rosamond Latta, Margaret Miller, Annie Kinsey Cook, Althea Phillips, Elizabeth Davis, Lucy Elliott, Frances Linke, Ruth Coker, Thelma Coker, Evelyn Laughinghouse, Willie Johnson, Mozella Wood, Harrison Hancock, Fred Scott, Elias Stillman and many others. The final rehearsals are now being completed and they are entirely satisfactory. Those who attend the entertainment Wednesday afternoon or Wednesday night, will enjoy it, as it will be good. ANOTHER ADVANCE IN SUGAR. (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 24.—The American Sugar Refining Company today advanced the price of sugar one cent to 22 1/2 cents, making the third advance of its kind within a week.

## FRENCH PRESIDENT FALLS FROM TRAIN; INJURY IS SLIGHT

Pitches Through Open Window in Darkness When Train Gives Lurch

(By Associated Press.) MONTARGIS, France, May 24.—Paul Deschanel, president of the French Republic, fell from a window of his train when it was a short distance from here last night. The train was moving at the time, but after the fall M. Deschanel walked a mile and a quarter in the darkness until he met a track workman. The workman accompanied the president to a signal station nearby and telephoned to this city for an automobile, which arrived within half an hour. Physicians found he had suffered no injuries sufficient to cause anxiety, although he was bruised and lacerated. The president explained he had been unable to sleep in his compartment of the private car in which he was traveling and tried to open a window to secure more ventilation. The window stuck, he said, and when he applied all his strength suddenly the window gave way and he pitched out of the car on to the track in the darkness, the train going on.

### JOHNSON'S MANAGERS TELLS ABOUT EXPENSES

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 24.—Angus McSweeney, assistant manager for Senator Johnson, of California, told the senate committee investigating campaign expenses that the total appropriations received for the senator's campaign was \$68,130. The largest, he said, was \$27,000 from R. B. Strausburger, of Norristown, Pa. William Flynn, of Pittsburgh, furnished \$7,500, the witness said.

### WISLANDER DEBARRED FROM THE 1920 OLYMPIAD

ANTWERP, May 24.—Wislander, the all around Swedish athlete who was second to Thorpe in the 1912 Olympic games as individual champion, has met with the same fate as Thorpe—disbarment from competition in the 1920 Olympiad, for his refusal to accept the prizes won by Thorpe but awarded to Wislander when Thorpe was declared a professional, according to Swedish athletes who attended the Olympic ice events here.

### PORTSMOUTH SECURES ANOTHER CLUB MANAGER

(By Associated Press.) ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., May 24.—Jimmy Vioux, former Pittsburg infielder, today joined the Portsmouth Club here of the Virginia League. He will manage this club, succeeding James Barton, resigned. Vioux brings with him pitcher Benton and outfielder Werner. He has for two years managed the Norwood, Ohio, Club.

### SHIPYARD IS NOT TO BE SHUT DOWN

Management Deny Rumor Which Has Been Current Here Today

A rumor current here today to the effect that the management of the Newport Shipbuilding Corporation intends closing down the plant in the course of the next few days, has been investigated and found to be utterly false and the management states that the plant will not by any means close at any time in the near future. A few days ago the ninth concrete ship, the last of the original contract for such vessels awarded to the local concern, was launched and the management are now awaiting a report on a bid for other similar boats which they have placed. But, whether or not concrete ships are to again be constructed there, the Newport concern has other contracts which will keep them busy for a long while.

### GOVERNMENT LOST IN RAILROAD OPERATION

Financial Report of Swager Sherley Has Been Presented

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The government's gross loss in the operation of the railroads during federal control was \$900,478,000, according to the financial report of Swager Sherley, Railroad Administration Director of Finance. Of this total \$677,513,000 was chargeable largely to the excess of operating expenses over revenues and rentals for "class one" roads. Mr. Sherley said. Smaller lines, sleeping car companies and inland water-ways added \$45,460,000 to this total.

## BANK RANSACKED BY BOLD ROBBERS AT FINLEYVILLE, PA

Cashier Knocked Unconscious and Locked in Vault by Bandits

(By Associated Press.) PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 24.—The First National Bank of Finleyville, Pa., near here, was held up and robbed shortly after noon by six men who escaped, according to word received here by the police. The bandits are said to have secured with \$100,000 in bonds and securities and \$15,000 in cash. The cashier, who was the only man in the bank at the time, is reported to have been knocked unconscious and locked in the vault while the institution was rifled. A sheriff's posse has gone in pursuit.

