

PRESIDENT AROUSES LANDLORDS BY HIS RENTAL SUGGESTIONS

Real Estate Men Against Government Regulation of Residence Rentals in All Parts of District of Columbia.

SEVERAL CHARGES HAVE BEEN MADE

War Has Been Raging Some Time and President Has Taken Hand—Tenants and Landlords Can't Agree.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge at the November election was given a four-year extension of his lease on the White House, but nevertheless he is having plenty of trouble these days with Washington landlords.

By initiating steps to bring about permanent government regulation of residence rentals in the District of Columbia, Mr. Coolidge has brought down upon his head the wrath of Washington real estate men.

Developments which of late have threatened to crowd from front pages of Washington newspapers discussion of the French debt question, the postal pay bill and the state of the navy, represent, however, only a new phase in a merry little war that has been going on for several years between Washington landlords and tenants.

The contest developed during the fall to the point of near riots at public meetings held by the Tenants' League. Members of the league accused real estate men of hiring agents to break up their meetings, and owners of rental properties charged the league with "bolshievis ideas."

President Coolidge entered the lists about two weeks ago on the side of the tenants, by requesting Richard Whaley, chairman of the District of Columbia rent commission, to draw up a regulatory bill based on the police power of the federal government to maintain sanitary and moral conditions in the District.

When Mr. Whaley completed his bill the President sent it to Congress without passing on its merits, but with the request that it be given serious consideration. The bill would create a permanent commission to regulate rentals and would provide that rentals charged in excess of those established by the commission would subject the owner to either a fine or imprisonment or both.

The bill has produced an effect on real estate men comparable to the bull and the red flag. They have placed half-page ads. in newspapers proclaiming the legislation "a radical assault on the fundamental rights" of property owners.

The President finally consented to a conference with representatives of local interests and with Lee Thompson Smith, of New York, president of the Building Owners and Managers Association. Mr. Smith, after his conference, gave out a statement that the President had told him he was not convinced that legislation was necessary, and that he was not familiar with the pending bill.

This statement met with a response from the White House that the President stood where he always had stood, and that no real estate men interested in defeating the legislation would be granted a conference.

ASSAULT MADE ON DIAL BY DEMOCRATS HEADS IN SENATE

Withdraws Address Made Saturday Attacking Party. Robinson is Vindicated.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Bitterly assailed in the open senate by leaders of his party, Senator Dial, Democrat, South Carolina, finally withdrew today from the permanent record his address of last Saturday blaming Democratic members of Congress for the party's defeat last November.

Thus was closed one incident in the row which began on the Democratic side late last month with the delivery by Senator Bruce, Democrat, Maryland, of an address of import similar to that by Senator Dial. The Maryland senator, too, has been the object of open assaults by the regularly constituted leaders among the Democrats, but his address still stands the record.

Renewal of the verbal warfare today came with a request from Senator Dial to withdraw portions of the address in which he said the Democratic party had lost the election because it deserved to lose it and charged political sabotage by some party leaders.

Interrupting to say that if Senator Dial, free reviewing what he had said on Saturday, desired to express a frank apology to his Democratic colleagues they would meet him "with pleasure." Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the minority leader, said the senator would have to withdraw all of the address because it appeared "to have been a deliberate affront to his colleagues and a befouling of his own nest, a discrediting of the constituency that honored him by electing him."

Gas Explosion Injures Fifteen.

(By the Associated Press.) Cincinnati, O., Jan. 8.—More than fifteen workmen were injured, and damage estimated at \$10,000 was caused, when the leaking gas in a main off-tank exploded in the East End plant of the Union Gas & Electric Co. today. The explosion caused terror not only among the one hundred or more workers, but also among the thousands of residents. Windows were broken in hundreds of homes.

The building industry employs nearly one-fourth of all the skilled and unskilled labor in the United States.

WILL SEEK 10,000 NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS

Western North Carolina Methodist Conference Sets Goal For the Year.

Salisbury, Jan. 7.—Ten thousand new Sunday school pupils during the year is the goal set for the churches of the Western North Carolina Methodist conference by the workers' council of the conference Sunday school officials who met in annual session at First church here. The object of the meeting was to outline the work for the year and set up goals towards which to work. The plans show advances proposed along a number of lines of endeavor. All the presiding elders of the conference except Dr. T. F. Marr, who is ill, were present at the meeting, also the district Sunday school superintendents and employed workers of the Sunday school board, D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte, president of the board, called the meeting and turned it over to O. V. Woosely, conference superintendent.

