

Meant No Reflection On South, Armstrong Says

Secretary of National Health Council Answers Recent Criticisms of His Speech Dr. W. S. Rankin.

HIS MEANING IS NOT UNDERSTOOD

He Was Talking in General, Giving Illustration by Hypothetical Conditions, He Tells Dr. Rankin.

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, April 9.—"The South has had more serious and costly problems in the health field than in some other sections of the country and is facing and solving them with courage and vision," all of this meaning to make this section a "better and safer place in which to live, and a more advantageous section for the development of industry," Donald B. Armstrong, secretary of the National Health Council, declared in a communication to Dr. W. S. Rankin, North Carolina Health Officer, today, explaining that an "erroneous interpretation" had been given his recent address before the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Armstrong in his Boston speech was quoted as having asked: "In the production of cotton goods, for instance, is it better to pay high high wages to a group of workers, 2 per cent. of whom are ill at any one time, or is it better to take a chance with low wages in malaria and hook worm sections with 10 per cent. continuous sickness rate and the coincident low production in efficiency and time lost?"

In answer to his own question, he was quoted as having said that "if the health index is at all a safe guide, the former represents the better investment. The message to the young New England business man today, at least until Southern hygienic conditions improve, might well be—'young man, stay North.'"

Dr. Armstrong's letter to Dr. Rankin in part reads: "The subject of the talk was 'Health and Industry,' and I endeavored to bring out the economic importance of disease prevention and the drug which unnecessary illness places upon production. In making this point I used a number of illustrations, one of which involved the term of contracted hypothetical conditions where certain theoretical figures were used to bring out divergent conditions of illness prevalence."

"I also wished to emphasize the importance of the partially unappreciated illnesses in decreasing efficiency and perhaps unfortunately used the examples of hookworm and malaria. It was this aspect of the paper that the New England press exploited, eliciting a reaction in New York City and elsewhere."

"Incidentally, it has been a lesson to me to be a little more cautious in making remarks of any kind."

"The secretary of the Council said he was not speaking officially for the organization at Boston, but that in order to 'counteract the unfortunate impression created in certain quarters as a result of misinterpretation of my remarks' it was advising all interested parties as to the real conditions in the South."

Jennings Now in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., April 9.—Dennis Jennings, alleged leader of a gang of automobile thieves that operated in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina and Georgia, was returned here today from Detroit, where he was arrested several days ago. Jennings will be tried on charges, conviction of which, officials declared, will carry aggregate maximum penalties of 50 years imprisonment.

Dirigible at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., April 9.—The TC-1, largest U. S. Army non-rigid dirigible, landed at the Fort Harrison aviation field at 9:25 a. m. today, completing the first leg of its journey from Wingfoot Lake Station, Akron, Ohio, to Scott Field, Belleville, Ill.

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ROME'S ROYAL WEDDING

The Event a Demonstration of International Friendship.

Rome, April 9.—Erasmo Toland, eldest daughter of the King and Queen of Spain, and Count Carlo Calvi di Bergolo, officer in the Italian army and member of a family of the old nobility, were married with all the pomp of the Roman Catholic Church shortly before noon today in the Pauline Chapel in the Quirinal Palace. The presence of representatives of governments of Europe made the event a demonstration of international peace.

While the short-formal civil marriage ceremony was taking place the guests who were to attend the solemn religious service had assembled in the chapel, the interior of which had been made beautiful with artistic floral decorations, softened by the judicious use of palms, ferns, and other plants, which contrasted nicely with the uniforms of the military guests.

At the conclusion of the civil ceremony the bridal procession was marshaled into line by the Imperial court chamberlains, and then proceeded nearby by the whole length of the rambling old palace, through a long series of state apartments, to the Pauline Chapel. It was led by the bridegroom, Count di Bergolo, who wore his full dress military uniform. After them came King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena, with the parents of the bridegroom. Then followed the Duke and Duchess of Austria, the Count and Countess of Turin, and other members of the Italian royal family, together with the decorated representatives of the royal families of England, Spain, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, and other countries, a special delegation representing the French government, and the ambassadors of other nations, who, together with their wives, formed a company of several hundred. Members of the Italian nobility also were in attendance, as well as high officers of the army and navy, Premier Mussolini and other members of the cabinet, and a delegation representing the two houses of Parliament.

The royal bride was attended by her sisters, the Princess Matilde and Giovanna, Degli Angeli, the royal chaplain, performed the ceremony, assisted by several eminent prelates and a number of priests. At the conclusion of the ceremony the chaplain delivered the customary brief address of advice and admonition to the bride couple. As the rings were exchanged before the altar a battery of artillery stationed outside the palace fired a royal salute.

Then the bride couple, with the King and Queen returned to one of the state drawing rooms of the palace, where they received the congratulations of the guests, who filed past them making profound bows and courtesies.

