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NOTHING TO FEAR.—Thou son of man, be not afraid.—Ezekiel 2:6.

TO SHOW THE WAY.

After many months of delay the United States is giving some indications now of a new interest in world affairs.

The reparations question is as great a problem today as it was the day the armistice was signed. The allies, without the co-operation of the United States, have held several conferences on this perplexing question.

New the United States is showing interest in the latest call for a reparations conference, and it is generally agreed now that the United States will be officially represented at the conference.

All questions that probably will be settled at the conference just called could have been settled by the League of Nations if the United States had joined that body.

The conference to discuss the reparations is similar to the League in many respects, but it passes the wrath of the Republicans because it will have a name different from the name of the League.

It is a hopeful sign when the United States, under Republican leadership, is willing to show interest in European affairs. And it shows without question that no nation, however powerful, can live unto itself.

There is no real stability here when Europe is in chaos. The Republicans never have agreed to take part in international affairs such as reparations unless they had been shown that the situation was a very grave and serious one, and at the same time a situation affecting the United States.

GRAVE CHARGES.

The American Legion has made serious and grave charges against the Veterans' Bureau as it operates in some of the hospitals established for the treatment of disabled veterans.

The Legion charges that in some hospitals dope peddlers are allowed to ply their trade among the disabled soldiers. This is especially true in some of the hospitals on the Pacific Coast, the charges assert.

In addition to this, the Legion charges, in some hospitals the sick men are placed in wards so that they see their comrades die; in others it is charged that the men must suffer the agony of hearing their buddies cough and spit from morning to night.

Many of the veterans have been subjected to "brutality and curses" the charges in general states and conditions of alleged inhuman treatment became so bad in some hospitals that it led to "almost open rebellion among the patients."

To remedy the whole situation, the Legion officials propose to reorganize the whole hospitalization system, eliminating all government hospitals for the treatment of acute diseases and the dismissal of all Army, Navy, Marine, Public Health and Reserve Corps physicians with the substitution of private physicians to treat the wounded veterans.

In addition to charges that the veterans are mistreated, charges have also been made recently that persons formerly connected with the bureau used their office for graft and wasted much government money.

These charges are being fully investigated as they should be. The Senate Committee has been working on them for several weeks and it has much work to be done yet. The reports as submitted by the Legion should be thoroughly investigated and where they are found to be true, and we believe many of them will be found to be true, drastic action should be taken.

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TRUE BILLS ARE LODGED AGAINST 77 MITCHELL MEN

Alleged to Have Incited Riot Following Assault Upon Woman. Bakersville, N. C., Oct. 27.—True bills against 77 men charging conspiracy, unlawful assembly and riot were returned by a Mitchell County grand jury today in connection with the recent forced exodus of negroes, except convicts, from Spruce Pine, following an assault on a 62-year-old white woman, for which John Goss was sentenced to die in the electric chair.

A total of 85 men were charged with having part in the conspiracy and these were named in the bill of indictment sent to the grand jury by the Solicitor. Fifteen of the 77 men against whom true bills were returned, plead guilty today and prayer for judgment was continued until the regular term of Mitchell County Superior Court, which will be held early in November. Bonds of \$200 each were required for their appearance.

The charge to which the men pleaded guilty today and on which the true bills were returned follows: "With force and arms did willfully and unlawfully conspire, confederate and agree among themselves and with others to the jurors unknown, to unlawfully assemble themselves together and arm themselves with pistols, rifles, shotguns and other deadly weapons, and to unlawfully assault, intimidate and drive away negroes being employed at Spruce Pine and nearby points."

The 15 men who pleaded guilty included the husband of Mrs. Mack Thomas, who was assaulted by the negro mob under sentence of death. Those submitting today were: Mack Thomas, Dexter Buchanan, Columbus Ledford, Will Ledford, Lane Buchanan, C. A. McMahan, Peter Biddix, Bud Willis, Milton Buchanan, John Pittman, Stokes McKinney, Fayette Ward, Dot Buchanan, Andrew Greene and Roby Buchanan.

The opinion prevails that in view of the fact that the conspiracy was not premeditated and was the result of an intense feeling following the assault, that the Court will be lenient upon the 77 defendants against whom true bills have been returned.

STATE LABOR WILL SUPPORT TEXTILES IN ORGANIZATION

Gathering at Salisbury Goes on Record. Salisbury, Oct. 27.—C. P. Barringer, president of the State Federation of Labor, presided over a labor union booster meeting here tonight. Addresses were made by men prominent in labor and farm unions including James F. Barrett, of Charlotte; Rev. Tom Jimison, known as the "Labor Parson"; Major W. F. Moody, of Raleigh, and J. Lee Tarpley, national lecturer for the Farm Labor Union of America.

These speakers praised the principles of labor unions and stirred their hearers with recitation of accomplishments. In the afternoon a meeting of the joint council of North and South Carolina textile workers was held here, presided over by James F. Barrett, and addressed by Major Moody and Mr. Tarpley. The meeting, which was largely attended, went on record as urging the education of every textile child, and also voted unanimously to support any representatives of the American Federation of Labor might send into this section to further the organization of textile workers. The next joint council meeting will be held at Lexington.