Report showed that during the past year 162 pastors took one or more units in the standard training school conducted. This conference leads the south in this matter of pastors taking up the practical Sunday school training. There were nineteen of these standard training schools conducted during the year—more than were conducted by any other conference in Southern Methodism. Plans were made for 24 schools during the present year.

The board decided to co-operate in the campaign of evangelism as outlined by the general Sunday school board, and also to put money in the pastors' summer school at Duke university.

Resolutions of thanks were drafted to J. B. Duke for his munificent gifts for religious and charitable purposes.

Officials of the First Methodist church last night began plans for the entertainment of 600 young people who will be here in June to attend the annual Epworth league conference.

THREE CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER SOUTHERN TRAIN

Trio of Young Men Killed on Track Near Asheville—Bodies Torn Into Bits.

Asheville, Jan. 7.—Three Chicago youths, who left their homes for a pleasure and adventure trip to Asheville, were killed by a Southern railway freight train at Skyland, four miles south of this city, early this afternoon, when they are believed to have fallen beneath the moving train as a "rod" on which they were "beating" their way broke.

The youths, according to an complete identification as could be obtained by The Asheville Citizen, were Daniel Bain, son of Mrs. Daniel Bain, 331 North Homan avenue; Frank Burritt, 2466 Washington Boulevard, and a third boy known as "Irish." This was 18 years of age and his companions are believed to have been about the same age.

Asheville, Jan. 7.—Death in ghastly form overtook a trio of young men, all apparently about 18 or 20 years of age, on the Southern railroad track near Skyland today.

The horribly mangled bodies were found along the right of way about 2 o'clock this afternoon. They had been dead two or three hours, it is believed.

All three of the bodies had been beheaded. The mutilated corpses were scattered for a distance of 200 yards along the tracks.

There was not a piece of either body larger than the size of a man's arm. Three blood stained caps, worn by the unfortunate young men, were found close together. A trade mark inside one cap bore the name, Joe Fiddler, Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

AUTO ACCIDENTS COST SIX HUNDRED MILLION

Even This Figure Does Not Represent Full Annual Loss as Result of Mishaps.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Automobile accidents annually cost more than \$600,000,000, according to Richard E. Kropf, supreme regent of the Royal Arcanum, in a safety address here. This conservative estimate is based on the usual \$5,000 for each human life lost and \$175 as an average of each case of personal injury. Added to this is an average property loss of \$50 in each case.

This general approximation is naturally far from complete, said Mr. Kropf, head of the Royal Arcanum's accident prevention campaign among its 1,300 councils in the United States and Canada. "All the best fenders, smashed tail lights and other minor car injuries can never be estimated any more than can the value of eye glasses, clothing and other property belonging to the injured."

"The economic loss in time from 700,000 automobile accidents in which personal injuries occurred cannot be computed. The figures used in estimating the cost of the 22,800 fatalities of the past year and 678,000 non-fatal accidents can only indicate vaguely the terrible cost in dollars and cents to America for lethal traffic conditions brought about by the automobile."

Senate Still Working on Muscle Shoals.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—The Senate proceeded with the Muscle Shoals program today under a voting agreement that should clear the way for an early end of the long fight over the question. The agreement reached suddenly last yesterday called for a vote by 4 p. m. on substituting the Underwood leasing bill for the Norris government operation measure.

Telephone development in Canada dates from the year 1880, when the first company in the Dominion was incorporated by act of parliament.

Obenchain Weds Again



"The one man in a million" has married again. Ralph R. Obenchain, who won that "title" because of the defense of his divorced wife, Madalynne Connor Obenchain, in her three trials for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy in Los Angeles a few years ago, has married Miss Mabel Schmitz, 21 of Evanston, Ill. Obenchain is a lawyer and theater manager of Evanston.



THIRD ANNUAL RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

February 8th so Designated by Federal Council of Churches—Universal Observance Urged.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—The Federal Council of Churches through its commission on the church and race relations, has designated February 8th as Race Relations Sunday, and is asking that the churches of America dedicate it to the promotion of mutual understanding and goodwill between the races. Sermons and addresses on race relations, studies of negro achievement, poetry and music, and the singing of negro spirituals are some of the suggestions offered for the observance of the day.