## BOLSHEVIKI ATTACK ON A 90-MILE FRONT

Concerted Attempt is Being Made to Crush Polish Lines

(By Associated Press.) WARSAW, May 24.—The bolsheviks are attacking in waves on the northern fighting front in a thrust to break the Polish lines and open communication with east Prussia. The fiercest fighting in months is raging along the 90-mile battle front. Villages are changing hands daily and the lines are swaying to and fro. The fighting has mostly been individual encounters through the open swamp country. The latest official statement says the bolsheviks were thrown back at most places in a two day battle, suffering heavy losses in men killed. The bolsheviks were aided in the fighting by aviators, two of whom were brought down by Polish flyers. The bolsheviks, however, brought up armored trains. All the trains on this front are reported to be officered by Germans, with many trained machine gunners.

### MADISON COUNTY FARMER, WIFE AND BABIES KILLED

ASHEVILLE, May 24.—Roy Runion, a Madison county farmer, his wife and their two babies, were killed near Hot Springs when their automobile plunged over a steep embankment on a dangerous mountain curve. Jeter W. Massey, a passenger, was also killed. The accident occurred when Runion tried to pass another machine on the curve. He drove too close to the outer embankment and the machine toppled over, falling about two hundred feet.

### Park Buys Another

John A. Park, of Raleigh, publisher of The Raleigh Evening Times and The Fayetteville Observer, both afternoon dailies, has purchased the New Bern Sun-Journal, an afternoon daily. He will make many improvements in the paper, it is said, and will enlarge the staff. We do not know what kind of a newspaper the Sun-Journal was prior to its taking over by Park, but we are sure that New Bern will have an afternoon daily of which the town will be justly proud, if we are to be judge from what he has made and is making out of The Raleigh Evening Times and The Fayetteville Observer.—Stanly News-Herald.

### WOMEN WILL FIGHT RATIFICATION IN THE CAROLINA ASSEMBLY

National Anti-Organization To Send a Delegation To Raleigh

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Md., May 24.—To pave the way for a legislative fight against the woman's suffrage amendment, which comes up in North Carolina next July, Mrs. Rufus M. Gibbs, president of the Maryland Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, and Mrs. W. P. D. Wyse, local vice-president, left last night for Raleigh. The anti-suffragists will stay a week, aiding state organization leaders to fight the measure when it comes up for ratification. Their work at present will be of a "missionary character." William L. Marlbury, legal advisor, will go to Raleigh when the legislative meets.

## FATHER STRANGLES DAUGHTER TO DEATH; SAYS GOD WILLED IT

Is Ready to Die Himself Now That He Has Fulfilled Lord's Wish

(By Associated Press.) MOSS POINT, Miss., May 24.—Lewis Smith, a shipyard worker held in prison here following a robbery Sunday afternoon on a steamer, strangled his four-year-old daughter, Lula, to death. Smith told officers he had been ordered by God to kill his child, and now that he had carried out the Lord's wish, was ready to die himself. The child was strangled to death while out walking with her father Sunday afternoon.

### GERMAN FUNCTIONARIES WITHOUT HOMES, BERLIN

BERLIN, May 24.—Twenty-five thousand German civilian functionaries who occupied positions in Poland and have been deprived of their posts owing to transfers of territory, are in sore plight. The government, which suddenly recalled them, gave no thought, apparently, to housing such a multitude with their wives and families, assigning them to old concentration camps and barracks.

### SENATOR SMOOT ALLEGES EFFORT TO DEFEAT HIM

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Charges that a federal trade commission investigation of the Utah Sugar Company was being used in an effort to defeat him for re-election were made in the Senate today by Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah. Although Senator Smoot said he had only a nominal stock interest in the company, he declared the commission's activities were being directed against his political interests.

### NEAREST OLYMPIC EQUIVALENT TO AMERICAN 220-YARD DASH

ANTWERP, May 24.—Officials in charge of the Olympic games to be held in August have so far found it impossible to arrange a straightaway race at the stadium for the 200 meter race—the nearest Olympic equivalent to the American 220 yard dash. The maximum possible length of a straight track in the stadium is only slightly above a hundred yards and the 200 meter race probably will be run with one gradual elliptical curve in the course.

### POPULATION OF NORFOLK

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Population statistics announced today included: Norfolk, Virginia, 115,777, increase 48,325, or 71.6 per cent.

## POLITICAL POT AT BOILING POINT NOW

Politics One of Main Topics Of Conversation in Certain Quarters

With the primary rapidly approaching the political pot in this city is busily engaged in boosting their favorite candidates and working out a "certainty" as to who will be elected for this and for that office. The candidates for the governor's office all have their adherents, while in the congressional race the aspirants number their boosters by the score, even the Republican candidates claiming a following which they say will give them a healthy vote. Locally, interest centers on the race for the sheriff's office, a three-cornered fight. Bets, however, are noticeable by their absence. The dopests have their opinions, but these latter are not strong enough in many cases to be backed up with the coin of the realm.

