

EDITORS HEAR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THEIR PRESIDENT

Report Delivered Today by President John B. Sherrill at Meeting of Editors at Blowing Rock.

PAST YEAR WAS SUCCESSFUL ONE

For Newspaper Men in North Carolina—Suggestions Are Made for the Conduct of Business in the Future.

Blowing Rock, N. C., June 21.—The following is the annual address of President J. B. Sherrill delivered here today before the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association.

It is a great pleasure to again greet you on the occasion of our annual coming together. I trust we have met here in these beautiful mountains not only for our mutual good, but for the good of the whole State and that in our desire to escape for a few days the harassing cares of the sanctum and the shop, we will not give ourselves over wholly to recreation and enjoyment and neglect the most important things which should always have our earnest consideration.

Let us never forget that we represent one of the greatest industries of the business to the consideration of means of devising and enforcing methods, the application of which will make our profession and business profitable in a degree commensurate with the capital invested and the amount of labor which we bestow on it.

The newspaper is necessarily a community builder. It is a trite saying that newspapers are "moulders of public opinion," but this fact was never more apparent than it is today.

I think the publishers and printers of North Carolina should sincerely address themselves to the question: Are we charging enough for our products? We cannot control or hold down the rising cost of newspaper publication and of the operation of our job printing offices.

The weekly newspaper, if it be progressive, is closer to the people in the rural districts than the daily. The weekly press can, if it will, do more to keep the people from leaving the country sections than can the daily newspaper.

WADE GIVES ADVICE TO STATE INSURANCE MEN

Says Something Must Be Done to Eliminate Fires in Manufacturing Plants.

Winston-Salem, June 21.—"No action we may take, regardless of the benefit that may accrue to your organization or to its individual members," declared Stacy W. Wade, State Fire Insurance Commissioner, speaking here before the State meeting of Fire Insurance Agents and having reference to fire losses, "can be considered sufficient and no results justified which do not bring some relief from this wanton waste and burden which grows heavier from year to year."

"During 1922," said Mr. Wade, "the total losses of the United States were more than five hundred million or \$5.00 per capita, and while we feel encouraged that the loss in North Carolina is only \$3.21 per capita, or \$2.43 exclusive of the New Bern conflagration, a comparison of the per capita rate in the various towns points to the necessity and often deterring action toward reducing the unnecessary fires."

The speaker discussed generally and at length the various problems facing the local agents today. He urged that the proper type of agents be appointed for the conducting of fire insurance business, declaring that very often injustices are wrought by careless underwriting.

"One State is doing more probably than any other state in the Union in its fire prevention work," he said, "its effect of which is readily apparent in the reduced number of residential losses, still the commercial and manufacturing properties continue to burn at an unprecedented rate. I would charge no agent of our state with deliberately over-insuring property, yet because of unbalanced conditions the insurable values on buildings and stocks has varied widely and often during the past few years, and it seems that the only remedy for increased losses is the withdrawal of protection to the sound insurable value of the property in order that the policyholder will be a co-insurer for a reasonable amount."

GREENSBORO MAY BE FACING "WATER FAMINE"

Public Told to "Go Slow" in Watering Lawns; City Has Outgrown Supply; Building New Plant.

Greensboro, June 20.—The first hint of a later "famine" is heard here in the advice of the city authorities to the people "to go slow" in watering lawns. If the advice is not taken well there will be municipal action to enforce more arid dispositions.

The water supply fell so that search was made for a leak in the pipe line bringing the water to the city, but it turned out that there is no leak. The extremely dry weather, long continued, has made people try to save grass on lawns. On account of the many new dwellings, there is a great number of new lawns, with grass induced to grow only after extreme coaxing and millions of gallons of water have been used on them.

The city has outgrown its water system. It is now building a great dam and will install machinery that will insure a supply of water many times as great as the present inflow, but it will be some time until it is completed.

SANDERS, OF SMITHFIELD, TO HEAD COTTON CO-OPERS

U. B. Blalock, of Wadesboro, Re-elected General Manager; Morrison Appointed Vice Director.

Raleigh, June 20.—W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, has been elected president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association and U. B. Blalock, of Wadesboro, has been re-elected general manager, according to announcement from headquarters of the association following the meeting of the board of directors.

30 PERSONS HURT AS ROOF OF GRANDSTAND FALLS DURING GAME

One Boy So Badly Hurt That Little Hope is Entertained For Him—Another Also Seriously Hurt.

TWO PLAYERS ARE AMONG THOSE HURT

During Game Rain Began to Fall and Everyone Was in Grandstand When Wind Struck and Damaged It.

