

THE NEW CHIEFTAIN TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

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ASSUMED OFFICE IMMEDIATELY

Thousands of Fascisti From All Over the Country Enter Rome Today to Celebrate Their Triumph.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Oct. 31.—Members of the new Italian cabinet, headed by Benito Mussolini, the fascist chief, took the oath of office before King Victor Emmanuel at 7:15 last night, and assumed office immediately, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome.

Big Demonstration in Rome

Rome, Oct. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Rome awaited with eagerness today for the formal entrance into the city of the thousands of fascisti who were called from all parts of the country over the week-end in support of the fascist demand for control of the country.

The demonstrations are coincident with the call to power of the leader, Benito Mussolini, who yesterday formed a new cabinet. The new government is ready to take full control and its fascist supporters from all parts of Italy are prepared to celebrate the triumph by a procession through the city.

It was decided last night, however, to limit the number of paraders to 15,000, with the route of the parade passing by the quai for a tribute to King Emmanuel, a march through the main streets to the unknown soldiers' tomb, and then demobilization and the return of the demonstrators to their homes in all parts of Italy.

Meanwhile the fascisti already in Rome celebrated the triumph by an informal night parade, undisturbed by the frequent showers, singing patriotic songs which were interspersed with fascist war cries. Notwithstanding the rain they managed to light bonfires in various squares in which they burned socialist and communist literature.

These demonstrations and other incidents led to some shooting in some quarters during which there was considerable shooting with no fatalities reported.

The Fascist insurrectionist movement has been going from victory to victory. With very few exceptions it has everywhere gained its objectives bloodlessly.

It is expected that the fascisti will enter Rome in force either today or tomorrow.

The situation at present stands as follows: With the exception of Cremona and Turin, where the Fascist encountered considerable opposition, the whole northeast of Italy is in their control, with the exception of Rome, which, however, is closely surrounded by Fascist squadrons estimated to be many thousands strong, whose numbers are being constantly swelled by reinforcements pouring in from all over Italy.

In Southern Italy where the fascisti are least strong they have made small progress, but Deputy Caradonna, their leader in the south, has stretched his troops in a continuous line across Italy just south of Naples, keeping a close watch over Puglia, Basilicata and Calabria.

The situation in Rome is marked by great activity displayed by the military who are continually dashing up and down the streets in motor lorries, Fascist Nationalists are parading the streets in their picturesque uniforms, being greeted everywhere with great enthusiasm by the population.

Rome presents its ordinary holiday appearance. The streets are filled with people enjoying the bright sunshine as if nothing unusual were happening. Flags are exposed at every window as if to commemorate a national victory. Women walk undisturbed in the streets.

Italian Ambassador at Paris Resigns. Paris, Oct. 31 (By the Associated Press).—Count Sforza has telegraphed his resignation as Italian ambassador at Paris to Premier Mussolini. He explains that in his view the government should have in such posts men in thorough accord with its policies.

With Our Advertisers. New Victor Records for November have been received by the Bell & Harris Furniture Company.

It gives you happiness to own your own home. See how you can do this by reading ad. of Citizens Building & Loan Association in this paper.

Don't forget the Ten Day Sale at the Concord Furniture Co. starts tomorrow. Many fine bargains will be offered.

The Bell & Harris Furniture Co. has received furnishings for the entire house, large or small. New ad. gives particulars.

Building fresh fires each morning takes lots of fuel. Cole's Hot Blast Heaters save time, trouble and expense. H. B. Wilkinson.

Up to September 16, Montreal elevators had unloaded 93,891,941 bushels of grain from lake vessels, and had at the same time loaded ocean vessels with 88,840,941 bushels, according to records of the Harbor Commissioners' office.

MRS. GIBSON'S LIFE BEING INVESTIGATED

It Is Rumored That She Is Not a Widow, and That Her Husband Is Living at Present in New Brunswick.

SHE DENIES ALL OF THESE RUMORS

No Effort Has Been Made by Prosecutor Mott to Present Mrs. Gibson's Story to the Grand Jury.

(By the Associated Press.) New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 31.—The credibility of Mrs. Jane Gibson, who says she was an eye-witness of the murders of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, was subjected to criticism again today. The authorities continued their investigation into her past, following reports that instead of being the widow of a clergyman, she is the wife of Wm. H. Easton, who works in New Brunswick, and drives to and from her farm in a small automobile.

