

MT. AIRY BOOSTERS GUESTS OF CONCORD AT SNAPPY MEETING

Boosters Also Entertained at Kannapolis Where They Made Short Stop Just as They Entered County.

SHORT MEETING AT LOCAL "Y"

Boosters Left After Meeting For Charlotte, Where They Will Be Entertained During the Day.

The Mt. Airy delegation on its way to the Made-in-Carolina Exposition was met this morning shortly before noon by a convoy of twenty-five or thirty automobiles...

The stop in Concord, which was to have been made on the way to Kannapolis, was transferred to the gymnasium. Dr. T. N. Spencer acted as chairman of the meeting and introduced Mayor Womble...

MILLION DOLLAR CO. ORGANIZED IN STATE

The Coastal Land and Timber Company Granted Charter in State.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—The Coastal Land and Timber Company with headquarters at Raleigh was today issued a charter by the office of the Secretary of State...

DAVIS BACK IN HOME STATE FOR CAMPAIGN

Will Bring to People of West Virginia a Message From Democratic Party.

Davis Special en route to Charleston, Harper's Ferry, Va., Sept. 25.—John W. Davis came back to his home state today to present again his cause as the Democratic Presidential candidate.

To Route Autos Through the State

Asheville, Sept. 25.—For the first time since it was organized the Detroit Auto Club will route tourists over Route "A" between Cincinnati and Asheville...

Miss Mollie Teague Has Been Missing Five Days

School Teacher Charged With Strangling Her Own Baby Was Carried Off Saturday Night.

OFFICERS UNABLE TO LOCATE HER

Believe She Was Carried Off By Friends Who Faced Her Guard With Number of Guns.

Waynesville, N. C., Sept. 25.—Spirited away from the home near here where she was held under guard in connection with the strangling of her newborn infant, Miss Mollie Teague, aged 26, school teacher, was sought today by Haywood county officers who confessed themselves baffled after a five days' search.

The abduction of the attractive young woman by a party of unidentified men early last Saturday morning was disclosed today. Friends of the young woman who was in a serious physical condition and facing a charge of homicide, are thought to have been the abductors.

Miss Teague was under guard at the home of W. G. Messer, near Little Cataloochee, while her recovery was being awaited before transferring her to the county jail.

About 1 o'clock Saturday morning five men with blackened faces knocked on the door of the Messer home. When Deputy Sheriff Bennett on guard in the house went to the door he was covered with a rifle and pistol and commanded to raise his hands.

Several days ago Miss Teague, who is a member of a prominent Haywood county family, was placed under arrest after a newborn baby found strangled with a cord about its neck, had been found in a corn field near the Messer home.

Shot Near Heart, Drives Four Miles. Macon, Ga., Sept. 24.—Just after being shot in the chest, in the region of the heart, A. J. Long, Jr., wholesale grocery salesman, stepped into his automobile late today and drove four miles to a local hospital, where he collapsed.

High Point Makes Threat to Secede. Greensboro, Sept. 24.—Warning was brought yesterday that unless a branch of Guilford Superior Court is established at High Point a movement will be made to create another county with High Point as county seat.

The common larkspur, growing in the mountains from Colorado westward, is very poisonous to cattle, particularly just before blossoming time.

Unable to Find Missing Vessel. Detroit, Mich., Sept. 25.—A thorough check of the Lake Huron coast line from Oseoda, fifty miles below Alpena to Point Huron at the foot of the lake had failed at noon today to reveal any trace of the missing freighter Clifton with its crew of 28 men.

Severe Storm in Eastern France. Paris, Sept. 25.—A storm of cyclonic violence is ravaging southeastern France. The ancient city of Orange has been particularly hard hit.

Weather Affects New Orleans Market. New Orleans, Sept. 25.—The New Orleans cotton exchange settled with excitement this morning with the posting of the weather map showing more rain in the eastern belt.

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HEARING ON COTTON RATES IS CANCELLED

Was to Have Been Held in Montgomery, Alabama, Oct. 31st.

Washington, Sept. 25.—A hearing on the proposed new schedule for cotton rates, from, to, and between Southern points, now assigned for October 31st, at Montgomery, Ala., before Examiner Koehl, today was cancelled by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The cancellation of the hearing was brought about after a tentative agreement had been reached by Southern cotton interests and carriers over the terms of the proposed rate revision.

The suspended schedules were to have become effective September 1 and were ordered held in abeyance pending the hearings, until December 31st.

Generally speaking, the suspended schedules proposed to cancel the present cotton rates in the entire southeastern, Mississippi Valley and Carolina territories, and to apply, in their stead, a scale of cotton rates now applicable on Georgia intra-state traffic with few exceptions.

McLEAN DENIES THE CHARGES BY MEEKINS

Says Republican Foreign Policy Responsible for Bank Failures.