Sunday School Workers to Meet in Charlotte November 4.

Charlotte, Oct. 28.—At a recent meeting of the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers and Sunday school superintendents it was decided to hold, at the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte, beginning Sunday afternoon, November 4, at three o'clock, a Co-operative Standard Training School for Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday school workers.

The first session will be held Sunday afternoon but all other sessions will be held in the evening beginning at 7:30 closing at 9:30. The school will extend through Friday evening, November 9.

Two class periods in each subject, each 50 minutes in duration will be offered each evening, making 12 class periods for each subject during the school. Those attending a given class regularly, and doing the required work will be awarded a certificate of credit after the close of the school.

Used a Stolen Car. Salisbury, Oct. 28.—Because they lacked 25 cents with which to pay toll at the Yadkin river bridge on the national highway, two negro boys from Greensboro were held for an investigation, and it developed that the car they were driving had been stolen from the city of Greensboro, the city using it to carry children to and from school.

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TAR HEEL SEEKS DAUGHTER IN NEWSPAPER OFFICE

Dallas T. Ward Tells of Brentsie Leaving For Her First Job and Not Returning. Chicago Evening American. Today an old gentleman came into The Evening American office with trembling lips and eyes that shifted from one desk to another.

"You wanted?" he was asked. "I'm looking for Brentsie," quavered the old man. "Brentsie? Nobody with us by that name."

"But, Brentsie, she's gone away, and I'm looking for her. They said you'd find her for me. That's what I'm here for."

The old man sat down and waited confidently then. Here is his story: Six years ago he came to Chicago from North Carolina. His name is Dallas T. Ward, and once a long time ago, his folks down there had their miles of plantations and 110 slaves and all that sort of thing.

Then hard luck overtook the Wards and at 71—six years ago—old Dallas Ward and his little daughter, Brentsie, came to Chicago.

Last Monday morning old Dallas escorted Brentsie to the office of the American Medical Association, Dearborn and Grand avenues, where she obtained a position as a stenographer.

"I kissed her good-by and said I hoped she'd like her first position," said the old man, "and that's the last I've seen of her."

The missing Brentsie is 16; she is large for her age. She is pretty, brown old Dallas said, with chestnut brown hair and laughing blue eyes. She is about 5 feet and 4 1/2 inches tall and weighs, maybe, 110 pounds. She wore a blue skirt, light blouse and a pretty little toque with colored flowers.

"I know you can find her," said her aged parent. "I'll wait right here until you do, please."

Somehow The Evening American must find the missing Brentsie, because her daddy, old Dallas Ward from North Carolina, can't eat or sleep until she is found. He won't even stay home at the Hotel Elmo, 516 Rush Street, where he and Brentsie have a little home.

FIGHT STARTED TO STOP ALL RODEOS AND WILD WEST SHOWS

Claim is Made That They Are Most Flagrant Examples of Cruelty to Dumb Animals. New York, Oct. 29.—A commission to fight the production of rodeos and wild west shows, termed as the most flagrant examples of cruelty to animals, was directed today in resolutions adopted by the American World Humane Conference.

The resolutions were submitted by Mrs. V. A. E. Dustin, of Cleveland. Declaring that no animal performs unless driven to it by some form of cruelty, Mrs. Dustin condemned bull fights, rodeos, "wild west" shows, Alaskan dog races and motion pictures of "stampedes" and other animal stunts.

"The making of motion pictures," she said, "frequently involved the risk of death or injury to large numbers of animals." She cited several movie plays now being shown in various parts of the country and declared these productions were made possible only through the greatest cruelty to dumb beasts.

"In some picture," she added, "hundreds of steers were driven into a stampede with the result that many were killed and others painfully injured."

She referred to a picture in which a goat danced grotesquely on its hind legs. The act was made possible, she asserted, because ammonia had been poured into the animal's ear, causing him to pump up and down.

The Cabarrus County Fair.

Stanley News-Herald. The Cabarrus County Fair which closed last week, proved to be one of the most successful county fairs ever held in North Carolina. Its unprecedented success proves what a county can do when it is willing to "put out" for such good causes. The Cabarrus Fair was one of the biggest advertisements which that county has had in many a day.

Six sisters are members of a women's professional football team of Bath, England.

WAR GRAVES WELL TENDED

Legion Post in Paris Reports Complaints Unfounded. Paris, Oct. 29.—Accusations that the graves of American soldiers buried in France are sadly neglected have been found to be untrue by Paris Post No. 1 of the American Legion, it was announced today.

H. C. Huffer, Junior, vice commander of the post, has cabled to Lamuel Bowles, National Adjutant of the American Legion at Indianapolis, an expression of the surprise left here by members of the organization that any such complaints should be made.

