

County Commencement Is Being Held Here Today

Prof. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Delivers Literary Address.

"PUBLIC EDUCATION" SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Large Number of Students Receive Certificates of Graduation—Large Crowd in Attendance.

Following the address by Prof. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, commencement exercises for the rural schools of Cabarrus county were held in the auditorium of No. 2 school this morning and this afternoon.

The exercises began at 10 o'clock with a number by the Concord High School Orchestra, which furnished music during the day.

The first part of Prof. Allen's address was devoted to a general outline of early educational work in the State.

Public Education was the subject of the very instructive and able address delivered by Prof. Allen, who for years has been intimately associated with educational leaders in the State and who during these years has made exhaustive study of the educational needs of the State.

The speaker covering the early stages of the work and showing how the State has progressed along educational lines.

It is the duty of the State and county, working jointly, to provide equal educational opportunities and facilities for every child in the State.

The exercises were halted for the dinner recess following the address of Prof. Allen.

The full text of Prof. Allen's address follows:

Public Education

The principles involved in offering at public expense an educational opportunity up through the secondary level to all children are now fully accepted in every American Commonwealth.

Read the new ad. of the Cabarrus Savings Bank and begin to save against accidents, sickness, old age and any other emergency.

The Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. has received another shipment of small sugar cured hams at 25 cents a pound.

The Bell & Harris Co. is offering some specials in Linoleums and Waltons druggists and wrought iron bridge lamps.

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SHIPPING POULTRY

Co-operative Sale in Rutherfordford Has Fine Results.

Rutherfordford, N. C., April 26.—A car load of live chickens weighing 19,379 pounds and selling for more than \$4,000 at a co-operative sale has just been shipped from here to Philadelphia.

Up to the time of the sale there had existed in Rutherford County a surplus of poultry. It was stated, and good live hens were selling at 18 cents per pound while it was almost impossible to sell old roosters.

A drizzling rain on the day of the sale, which at first made the promoters fear for the outcome, did not hinder the undertaking. It was pointed out, but at the close of the day 304 farmers had received checks for their share in the sale which totaled exactly \$4,032.14.

The sale resulted, it was claimed, in clearing out the surplus of poultry in the county and an increase of three and one half cents per pound for poultry on foot.

Explanation was made that it was planned to ship the car to Cleveland County in order to get the required minimum of 18,000 pounds for a car, however, this was found unnecessary.

This was the first shipment of such size that Rutherford County has ever witnessed," declared Mr. Lewis, and from the interest expressed, it is felt that this is only a beginning of what will finally be a great industry in the county.

The home and farm agents of Beaufort County are planning to ship a car load from Washington today, and the farm agent of Lenoir plans to ship early in May.

New York, April 25.—The small tender which was promptly taken care of brought in covering in the near months under which prices advanced smartly in spite of reports of prospective further curtailment by domestic mills and advertisement of the intention of textile distributors to advance firmly to the policy of hand to mouth buying until something more definite can be known of the prospect for the next crop.

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JAMES R. GARFIELD OPPOSED TO LEASE OF MUSCLE SHOALS

To Henry Ford or Any Other Individual—Says It Should Be Exploited for Good of Whole People.

WANTS TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

Says the Power at Muscle Shoals Should Be Distributed Under Provisions of the Waterpower Act.

Washington, April 26.—James R. Garfield, former Secretary of the Interior, told the Senate agriculture committee at the first hearing that he wished to appear because "the Ford bid seems to me so destructive as to the requirements very clearly understood under the provisions of the Federal Waterpower act."

"The waterpower resources of the country should be developed for the benefit of all the people of the country," he continued. "It is interesting to know that Muscle Shoals was the first site to come under the government's conservation policy."

Garfield said the power should be distributed under the provisions of the Federal Waterpower act. The act provides for a fair margin of profit on the amount of capital invested, and the property would be returned to the government after expiration of the terms of the lease.

The L. Kirkpatrick, representing the chambers of commerce of Charlotte and Salisbury, and other North Carolina organizations, and E. C. Dwyer, of Charlotte, protested the selling of Muscle Shoals except in strict accordance with the terms of the Federal Waterpower Act.

"We appeal to you senators to hold inoperative the Ford bid and to adjourn this matter until we can have an opportunity to be heard," he said.

