

Financial Drive For Y Off to Fine Start Now

Various Teams Began Work This Morning And Hope To Complete Drive On Time—\$16,000 Is Sum Wanted

SECRETARY BLANKS HEARD AT SUPPER

Explains That Local Y Is Doing Work Not Done Anywhere Else And That This Means Money Is Necessary

Enthusiasm, pep, energy, and good fellowship marked the initial meeting of the teams in the "kick-off" supper at the Y. M. C. A. last night when the drive to secure \$16,000 funds for the support of next year's work of the Association was launched.

Approximately 75 men attended the supper and pledged themselves to their utmost in securing the amount required for the running expenses of the Y next year. Rev. R. S. Arrowood, pastor of McKinstry Presbyterian Church, asked the blessing just before the supper.

There are a number of things that need to be done in the Y. M. C. A. here next year that require money, said Mr. Blanks. "For example, the gymnasium has to be worked on. It is in use from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until late at night. The other equipment is in such the same condition. It is used constantly by every organization in the city.

Dr. Shotwell at Duke University. (By the Associated Press.) Durham, N. C., April 21.—James Thompson Shotwell, Ph.D., L.L.D., will deliver the third series of the John McTearle lectures in Craven Memorial Hall at Duke University, April 23, 24 and 25.

Crying Babies Do Much Labor, Science Shows. Chicago, April 20.—A baby that cries all day does an amount of work sufficient to lift its own weight 556 feet in the air, or equivalent to the height of the Washington monument, findings of scientists show, declared Herbert C. Hooks, in an address here before an infant welfare conference.

The St. Louis Gymnastic Society, one of the oldest in America, is preparing for a celebration of its 15th anniversary on May 12.

BANKS TO HELP IN SELLING MEMORIAL COINS

Eight Thousand Banks to Cooperate With Memorial Association.

Atlanta, Ga., April 21.—Details of the plan under which more than 8,000 banks in all Southern States will co-operate in the distribution of one million Confederate Memorial Half Dollars, recently minted by the United States government, were announced today by Robert E. Maddox, chairman of the Southern Bankers' Committee, supervising the issuance of the coins.

Simultaneous release of the Memorial coins is to be made all over the United States on the morning of July 3, when commercial banks co-operating in the distribution are authorized to redeem coin certificates for actual Half Dollars. Certificates entitling their holders to coins will be on sale by all banks prior to July 3rd.

In a circular addressed to the heads of all Southern Banks, the plan as outlined is as follows: "Previous to July 3rd there will be issued to subscribers to the Confederate Memorial in every city certificates entitling the holder, on or after July 3rd, to an equivalent number of the Memorial Coins.

These certificates will be issued to the public through two agencies: "a—The Commercial banks in each community co-operating in this nationwide distribution.

"b—Volunteer organizations of public-spirited citizens, which are to be formed under the direction of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, and the auspices of a nationwide committee of sponsors.

"The allotment of coins to individuals and families through the Commercial Banks will begin as soon as these institutions have forwarded their initial orders and received their quota of coins from the District Reserve Bank, and have been supplied with the necessary coin certificates.

"Every commercial bank is invited, therefore, to immediately place its order for the memorial coins now on deposit in the District Federal Reserve Banks.

"If the unsolicited orders thus far received by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association may be taken as any index of the sentiment, not only of the South, but of the nation, the demand for the coins will far exceed the supply available at this time, since part of the coinage issue is being reserved by the Association for future needs.

"Only those holding coin certificates, therefore, can be absolutely certain of receiving these coveted memorials to which each year will add an additional premium."

ABANDONED LIQUOR BOAT WAS PICKED UP AT SEA

Liquor Valued at \$4,500 Was on Boat But Crew Could Not Be Found.

(By the Associated Press.) Boston, April 21.—An abandoned motor boat laden with liquor, valued at \$4,500, was picked up forty miles northeast of Palm Beach, Fla., on April 1st, according to officers of the United Fruit Company's Steamship San Bruno, which reached Boston last night. What became of the crew remains a mystery.