Mrs. Gibson insisted that the reports were untrue. She denied she has a husband, or that she is a Mrs. Gibson whose husband, John, a railroad worker, died some years ago in Kentucky. Easton said he had "nothing to say" when asked if she was his wife.

"It's an amazing story," he said, commenting on her eye-witness story. "She has a brilliant mind. "You tell me the officials are investigating the story of my life," Mrs. Gibson said. "Well, I don't care. I know I am here in New Brunswick, and I witnessed the murder of Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills. What difference does it make whether I have a past or not?"

Special Attorney Mott has made no move to present Mrs. Gibson's story to the grand jury. He said, however, he found nothing which would tend to discredit her account of the murders.

Mrs. Gibson Fires Birdshot at Reporters

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 31.—Mrs. Jane Gibson, who recently dramatically announced that she had been an eye-witness to the Hall-Mills murder, today eluded her hold on the center of the stage by firing a load of bird shot over the heads of reporters who had gathered around her farmhouse and peppering her with questions.

Mrs. Gibson, ex-bareback rider, hog raiser and woman farmer—who suddenly became reticent after amplifying her story of the killing of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor Mills, became irritated this morning when an army of newspaper men showed up at her door.

The reporters returned to town and addressed questions to her over the telephone. She admitted that it was she who wielded the shot gun.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened at a Decline on December But Generally 3 to 5 Points Higher.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 31.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 2 points on December, but generally 3 to 5 points higher, and sold about 10 to 15 points above yesterday's closing during early trading. A better opening response to the relatively firm showing of the Liverpool market was prevented by scattered southern selling and overnight selling orders brought in by the reaction of yesterday's late market.

Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 23-25; Jan. 23-25; March 24-26; May 23-25; July 23-25.

Gastonia Coming to Concord Friday. With the experiences of the Salisbury games tucked away in their heads, the local pigskin chasers of the high school yesterday afternoon settled down to work in preparation for their game with Gastonia here Friday.

Gastonia has a strong team this year, having held Charlotte to a one point victory. Charlotte turned the trick on Monroe who swamped the local eleven. From that angle it would appear a walk over is in store for the game Friday. But Gastonia was badly beaten by Shelby, and Shelby was licked by Charlotte, so there goes the comparative scores up in the air. Too, Gastonia was able to beat the Lincoln team by only one touch-down. The same Lincoln team held Salisbury to a tie. All who saw the Salisbury-Concord game say that Concord has just as good a team as Salisbury, despite the score, which was due largely to fumbles. From this angle a rather close game should be expected. Add to this the fact that last year's game was a scoreless tie, and you may know that football enthusiasts have a real game in store when the whistle sounds Friday.

Italian Steamer Sinking. Lands End, England, Oct. 31 (By the Associated Press).—The Italian steamship Teti, bound from Huelva, Spain, for Norfolk and Baltimore, is sinking at a point southeast of the Azores, says a wireless message from the vessel received by Lloyd's this morning. No particulars were given. It is not known whether the Teti carries any passengers.

All cabinet ministers of the Manioto government who took office recently are Scots, or of Scotch extraction, and they are Presbyterians.

GOVERNOR DENOUNCES KLAN AND CATHOLICS

Gov. Allen, of Arkansas, Denounces Certain Types of Catholics and Ku Kluxers in the Same Breath.

FEARS ACTION WILL BRING "CIVIL WAR"

Says Both the Klansmen and Catholics "Be Ashamed" for the Way They Have Acted in Past.

Great Bend, Kans., Oct. 31.—Gov. Henry J. Allen, of Arkansas, in an election campaign address, continued his attacks on the Ku Klux Klan here last night with a plea for tranquillity and tolerance so that the state might be spared "the horrors of a civil war."

His speech was a searing denunciation of religious bigotry and community hatred, and denounced certain types of Catholics and members of the Klan in the same breath. "You are both to blame," he asserted. "You Catholics who go out and say: 'I don't vote for a man who is not a Catholic. I am going to put my political activity behind my religion. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. And you men who join this Klan and say: 'There is an order that exists for the protection of white supremacy and to save us from the Catholic Church.' You ought to be ashamed; honestly, you ought to be ashamed."

He explained that he did not like the Klan's attitude toward some community questions, nor the manner in which its activities were said to be carried out. "I was not a personal matter, he said. "I am not a Catholic; I am a Methodist," he said.