GASTONIA WILL HAVE A \$150,000 THEATER

It Will Have a Seating Capacity of 1,500 and Will Be Modern in Every Respect.

Gastonia, April 25.—Gastonia is to have a \$150,000 theater, work to begin early in June on the building. James A. Etridge and J. E. Simpson, owners of the Gastonian and Ideal moving picture theaters here, and J. White, president of the Third National bank, have purchased 50 feet on Marietta street for a modern theater, capable of seating 1,500 people and containing the latest and most modern ideas in theater construction.

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MURPHY HAS NOT YET FILED FOR UNDERWOOD

This is the Last Day of Filing of Candidates for the Primaries.

Raleigh, April 26.—With today the last day for filing, it appeared early today that William G. McAdoo might receive the entire vote of the delegation of the Democrats at the national convention. Although Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, state manager for Oscar W. Underwood had indicated that his candidacy name would be entered in the primary election officials here had not received the formal filing up to noon. The time for filing expires at midnight.

In the event there is no opposition the law will require that the entire North Carolina vote at the National Democratic Convention be cast for Mr. McAdoo. Later—Says Underwood's Name Will Not Be Entered.

Salisbury, April 26.—Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, will not enter the North Carolina presidential primary, election officials here had not received the formal filing up to noon. The time for filing expires at midnight.

Washington, April 26.—H. E. Glosser, formerly employed in the office of Gordon Campbell, the Montana oil operator, indicted with Senator Wheeler, testified today before the Senate committee investigating the indictment that in January, 1923, he heard a conversation between Campbell and Wheeler in which there was talk of getting the former's oil permits "fixed up in Washington."

"Mr. Campbell said that if Mr. Wheeler could get this fixed up in Washington, we can afford to cut a lot of money, or something like that."

"What did Senator Wheeler say?" asked Senator Sterling, republican of South Dakota.

"I don't recall that he made any reply. Oh, yes, he did later." "But not that evening."

"No, but he left us under the impression that he could fix it up at Washington because of the influence he had there."

Glosser told the committee that he had made an affidavit for Blair Cook, and had testified before the grand jury that indicted Senator Wheeler.

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Sharp Advances Followed by Moderate Reactions—Considerable Selling.

New York, April 26.—Yesterday's sharp advances were followed by moderate reactions in today's early trading in the cotton market. Liverpool did not fully meet yesterday's gains here, and the local market opened barely steady at an advance of 5 points on May, but generally 2 to 13 points lower.

Cotton futures opened barely steady. May 30.50 to 30.70; July 28.85; Oct. 24.84; Dec. 24.23; Jan. 23.57.

Representative Burton to Be Temporary Chairman of Republican National Convention. Is Indication After a White House Conference Today.

Washington, April 26.—Selection of Representative Theodore Burton, of Ohio, as temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention, was indicated after a political conference today at the White House.

The Young Women's Christian Association now maintains centres throughout the United States and Canada and in 13 foreign countries.

BODY OF MURPHY LIES IN STATE AT HIS MODEST HOME

Flags Are at Half Mast Over All the City Buildings in Five Boroughs of Greater New York.

TAMMANY HALL DRAPED IN BLACK

Poverty and Rags and Riches Vie With Each Other to Do Him Honor—Who Will Succeed the Chief?

New York, April 26.—The body of Charles Francis Murphy, for 22 years grand chief of Tammany Hall, and the most conspicuous figure of political destinies of his time, today lies in state in the modest parlor of the East 17th Street house that for so many years was the town house of the chief.

Over all the city buildings in all the five boroughs flags were at half mast, every outpost of the 14th Street Wigwam was draped in black, while many hotels and stores, and numerous individual householders displayed evidence of their grief.

All of Chief Murphy's friends were expected among the mourners at the Murphy home today, rich and poor, sprucely fashionable, and woefully unkempt men and women, political leaders and ward heelers, with torn and ragged East Side women who knew of the Chief's bounty.

Throughout all the rooms were great floral tributes from great and small throughout the country. Baskets had to be resorted to, in order that the thousands of condolatory messages might not litter the hushed rooms.

