

LA FOLLETTE SAYS THAT HE WILL ENTER RACE FOR PRESIDENT

Virtually Announces Independent Ticket if Two Parties Don't "Purge Themselves of Evil Influences"

WRITES LETTER TO ATTY.-GEN. E. KERN

At the Same Time He Denounces Communists, Who He Says, Are Trying to Take Control of Meeting.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 28.—Senator La Follette today virtually announced that he will run for President on an independent ticket unless "the approaching Democratic and Republican conventions demonstrate to the people whether either of those parties can and will purge itself of the evil influences which have long dominated them."

"If this is not done," Senator La Follette wrote to Attorney General E. A. Tamm, "a long-suffering and righteously indignant people will find in the coming campaign effective means independent of both these old parties, to take back control of their government, and make it truly representative."

At the same time, Senator La Follette denounced the communists and openly charged that they were seeking to take control of the "farmer-labor-progressive convention," called to meet at St. Paul on June 17th.

THE BUSINESS SLUMP HITS BANKS HARD

Federal Reserve Banks May Have Lowest Earnings in Seven Years' Review.

Washington, May 27.—Federal Reserve Board statistics made public today disclose that the effect of the downward trend of business has been strongly felt by the Federal Reserve banks and on the basis of present calculations, they may end this year with the lowest net earnings in seven years.

The business recession apparent since the beginning of the year continued through April and early May and forced earnings assets of the 12 reserve banks down to \$795,000,000 on May 21, the lowest since the fall of 1917. This figure compares with earnings assets of \$1,177,000,000 on the same date last year and indicates clearly, in the opinion of officials, that the net earnings of the twelve banks will drop well below the \$12,711,000 figure for 1923.

The board's review of business for April and May showed a further decline in factory employment and production of basic commodities and coupled with this, a sharp decrease in borrowing for commercial purposes. With indications that the small demand for reserve bank redemptions will continue, the earnings assets of the banks, it was said, probably will drop even to new low levels.

There was an easier money market, generally, in the two months covered by the board's summary and this was reflected in a further rise in the prices of government securities in a reduction from 4-1/2 to 4-1/4 per cent. in prime commercial paper and decline from four to three per cent. in the rate on bankers' acceptances. The recent reduction from four and one-half to four per cent. in the discount rate by the New York Reserve bank apparently had little effect on the borrowings from that bank Reserve Board officials said.

The lack of demand for goods was shown in the reduction of wholesale prices which in April touched the lowest point since 1922 and were about one per cent. lower on the average than in March. Farm products, however, showed an average increase of two per cent. Metals and foods dropped off as did clothing, fuel and chemicals, with building material prices remaining practically unchanged.

There was a slight increase in the volume of retail buying in April compared with March, but the board's experts attributed that to Easter purchases. It was indicated they believe the retail spurt may be short-lived because of a pronounced waiting policy evident in some business quarters.

GIRL WITH BABY ROBS PEORIA, ILLINOIS, BANK

Teller Thought It Was a Joke When She Pointed Gun—She Is Captured Later.

Peoria, Ill., May 27.—Norma Anderson, 18 years old, was caught with a baby in her arms, held up the Stearns Bank at Farmington this afternoon, after she forced a taxi-cab driver at the point of a gun to hurry her away. More than one thousand dollars in cash which she grabbed from a teller's window, was recovered.

The girl after her arrest declared she held up the bank because it owed her some money. Bank officials deny this, and say they never saw the young woman before.

When the girl walked into the bank and thrust a gun into the face of the teller he thought she was playing a joke. "Don't be in a hurry; I'll wait on you in a few moments," he said.

"You'll wait on me now," the girl demanded, flourishing the revolver. "Give me that money."

The teller hesitated, and the girl reached inside the window and grabbed a box containing more than \$1,000 in cash.

Rushing from the bank she then forced David Settle, a taxi-driver, to take her to Farmington.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY

The new High School Building will be open to the public on Friday afternoon, May 30th, from 4 to 6.