The populace of Rome observed the day as a gala day, the streets being filled with people, including many who had come from a distance to catch a glimpse of the wedding pomp and pageantry. As the hour for the ceremony approached the plaza surrounding the Quirinal was alive with people watching the constant arrival of the many royal personages and their brilliantly uniformed attendants. Virtually every house in Rome was hung with flags and streamers, while brightly colored flowers had been placed in the windows and on most of the balconies, everything forming a most effective display.

HENRY FORD ASKED TO VISIT GREENSBORO

United Commercial Travelers Ask Detroit Manufacturer to Address Them.

Greensboro, April 9.—Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer, has been invited to deliver an address here during the annual meeting of the Council of the Carolinas, United Commercial Travelers in June. The invitation of the Detroiters was forwarded Sunday night by members and officers of the Greensboro council No. 269 host to the coming convention.

Klanswomen Stage Big Parade at Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Tex., April 7.—The downtown street of Dallas was jammed at 8 o'clock tonight, traffic was at a standstill and police reserve were stationed at 50-foot intervals, while near the county criminal court building members of the "American Women" reported as being a auxiliary of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas, assembled for parade, the first to be planned by the women's order since its organization about a year ago.

The parade at 8:15 o'clock, led by horseshoemen, three abreast, carrying the American flag, the Lone Star flag of the Texas republic, and the American Woman's flag, followed by a 75-piece band, playing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The women, in long line following the band, marched two abreast, wearing long white robes with red crosses on the right sleeves. They wore a peaked cap with a red tassel and were masked.

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Rally Meeting for Lenoir College

Proved Very Successful Occasion

North Carolina is the greatest State in the Union and is the State with the greatest possibilities. Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, D. D., of Pittsburgh, stated here yesterday afternoon at the rally held by the James Luther Church in the interest of the \$250,000 campaign for Lenoir College. Dr. MacLaughlin at present is pastor of a Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, but he was pastor of St. James Church here for a number of years and has kept in close touch with the wonderful progress of the State. His statement, he said, is further backed up by the conviction of business men with whom he has come in contact. The State is not only great in the development of its resources, but in its educational progress and religious feeling, as well. It has scarcely been touched with the foreign spirit, he said.

With this feeling, Dr. MacLaughlin stated, the Lutherans of this state have an opportunity that those of no other section of the country have. With the big heartedness of one man, Mr. D. E. Rhyme, who has invested an additional \$250,000 in the educational program of this State, they came a challenge to the church, the like of which no other Lutheran Church in America has ever had. He said that the hour of trial for Lenoir College had passed, that she came out pure gold, that she had been placed in the balances and measured up to the required standard, but that the Synod of North Carolina was on trial.

Rev. Prof. E. J. Fox, D. D., of the College, was emphatic in his statement of the needs of enlarged equipment of all denominational institutions to keep pace with the standards of requirements. With tendencies of merging interests on every hand there must be preparations made to measure up to the necessities. He spoke briefly of the strict educational demands that the present age is making and of the need for the college to meet this condition.

Mr. Hoffman, a student at Lenoir, spoke of the students' activities in the present effort to raise \$250,000 for the college.

The rally meeting was well attended with much enthusiasm for the cause and a determination to secure the amount set out for by the Synod incident. The convocation will open on the 22nd of this month.

In the morning, Dr. MacLaughlin preached for St. James congregation. The large church was filled notwithstanding the constant downpour of rain. He spoke of the charter of the church. This sermon was filled with inspiration and was listened to with the closest attention. This large congregation bespoke the high esteem and love for him while here as pastor of this congregation.

Special music for the morning service was rendered by the choir, which repeated the Easter anthems which they sang on last Sunday evening. These included two anthems, with solo parts by Miss Helen Patterson, Miss Macy, and Mr. Sam Goodman. Mr. Goodman also sang a tenor solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." The choir was assisted in the service by the members of the Junior choir.

Womble Got Nomination

In Democratic Primary

Sapp, Flowe, Wilkinson, Ivey, McEachern, Hullender, Hartsell and King the Successful Candidates Who Entered Democratic Primaries Held Saturday.

Joshua Bailey Womble, now serving his first term as Mayor of Concord will be the Democratic nominee for this office in the May election, he having been nominated in the primary held by his party in this city Saturday afternoon. Mayor Womble enjoys the distinction of having carried every ward in the city in the primary over his opponent, Jacob O. Moore. The total vote in the primary for this office was Womble 372, Moore 118.