STATE PLAYGROUND FOR CLEVER CHECK FLASHER

Man Signing Name of Well Known Greensboro Man Gets \$2,500 With Ease.

Greensboro, Oct. 30.—North Carolina is the playground for check flashers, according to the head of the Powers Detective Agency here, and he thinks that the next legislature should put teeth in a bill that would furnish some protection from such gentry.

The most glaring instance, or series of instances—that has come to his attention is that of a clever sicker who, on a capital of 13 cents, dashed his way to the amount of \$2,500. And all the victim could do, it appears, was grin and bear it.

The man put \$14.13 in a bank and in a few hours drew out the \$14 and started writing checks, getting \$2,500 in money and goods before his number was sufficiently secured. He had funds in the bank—the 13 cents—but they were in every case "insufficient funds."

The case of a man named Mock, or going under that name at Winston-Salem, furnished the detective chief with a text for his sermon. The fellow, who is still on the wing, victimized four merchants there, passing a check in each instance for \$75.50, buying goods and getting a goodly amount of change with each check, to each of which was signed the name of J. H. Neese, granite and marble dealer here. He never called for the articles that he bought—he wanted money and he got it.

It is understood that the North Carolina merchants' association will ask the legislature for a real "bad check" law at its next session.

NORTH CAROLINA WINS EXPRESS ROUTING FIGHT

All Northern Express to Asheville Ordered Routed by Southeastern.

Washington, Oct. 29.—Senators Overman and Simmons have been fighting before the international state commerce commission of force the American Railway Express company to transfer its express packages destined for western North Carolina to the Southeastern Express Co., in Washington, to enable them to go direct instead of all the way round by South Carolina points, as has often been the practice.

Senator Simmons was informed by the secretary of the commission that the American Railway Express company has announced that all express matter from the north and east destined for Asheville is now to be transferred to the Southeastern Express company here.

It is assumed this covers all western North Carolina points, but Senator Simmons will look further into this phase of the matter.

"This announcement means a great deal to the people of Asheville and western North Carolina, and relieves an outrageous practice that has caused great annoyance and inconvenience to the people of piedmont and western North Carolina," said Senator Simmons' office today.

Funeral of S. Jackson Bost. The funeral of S. Jackson Bost, well known Concord man who died at his home early Monday morning, was held this morning at 11 o'clock at Bost's Chapel, in No. 11 township. The services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Jenkins and Rev. T. W. Smith, and interment was made in the cemetery there.

The following were the pall bearers: James F. Dayvault, G. C. Love, R. A. Brower, W. D. Harris, W. M. Fisher and A. S. Dayvault.

Able Representatives of Two Districts in Big Club



Mrs. T. B. Sturgis.

Concord enjoys the distinction of having as one of its representatives in The Tribune Salesmanship Club Mrs. T. B. Sturgis, who is certainly acquainting her friends with the fact that she wants to head the list of winners when the campaign ends. Mrs. Sturgis is making splendid progress with the help of her friends at the merry voting game.



Mrs. Ben Teeter.

One of the most interested members of The Tribune Salesmanship Club is Mrs. Ben Teeter, of Harrisburg, who is making rapid strides at vote getting this week on the big special vote ballot. Mrs. Teeter enjoys a large acquaintance and she is letting everyone know of her desire regarding the big Ultra Sport in the \$6,000.00 list of prizes.

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE MEETS AT STATESVILLE

Northern Methodists Meet There Today in Annual Session.

Statesville, Oct. 31.—The regular annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convention here tomorrow morning at 9 a. m., at the Boulevard Methodist Episcopal Church and will be in session the remainder of the week through next Sunday. Bishop Luther B. Wilson, of New York, will preside and about 125 delegates from the State are expected. The full programs for each day have been arranged. The reading of the appointments is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

ON TRIAL FOR MURDER; LEAD COURT IN PRAYER

Rev. Elliott Padrick on Trial Charged With the Murder of His Wife.

Statesboro, Ga., Oct. 31.—When the Rev. Elliott Padrick, on trial charged with the murder of his wife and her mother, Mrs. M. B. Dixon, took the stand in his own behalf here today his first act was to lead the court room in prayer, after which he proceeded to deliver a sermon on the text "Thou Shalt."