We had hoped to have the building open in the evening but the light fixtures have not yet been placed except in the hall and in the auditorium.

The School Board and the Faculty of the High School will be at home at that time to their friends, the public, and everybody is most cordially invited to come and inspect the building.

A. S. WEBB.

TRYING TO SOLVE MYSTERY OF THE FLETCHER KILLING

Officers Are Working on the Theory That Robbery Was the Motive.

(By the Associated Press) Gastonia, N. C., May 28.—Gaston county officials today were endeavoring to solve the mystery of the slaying of J. H. Fletcher at his home near Lovell some time Monday night. The body was found lying in the man's one room home late yesterday by a boy who had gone to his place seeking a cow.

Fletcher, who came here from Forsyth, Ga., several months ago, was reputed to keep a considerable sum of money in his house. The sum of \$50 was found in his overalls pocket. Officers are working on the theory that robbery was the motive. In the man's hand was a pistol from which 3 shots had been fired. A large quantity of shot had penetrated his hips, and the wound from a shot gun shell had entered the back, causing death. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Fletcher came to his death at the hands of unknown persons.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewed Part of Yesterday's Reaction—Advances of From 15 to 20 Points.

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 28.—The cotton market recovered part of yesterday's reaction in today's early trading, owing to continued bad weather reports, and a relief firm Liverpool cables. The opening was firm at an advance of 15 to 20 points, and active months soon showed net advance of 25 to 30 points on re-buying by yesterday's sellers and covering. July sold up to 29.92 and October to 26.98. Opening prices were: July 29.75; Oct. 26.85; Dec. 26.00; Jan. 25.88; March 25.90.

PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT TO BE INVESTIGATED NOW

This House Was Determined On Today by House Liquor Traffic Committee.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 28.—A brand new Congressional investigation directed at prohibition enforcement, was determined on today by the House alcoholic liquor committee which had not previously held a meeting in five years. Acting under its general authority the committee designated a sub-committee with instructions to go into all phases of the liquor situation, including rum smuggling and charges of abuse of the permit system.

Arrested When Their Auto Turned Over.

Elizabeth City, May 27.—Hot water bottles were the unusual containers that were being used by a couple who gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fry, of Norfolk, who will face Trial Judge Newbern at Currituck Courthouse today on a charge of transporting liquor in violation of the Turlington Act, when their automobile turned over about a mile from Shawboro, Currituck County, last week.

A broken steering rod is believed to have been responsible for the mishap which upset the automobile and spilled its contents, including Mr. and Mrs. Fry, along the Currituck Highway.

Luck had it that the upset occurred at the end of the lane, leading from the road to the house of Sheriff Bob Flora, of Currituck, and when Will Flora, son of the sheriff, who had seen the wreck, ran out, with neighbors, to offer assistance, Fry called out excitedly "don't bother us. We are not hurt. You will make us nervous." Flora picked up his ears at that and at the same time he nose picked up a familiar odor. He ran up and found Mr. and Mrs. Fry frantically trying to destroy the evidence of what they had their automobile loaded with. They were placed under arrest, and in default of bond, spent the night in jail. The following day they were released under \$1,000 bond for appearance in court today.

150 Boats for Curbing Rum Runners.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 28.—The coast guard today awarded contracts for the construction of 150 seventy-five foot motor patrol boats for use in curbing rum runners on the Atlantic seaboard and the Great Lakes. The total cost will be \$3,512,650.