Packed neatly in gunny sacks on board were 904 bottles of whiskey, gin, champagne and beer. A book of Daytona bridge tickets, a towel stamped "Hotel St. Lucie," and a man's coat bearing a tailor mark "Blancher, Jacksonville, Fla., also were found. The boat bore the registry number V313106. The boat was turned over to the consul at Cristobal.

CAPT YANKOFF KILLED STATE SOFIA REPORTS

Alleged That He Was Head of Conspiracy Which Resulted in the Death of Many Bulgarian Persons.

Sofia, April 21 (By the Associated Press).—Capt. Yankoff, who is alleged to have been the head of the conspiracy for the bombing of the Sveti Kral cathedral Thursday was killed by the police early this morning. When the officers discovered his hiding place and called upon him to surrender, he replied by opening fire upon them and throwing several bombs. He was dropped by their return fusillade.

Capt. Yankoff, sub-chief of the Sofia committee, who is also concerned in the cathedral plot, was shot and killed yesterday when he resisted arrest.

Congress of Polish-Americans.

Detroit, Mich., April 21.—A large and representative attendance marked the opening here today of a national congress of American citizens of Polish descent. Naturalization will be the leading topic of discussion during the three days' session. Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist and former Polish premier, is among those scheduled to address the gathering.

NEW FRENCH CABINET OUTLINES DECISIONS IT WILL RECOMMEND

Ultimate Imposition Of Drastic Financial Measures Is One Feature Proposed By The New Ministry

FRENCH SECURITY IS MAIN FEATURE

Embassy at Vatican Also Promised By Cabinet Which Asks "National Concord"

Paris, April 21 (By the Associated Press).—The ultimate imposition of drastic financial measures, maintenance of the parity of the franc, and pacification of the internal situation, but above all real security for France, were the prime points in the ministerial decision of the Poincaré-Caillaux-Briand cabinet read before the Chamber of Deputies and Senate this afternoon.

France has had a "bitter disillusionment," the statement declared, but was determined to look the facts in the face. This statement appealed to the "national conscience" with reference to the financial as well as religious questions.

266 FIRES REPORTED IN STATE IN MARCH

Fire Loss Was \$906,271 and Value of Property Risked Was \$4,983,397.

Raleigh, N. C., April 21.—Figures made public today by the State Insurance Department show a total fire loss in North Carolina during March of \$906,271, with values at risk \$4,983,397. Insurance on the property at risk was \$4,557,970. The number of fires was 266. Fire damage in the State during March, 1924, was \$406,330, with property at risk worth \$2,717,639 and insured for \$1,789,291. Fires in March, 1924, totaled 294.

Commissioner Wade attributed the increase in losses to rural industrial fires, which totaled \$628,740 last month, while the entire loss in towns and cities, embracing 236 fires, was only \$276,537. Of the thirty rural fires, with such an immense damage, Commissioner Wade pointed out the causes at risk were \$375,400, with \$640,000 insurance. "On the other hand," he added, "with 230 fires in cities and towns, with values over \$4,000,000 and insurance over \$3,000,000, the loss totaled only \$276,537. The loss from twenty-one fires totaled \$765,435, leaving for the remaining 245 fires a total loss of \$130,842.

Principal losses for the month included: Cotton mill in Johnston county, \$244,000; lumber plant in Halifax county, near Hallister, \$150,000; lumber plant near Littleton, in Halifax county, \$130,000; flour mill and dwelling in Forsyth county, \$38,000; dwelling in Stokes county, \$20,000; fertilizer plant in New Bern, \$24,500; dwelling and contents at Greenville, \$17,500; school dormitory at Oxford, \$13,500; dwelling and teaching at Red Springs, \$13,200; dwelling at Gaston, \$20,000; church at Greensboro, \$12,000; Quartz Company at Charlotte, \$15,285; business building at Winston-Salem, \$13,000; store and contents at Randleman, \$12,000.

