

POLICE CHIEF WILL BE TRIED ON NINE CHARGES TOMORROW

Charges Range From First Degree Burglary to Simple Assault.—Klan Interested in the Case.

TO CALL CASES IN LUMBERTON

Two Other Men Will Be Tried With Police Officer—Women Allege That They Were Whipped.

Lumberton, April 25 (By the Associated Press).—Facing nine charges, ranging from first degree burglary to simple assault, as a result of alleged whipping of Mrs. H. F. Purvis and Mrs. Mary Watson, B. M. Lawson, chief of police of Fairmont, John Hedgepeth, and Julie Brogden, both of Proctorville, are scheduled to be tried in recorder's court here tomorrow.

The warrants were issued by W. B. Ivey, recorder here, following an account of the alleged flogging given by Mrs. Purvis last Thursday. The woman declared she and Mrs. Watson were removed from the former's home at Proctorville on the night of April 14th by eighteen masked and white robed men, carried to a negro church near the town and whipped severely on the naked flesh with a leather strap.

Mrs. Purvis told authorities she was told by the men that they were members of the Ku Klux Klan, and that if she revealed the punishment administered her she would be punished again. The men are said by Mrs. Watson to have whipped her because of alleged improper treatment she accorded her husband while he was ill. She denied the allegations.

The Lumberton Robesonian has the following to say of the case:

Charged with being members of a band of eighteen masked and white robed men who on Saturday night, April 14, took Mrs. H. F. Purvis and Mrs. Mary Watson from the former's home at Proctorville, carried them to the Proctorville negro church, about a quarter of a mile away, and gave them a severe beating on their naked flesh with a leather strap, B. M. Lawson, chief of police at Fairmont, John Hedgepeth and Julie Brogden of Proctorville, will be tried in recorder's court in Lumberton Thursday of this week, at 10 a. m.

These men were arrested Thursday night on warrants issued by Recorder W. B. Ivey, after Mrs. Purvis told her story Thursday, the warrants naming fifteen charges, ranging from first degree burglary to simple assault. The arrests were made by Rural Police-men D. C. Ratley, and A. R. Pittman, who brought their prisoners to Lumberton and kept them under guard that night. Many witnesses were summoned from Fairmont and Proctorville for trial at 10 a. m., Friday, but the prosecution was not ready with its witnesses and the trial was postponed. Lawson, Hedgepeth and Brogden were released by Recorder W. B. Ivey, upon agreement by the attorneys, under a joint bond of \$10,000, signed by C. W. Graham, of Proctorville, D. R. Lawson, of Orrum, and D. A. Jones, of Fairmont, R. F. D., the bond to be forfeited if either of the defendants falls to appear for trial.

According to the story told by these women, they were bent over a log, their skirts raised and lashes applied on the bare flesh. They were threatened with pistols when they started to scream and under fear of death they say they were forced to endure the lash in silence.

A spot light was turned on them while the lash was being applied, the women say, and the one who applied the strap occasionally would ask a tall member of the band, whom he addressed as "Judge," if that was enough; and only when the "Judge" was satisfied did the flogger stay his hand.

Black and blue and bruised and angry flesh a week after the eyes' bearstom and humiliating testimony to the brutal treatment these defenseless women received on that terrible night, when, according to their story, for an hour and a half, from 10 to 11:30 o'clock, they were subjected to torture at the hands of these men, who said they were members of the Ku Klux Klan and three of whom Mrs. Purvis is positive she recognized. Two of these three men Hedgepeth and Brogden, Mrs. Purvis says, also were recognized by her 16-year-old son, Conrad.

Mrs. Purvis says she was told she had to go to her husband, who has been working at Rocky Mount for some time, within ten days, and that if they told what had been done to them they would be punished, that the men were members of the Klan, that there were 10,000 of them and that she could not go so far but what they could get her.

In the house at the time of the visit of the hooded band were Mrs. Purvis, her three children, Conrad, 16, and two other boys, aged 13 and 10; Mrs. Mary Watson, wife of S. C. Watson, policeman at Proctorville, and her two daughters, Miss Norine, 18, and Nathalie, 12; and Miss Line Bentley, who has lived in the Purvis home for many years.