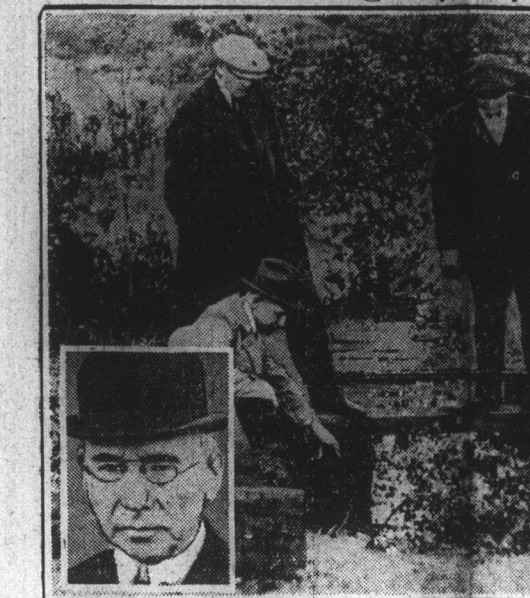
New Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 28.—Chas. S. Dewey, vice president of the Northern Trust Co., of Chicago, was appointed by President Coolidge today to be assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

A generation ago the majority of girl babies in America were given plain names such as Mary, Helen, Ann, and Jane, but now what are known as "fancy" names seem to prevail. The year-book of one of the women's colleges reveals the fact that where one girl answers to the name of Alice or Ann, a dozen or more bear such fancy appellations as Annette, Anita, Ardita, Arietta, Ardella and Arsenia.

The automatic refrigerator eliminates the dirt and inconvenience of the old refrigerator. See the new ad. of the Concord Furniture Co.

More Art on Chicago Mystery



This photo shows the spot where the body of Robert Franks, 13-year-old Chicago boy, was found, and detectives studying it while (inset) is Jacob Frank, millionaire father of the slain boy.

HARVEY ALLOWED TO PLEAD "NOT GUILTY"

In Connection With Alleged Violation of the South Carolina Banking Laws.

(By the Associated Press) Columbia, S. C., May 28.—H. Lee Harvey, brother of former Governor Wilson G. Harvey, and indicted with the former Chief Executive in connection with the failure of the Enterprise Bank of Charleston for alleged violation of the State banking laws, will be allowed to withdraw his plea of guilty, to counts one and four of the indictment, and enter a plea of not guilty, the State Supreme Court ruled today.

This decision was handed down in an opinion by Associate Justice R. C. Watts, reversing the decision of Judge Bowman, who presided at the trial in the Charleston circuit court in which the withdrawal of the plea of guilty was refused.

COMMITTEE OF METHODIST CHURCHMEN MEET TODAY

To Select a Meeting Place for the Special Session of the General Conference.

(By the Associated Press) Chattanooga, Tenn., May 28.—Great interest centers in the meeting here today of the committee of churchmen selected to choose a meeting place for the special session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on July 2nd to consider unification of the two branches of the denomination. Delegations from Chattanooga and a number of other cities seeking the meeting will be heard following the organization of the committee.

RIGHT TO TRY BROWN IS UPHELD BY BISHOP'S OFFICE

On Charges of Uttering Doctrines Contrary to Those Held by the Episcopal Church.

(By the Associated Press) Cleveland, O., May 28.—The jurisdiction of the court of bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church to try the Rt. Rev. Wm. Montgomery Brown on charges of uttering doctrines contrary to those held by the church was unanimously upheld by that body today. The ruling announced orally in two brief sentences by Bishop John G. Murray, president of the court, did not give the grounds for the decision.

Woman's Ward at Salisbury Jail.

(By the Associated Press) Salisbury, N. C., May 28.—Work has been started on the women's ward of the jail of this city, it was made known at the jail today. The ward will be located on an extension of the stair landing, between the first and second floors. The section for female prisoners will contain three cells and a corridor, it was explained, and will accommodate six prisoners.

The jail has been in need of a special section for the detention of women prisoners, being held for trial and for short term sentences, for some time, it was stated, and it was not until the construction of the women's ward was begun that those in charge have felt satisfied with the situation. It is expected that the ward will be finished within a week or ten days.

Cure For Cancer Will Be Found Within Few Years, Mayo Predicts

New York, May 28.—American doctors will find a cure for cancer within a few years, it was predicted today by Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., who spoke at the opening of the New York City Cancer Institute.