Reidsville, N. C., Sept. 25.—Angus W. McLean, Democratic candidate for governor, speaking here last night, following an address in the afternoon at Leaksville-Spry, answered the charges of Isaac Meekins, Republican candidate, that the Democratic party was responsible for the bank failures in North Carolina.

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THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline of 6 to 13 Points—December Off.

New York, Sept. 25.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of 6 to 13 points in response to rather poor Liverpool cables and a favorable view of the weather outlook except for the possibility of further showers in the Atlantic States.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 23.40; Dec. 22.68; Jan. 22.70; March 23.03; May 23.25.

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MANESS DENIES THE BAPTISTS SPONSORED CHARLOTTE HOSPITAL

Says Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association Secured Option on Property but Never Exercised the Option.

BAPTIST IN NAME ONLY, HE SAYS

Association at Last Meeting Decided Not to Exercise Option and to Drop the Matter Entirely.

The following communication was received this morning from T. D. Maness by the editor of The Tribune:

Dear Sir:—I herewith hand you statement in regard to the Baptist Hospital Company and would be glad if you would give it the same publicity as carried in your paper yesterday.

Truly yours, T. D. MANESS.

I notice in your issue of the 24th inst. that the Associated Press sent out from Charlotte, the report that the Baptist Hospital Company was "A Hospital to be operated by the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association."

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Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association as a matter of fact, held an option and as well known the Association had a right to refuse to exercise the same and surrender it at any time.

The Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association did not assume any responsibility for the obligations of the Company that it would be the obligations of Cannon Mfg. Co., should it amend its charter so as to read "Baptist Mfg. Co."

As is well known, when any object is Baptist in fact and under Baptist control its obligations are always worth one hundred cents on the dollar.

It occurs to me that the next Legislature would do a great service if it would pass a law making it a felony for any promoter to organize any corporation and use the word "Baptist" in connection with the company, unless the company was, in fact, under the absolute ownership and control of the Baptists, thereby making it impossible for anyone to commercialize the name "Baptist."

It is my opinion that if Mr. Cole had made known to Mr. Wade his plans that due and timely warning would have been given against the sale of stock in the Baptist Hospital Company.

Expelled From Stock Exchange. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 25.—Geo. F. Secor, a member of the brokerage firm of Secor, Reynolds & Co., was expelled from the New York Stock Exchange today for alleged irregularities in connection with transactions in the stock of the Southern States Oil Company.

Stubborn Fire Causes Heavy Damages Here

Blaze Which Started in Moving Picture Theatre Caused Damages to Several Business Concerns.

\$100,000 DAMAGE IS SANE ESTIMATE

Hoover's and Porter Drug Store Suffered Very Heavy Losses From Water and Smoke.

A fire which started in the projection room of the Piedmont Theatre yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, threatened for some time to destroy several buildings in the heart of the business district and before extinguished did cause damages estimated at \$100,000.

The fire spread with a rapidity that could not be met at the outset. Its origin was in the booth built for the operator of the machines of the Piedmont and this booth was cut off from the front part of the building by a brick wall.

The theatre building, owned by W. W. Flowe, housed the theatre on the ground floor and the offices of C. M. Lankford, manager of the theatre; Dr. G. L. Lang, optometrist; and Dr. J. V. Davis, dentist, on the second floor.

The buildings occupied by the Porter Drug Store and Hoover's, on either side of the theatre building, were badly damaged by smoke and water. The fire never reached the building occupied by Hoover's but it did reach the second floor over the drug store.

It is impossible now to give anything like an accurate estimate of the damage suffered by Hoover's and Porter's. Both companies carried insurance.

The building occupied by the drug store is owned by M. L. Marsh and the building occupied by Hoover's is owned by M. J. Corl. It is understood that the owners of the buildings carried insurance.

Mr. Flowe, who owned the theatre building, had it covered by insurance. Mr. Inenhour, manager of the theatre, declared last night that he carried no insurance on his theatre fixtures.

The fire was a very stubborn one. At first it seemed very unimportant as firemen rushed into the building expecting to quickly extinguish the blaze with chemicals. When they reached the top of the steps at the entrance to the Lang and Davis offices, they were greeted with a volume of smoke that drove them to fresh air.

They immediately trained several streams of water on the building but it was some time before the water reached its mark, due to the fact that the blaze was protected by brick walls. Several firemen climbed to the roof of the adjoining buildings and after working desperately for some time managed to cut a hole into the roof.

By this time the blaze was plainly visible from the rear of the building and five streams of water were started from the rear. The water did not do any good, however, that the firemen could get close enough to the building to train their streams directly on the blaze, they have.

While they are about it they expect to go into the George Remus incident, and ascertain whether under oath before the committee he will persist in his confession of perjury.