About 10 o'clock Mrs. Purvis saw

GASTON MEANS CHARGED WITH 'SHAKING DOWN' LIQUOR PEOPLE

Former North Carolinian and Principal in King Murder Case at Concord Again in Serious Trouble. H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer, Washington, April 24.—Gaston B. Means, well connected and well known in North Carolina, is in trouble again in affidavits filed with the department of justice can be backed up with reliable evidence. This attack comes from Chicago, where he is disliked by a group of wealthy bankers connected with the old murder charge at Concord.

Department of justice agents are searching for Means, formerly employed for special work by William J. Burns, director of the bureau of investigation. They are investigating charges made by certain owners of warehouse liquor who claim that he representing himself as an agent of the department of justice, swindled them out of the means of money. John W. H. Crim, assistant attorney general in charge of criminal prosecution, explained that Means had been engaged by Mr. Burns, and that Mr. Burns was in California and had not made a report to him on Means.

"We are hunting for Means," said he, "and I am going to get the facts about his connection with the department from Mr. Burns. It takes a little time to do these things. This is a matter that deserves serious and careful attention. It must have prompt, vigorous and intelligent consideration."

"Mr. Burns can tell just what Means quit the department, and what he did while here. I shall not rush through his papers to get the facts, but shall let him tell me the story."

Mr. Crim declared that he had seen a copy of the affidavit sent to the treasury department by E. M. Salomon, of Chicago, who accused Means and an associate, with "shaking" him down for thousands of dollars on a promise to have his liquor transferred from a warehouse. Salomon declared that his loss was more than \$100,000. Charles W. Johnson, of Philadelphia, claims to have lost from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the same way. More people are ready to make similar affidavits. Treasury officials believe that the complaints will run up a half hundred or more.

The Means scheme, it is said, commenced to operate last fall. Acting Attorney General Augustus T. Seymour said today that the last record he could find of Means drawing money from the department for work done was in February, 1922. He explained that Mr. Burns had employed Means.

Speaking for the department, Mr. Seymour said:

"As far as I can determine from newspaper articles and rumors, certain persons who desired immunity from punishment for protection against prosecution by the department of justice claim to have paid certain sums of money to Gaston B. Means and others upon their promise to obtain such immunity or protection. Up to this time no one has claimed that either Means or anyone else has been successful in obtaining the desired results. If promises have been made to obtain favors from the department of justice, no one has been able to deliver such favors. As between men who have attempted to purchase such influence and men who have promised to fetter such influence for payment, I am interested to the extent only that if any one has offered or paid a bribe to any employee of the department of justice while in the service of the government it would be a serious crime on the part of both parties to the transaction."

"Mr. Crim reported to me some of these facts 10 days ago, and he has been conducting an investigation since that time. He is in full charge of the criminal work of the department and undoubtedly will see to it that any person who has been promised immunity from punishment will be put on trial as speedily as possible, and anyone who has been guilty of crime under the federal statutes will be promptly prosecuted."

Means has been in the limelight for five or six years. He was charged with killing Mrs. King, a wealthy Chicago woman, for whom he had worked, at his old home, Concord, N. C., and was tried and acquitted. Soon after Mr. Burns was appointed head of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice he engaged Means to do some special work. For 10 or more years prior to that time Means had worked for the Burns Detective Agency in various capacities. He and Mr. Burns have been very close friends for years. During the war years, but before the United States entered it, they were engaged by various nations for particular jobs. Means was one of the lieutenants of Boy-Ed, head of the German detective force in this country.

"When it became known that Means was connected with the department of justice, protests from Chicago, North Carolina, and other places began to pour in. Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, asked Mr. Burns about Means' connection, and Mr. Burns wrote him that he was doing certain special work the nature of which could not be made public. Soon the storm against Means became so strong and widespread that Attorney General Daugherty had him suspended. Still complaints came. It was asserted by people in the department who knew Means that he was still occupying a room there. But after a few months, the talk about him died down, and he lived here at a popular northwest hotel, and conducted a private business."

It was generally understood that he had resumed his old place with the Burns Agency. Several weeks ago Secretary Mellon was informed that Means was engaged in a lucrative

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Two Counts of Murder Returned by Grand Jury Tuesday Afternoon

Tuesday was another busy day in Cabarrus County Superior Court, a number of cases being disposed of before Judge James I. Webb.