Forest City, N. C., June 21.—Thirty persons were hurt, four seriously, when the roof of the baseball grandstand was blown off by a violent wind during the baseball game here yesterday afternoon between the Forest City and Carolina teams of the Blue Ridge League.

Wm. Harrell, a ten year old boy, will probably die from a fractured skull. Harold Long received fractures of the shoulder blade, and of the right leg, and is considered in a critical condition. Roy Jones, of Spindale, of the ball players, received a broken hip and Morris Johnson, of Taylorsville, also a ball player, was painfully injured.

During the sixth inning of the game, which was attended by about 200 persons, rain suddenly began falling. The teams left the field and took shelter under the grandstand. Suddenly a great gust of wind struck the stand, tearing off the roof which fell partially over the stand, with two score persons beneath the wreckage. All the injured persons were taken to a local hospital.

HARDING CHIDES HIS TRAIN CREW

Pleasantly Jokes Them About Being Too Busy to See Him.

On Board President Harding's Special Train, Near Cumberland, Md., June 20.—President Harding made his first speech after leaving Washington for a 15,000-mile trip to the Pacific coast and Alaska today at Martinsburg, Va. It was addressed to a small boy in the streets who hailed the President and received in turn a cheerful "Hello, there."

The train stopped for water when the President appeared on the rear platform. The small boy was the first to recognize the chief executive and called, "Hello, Mr. President." Others, including a number of railroad workers who had been waiting at the station, followed the boy's example, shook hands, and wished the President a pleasant journey.

EVERYBODY ON THE LEVIATHAN HAPPY

Vessel is Making Trip With Good Speed and With Everything About Her Working Perfectly.

On Board S. S. Leviathan, June 21 (By the Associated Press).—Uncle Sam's guests on board the Leviathan breakfasted today some distance due east of Wilmington, N. C., after a night's run which was satisfactory in every way to the passengers and officers of the giant liner.

The vessel probably will turn around on the homeward voyage at 4 p. m. tomorrow when it is expected the island of Abaco "the hole in the wall" of the Bahamas will be reached.

Reformed Church Plans Catawba College Fund

Salisbury, June 20.—Plans for the raising of \$400,000 endowment fund for Catawba College which is to be raised to an A grade institution and moved from Newton to Salisbury, were discussed at a meeting of Reformed ministers and laymen from over the state at First Reformed Church, Salisbury.

DAN NOBLES MUST DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

Gov. Morrison Declines to Change Sentence of Man Convicted of Murder.

Raleigh, June 21.—Governor Morrison today denied the application for commutation of the death sentence of Dan Nobles, who was convicted of the killing of his cousin Henry B. Nobles, Columbia county farmer. Nobles is to be executed at the state prison next Tuesday.

A petition for commutation was presented by D. C. France, local attorney, who produced a number of affidavits from Nobles' relatives tending to prove an alibi for the condemned man.

"I have studied the case and every theory presented by the defendant," the governor stated in declining the application. "The attempted alibi coming from testimony of relatives of the prisoner is incomplete. Every word set forth in the affidavit may be true, and still the defendant could have committed the crime."

The principal witness against Nobles was the eight-year-old daughter of Henry Nobles. "The evidence of the child or her immature years if it stood alone," the governor stated, "might be insufficient by which to take the life of a human being, but when corroborated as she was corroborated in this case, her evidence, it seems to me, must be convincing to any judicial mind."

SOUTHERN TEXTILE MEET AT ASHEVILLE THIS WEEK

Already Delegates From All Parts of the South Are Arriving in Asheville for the Meeting.

Asheville, June 21.—Delegates began to reach Asheville today for the annual convention of the Southern Textile Association which opens tomorrow morning. A special car bringing delegates from Georgia arrived this morning and delegates from other Southern states, including the two Carolinas, Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia, are expected to reach the city this afternoon and tonight.

CALL PRIMARY TO NAME SUCCESSOR TO KITCHIN

Several Names Have Been Suggested as Candidates for the Unexpired Term.

Rocky Mount, June 20.—At a called meeting here this afternoon the Democratic executive committee of the second congressional district issued a call for a primary on the first Saturday in October to elect a congressman to serve the unexpired term of the late Claude Kitchin. The committee also provided that a second primary be held one week after the first, if necessary to fill the vacancy.

WASHINGTON'S UNIVERSITY OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Old Pollock Edifice One Hundred and Fifty Years Old.

Washington, June 21 (Capital News Service).—Pollock Church is one hundred and fifty years old. This is the famous old edifice near both Mt. Vernon, Washington's home, and Alexandria, Va., of which George Washington supervised the erection and of which he was warden of the vestry.

RESERVE BANKS WANT ANOTHER HEARING

Not Satisfied With Decision of Supreme Court in Par Clearance Case.