### FREIGHT RATE INCREASE DON'T INCLUDE WAGES

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The \$1,017,000,000 additional revenue which the railroads are seeking their increased freight rates for does not take into account any increases in wages which the railroad board may grant the two million railroad employees, Howard Elliott, of the Association of Railway Executives, stated today before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

### GEORGIA CENTRAL CLERKS DISREGARD STRIKE ORDER

ATLANTA, Ga., May 24.—A postponement until noon today of the time limit for officials of the Central of Georgia Railroad for the return to work of union clerks who went on strike one week ago had been generally disregarded by the striking clerks, according to railroad officials and clerks' representatives today.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE METHODIST CHURCH ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

AUDITOR INTIMATES DISCLOSURES TO BE OF STARTLING SORT

Employed By Craven Sheriff To Investigate—He Does—To Report

The Craven county Board of Commissioners met at 11 o'clock this morning for the purpose of hearing a report from Sheriff R. B. Lane in regard to alleged balances which an audit made by W. P. Hilton & Company, of Norfolk, Va., show that he is due the county. Sheriff Lane, through his auditor, Mr. E. A. McKinney, stated that there were several matters which he desired to make a very definite statement about and suggested that in order that these could be placed in correct form, that the report not be made until Friday. The commissioners agreed to this and on Friday morning at 11 o'clock the report will be made. Sheriff Lane several days ago told the commissioners that he absolutely did not owe the county one cent. He secured an auditor to come and investigate his books and also the Hilton report and, while nothing has been given out to the public of a definite nature, it is said that this auditor has some startling statements to make on next Friday. The board impressed upon Mr. McKinney, the auditor, that he should be very definite in his report, that the reputation of the Hilton firm hung upon the outcome and that there must not be any errors. Much interest is being manifested in this affair. Sheriff Lane, already by the assertion that he doesn't owe the county which the Hilton audit states he is due the county. The commissioners have accepted the report and state that they will stand by it until it is proved in error.

### STATE COLLEGE MEN HOLD MEETING AND ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Will Erect Memorial to Boys Who Gave Their Lives in Great War

(By Associated Press.) RALEIGH, N. C., May 24.—Members of the State College Alumni Association met here this morning in the college Y. M. C. A. building, and after transacting considerable business elected the following officers for the coming year: President, C. V. York, Raleigh; Vice-President, I. O. Shaub, Washington; Secretary, E. L. Cloyd, West Raleigh.

### BUENOS AIRES STUDENTS STRIKE ENDS IN TRAGEDY

BEUNOS AIRES, May 24.—The students' strike at the University of La Plata, which culminated recently in a shooting affair in a lecture room and the killing of one of a group of students taking an examination, is attributed by some newspapers to the incitement of politicians and by others to "the absorption of anarchistic ideas" by the student agitators. The tragedy was the most serious of a number of acts of violence on the part of the strikers that have occurred during the past few months.

### MR. J. F. WATKINS WITH SUN-JOURNAL

Well Known Editor Joins Staff—Addition to Mechanical Force Also

Two new additions were made today to The Sun-Journal "family," these being Messrs. Joseph P. Watkins, who is known as one of the best editorial writers in North Carolina, and Mr. C. F. Pillely, linotypist. Mr. Watkins comes with The Sun-Journal from Wilmington, where he has been connected with The Wilmington Star for several months. Previous to that time he was on The Greensboro Record with The Raleigh Times. Several other additions are to be made to the staff and mechanical force of The Sun-Journal as soon as possible and the management assures its readers of this paper the very best service possible.

### SURGEON CHOSE \$1 MINUTE; HOTEL MAN PAYS \$1,000

CHICAGO—After performing a successful operation on Mrs. Harry Moires, the wife of a Chicago hotel man, Max Thorek was asked by her husband what his fee would be. The operation having lasted fourteen minutes, Dr. Thorek replied that he thought \$14 or \$1 a minute would be satisfactory. Mr. Moires wrote out a check for \$14,000. "What's thim for?" asked the surgeon. "I'm making it \$1.00 a minute," replied Mr. Moires. "Saving my wife's life was worth it."

### FOREIGN LEGION SOLDIERS WON'T LOSE SUFFRAGE RIGHTS

WHEELING, W. Va., May 24.—The right of an American to vote has not been forfeited if he has sworn allegiance to a foreign allied nation to aid in the prosecution of war, according to a recent ruling of Attorney General E. T. England, of West Virginia. The ruling was made in the case of Albert Marshall, of Wheeling, who had been denied the right to vote because he enlisted with Canadian troops at the beginning of the world war. However, he joined the American army when the first of the expeditionary forces arrived overseas.