The grand jury was also busy Tuesday. True bills charging murder were returned against Maurice C. Howie, of Monroe, who is alleged to have run down a small girl here with his auto; and Will Bray, negro, charged with killing another negro.

C. S. Smith, Clarence Shaping and Charles Dees, charged with assault concealed weapons, and with assault with deadly weapons, were tried Tuesday and all found guilty. Sentence has not been passed. The men were charged with firing at Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Means and daughter and threatening several other Concord men on the Kannapolis road several weeks ago. E. W. Calles, the fourth man in the

party, did not show up for trial, he having been released recently on a \$100 bond, which he forfeited. The jury recommended mercy for Dees.

John Barbee plead guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon. He was fined \$50 and the costs. He was cleared by a jury of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

John Staton was freed by a jury on a charge of robbery.

Tom Madison, colored, and Charles Wilson, charged with larceny, were sentenced to the chain gang. The former will serve 60 days and the latter four months.

Most of the juries that were called Monday were discharged by Judge Webb. Most of them were farmers and were excused so they could continue their farm work.

MILEAGE BOOKS ORDER HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Commerce Commission Decides to Revoke Recent Order Authorizing the Sale of the Books.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 25.—Orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission to require railroads to begin the sale of interchangeable mileage books at 20 per cent. reduction on regular passenger fare rates on May 15th were revoked today and the effective date of the mileage books sale postponed until January 1, 1924.

The action of the Commission, which follows the granting of an injunction in Boston against the commission's order resulted directly from an appeal for postponement from the western carriers.

Though the court order only restrained the sale of the books by 50 railroads, the commission decided to forestall the confused situation which would result from the sale and use of mileage in other parts of the country, and of possible court action by southern and eastern railroads.

WANT BARTON PAYNE A WITNESS IN MORSE CASE

Subpoena for Former Chairman of the Shipping Board Issued in Washington Court.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 25.—A subpoena for John Barton Payne, newly appointed American Commissioner of Mexico, and former chairman of the shipping board, was issued today in the District of Columbia Supreme Court at the request of counsel for Chas. W. Morse and others, on trial for charges of conspiracy to defraud the Federal government.

Mr. Payne's duties would take him to Mexico City for an indefinite period. Calling attention to this Attorney Nash, of New York, asked whether he had been summoned by the government, and would be present for the trial informed it was not certain when the government would use him as a witness. Mr. Rockwood requested that a subpoena be drawn immediately, and Justice Stafford directed that it be done.

BILBO FREE AGAIN IS TO START CAMPAIGN

Wants Democratic Nomination for Governor of Mississippi.

(By the Associated Press.) Oxford, Miss., April 25.—Theodore G. Bilbo, former governor of Mississippi, was released from the county jail here early today after serving a sentence of ten days' imprisonment for contempt of court. Mr. Bilbo announced he would open his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor on Saturday.

Automobile Production Increasing.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Automobile production in March increased and was the highest on record, exceeding by 64,000 cars and trucks the high production of last June, according to reports received by the Department of Commerce through the Census, in cooperation with the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. It was announced Sunday night. Passenger cars produced amounted to \$318,424 and trucks to 34,593 in March.

England and America Should Pull Together, Col. George Harvey Says

(London, April 25 (By the Associated Press).—Memories of American war time hospitality were revived last night at the annual petition of the British War Missions to the United States, and the Anglo-American relations came in for critical analysis.

"All Americans should revere England; all Englishmen should be proud of America, not jealous of her," summed up Col. George Harvey, American ambassador, after covering the field of economic, industrial and historical relationships. He assured his distinguished audience that the vogue of the American people, who live in the broad belt of country stretching from New England across the middle west to the Pacific are English in their antecedents and present sympathies.

Early in the evening Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, had said he was only recently admitted to the ranks of the British War Mission reunion but in view of his debt funding, he was convinced he had paid the

RIVERS AND HARBORS MONEY BEING SPENT

About \$40,000,000 of the Sum Appropriated by Congress Has Already Been Allotted.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 25 (By the Associated Press).—About \$40,000,000 of the \$50,589,000 appropriated by Congress over the protest of the bureau of improvement of rivers and harbors, already been allotted by Secretary Weeks, and the remainder will be distributed among various projects later. The budget director had recommended an appropriation of only \$17,000,000 and it has been intimated that the administration might hold the expenditure to that figure.