Washington, June 21.—Counsel for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Va., presented to the Supreme Court today a motion for leave to file a petition for a rehearing in the case brought by the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Monroe, N. C., and others, in which the court on June 11th sustained the validity of the State law under which state banks were authorized to charge a commission for their services in the collection of checks drawn upon them.

With Our Advertisers.

The Cabarrus Cash Grocery has some special for Dollar Sale Week. New ad. gives particulars.

Bargains will be offered in every department of Fisher's during Dollar Sale Week.

The Crystal Pressing Club can keep your Palm Beach suit looking like new all of the time.

The York & Wadsworth Co. is offering some attractive bargains for Dollar Sale Week. Don't fail to read new ad. carefully.

New Warehouse Company.

Raleigh, June 21.—For the purpose of conducting a general warehousing business, the Secretary of State has granted a charter of incorporation to the Hamlet Warehouse Company, Hamlet. The capital stock of the concern is \$50,000, and incorporators are J. P. Gibbons, W. R. Land, Nathan LeGrand and L. E. Blanchard, all of Hamlet.

BRITISH SHIPS ARE CARRYING LIQUORS TO AMERICAN PORTS

Ships Will Sell Liquors to Their Guests as Usual, and Wet Supply Will Be Sealed With Government Seals.

SEC. MELLON IS AFTER SOLUTION

If Seals Are Broken a Serious Situation May Arise.—Thinks the Situation Will Be Met When It Arises.

Washington, June 21.—Secretary Mellon began a series of conferences today in an effort to clear up the new ship liquor situation developing from the determination of several foreign shipping companies to bring liquor into American waters under the new customs seals of their government.

Prior to these deliberations the secretary declared there was no doubt of the general right to seize contraband within American waters, but added that the question whether an agent of the American government dared to destroy a foreign government seal presented a grave problem.

He expressed a hope that we "find out just what we can do immediately."

Informing that the liner Berengaria, due in New York tomorrow or Saturday, was bringing a sealed store of liquor the Secretary merely replied that the Treasury would be able to deal with the situation thus presented when it arose.

Ships Carrying Liquor as Usual.

Southampton, England, June 21 (By the Associated Press).—The Cunard liner Berengaria, which sailed for New York last Saturday, carries sufficient alcoholic liquors for her return voyage under the same kind of lock and seal as that employed by the White Star liner Olympic which sailed yesterday, it was learned today.

A showdown over the question whether British ships can satisfy the thirst of their passengers on their trips from dry America to wet England, therefore become likely to come sooner than expected.

The first challenge will probably be thrown down tomorrow when the Berengaria is due to pass the Statue of Liberty.

167 Delegates to B. Y. P. U. Volunteer For Work in Home and Foreign Mission Fields.

Raleigh, June 21.—One hundred and sixty-seven delegates to the 14th annual convention of the North Carolina Baptist Young Peoples Union in session here this morning at a sunrise consecration service, volunteered for work in home and foreign mission fields of the church. Twelve of these said they had definitely decided to enter training for foreign mission fields.

Methodist Orphanage Plans Improvement.

Raleigh, June 20.—The decision to expend between \$100,000 and \$200,000 for the erecting and equipping of five buildings was decided upon at a meeting of the trustees of the Methodist Orphanage here yesterday. A cottage for babies, two for older boys, a modern kitchen and dining room building, and an industrial training building were authorized. It is stated that funds for the buildings, which are badly needed, are available, the conference and gifts having taken care of this essential.

Condition of little Miss Nancy McClelland, who has been ill at her home for some time, is reported as improved today.

Gravy Sentenced to Prison.

New York, June 21.—Marcus Gravy, self-elected provisional president of Africa, was sentenced today to the Atlanta penitentiary for five years fleeing the public through the sale of Black Star Line stock.

It is estimated that there are 400,000 mummies in Egypt.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SEEN FOR WASHINGTON

Capital to be Center of American Education.

Washington, June 21 (Capital News Service).—The National University, originally fostered by George State University, and again put before the nation by the program of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, is receiving much attention from Capital City educators.

Dr. Abram Minon, president of the board of education of the District of Columbia, believes that a national university is assured for the city and nation in the near future. He believes that the present George Washington University will be the nucleus around which the national institution is built, and that with the establishment of junior universities, paralleling junior high schools, working in connection with the national university, the nation will have an educational center in Washington which will profoundly affect and greatly stimulate the cause of education throughout the country.

"The junior universities must come," Dr. Simon said, "because our large universities are overcrowded; because they are too expensive. They will have to come to the large cities of the country for this reason, and although Washington is not an industrial city, it, too, will have them incorporated into its school system."