In addition to Mayor Womble, the following candidates were nominated Saturday by the voters:

- Alderman at large—J. T. Sapp. Unopposed.
- Alderman from Ward one—W. W. Flowe. Defeated John J. Petron.
- Alderman from Ward two—W. A. Wilkinson. Unopposed.
- Alderman from Ward three—C. M. Ivey. Unopposed.
- Alderman from Ward four—J. G. McEachern. Defeated R. C. Litaker.
- Alderman from Ward five—R. A. Hullender. Unopposed.
- School Commissioner at large—J. L. Hartsell. Defeated Robert Cook.
- School Commissioner from Ward one—T. Hartsell. Unopposed.
- School Commissioner from Ward four—Dr. R. M. King. Defeated V. L. Norman.

All of the candidates named above, both the successful, and unsuccessful, were announced candidates except Mr. Cook. It was not generally known that he was in the race until his tickets appeared at the voting places.

Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, who rumor stated was going to be a candidate for school commissioner, but who never announced her candidacy, received several votes for commissioner in her ward.

The largest vote was polled by Mr. Sapp, who was voted on in each ward and who had no opposition. Mr. J. L. Hartsell carried every ward in the city except Ward five and Ward one, box 2.

Mayor Womble received a vote that was surprising to many. He carried Mr. Moore's own ward, thus showing strong backing in every part of the city.

The candidates nominated Saturday will represent the Democratic party in the municipal election to be held on May 8th. Since the Democrats have been carrying the city by large majorities in the past several elections, the nominations practically assure election.

Republican leaders have not announced whether or not their party will enter a ticket this year. Ward five usually gives a Republican majority, and for that reason a candidate for alderman from that ward may be entered in the election.

One Republican who takes much interest in politics intimated that the G. O. P. will enter a full ticket, but he would not discuss the matter fully, and refused to suggest any probable candidates.

The vote in the primary Saturday was light, as had been expected. A number of women voted, but they did not show the interest they have shown in regular elections and are expected to show on the 8th of next month.

The full vote follows:

- Ward one, box one—Womble 148; Moore 23; Sapp 105; Flowe 170; Petron 12; Hartsell, J. L. 133; Cook 3; Hartsell, L. E., 179.
- Ward one, box two—Womble 21; Moore 12; Sapp 29; Flowe 20; Petron 11; Hartsell, J. L., 11; Cook 25.
- Ward two—Womble 63; Moore 14; Sapp 71; Hartsell, J. L., 51; Cook 20; Wilkinson 77.
- Ward three—Womble 19; Moore 13; Ivey 31; Sapp 31; Hartsell, J. L., 28; Cook 1.
- Ward four—Womble 72; Moore 31; McEachern 72; Litaker 34; Sapp 92; King 81; Norman 19; Hartsell, J. L., 6.

DRY AGENTS FIRING

ON WOMEN WILL NOT

BE TRIED IN COURT

Misses Rosalie Bowen and Mary Gwynn, Y. M. C. A. Workers, Were Fired on by Prohibition Agents.

SEVERAL BULLETS STRUCK THEIR CAR

Rather Than Get So Much Publicity, They Will Not Take Their Case to Court, It Is Decided.

(By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, April 9.—Officers of the Asheville Y. M. C. A. will advise Misses Rosalie Bowen and Mary Gwynn, members of the Y. M. C. A. staff here, whose automobile was fired upon by Federal prohibition officers in Greenville County, S. C., yesterday, not to institute legal proceedings against the officers, they said today, because of the publicity they would be involved in.

The young women are expected to return to this city today following an inspection of the Greenville, Y. M. C. A. According to information received here the automobile in which they were riding near Travelers' Rest, was fired upon by L. T. Queen and other prohibition officers after the young women had disregarded an order to halt. The occupants of the car said they feared the men were highwaymen.

A bullet penetrated a tire of their car, another struck a spoke in the wheel, and a third penetrated the right fender. The protruding tire caused the car to go into a ditch, where the officers searched through the car and the young women's effects. Then they were released with the explanation that their car had been mistaken for a rum runner.

THE COTTON MARKET

Firm Tone at Opening, First Prices 11 to 21 Points Higher.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 9.—Relatively firm Liverpool cables and rather unsettled weather conditions in the South gave the cotton market a firm tone at the opening today and first prices were 11 to 21 points higher on trade and commission house buying. The advance attracted considerable realizing which caused some irregularity, but the undertone of the market was steady during the early trading with July holding around 29.10 and October 25.75, or about 10 to 22 points net higher on the general list.

Cotton futures opened firm: May 30.00; July 29.10; October 25.70; December 25.25; January 24.98.

METHODIST CHURCH GETS \$800,000 LEGACY

J. W. Higgins, Fatally Hurt in Auto Accident, Leaves His Wealth to Church.

(By the Associated Press.)