The allotments already made include:

Waterway Norfolk Va., to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., \$400,000; Meherrin River, N. C., \$2,000; Pamlico and Tar Rivers, N. C., \$12,000; Neuse River, N. C., \$12,000; Waterway connections Core Sound and Beaufort Harbor, N. C., \$30,000; Cape Fear River, N. C., at and below Wilmington, \$200,000, above Wilmington \$12,000; Northeast River \$3,000; Black River, N. C., \$2,000.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm at an Advance of 5 to 38 Points on Sticky Cables.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 25.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 5 to 38 points on relatively steady cables, and an unfavorable weather map, and rumors that trade interests intended to take up the first May map. The latter was estimated at 7,600 bales, and May contracts were well enough taken to cause some increase in the premium over July during the early trading.

May contracts fluctuated, between 28.15 and 28.25; while July sold up to 27.25 and October to 24.80, or about 20 to 32 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened firm: May 28.25; July 27.15; October 24.75; December 24.25; January 24.00.

THREE MEN PUT TO DEATH IN IRELAND

Free State Takes Lives of Three Men Who Were Fighting Against It.

(By the Associated Press.) Tralee, Ireland, April 25 (By the Associated Press).—Richard Hatheway, James McEary, and John Grenne were executed here today by the Free State authorities.

Hatheway was a deserter from a regiment and was captured in a recent seizure of a cave in which a band of irregulars was holding out.

Thomasville Telephone Company Increases Rates.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 25.—Increased rates of 75 cents each on special line business telephones, 50 cents each on duplex line telephones, and 25 cents each on special line residence phones, all monthly charges, today were authorized for the Thomasville Telephone Company by the State Corporation Commission. The town officials and business men approved the increase.

Mr. William A. S. Shaw, Jr., of Charlotte, spent several hours in the city today on business.

WINECOFF SCHOOL CLOSSES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Closing Exercises Began Last Week and Were Concluded Monday Night.

The Winecoff High school closed this year's session on last Monday night, April 23rd, with the class day and graduating exercises. The class of '23 has five members and they took part in the evening exercises as follows:

President's Address—Leroy Umberger.

Class History—Annie Cline Barnhardt.

Class Poem—Gillon Lee Fisher.

Class Prophecy—Ada Rebecca Caster.

Last Will and Testament—Brad Houston Stroud.

Valedictorian—Annie Cline Barnhardt.

New features of the commencement this year were the awarding of an efficiency prize offered by Mrs. D. B. Caster to her room, and won by Ruth Umberger and Clinton Hartsell; and the awarding of a gold medal to Frank Litaker, offered the High School by Mr. R. D. Goodman; and the awarding of a gold medal in recitation to Estelle Ezzell, given to the High School by Mr. H. A. Scott.

Twenty certificates for perfect attendance were awarded to pupils in this school, notwithstanding the epidemics. These were awarded with appropriate words by Prof. Robertson.

Rev. T. N. Lawrence made the literary address on "Service as the Measure of Success." His address was pointed and practical and thoroughly enjoyed.

School during the year has made several valuable improvements, and among these was the installation of a new electric lighting system. These were used to good effect during commencement.

Winecoff takes special pride, both in the number of young people it now has in college and the number of young people it has had to graduate from college in the last few years.

Monday evening's program marked the close of another good year's work done at Winecoff.

COTTON LAW TALKED AT CHARLOTTE MEET

New Cotton Standards Law Outlined by Representatives of Government, Spinners, Merchants and Business Men in General from a Radius of 50 Miles Were Here Today to Attend a Conference at the Chamber of Commerce between Representatives of the Bureau of Markets of the Department of Agriculture at Washington and Cotton Manufacturers, Merchants and Growers, on the New Cotton Standards Law which becomes effective August 1st.

The speakers spoke exhaustively upon the subjects up for discussion. The representatives from the Washington bureau were R. S. Tenny and A. W. Palmer. The conference was inaugurated at 1 o'clock with a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce. Also present, as speakers, were W. R. Meadows, T. W. Tanner, in charge of the local office, and D. M. Jones, of Gastonia, representing the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

The new cotton standards law is compulsory, and the purpose of this conference was to have government officials confer with the spinners and others concerned; in order to advise them of the regulations and to secure their advice and counsel in framing of such additional rules as the situation may require.