The commission has prepared a twelve-page pamphlet suggesting programs, themes and hymns appropriate to the occasion, copies of which may be had from the Federal Council of Churches, 105 East 22nd Street, New York.

Race Relations Sunday was first observed in 1923 and more widely in 1924. It is expected that the third observance of the day in both white and colored churches will be more general than ever before.

CHARGE BY BURGLARS LEADS TO TWO ARRESTS

Burglars Declare They Were Promised \$5,000 to Blow Safe, and Got Only \$750.

New York, Jan. 8.—Finding only \$750 instead of an allegedly promised \$5,000 in a safe, two self-confessed burglars made a complaint against the two proprietors of a jewelry store which the burglars said they were hired to rob. In consequence Peter B. Oliver, United States bankruptcy referee, ordered the arrests of the jewelers, Israel Marmorstein and Dominic Luchesi, yesterday.

The jewelers were taken to the Tombs prison and will be arranged today before a United States commissioner. The burglars, John Donahue and David Plummer, told the referee that the jewelers who failed two weeks ago, had promised them to place \$5,000 in a safe as their reward for the robbery which took place in December.

GOV. BINGHAM RESIGNS; IS NOW U. S. SENATOR

Resigned Governorship After Being in Office Less Than 24 Hours.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 8.—Governor Hiram Bingham resigned this morning, less than twenty-four hours after his inauguration yesterday, and was sworn in as United States Senator. He handed his resignation to the secretary of state at 10 o'clock, and a moment later Lieutenant Governor John E. Trumbull was sworn in as Connecticut's chief executive.

May Be From Nashville.

(By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8.—The wife of Johnnie Bell, of Nashville, whose name was found on a check on the body of one of the three men killed by a train near Asheville, said today that her husband left home Tuesday to visit relatives in Memphis, and she had not heard from him since. She fears one of the young men killed was her husband. Bell left home with a book of blank checks on a Nashville bank, which he is said to have used as a note book.

Jackson Day Observed.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 8.—The one hundred and tenth anniversary of the battle of New Orleans was observed as a holiday today in this city and throughout the State of Louisiana. The battle was fought on Chalmette Field, January 8, 1815, and was the last battle between England and the United States. The American forces were led by General Andrew Jackson and one result of his victory over the British was his election as President of the United States.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE BEGUN WITH SESSION TODAY

General Assembly Plunged Into Its Business Program as Soon as It Convened This Morning.

COMMITTEES FOR 2 HOUSES NAMED

Resolution Invites Governor Morrison to Address Joint Session Before He Retires From Office.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 8.—Plunging into its business program immediately upon convening this morning, the General Assembly began to dispose of routine affairs. In the House a resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate inviting Governor Cameron Morrison to address a joint session, but did not fix the time.

In the Senate the appointments of standing committees were read by Lieutenant-Governor-elect J. Elmer Long, of Governor W. B. Cooper. Speaker Pharr in the house, also announced his committees.

Governor to Make Address. Raleigh, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Governor Cameron Morrison will address the general assembly in joint session tomorrow at noon. Announcing his decision to accept the invitation extended him in joint resolution passed today, the governor stated he had not meant to convey the impression that he would not address the general assembly at all before retiring from office, but that he would not make any recommendations.

"What I shall say," he stated today, "will be substantially howdy and goodbye. As far as making recommendations are concerned, I do not feel I should do that. I shall esteem it a pleasure to appear before the general assembly for a little heart to heart talk—a sort of love feast before I retire from office."

A joint resolution inviting the governor to appear tomorrow at noon was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Graham, of Orange county. It passed unanimously and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Both the Senate and House committees were announced today. Each branch recessed shortly after noon until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Senators Gaston of Gaston county, Burgwyn, and Grady, were sworn in this morning. In addition Senator Burgwyn took the oath of office as President pro tempore of the Senate.

Complimentary to Governor-elect McLean, Senator Johnson, of Robeson county, introduced a resolution making January 14th a legal holiday in that county.

Following a short recess just before noon, Lieutenant-Gov. Cooper turned over the Senate gavel to the new President pro tempore, Senator Burgwyn. He will preside until the inauguration of Lieut. Gov.-elect Long on January 14th.

Representative Townsend presented the report of the committee on rules to the House. The reported rule against employment of newspaper men as clerks was not contained in the report.