Throughout the city, at Tammany headquarters, little bands of faithful gathered last night to discuss the future. Who was to succeed the Chief, they asked. They admitted they did not know, but several names were whispered. There was a pretty strong impression that a triumvirate such as that which succeeded Croker and of which Murphy was one, would fall heir to the Chief's political estate.

Funeral services will be held Monday at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

MURPHY'S DEATH TO HELP McADOO TO HELP COPLAND

Frank Hampton Summarizes Situation—Says Why Is Also Opened For Senator Copeland.

Washington, April 25.—There is much speculation here as to the effect of the death of Charles F. Murphy on the fortunes of various presidential candidates. Frank A. Hampton, one of the managers of the McAdoo campaign, believes that the combination against Mr. McAdoo has been broken. But others believe it will promote George Breunon, of Illinois, to the leadership of the anti-McAdoo movement, and he is stronger against the popular candidate than Mr. Murphy was.

Mr. Hampton made this statement today. "Mr. Murphy was a great natural leader of men and a great organization democrat of the reactionary and standpat type. His control of the New York democracy during the past decade has been in all respects absolute and quite arbitrary. Mr. Murphy's death opens New York to the progressive forces of the nation."

It was Mr. Murphy's strong hand that held New York solidly against McAdoo and against any progressive candidate. There is nobody to take Murphy's place, and there is no chance of a new leader of his type getting any firm hold on the New York democracy, in the short time that intervenes between now and the national convention in June.

Mr. Murphy improves at least 50 per cent. the chances of Mr. McAdoo to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority in the democratic national convention. The loss of Mr. Murphy takes the brains and most of the leadership out of the little riot of state bosses, Murphy, Taggart and Brennan, who have been conspiring to defeat the nomination of McAdoo by withholding to the end from him at least one-third of the convention votes. Brennan and Taggart will not be able to function without the wise brain and strong hand of the dead Tammany boss.

"Another point of significance in Mr. Murphy's death is that it opens the way for New York support of its progressive and popular junior senator, Senator Copeland, for one of the places on the democratic national ticket."

French Reply Interpreted. Paris, April 26 (By the Associated Press). Official circles close to the government today interpreted the French reply to the reparations commission's communication to mean that the existing measures being taken in the Ruhr cannot be withdrawn or modified until Germany has put the experts' plan into execution.

Cigarettes rolled in papers of various colors are on sale in New York. They are intended for the use of women who like their smokes to match their frocks.

The first of the Anglo-American international polo matches was played in 1888.

URGES RECOGNITION OF POLYGAMY BY FRANCE

Senegalese Would Have Action Applied to French Colonies.

Paris, April 26.—Official recognition of polygamy in French colonies is demanded in Rapel—an organ founded by Victor Hugo—by a deputy from Senegal M. Diagne.

The letter refers rather pitifully to the increasingly popularity of birth control in Christian France.

M. Diagne suggests that, the war having led to equitable treatment of illegitimate children and their mothers (who have obtained the right of war pensions) it is time the French government went a step further and granted full citizenship rights to the Mussulman inhabitants of the French colonies practicing polygamy.

At present this polygamy is the only obstacle, it is said, to the complete enfranchisement of the colonies.

FORD BID ATTACKED BY SOUTHERN MEN

Senate Hearing Gets Surprise When Hot Opposition is Voiced on Shoals.

Washington, April 24.—Another objection to Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals was raised by witnesses today before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, who emphasized the importance of the Muscle Shoals developments as a necessary unit in the gigantic super-power system that is struggling to become a reality.

If Muscle Shoals is to be delivered to Ford and cut out of the system, as would be the case under the Ford proposal, the super-power project will be seriously impaired and Ford will be "subsidized" to a point where competition with him will be impossible, according to H. W. Seaman, representative of the Mississippi Waterways Commission.

Mr. Seaman strenuously opposed turning over Muscle Shoals "to Henry Ford or any other individual" and assailed the theory that the chief concern should be fertilizer production. The real value of Muscle Shoals is in its power potentialities, he declared, and he sketched in some of the public benefits that would come from making cheap power available to cities and towns and industry, not only throughout the South but, via the super-power chain, to the East and North.

Huge Power Advantage. Especially in manufacturing some of the "Ford" metals that now have to be imported, Muscle Shoals promises unlimited benefits to American industry in general, he contended.