"We're going to conquer cancer—that terrible disease—and rid the world of it, regardless of cost," he said.

Asked later how soon this cure could be effected, Dr. Mayo predicted it would be found "within a few years" and that it would be discovered in America, by American doctors. He said research work rapidly was advancing toward a cure, but would not say from what section of the country the cure would come. Doctors in many cities, he said, were experimenting with serum, but he added it was not certain whether serum, radium or X-ray would be found to be the cure.

Pointing out that more than 100,000 persons in America die each year from the disease, Dr. Mayo said if the cancer germ could be located it would be found to act inwardly and would be infectious but not dangerous. He stressed the necessity for early treatment, and declared so much progress had been made in the treatment of the disease that from 70 to 80 per cent. of cases would be cured by surgery if caught in time.

Over-eating, he said, was one of the principal causes of the disease.

Dr. Mayo said graduate training in medicine was developing gradually and disease being conquered rapidly. Deaths from cancer, however, he said, were on the increase 2-1/2 per cent.

The Cancer Institute has been built especially to meet the needs for cancer diagnosis and treatment. It includes laboratories for X-ray, pathological and chemical diagnostic work, clinic rooms for the various specialists, and modern radium laboratories for the treatment of patients. There is a fully-equipped hospital, with complete operating facilities, although patients requiring more than a week's stay will be sent to the institute's cancer hospital on Welfare Island.

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN TUESDAY'S STORM HAS NOW REACHED 45

And 100 Are Known to Have Been Injured, While Scores Were Made Homeless.—Property Loss \$1,000,000.

SOME OF INJURED WILL NOT RECOVER

Several Houses Were Blown Down in Rowland, Robeson County, This State, and Some Livestock Killed.

Atlanta, Ga., May 28 (By the Associated Press).—With Oklahoma and Arkansas the latest states to suffer, the total known death toll in the series of tornadoes which swept the South yesterday and Monday night for the second time within a month, had mounted to 45 today. Approximately 100 persons are known to have been injured, scores made homeless, and property damaged to the extent of more than \$1,000,000.

Mississippi with 22 dead and nearly 50 injured, and Alabama with 19 dead and about 50 injured, bore the brunt of the disturbance. In Oklahoma two persons are known to have been killed and 6 injured. In Arkansas 3 persons were injured, and minor property damage done.

In contrast to the antics of the storm of about 3 weeks ago, which originated on the Texas-Arkansas border and left a death list of more than 100 as it swept southeastward, the violent winds of this week appeared today to have extended in opposite directions from their starting point.

One end hurtled through Southern Mississippi, then jumped southwestward over Arkansas and into Oklahoma, while the other end with lesser intensity swept over parts of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Work of rehabilitation and relief was proceeding rapidly today.

As lines of communication gradually were restored, fears were expressed that the list of casualties might grow, efforts so far to confirm reports of additional deaths, and missing persons have been unsuccessful. Some of the injured are not expected to recover.

The damage in South Carolina, which was reported to be comparatively light, is believed to have been confined to a few isolated communities. Only three persons, according to incomplete reports, were injured seriously enough to require medical treatment.

The only report of damage in North Carolina told of several houses being blown down and some livestock killed at Rowland.

NORTHERN BAPTISTS MEET

The Sessions at Milwaukee Will Continue For a Week.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 28.—Three thousand delegates and as many visitors were on hand for the opening of the Northern Baptist Convention here today. Sessions will be continued an entire week, during which time many important questions affecting the future work of the denomination are to be considered by representatives of the Baptist Church from Maine to California.

The convention controls the work done by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and by the American Baptist Publication Society. It is the central and authoritative corporation to which these and several other societies handling hundreds of thousands of dollars every year have to make their annual reports and be subject to orders then given.

St. Louis Open-Air Theatre Proves a Financial Success.