The rules, with one or two minor exceptions, are substantially those used in special session in August. Two additional committees were provided for, viz., a committee on emigration and a committee on public welfare. To the former the proposed bill for creation of a Department of Commerce would be referred if introduced at this session.

Representative Poole, of Hoke county, introduced a resolution which is designed to prohibit the teaching of the Darwinian theory of the evolution of man in the public schools of this state. It was referred to the committee on education.

Miss Julia Alexander, representative from Mecklenburg, and the only woman in the assembly, introduced her first bill. It provides for the erection on capitol square of a monument to the late Chief Justice Walter Clark, and calls for a public memorial service for him at a joint public session of the House and Senate.

Representative Dellinger, of Gaston county, introduced a proposed amendment to the constitution increasing the pay of legislators to \$800 a year, with \$200 compensation for extra sessions.

Revival to Begin Sunday in Gastonia. Gastonia, Jan. 8.—A city and county-wide evangelical revival will begin in Gastonia on Sunday, February 7th, it has been announced. The campaign will be sponsored by the local ministerial association.

Rev. George T. Stephens, a native of Toronto, Canada, and well known in the South, will have charge of the services. All plans for the spreading of the services throughout the county have been completed and there will be a union headquarters in one of the downtown local buildings.

Discuss Law Enforcement With President. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—Law enforcement was discussed today around the White House breakfast table. The President's guests were Judge Elbert H. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other members of a special committee representing the National Citizens Committee of One Thousand On Law Enforcement, which yesterday in New York closed its annual meeting with the adoption of resolutions for presentation to the President and the governors of the various states.

In the value of its cash assets and the volume of its transactions the insurance business is the second largest industry in the United States.

Miss Wilson



This is the latest portrait of Margaret Wilson, daughter of the late President Woodrow Wilson. She makes her home in Washington.

MILLIONAIRE BOOSTS SOUTHERNER'S BOOK

Places Copy in Every Public Library in the South.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of the Y. M. C. A., South College, this city, has been advised that his new book, "The Negro From Africa to America," has been placed in every public library in the South by Julius Rosenwald, Chicago millionaire philanthropist. Mr. Rosenwald has long been interested in the race issue in the South and is donating three hundred copies of Dr. Weatherford's book to southern communities in the belief that it has a real contribution to make toward the right solution of this problem.

The new book is an encyclopedic volume of five hundred pages, dealing at length with the Negro's African background, the horror of the slave trade, the best and the worst aspects of slavery, the progress of the race since emancipation, and the various agencies for interracial understanding. The author puts forward no ultimate theory of race relations, but holds that just and friendly attitudes between the races today is the surest guarantee of future peace and welfare.

SALISBURY WOMAN ADMIRES BABY AND LO! IT IS HER

Mrs. Christy, of Salisbury, Now Has Baby She Saw on the Train.

Wilson, Jan. 7.—"What a pretty baby," said Mrs. J. J. Christy, of Salisbury, to an attractive young woman on the train running between Rocky Mount and Fayetteville late Tuesday night.

"Do you like it?" asked the young woman.

"I do," replied Mrs. Christy. "Then, you may have it," emphasized the supposed mother, who reached into the suit case and gave Mrs. Christy some clothing for the infant.

Mrs. Christy accepted the child and got off at Wilson, while the young woman continued on her journey, without giving her name, the child's name or any other information.

In order to avoid any litigation or further trouble over the possession of the baby, Mrs. Christy secured the names of several of the passengers who witnessed the transaction, and states that she will keep the child at all cost.

WOMEN STAGE A FIGHT IN HOTEL OVER A MAN

Wife Meets Husband and Sweetheart Accidentally and Trouble Was Started.

Greensboro, Jan. 7.—A cave woman fight between two women for the possession of one man, which took place in a hotel here, resulted in the man skipping out, one woman being a defendant in municipal court and the other putting up bond in the shape of her automobile for the man who left.

A wife and sweetheart were the ones who fought for the man, W. L. Bowers, of Roanoke, Va., who came here with Margaret Evans, police say, and registered at a hotel as man and wife. By a strange quirk of fate, his wife, from whom he had been separated, met them at the hotel and the fight began. Cases against the Evans woman charged with assault and violation of the hotel laws, were continued. Mrs. Bowers put up her automobile for her husband's appearance and he has gone.