During the presentation of his dramatic statement, Padrick became so excited it was necessary for one of his attorneys to call a halt, and when instructed to "sit down" the young minister walked deliberately to the water cooler, took a drink of water, and returned to his attorney's table, where he sat down and appeared to drop off to sleep.

In his prayer Padrick asked for divine guidance, for the court, the future of the church, and the people of Statesboro.

He turned to the jury and delivered a short sermon. The women of today, he declared, were causing the downfall of men, enticing them by their daily dress, and playing to them through sex appeal. It is difficult, he said, for a young minister because of the temptation of modern women.

The dramatic part of the minister's defense sermon was reached, when he singled out the father of the dead bride, pointing his finger at him, and declared: "You are responsible for my marrying your daughter." He told the jury Mr. Dixon had insisted on the wedding.

The prosecution later in the day placed the witness on the stand in an effort to prove Padrick's sanity.

PAR CLEARANCE SYSTEM FOR CHECKS ENDORSED

1735 Votes Cast For It and Only 72 Against It.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 31.—The use of the par clearance system for checks as a universal banking practice is advocated by member organizations of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, representing 1,735 votes, while there were 72 votes cast against the proposition on a referendum. It was announced today by the chamber.

The question of par clearance has long been one of controversy and has resulted in litigation in several states because of the Federal Reserve Board order that members must handle the checks without expecting a collection charge.

FORMAL REPLY SENT

America Declines to Participate in the Near East Peace Conference.

Washington, Oct. 31 (By the Associated Press).—A formal reply declining the allied invitation for American participation in the Near East peace conference to be held next month at Lausanne, Switzerland, was forwarded from the State Department today to the British, French and Italian embassies.

Like the formal invitation, the American reply was frank and directly worded, informing the European governments that the attitude of the United States in sending only an American observer to Lausanne has been set forth in instructions forwarded last week to the American ambassadors at London, Paris and Rome.

Fifty-Cent Hold-Up Costs Lives of Two Men

Unlabeled, Pa., Oct. 20.—A rifle bullet fired as the result of an alleged 50-cent hold-up, took the lives of two men here today. Jake Miller, traced by bloodhounds, is in jail at Point Marion, charged with the shooting.

Police say Joseph Brown held up Miller and secured 50 cents, Miller found Brown later in a card game at New Geneva and fired a bullet. The ball passed through Brown's heart and continued on through Edgar Blair's head, killing both instantly.

LOCAL PASTOR PRAISES ACTIVITIES OF THE Y

Says It Is Duty of Church to Supervise Innocent and Helpful Amusements.

Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, in the course of an able sermon Sunday evening, paid tribute to the local Y. M. C. A., and declared there is no harm in the innocent and helpful amusements which the association provides.

Mr. Rowan in one part of his sermon said: "It is very easy to be a social crusader when the streets are filled with people friendly to a cause—when flags are flying and drums are beating. It is easy to be a reformer when all the people are in favor of reform. It is easy to swim with the current and to run with the crowd. But how hard it is to go forward when public sentiment is not with you but against you—when the only public sentiment that you have as an ally is the public sentiment which you yourself create. It is then that most people turn back, and to turn back then is to turn back in the day of battle; and to turn back in the day of battle is to stain honor with indelible shame."

"Again and finally, such shameful retreats may be seen in the Church. Listen! I am not merely trying to find fault—the Church—not the Church in Concord, but the Church in other places—is telling us that many amusements, innocent and harmless in themselves are in the hands of the devil and the wicked and for that reason should not be indulged in anywhere or at any time by anyone who professes to be a Christian. Are we going to leave these amusements, innocent and harmless in themselves, in the hands of the devil and the hands of the wicked to find thousands? or are we going to snatch them from their hands and put them in the hands of Jesus Christ and the hands of the righteous to save thousands? Are we going to turn back in the day of battle? If anything attractive, innocent and harmless is in the hands of the devil and the hands of the wicked, then it is our duty to rescue them and restore them to their rightful owner. If anything attractive, innocent and harmless is in the hands of the devil and the hands of the wicked it is because they have stolen it; and our duty can be expressed in one phrase, 'To the rescue.'"