"The American Graves Registration Bureau in Paris," Mr. Huffer cabled, "is ably managed and is doing effective work. In less than two years 46,000 bodies have been exhumed and sent to the United States. Thirty thousand other bodies have been exhumed and re-interred in metallic caskets, which work was only completed about six months ago."

"Since then and to June 1st last, contracts have been let for permanent vaults and beautification. Up to October 1st Belleau cemetery was 45 per cent. completed. Permanent construction work in other cemeteries is progressing."

Mr. Huffer also has explained to Adjutant Bowles that the subscriptions solicited at Belleau are not for the cemetery but are applied to a fund for the purchase of Belleau Wood and the meadow adjoining the cemetery.

The appearance of disorder in the cemeteries, the post official explained, is a consequence of the exhumation of bodies to be sent to America and the re-coffining and re-interment of the remains that are to be left in France. This work, it is said, is requiring complete re-arrangement of the cemeteries.

New Orleans Cotton Review.

New Orleans, Oct. 28.—The price of cotton last week was sent to new high levels for the season now high records being made repeatedly up to Friday when the December position traded at 30.52 cents a pound. At this stage the active months in the contract market were 112 to 132 points over the last sales of the preceding week. On the close prices were 78 to 103 points net higher on the week, December closing at 30.22. In the spot department prices gained 62 points or middling, which closed at 30.50 cents a pound against 23.25 on the close of this week last year.

There were two important factors working for higher prices, the lower range of crop ideas resulting from much unfavorable weather in the belt, more particularly in the extreme western section, and signs of improving trade in the large textile markets of the world. Markets on this side of the water were started, soon after the middle of the week, by cables saying that one firm, doing a large business in the far east, had bought a million pieces of cloth in the Manchester market. At the end of the week, New York telegrams received her claimed that some Worth-street firms had been doing the largest business in their history and that one firm alone put through transactions amounting to more than 10,000,000 yards of goods on one day toward the end of the week.

Private crop estimates of the week reflected a decided downward revision in figures, earlier estimates ranging from 9,816,000 bales to 10,300,000 while on the closing session an estimate of 9,506,000 bales appeared and was seriously considered by the trade. The question of the size of the crop will be brought into greater prominence this coming week by the condition and indicated crop yield due from the department of agriculture. They will carry the crop down to October 25 and will be issued Friday. Thursday will be a holiday in this market. The end of the week seems likely to be almost wholly dominated by the bureau report.

Giant Whiskey Camp is Uncovered in Georgia.

Greenville, Georgia, Oct. 28.—A Moonshine camp with a capacity of 300 gallons of whiskey a day was located 10 miles west of here late last night by Sheriff J. B. Jarrell and deputies.

The furnace, built of concrete and shaped round, was eight feet deep and 10 feet across.

There were 12 vats of 1000 gallon capacity each.

DINNER STORIES

"Ah, madam," said the pious visitor, "I am going about giving advice and consolation to unhappy wives. Do you know where your husband is every night?"

"Indeed, I do." "Alas, madam. You think you do, but he may be here, there, anywhere."

"Well, if he gets out of the place where he is now, he has to raise a granite slab that weighs at least a ton, and he couldn't even lift a scuttle of coal while he was alive."

Mr. Fussy: "Here, waiter, bring me a spoon for my coffee." Waiter: "Sorry, sir, but we don't them—the music here is so stirring."

"Mandy, what you gib dat baby a big piece of po'k?" "De oder end's tied to dat chile's toe. Ef he chokes he'll kick, an' ef he kicks he'll jek the po'k out. Ah reckon yo'all don't learn me nuthin' about bringin' up chilluns!"

"Lady, could yer gimme a quarter to get where me family is?" "Certainly, my poor man, here's a quarter. Where is your family?" "At de movies."

Constable: "What are you doing around here—waiting for a chance to steal a chicken?" Colored man: "No, sah. De jedge reformed me last month, and I'ae jested out testin' myself."

Young Bride: "Won't oos 'tittle umpie dumpsie kiss oos 'tittle outsie wootsie?" Man (in next berth): "You can't go anywhere nowadays without running across some of those—foreigners!"—Virginia Reel.

Mistress (to cook): "Mary, I saw the milkman kiss you this morning. From now on I will get the milk myself." Mary: "I won't do you no good, mum. He's promised to me and he says that he won't kiss no one else."

Lawyer McQuiz: "Are we to understand, Rastus, that your wife is a good housekeeper, or on the contrary?" Rastus: "Dat's jes' it, boss; she's so much on the contrary dat she ain't no good housekeeper nor nuthin' else."

The secretary of a lodge had written to a brother that he had advanced the last payment for him, and unless he came across with some coin he would be suspended. The secretary received the following reply: "Dear Secyterry: 'I got your letter about what I owe you. Now be paechant, I am forgot you. Pless yaht. When sun fools nex me I pay you. If this wuz judgment day and you wuz no more prepared to meet your Maker as I am to meet your account you sure would have to go to hel. Trusting you will do this, I am.'—Aberdeen Bugle."

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