MEANS CASE CONTINUED AT REQUEST OF COUNSEL

Judge Lindley Continues Case Until Monday So Lawyer Can Prepare His Case.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 8.—The trial of Gaston B. Means, Thos. B. Felder and Elmer W. Jarnecke on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice while was to have begun in Federal court today, was unexpectedly adjourned to Monday when Counsel for Means told Judge Lindley that he required more time to prepare his case.

Order of DeMolay to Meet in Gastonia.

Gastonia, Jan. 8.—Plans are now underway for Gastonia to be host to the first state meet of the Order of DeMolay, junior Masonic order throughout the entire world, in the early part of March, next. Officials of the local lodge of the senior Masons and the Junior Masons are making efforts to have the state meet held here, and hope to have a large attendance from throughout North Carolina.

The Gastonia lodge of the Order of DeMolay was organized on January 10, 1924. It now has seventy members, it was stated. It is understood that the Charlotte lodge will assist the Gastonia lodge in getting the state meet which would last for two or three days, according to present plans.

NOT BELOW

5-5-3 RATIO, SEC. OF NAVY DECLARES

Secretary Wilbur Says Gun Elevation Program Cannot Be Carried Out Because of Lack of Money Now.

CHANGES MUST BE MADE SOON

And As Soon As Changes Are Made to Some Ships the Navy Will Not Be Below 5-5-3 Ratio, He States.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Although he declared the Navy Department wanted a navy that would accord with the 5-5-3 ratio all down the line, Secretary Wilbur told the House naval committee today that because of the administration's economy policy he would not recommend a gun elevation program or endorse a pending \$70,000,000 bill for new construction.

Reaffirming his previous statements before a House appropriation committee, Mr. Wilbur declared it was the policy of his department to apply treaty ratio to auxiliaries as well as to capital ships, so that the navy as a whole would be the equal of that of Great Britain and proportionately stronger in every class than that of Japan.

With the completion of certain repairs on the battleship Florida, he said, the battle fleet itself would be in first class condition. The Florida, he added, would be put in condition as soon as the money is available. On that basis, he asserted, there was no ground for alarm that the navy was falling below the 5-5-3 ratio.

In a letter signed by him and presented to the committee at the same time, he said he could make no recommendation on the bill proposing expenditure of \$6,500,000 for modernization, as it would be in conflict with President Coolidge's economy program.

Would Not Violate Treaty. Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—Secretary Hughes in a letter read today to the House naval committee, took the position that the elevation of guns on American capital ships would violate the arms treaty, although it might have the unfortunate effect of giving the Japanese naval competition.

The letter also recited that while Great Britain had taken the view that the alterations proposed would be a violation of the treaty, Japan took the opposite view.

JOHN SNOOK NEW WARDEN AT THE ATLANTA PRISON

Formal Announcement of His Appointment Made By Attorney General Stone.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 8.—Formal announcement of the appointment of John Snook, warden of Idaho state penitentiary, as warden of the Atlanta Federal prison, was announced today by Attorney General Stone.

Mr. Snook will take office January 20. It is expected he will have the full staff of the prison selected by that date.

American Oratory Finds Favor Among Brazilians

(By the Associated Press.) Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 8.—A local newspaper has published some sarcastic comments on public speaking in Brazil, contrasting the lucidity and directness of certain public speakers of North America to the wandering vagueness under similar conditions, of well-known Brazilians.

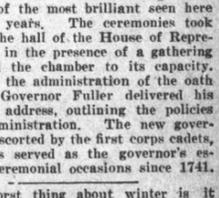
The writer says that in Brazil the public orator as a rule, has no idea of time or progress. In order to tell a simple fact he piles up adjectives, brings rows of verbs into line, creates confusion by abusing the use of details, metaphors and imagery. And this not being enough, he makes his voice quaver in order that the phrase and the speech be lengthened.

Bay State Governor Inducted.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 8.—Alvan T. Fuller, for the past two years lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, was today inducted in the governor, to which office he was elected in November to succeed Channing H. Cox. The inauguration was one of the most brilliant seen here in recent years. The ceremonies took place in the hall of the House of Representatives in the presence of a gathering that filled the chamber to its capacity.

Following the administration of the oath of office Governor Fuller delivered his inaugural address, outlining the policies of his administration. The new governor was escorted by the first corps cadets, which has served as the governor's escort on ceremonial occasions since 1741.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS



Unsettled, probably occasional showers tonight and Friday.