(By the Associated Press) St. Louis, May 28.—To those few civic spirited men who but five years ago conceived the idea of a theatre under the stars, where all might enjoy the best of light musical entertainment at nominal cost, has come the satisfaction of witnessing the remarkable growth of the St. Louis municipal open-air opera, the only venture of its kind in the country. Other cities are now considering similar enterprises.

The ten weeks cycle of summer entertainment is no longer a doubtful venture here, for the Municipal Theatre Association has proved its financial soundness by turning in a net profit last season of \$25,000.

Chancellor Marx Will Form New Government.

Berlin, May 28 (By the Associated Press).—Chancellor Marx today accepted President Ebert's commission to form a new government.

British Steamer in Distress.

(By the Associated Press) Norfolk, Va., May 28.—The coast guard cutter Manning was dispatched to the assistance of the British steamship Manchurian Prince upon receipt of had collided at sea last night with the American tanker Hoxbar.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF REFORMED CHURCH

To Be Held at Catawba College From July 19th to 25th

(By the Associated Press) Salisbury, May 28.—The seventh annual Missionary Conference for the Reformed Church in North Carolina will be held in the old Catawba College building at Newton, N. C., during July 19 to 25, according to an announcement made by Reverend W. C. Lyster, Concord, chairman of the Conference Committee in session here today.

Reverend J. C. Peeler, of Lenoir, N. C., president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and a member of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, will conduct the course in the study of Race Relations in America, it was announced by Dr. George Stibitz, of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, former president of the General Synod and a member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod, will give a course of four lectures. Dr. Richard, it was stated, spent six months recently visiting the Mission fields of the Orient.

Dr. George Stibitz, of the Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, will be the Bible teacher and direct a group of ministers and deliver several addresses at the Conference.

Miss Carrie M. Kirschner, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society at the General Synod of the Reformed Church and Miss J. Marion Jones, student secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will lead the work for women and young people.

The representative of the Board of Foreign Missions will be on of the members of the China Mission who is now in this country on a furlough. The Board of Home Missions will send a representative to direct the young people and give several lectures at the conference. Six of the ministers of the Reformed Church in North Carolina will lead the services each evening during the conference.

It was announced that the Conference would not be limited to members of the Reformed Church only but it would be open to any person who desired to attend. While the Conference is conducted specially for the purpose of teaching leaders for the Reformed Church, it was said, it is felt that many persons would enjoy and would profit by attendance at the conference.

Members of the Committee attending the meeting here today were: Reverend W. C. Lyster, pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, Concord; Reverend J. C. Peeler, Missionary Pastor at Lenoir; Reverend A. O. Leonard, pastor of the Second Reformed Church, Lexington; Mrs. B. S. Shuford, China Grove; Mrs. R. B. Leonard, Lexington; and Reverend C. C. Wagoner, Newton.

Photographing the French Broad.

(By the Associated Press) Asheville, N. C., May 28.—Photographs of the French Broad river will be made by Lieutenants H. K. Ramey and G. V. Goddard of the United States Air Service during the early part of this week, it has been made known here. The photographs will be secured in making a survey of the river to ascertain its water power possibilities. The survey will be made by Major Fiske who is now stationed in Chattanooga, Tenn., and the expenses will be borne by the funds received by the appropriation by Congress for the surveying of the Tennessee river and its tributaries.

The aviators arrived in Asheville several weeks ago to begin the work, but were called back to Washington for official purposes. Nothing more was heard concerning the survey until the other day when it was announced that they would arrive here to begin the work during the first part of this week.

New Durham County Home.

(By the Associated Press) Durham, N. C., May 28.—Ground for the new Durham County Home will be broken this week, it has been announced by county officials here. The building will cost approximately \$115,000 and will be of Georgian Colonial architecture. About six months will be required to complete the building, the contractors state.

The home will accommodate 60 person when completed, it was explained, and has been so designed that additional work can be made without interfering with the lines of the architecture and with perfect convenience to the rest of the structure.

Father Had Him Arrested.