Are we going to turn back in the day of battle? Listen as I speak what I believe to be a profound truth! It is not the pool table that ruins the person, but the person that ruins the pool table. Some time ago while I was living in another state one of my officers who was a large manufacturer, built for his employees a kind of Y. M. C. A. He put two or three pool tables in it; and one of the local preachers got up in his church and said: "Where is your boy tonight? Perhaps he is going to the devil, standing pool." It is not the recreation that ruins the person, but the person that ruins the recreation.

"It is not the swimming pool that ruins the person, but the person that ruins the swimming pool. The only objection that I have to the swimming pool at the Y. M. C. A. is the fact that it is not five times as big as it is. In this day when the Church of Jesus Christ in many places is getting a new vision and is beginning to fight for young people instead of fighting against them, God grant that we too may catch the vision, lead in the great mission, and refuse to turn back in the day of battle until victory is won, for Christ's sake. Amen."

FATAL RAILROAD WRECK

Fast Sunset Limited Throws Into Carnival Train—Three Are Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Oct. 31.—Three dead, four seriously injured, and two slightly hurt was the human toll taken in the rear-end railroad wreck early today when the fast Sunset Express, Southern Pacific passenger train No. 109; tore into the Wortham Carnival Shows special 35-car train, en route from New Orleans to New Iberia, La.

The dead are: Homer V. Jones and Will C. Jones, brothers, and R. L. Metcalf, circus employees. The conductor and brakeman of the train are reported missing.

The injured were also members of the circus. Those on the passenger train escaped injury.

Earning his living by playing a tin whistle, an Englishman is walking from London to Constantinople, a distance of about 1,500 miles.

No bird ever visits the shores of Lake Averna near the city of Naples, because of the putrid water.

SILAS FURR KILLED IN ACCIDENT HERE

Man's Death When Steel Beam, Which Was Being Unloaded From Freight Car, Pinned Him to Side of Car.

LIVED ONLY A FEW MINUTES

Deceased Was 27 Years of Age, a Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Furr—Served With Honor in World War.

Silas Furr, well known young man of Concord, was instantly killed here this morning when a heavy steel beam which he was helping to unload from a freight car, slipped from its place on the car, pinning him against the side of the car and crushing his breast so badly that he died in five minutes. The accident occurred on a siding of the Southern Railway Company near the National Lumber Company, about 10:30 o'clock.

Persons who were present when the accident occurred did not know just exactly how it happened. Several men were engaged in unloading the beams which were on flat cars with small sides, and just as this beam was lifted from the car it slipped, pinning Mr. Furr against one side of the car. The beam struck the deceased on the chest, tearing every rib in his body loose, and otherwise mashing his body. He bled profusely, and died five minutes after being struck.

Fellow workmen made heroic efforts to release Mr. Furr, but the heavy beam had done its deadly work before assistance could be given, and when it was finally removed Mr. Furr was barely alive.

Mr. Furr was 27 years of age, and was in the employ of Mr. John Query, local contractor. He is survived by his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Robert Furr, four sisters and one brother. The sisters are Mrs. Leslie Mersinger, Mrs. Ethel Belyin, Mrs. Bertha Lowder and Miss Bessie Furr, all of this city. The surviving brother is Floyd Furr, of this city.

No funeral arrangements have yet been made.

Mr. Furr served with honor in the world war with the 115th Machine Gun Battalion. He was married about seven months ago. He was a member of the Concord Methodist Protestant Church, and a great interest in church work, particularly Sunday School work, being a member of the Barren Class of his church.

The accident has cast a gloom over the circle of Mr. Furr's friends, with whom he was popular and held in high esteem.

METHODIST PROTESTANT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mets in Ninety-Seventh Session at Henderson Tomorrow.

(By the Associated Press.) Henderson, N. C., Oct. 31.—Delegates were arriving here on every train today to attend the 97th annual session of North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference, which will convene here at 10 a. m. tomorrow, and continue through next Monday. Among the principal business of interest to be transacted will be the election of a successor to Dr. R. M. Andrews, of Greensboro, as president of the conference, who was completed five years in that capacity, which is the limit fixed by a church rule. This with election of officers takes place tomorrow afternoon. Plans also will be discussed for completion of the new Methodist Protestant college now being built at High Point.

Reports of the work of the past year, discussion of the missionary program of the church and the work of the young people will have prominent places on the five-day program.

Executive Committee of Press Association to Meet

The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association has been called to meet at the Sheraton Hotel in High Point, Friday, November 3rd, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of fixing the date of the midwinter meeting to be held in High Point.

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