After August 1 all cotton shipped must be in accordance with the new standards and all bills of lading, warehouse receipts, insurance contracts, shipping documents, newspaper and private quotations by grade, invoices and other documents must be stated in terms thereof. Similar conferences will be held in Spartanburg and Greenville.

Want Money for Preachers' Families.

St. Louis, April 25.—Plans for the raising of a \$10,000,000 endowment fund for superannuated ministers, the widows and orphans of minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be presented to each of the thirty-eight annual conferences of the church for approval this year. It was announced today by the Board of Finance of the Church which concluded a meeting here.

Mrs. Chapman Killed When Auto Turns Over.

Durham, April 24.—Mrs. J. J. Chapman, of Keokuk, Iowa, was instantly killed this afternoon about 4 o'clock at Bullock, on the national highway, ten miles from Oxford, and her husband, J. J. Chapman, a prominent western banker, was dangerously injured, when the car in which they were riding and operated by Mrs. Chapman plunged into an embankment. It is believed that Mrs. Chapman lost control of the automobile and was unable to right it before the crash came.

Harding Prepared to Fight For His International Court Plans

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 25.—Having placed before the country his reasons for advocating American membership to the International Court, President Harding returned to his desk today prepared to argue out the differences over the issue which have arisen among Republican leaders.

Among supporters and opponents of the idea alike, the President's address in New York yesterday at a luncheon of the Associated Press was regarded as an unequivocal reaffirmation of his stand in favor of the membership proposal he laid before the Senate at the last session. Senators and others who have opposed it have been in conference here for several days, and it was indicated today that no opportunity

NEGRO EXODUS CUTS PLANTING IN SOUTH

Government Survey Shows Big Migration of Farm Workers to North.

Washington, April 24.—A general movement of Southern negro farmers to Northern industrial centers, where high wages are obtainable, is indicated in a special survey of farming districts in the South made by the Department of Agriculture.

Unprofitable cotton growing, due to boll weevil conditions, unrest among returned negro troops, who experienced more attractive living conditions away from farms during and after the war, and the breakdown of the contract labor system are cited in the report, made public today, as contributory causes of the migration.

Approximately 13 per cent, or 32,000, of the total number of negro farm-hands in Georgia is estimated to have moved North during the last twelve months, and the movement continues, although crops for the present season are already started.

A large abandonment of acreage is reported, and the labor shortage is expected to be a major factor in limiting acreage this season. The situation in Georgia is declared to be much worse than that prevailing generally.

From South Carolina about 22,500 negro farmers, or about 3 per cent of the total negro farm population, have departed.

The movement from Florida is estimated at about 2 per cent, on negroes living in or near farming communities.

Alabama reports that approximately 3 1-2 per cent of its negro farmers has moved North since the last crop season.

Arkansas shows a movement of about 15,000 negro farmers, or about 3 1-2 per cent of the negro farm population.

Movement from Kentucky has been very small, and from Missouri, North Carolina and Oklahoma no migration is reported.

Louisiana reports an exodus of about 1 per cent, Tennessee about 4,500 negro farmers, since April, 1922, while in Texas the farm labor situation apparently is not so serious as in the Eastern cotton-growing States.

HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM

To Make Extension Enlargement During 1923-1924.

Raleigh, April 25.—The program for home economics during the school year 1923-1924 involves extensive enlargement of our evening home economics work, in addition to the steady development of the day school program, according to an announcement by T. E. Brown, state supervisor of vocational education.

"The state board for vocational education is anxious to extend the services of the division to as many of the housekeepers and mature young women, out of school as possible," he said.

"In order to do this, it is planned to put on four local full time teachers of evening home economics classes who will devote their energies to the giving of home making courses to groups of women desiring this special instruction. In addition to the four local teachers, there probably will be one or two itinerant teachers who will go from place to place in the state, giving short unit courses in various homemaking subjects to meet the needs of the groups of women applying."

"The federal funds appropriated to the state of North Carolina for home economics education will be used largely for this particular phase of the work."

Find Cows Grazing on "Brick-Paved Streets."