Johnson City, Tenn., April 9.—J. W. Higgins, who died in a Marion, N. C., hospital during the past week as a result of injuries sustained by being struck by an automobile driven by Ellis Hensley, a 16-year-old youth, left \$800,000 in cash and realty to the Methodist Church. He was president of the City Bank at Yancey, N. C., and one of the outstanding financiers of the western section of the state. He was 81 years of age, and childless. He left a farm valued at \$15,000 to a nephew, Joe Higgins.

Higgins was a member of the Southern Methodist Church.

Case of Conscience Or Case of Fright?

Dunn, April 7.—John Bennett Pope, Harnett county farmer, who lives near Dunn, passed through an unusual experience this week. He broke into his smokeshouse at night and took every piece of his home-raised meat, and he had quite a supply. The following day Mr. Pope put out the word that he had secured sufficient evidence to convict and the word was narrated around that the men who took the cat best return it the next morning.

Pope was very much surprised and more greatly pleased when he found that every piece of his meat had been returned and left on his porch.

The service of the Admiral Oriental Lines weather station will be a boon, therefore, to skippers on the Pacific, and is expected to be shortly lent to the opening of similar bureaus on both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

Visitors Arriving in New Orleans

For the Annual Confederate Reunion

(By the Associated Press.)

New Orleans, La., April 9.—Visitors to the 33rd reunion of the United Confederate Veterans which opens on Wednesday, continued to pour into the city today and it was predicted by convention officials that by tomorrow night the greatest crowd that has attended a reunion since 1893 would be here.

The arrival yesterday of large delegations from Tennessee, North Carolina and other nearer points, took the convention headquarters by storm. "We wanted to be in plenty of time," they explained.

A little group that arrived together

CHIEF WATER ROUTE

HAS BEEN BLOCKED

STRICT

Locks on Dortmund-Ems Canal Destroyed by Dynamite and Traffic on Canal Now at Standstill.

FRENCH SAY ONE CANAL IS OPEN

This Is Most Serious Case of Sabotage Reported on the Waterways During the Occupation Period.

(By the Associated Press.)

Essen, April 9.—The explosion of a time bomb destroyed the locks of the Dortmund-Ems canal near Herno on today. The canal was blocked, seriously interfering with the complicated inland waterway traffic in the Ruhr.

This is the most serious case of sabotage yet reported on the Ruhr waterways. The lock was near the junction of the Dortmund-Ems canal with the main canal that runs down to the Rhine at Duisburg and Ruhrort, where the largest inland port in the world is located.

The intention of the dynamiters was not only to block the canal, but to drain the water from the main Rhine-Herne canal, which is the main waterway artery of the Ruhr, but the French say this main canal was not interfered with as the locks on both sides of the one which was dynamited were closed immediately after the explosion.

The Dortmund-Ems canal itself an important waterway, is blocked. Guards have been placed at all junctions and locks as a measure for prevention of further damage.

FEAR OF KLICKERS CAUSE OF SUICIDE

West Virginia Klansman Worried Over Telling Secrets Takes Own Life.

(By the Associated Press.)

Clarksburg, W. Va., April 8.—Worry over the fact that he had divulged to his own father a plan which the Wallace Ku Klux Klan had to whip two Klansmen, brought Kent O. Oden, 34, to the point of suicide. Oden, a Klansman, who is one of the Klan, to a mental state where death seem an easier alternative than the consequences which his mind pictured, according to a story which appeared in the Clarksburg Exponent Sunday morning.

This is revealed in statements written just before death by Oden, who, on Tuesday of this week, placed a pistol over his heart and pulled the trigger, and in signed statements by his father, James Oden, his widow, Mrs. Della Oden, and F. S. Estline, Wallace undertaker, who is one of the men who it is said the plan planned to whip Mr. and Mrs. Oden and Mr. Estline each prepared statements for the Clarksburg Exponent, and the father turned over the one written by his son just before he took his own life.

Thirty-Seven Thousand Hear Sunday in Farewell Sermons.

Columbia, S. C., April 8.—Thirty-seven thousand people heard Billy Sunday in four services in a tabernacle. From 7 o'clock in the big pine temple was a teeming scene of activity. One audience would be let out at one end of the tabernacle and another lot in at the other, so that there was a minimum of duplication.

The trail blazers at the four services numbered 4,410, of which 2,154 came at the night services. It broke all records for Mr. Sunday's 27 years of evangelistic work.

Mr. Sunday was escorted to the train at 10 o'clock by the 800 ushers of the tabernacle organization. The men drew Mr. Sunday's car through the street to the station with ropes attached to his car, and along the streets stood delegations from the public schools, the university and the two colleges for women and many citizens, who sang songs of the tabernacle and shouted and waved goodbye to the evangelist.

At the tabernacle tonight the members of the Sunday party were called to the platform and the 10,000 worshippers applauded and waved their handkerchiefs, and then spontaneously broke into a volume of song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 28 1-2 cents per bushel; cotton seed at 66 cents per bushel.