Raleigh, N. C., May 28.—William Tate, of Caraleigh, a suburb of this city, who skipped his bond of \$200 and fled to Danville, Va., in a war which he took from his father without permission, has been located and returned here by the aid of his father who had him arrested in the Virginia city. He was charged with criminal assault.

He has now been bound over to the Superior Court under another bond of \$500, but the charges have been changed from criminal assault to charges of assault with criminal intent.

Senior Class Play

"Come Out of the Kitchen"

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Friday, May 30th

5:00 P. M.

JAPAN FORMALLY PROTESTS AGAINST IMMIGRATION BILL

Deep Regret Is Expressed That the United States Has Enacted Bill Including Clause Barring Japanese.

PROTEST IS SENT ON WIRES TODAY

Foreign Minister Matsui Urged Japanese Newspaper Men to Exercise Restraint in Their Comment.

Tokio, Japan, May 28 (By the Associated Press).—Deep regret that the United States has enacted the immigration bill, including a clause barring Japanese, is voiced in an official statement issued late today by the foreign office.

Foreign Minister Matsui today asked and obtain the consent of the Prince Regent to the forwarding of Japan's protest against the enactment of the American immigration bill. The proceeding was extraordinary and is interpreted as indicating that unusual importance was attached to the document.

The foreign minister went to the Imperial Palace immediately after the extraordinary cabinet session called yesterday to give final approval to the protest had ended.

The protest was placed upon the cables for transmission to the Japanese Ambassador at Washington shortly after the foreign minister left the Imperial Palace. The Ambassador will deliver it to Secretary of State Hughes.

Foreign Minister Matsui after the protest had been dispatched, received Japanese newspaper men, and urged them to exercise moderation and restraint in their accounts and comments regarding the exclusion matter.

The Japanese government remained unshaken in their opposition to this discriminatory legislation against the Japanese, and they have instructed the Japanese ambassador at Washington to lodge a solemn protest with the United States government on this occasion, the statement given out here today concluded.

The document describes the immigration bill and its effect on Japanese entering the United States, and tells of the efforts made to prevent inclusion of the provision relating to the Japanese.

Washington Officials Will Not Comment.

Washington, May 28.—Until Japan's protest against the new immigration law has been subjected to a painstaking study, no responsible official here will comment on it. In view of the unusual importance attached to the note in Tokio the President and Secretary Hughes are anxious that the subject shall not be complicated by any premature expression of opinion.

The administration regards the question of regulating immigration as a domestic one, but at the same time desires to give us little offense as possible to friendly governments.

Bitter Outbursts of Newspapers.

Tokio, May 28 (By the Associated Press).—A bitter editorial onslaught marks the final enactment of the American immigration bill including the exclusion of Japanese. A majority of the newspapers expressed disappointment with the action of President Coolidge, and call his statement following his signing of the bill unconvincing and unsatisfactory.

GOVERNOR TO NAME NEW JUSTICE IN JUNE

Morrison Expected to Select Hoke For Chief Justice.

Asheville, May 27.—Governor Cameron Morrison, en route to Kentucky to deliver a good road address in Louisville, this afternoon intimated that he will name a successor to Chief Justice Walter C. Cline of the North Carolina Supreme court, some time during the month of June.

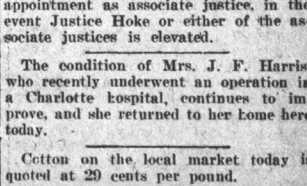
The Governor refused to say who will be named or whether or not he has yet reached a decision as to the appointment but relief was expressed by his friends here that the Governor will select Justice Hoke.

Officers of the Buncombe Bar Association this afternoon announced that they will urge the appointment of James G. Merrimon of this city, son of the late Judge James H. Merrimon, for appointment as associate justice, in the event Justice Hoke or either of the associate justices is elevated.

The condition of Mrs. J. F. Harris, who recently underwent an operation in a Charlotte hospital, continues to improve, and she returned to her home here today.

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 29 cents per pound.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



Cloudy, with probably showers tonight and Thursday; no change in temperature.