New York, April 4.—Cows were grazing on what had been represented as brick-paved streets in glowing advertisements of Muscle Shoals land development, George N. Morgan, a representative of the Better Business Bureau, testified today at a trial of charges of defrauding investors lodged against Lowell and Garves, real estate promoters.

Morgan described a visit he had paid land near the United States nitrate plant in Alabama last February, when he was accompanied by Postoffice Inspector Suggs.

He testified that in other spots designated as streets were swamps, surrounded by woods.

The play which was to have been given at the Pitts schoolhouse on April 30th, has been indefinitely postponed on account of sickness in the families of some of those who were to take part in the play. Announcement as to the changed date will be made later.

Reuben Utley, who has been a member of our carrier force for several years, now has a position in the office before and after school hours. He will work regularly after the high school closes.

YOUNG WOMAN SENDS MEN TO DEATH WITH A FREE CONSCIENCE

Citizensess Anna Gluzman, Presiding Judge of Moscow District Court, Sentences 25 Men to Death.

SENTENCES GOOD FOR HER NATION

Says She Has Not Lost Moment's Sleep or Been Troubled by Her Conscience Because of Executions.

Moscow, April 25.—(By the Associated Press).—Citizensess Anna Gluzman, the 25-year-old presiding judge of Moscow District Court, who a few days ago sentenced seven men to death for robbery, informed the Associated Press correspondent today that she had imposed the death penalty on about twenty-five persons since February, and had not lost a moment's sleep or been troubled by her conscience because of them.

Asked how as a woman she felt when doomed men were shot, she replied that the question of individual lives could have no consideration when crimes against the safety of the state and the public were involved. She would administer justice according to the law of evidence, though she tried to temper her decision with mercy when possible.

With a cigarette held firmly between tight lips, and the fire of an enthusiast in her brown eyes, the girl judge spoke of her court experiences. She is slim and short, but not at all prettily; her brown wavy hair is bobbed, and parted on the side like a man's; her jaw is stern. Dressed as she was today Citizensess Gluzman might have passed as a typical woman communist.

SUPREMACY IN COTTON PRODUCTION THREATENED

W. L. Clayton Delivers Warning Before Meeting of Associations of Cotton Manufacturers.

(By the Associated Press.) Providence, R. I., April 25.—The supremacy of this country in cotton production is threatened, said W. L. Clayton, of Houston, Texas, in an address prepared for delivery at the convention of National Association of Cotton Manufacturers here today.

To maintain it, he asserted, the essential things are elimination of the present "dumping system" whereby a commodity is forced on the market in five months which can only be consumed in 12 months; effective control of the boll weevil and the invention of a simple practical cotton picking machine.

"Thirty-cent cotton," he said, "is a powerful stimulant to production in other countries. If during this period of high prices these other countries succeed in getting their production policies well underway it will not be easy for America to compete."

IS GERMANY WARRANTED IN MAKING PROPOSALS?

This One of the Perplexing Questions Now Before the German Chancellor.

Berlin, April 25 (By the Associated Press).—Whether Germany is warranted in coming forward with a repatriation offer in view of her internal financial situation is one of the questions perplexing Chancellor Cuno and his cabinet, according to well informed political circles.

The government is represented as being desirous of showing accommodating attitude in response to Lord Curzon's recent appeal to Germany to make the first move for the settlement, if Herr Cuno decides to fix a figure which in his opinion and that of the cabinet members and re-chargé leaders would actively promote objective discussion with the entente political circles believe that it will be largely in deference to the "psychological atmosphere" created by Lord Curzon's remark in the House of Lords.

Fox "Monte Cristo" is Hailed as a Masterpiece.

One of the several big William Fox productions being shown this year, is "Monte Cristo," by Alexandre Dumas. It is to be shown here at the Piedmont Theatre today and tomorrow. John Gilbert and Estelle Taylor head the all-star cast of this famous play. It is said to be one of the most dramatic screen productions ever produced. Certainly the original story contains a large number of dramatic moments.

Many African natives consider castor oil the sweetest perfume in the world.

"MONTE CRISTO"

A Fox Superspecial

The immortal tale of adventure, mystery and revenge, from the pen of Alexandre Dumas

Piedmont Theatre

Today and Tomorrow