That predicament also confronts Means. Up to date he denies that he made any affidavit for Daugherty, so he may have dodged any prosecution for perjury, but when he is called as a witness again he will have to either throw the ex-attorney general down or seek refuge in a refusal to answer on the grounds that to do so would subject him to prosecution for perjury.

All the Republican politicians wish Harry Daugherty had deferred his drive for vindication until after the election. The first consequence of his move is likely to be the loss of Iowa.

They have had a lot of trouble keeping Senator Brookhart quiet, but as in the Remus confession, he is accused with Wheeler of having brought the bootlegger king's testimony with a promise of a pardon, Brookhart's neutrality between Coolidge and La Follette may disappear, and nobody doubts his power to throw Iowa to La Follette if he wants to.

The Democrats do not care how either Means or Daugherty comes out, they are looking for the psychological effect of a renewal of the discussion whether Daugherty was or was not conspirator of the activities of Jess Smith, Means and the others.

Unsettled, probably showers tonight and Friday.

SEN ASHURST WILL NOT CALL SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Democratic Member of the Daugherty Investigating Committee Says Chairman Brookhart Must Act.

SAYS CHAIRMAN KNOWS CONDITION

Senator Ashurst Says He Will Agree to Meeting But Will Leave Saturday for Home in Arizona.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, a Democratic member of the Daugherty investigating committee, declared today that "under no circumstances" would he call a meeting of the committee.

The Arizona senator said if a meeting was called he would be glad to attend, but he questioned his authority to call one. He had sent a telegram to Senator Brookhart, Republican of Iowa, chairman of the committee, he added, pointing out that the chairman was in touch with the situation and that if he considered it advisable to call the committee together he would agree.

A meeting of the committee was urged by Gaston B. Means soon after the publication of his reputation statement given out by former Attorney General Daugherty last Monday morning.

Infant Killed in Automobile Accident. His Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holden, Injured in the Accident.

Winston-Salem, Sept. 25.—Henry Edward, 15 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holden, of this city, was killed and the mother sustained serious injuries while the father escaped with a few bruises when a truck driven by W. E. Davis for a local transfer company, crashed into a small touring car in the west part of this city at 9:30 this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden were rushed to the hospital for treatment. Their car was just behind the house which contained the body of J. H. VanHoy, the grandfather of Mrs. Holden, who died in High Point yesterday, the remains being taken to Longtown, Yadkin county, for interment.

With Practically All Returns in, Keen Is Out-Distanced by Nearly 62,000 Votes.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 24.—With returns from yesterday's primary election almost complete, United States Senator Walter E. Edge tonight had a majority of nearly 62,000 votes over National Committeeman Hamilton F. Keen, his opponent for the Republican senatorial nomination.

Of the state's 2,539 districts, only 47 tonight had failed to report. The available unofficial figures were: Edge 239,352; Keen 177,394.

BIG ADVANCE IN OCTOBER CONTRACTS. Fears That Cotton Movement Will Be Delayed by Rain Caused Increase.

New York, Sept. 25.—Fears that the cotton movement will be seriously delayed as a result of present rains in the South Atlantic States led to a big advance in October contracts today. They sold at 24.50, by midday, or a full \$3 a bale above last night's close, while December was up 76 points to 23.55. Shorts were the principal buyers.

Told to Stop Firing on Unfortified Towns. Peking, Sept. 25.—(By the Associated Press.)—An appeal and a warning to the rival forces fighting on the Manchurian-Chilian border for control of the central government of China to quit bombing unfortified towns from the air, was drafted today at a meeting of Peking foreign government ministers here.

\$100,000 Missing. (By the Associated Press.) Springfield, Mass., Sept. 25.—The Union Trust Co. of this city today reported to the police that \$100,000 consigned to it by registered mail was missing. The bank asked the police to seek Wm. J. Hamlin, 45 years old, employed by the bank as a messenger and guard, who also is missing.

Off For San Francisco. Clover Field, Santa Monica, Calif., Sept. 25.—The world fliers led by Lieut. Lowell H. Smith in the biplane Chicago hopped off from here this morning for Crissy Field, San Francisco at 10 a. m.

WHAT SMITH'S WEATHER OAT SAYS. Unsettled, probably showers tonight and Friday.

That Goes Into the Old Reliable Building and Loan Association Today.

Each pay day set aside a certain proportion of your wages to go into your BUILDING AND LOAN ACCOUNT. TAKE OUT SOME SHARES IN SERIES NO. 54 NOW OPEN FIRST- and economize on other items if necessary.

Special Despatch to New York World. Washington, Sept. 24.—Harry M. Daugherty, whether he meant to be not, has struck back at President Coolidge for ousting him from the cabinet.

Daugherty Strikes Back at President Who "Ousted" Him. Upon to communicate to him his client's activities. While they are about it they expect to go into the George Remus incident, and ascertain whether under oath before the committee he will persist in his confession of perjury.