Pointing out that Ford and other manufacturers now have to pay as high as \$37 per horsepower, he emphasized that if Ford gets Muscle Shoals he will have \$3 horsepower, and advantage which no industry could compete with.

All the witnesses were emphatic in saying that wherever the Ford bid was understood there was growing opposition to it. The Mississippi representatives especially refuted the assertion that the farmers are behind it now that they begin to comprehend its nature.

Opposed to Principle. The opposition is not to Ford, but to the principle of "subsidizing any individual," as Mr. Seaman put it. "Ford or his successors for the next 100 years could beat the brains out of any industry attempting to compete," Mr. Seaman told the committee.

Former Secretary of War Baker, is scheduled to testify tomorrow in opposition to the Ford proposition. The Allied Power Companies of Tennessee and Alabama, whose bid is also before the committee, will appear afterward.

Senator Brookharts (Rep., Iowa) predicted today that there would be 75 votes in the Senate against the Ford bid as it stands and 65 against it unless it is so radically modified as to conform to the Federal Water Power Act and approximate Government operation.

FEIMSTER HAS WITHDRAWN

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ALL OF FOUR BIG POWERS ACCEPT REPORT

Replies of France, Italy, Belgium and Great Britain All Accept the Findings of the Dawes' Report Wholly.

FRANCE ALONE RAISES QUESTION

And That is One of Procedure—Italy Declares Report Should Be Considered as an "Indivisible Whole."

Paris, April 26 (By the Associated Press).—The replies of the four big allied powers to the reparations commission's communication regarding the Dawes report, all accept the experts' findings wholly.

France alone raises the question of procedure, while Italy declares the report to be "an indivisible whole" which should be taken in its entirety without condition or qualification.

The Belgian reply says: "The Belgian government is prepared to accept the experts' conclusions as a whole with a view to a practicable and equitable settlement of the reparations problem."

The British reply says: "His Majesty's government for their part, accept and will do everything in their power to give practical effect to the recommendations of the commission that the allied governments should likewise adopt the conclusions of the committees with regard to the matter falling within the jurisdiction of those governments."

"The recommendations of the experts do not appear to involve any reduction in the total of the German reparations debt, and the necessary modification of the schedule of payments of May, 1921, appear to be within the competence of a unanimous decision of the reparations commission, and not to require the specific authority of the several governments represented on the commission. If, however, His Majesty's governments are prepared to grant such specific authority."

The Italian reply after saying the Italian government considers the experts' reports "documents of the highest value," continues: "The contents of the two reports being considered as an indivisible whole, the Italian government notes with satisfaction that the reparations commission adopted them in their entirety and is sure the commission will be able now rapidly to continue its work."

The French reply says in part: "The commission now in a position to pronounce judgment, and the governments have the right to expect from it a definite decision which will embody the conclusions of the experts' reports, support them with argument, and give them practical form, and will complete them on certain points which the experts left to the commission itself to deal with, or on which they did not express any opinion."

"It is only when the commission has completed this work, and thus has clearly defined all the matters coming within its competence under the treaty, and those not within its jurisdiction, that it will be in a position to communicate the latter to the governments concerned. The governments will not be able to take useful action until they have exact information as to the practical effect which the reparations commission gives the experts' proposals."

ASHEVILLE YOUNG MAN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

A. H. Davis, Street Car Conductor, Found in Room With Bullet Hole Through His Head.

Asheville, April 24.—A. H. Davis, 24, a conductor employed by the Asheville Power and Light company, ended his life Thursday afternoon by placing a revolver in his hand and sending a bullet through his brain. About 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon the police were notified that a man had killed himself in the library building. Going to room 22 on the third floor the officers found Davis lying on his bed in a pool of blood, his right hand clutching a .38 caliber revolver.

He was still breathing although a large hole had been torn through his head, the bullet entering about an inch above the right ear and penetrating the skull about an inch above the left ear. He died about two hours later at a local hospital.

Just when the shot was fired, it is not known. Officers answering the call, said that blood had clotted and from all appearances the man had been in that condition over an hour.

Friends of Davis can assign no motive for the tragic death. His acquaintance say he was in good health and always in good spirits.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



Cloudy tonight, probably showers in the west and central portions; Sunday showers, continued cool.