"I believe every large city will have to develop an educational program that will carry the pupil from the first grades to the university. These junior universities also will give the pupils enthusiasm for the college degree."

"The pupil enters the junior high school in many instances firmly convinced he neither needs nor is able to finish the full high school course. However, after he has completed the junior course and receives his diploma he is eager to continue to the senior high school and receive the senior diploma."

"In the same way the junior universities will add stimulus to education. The pupil will say that he can not take the full college course, but will take the junior university course and see what it is like. After he has received the junior diploma he will want the senior college diploma and the degree."

ROTARY CONVENTION OPENS IN ST. LOUIS

Employment of the Highest Standard of Ethics in Business Urged at Meeting.

St. Louis, June 20.—Employment of the highest standard of ethics in business, co-operation of capital and labor and cultivation of friendship between employer and employee were urged at today's session here. Speakers included prominent business men of St. Louis, Merle Sidener, a member of the vigilance committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World; Sherman Rogers, New York; and Bert Scribner, chairman of the Rotary's business ethics committee.

"The danger to civilization is not the mob or the raging multitude but the weakling citizen, the spineless business man, the person who stands for nothing and will do nothing," Mr. Havens asserted. "Every community is what its business men make it. In promoting codes of business ethics around the world Rotary is striving to do away with that other salutation that honor can be passive; that right can exist without action."

THREE CITIES WANT NEXT MEETING OF EDITORS

Pinehurst, Charlotte and Raleigh Want Winter Meeting.—Storm Interrupts Meeting.

Blowing Rock, June 21.—The North Carolina Press Association, which opened its convention here last night, was interrupted near the close of the night session by electric storm which cut off the electric lights. Miss M. H. Berry, of Chapel Hill, was addressing the members on rural credits when the interruption came and she completed her address at the opening today.

J. B. Sherrill, President of the Association, delivered his annual address at noon today, stressing the value of the weekly and the smaller community papers in the lives of the people.

Pinehurst, Charlotte and Raleigh presented invitations for the mid-winter session of the Association.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, President of Washington and Lee University, is scheduled to address the editors on the Lee Memorial School of Journalism.

PRESIDENT TO SPEAK TONIGHT IN ST. LOUIS

Train Passed Through His Native State Early This Morning.

On Board President Harding's Special Train, Parkersburg, W. Va., June 21.—President Harding spent a few hours with home folks today as the special train carrying him to the west coast crossed the state of Ohio and then through Indiana and Illinois, to St. Louis where the chief executive tonight will deliver his first formal address.

The President's train entered Ohio in the early morning hours after traversing a portion of Maryland and West Virginia, completing about 350 of the 15,000 miles to the Pacific Coast, Alaska, Panama and Porto Rico. Mr. Harding clearly indicated that he was glad to be back in his native state, even though for only a few hours.

Raleigh Gets New Drug Company.

Raleigh, June 21.—The C. H. Fleming Drug Company, of Raleigh, has been granted a charter of incorporation by the Secretary of State. The concern will conduct a general wholesale and retail drug business with a capital stock of \$50,000. The incorporators are C. H. Fleming, R. G. Carter, and D. H. Powell, all of Raleigh.

VALLEY BELOW ETNA GRADUALLY BECOMES LAKE OF RED ASHES

Lava From Mount Etna Has Been Deviated Into Valley and Town of Linguaglossa Seems to Be Out of Danger

ATMOSPHERE STILL FILLED WITH SMOKE

And Thunderous Explosions Continue, Filling Population With Fear and Driving Them From Their Homes.

Catania, June 21 (By the Associated Press).—Unless there is a new and strong emission of lava from Mount Etna, the town of Linguaglossa, which has been threatened for the past three days is almost certainly safe from destruction, the official reports from devastated regions say.

The huge stream of lava which has been coming toward the town has been deviated into a side road, and is flowing with accelerated velocity into the neighboring valley which is gradually becoming a veritable lake of fire.

The few inhabitants remaining in Linguaglossa ascribe the diversion of the lava to the town's patron saints to whom prayers and gifts were recently offered throughout the recent days of terror.

The atmosphere for miles around the volcano is still dense with the ashes hurled skyward from the crater, which is completely hidden by dense pall of smoke and cinders. Thunderous explosions continue, and from all quarters are heard distressing tales of wild stampedes by the panic stricken population, and the destruction of homes.

The town now most endangered is Castiglione, of 15,000 inhabitants, which is menaced by one of the lava streams. Further from the crater than Linguaglossa, Castiglione is also lower on the mountain slope down which the molten rock is advancing. It is a picturesque town, surrounded by nut trees, many of which are one fire.

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