Shingle roofs and defective flues caused 102 March fires, the cause of 61 were unknown and 12 were attributed to carelessness. Four were reported as incendiary origin and seven from overhot stoves and furnaces. There were 160 dwelling burned in North Carolina in March, 13 industrial plants, 11 unincorporated automobiles or trucks, 9 garages, 7 stores, 6 churches, 5 business buildings and 4 lumber plants and schools.

The following places were practically fire-free in March: Kinston, Albemarle, Monroe, Concord, Hickory, Yadonville, Louisburg, Aberdeen, Littleton, Selm, Elm City, Kernersville, Pinehurst, Zebulon, Bonlee, Pnetops, Granite Falls, Jefferson, Huntersville, Middlesex and Fairmont.

U. S. Steel Surplus of 517 Millions Is Not to Be Touched.

Hoboken, N. J., April 20.—The \$517,000,000 undivided surplus of the United States Steel corporation will not be drawn up to provide special or increased distributions to stockholders, Chairman E. H. Gary, indicated at the corporation's annual meeting today.

Emphasizing the need of prudent financial policies, Mr. Gary told the stockholders their best interest always was protected by conservative management, best calculated to save the corporation from financial harm and distress whatever business conditions might be or whatever emergency might arise.

New Duke Stadium Will Be Big Hand-some Plant.

Durham, April 20.—Duke's new athletic equipment, which will include a concrete stadium capable of seating 40,000 spectators, will be, according to Prof. B. L. Flowers, secretary-treasurer of the university, as complete as the "heart could desire."

Although no definite plans have yet been made concerning the erection of the stadium since the original announcement was made here two months ago, it is believed that the building of it will be one of the early steps in the gigantic building program which is now on the verge of being inaugurated.

May Visit U. S.



His Majesty Hsuan Tung, deposed Manchu emperor, who was granted a yearly income of four million dollars and control of the city of Peking when dethroned in the first Chinese revolution and who later was deprived of all holdings, is contemplating a visit to the United States.

ASSOCIATED PRESS MEETING

Various Questions Pertaining to News 'Will Be Discussed at Meeting.

New York, April 21.—Action of members of the Associated Press favoring radio broadcasting of news of great national and international importance, taken yesterday, will be laid before the regular annual meeting today for ratification.

A resolution prepared at a preliminary meeting yesterday for approval today authorizes the board of directors to adopt necessary rules and regulations permitting presidential election results and other news of such importance, with proper credit to the Associated Press.

Another policy for consideration at the meeting today involves change in the method of selecting advisory boards. The members of these boards have heretofore been elected at the annual meeting but a resolution approved yesterday provides that each state association shall at an annual meeting prior to November of each year, choose a member for the advisory board of the division in which the state is located.

REPORTS SUBMITTED AT THE D. A. R. CONGRESS

Memorial Service and Business Sessions Also on Program During the Day.

Washington, April 21.—Further reports from its officers and separate meetings of delegations and national committees occupied much of the second day's program today of the Annual Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A memorial service to recently deceased officers and members of the society and a business session to consider plans for a supplemental auditorium for Memorial Continental Hall, its national home, also were on the program.

President Coolidge headed a list of speakers at last night's session in an address in which he commended the organization for its efforts as a social force and not a governmental one "to lift up the average of American life to the full level of its highest aspirations."

HERRIN PEOPLE VOTE FOR CITY OFFICERS

Hope and Apprehension Both Registered by Citizens of City As They Choose Their Officials.

Herrin, Ill., April 21.—With three recent bombings to mar more than two months of peace in Herrin the center of Williamson county factional strife, hope and apprehension were paramount while citizens cast their ballots today in the hottest city election in years.

The conservative party, sponsored generally by the Ku Klux Klan, and the citizens party, supported by anti-Klan faction are contesting.

In the race for mayor Thos. Kelley is the conservative candidate and Marshall D. McCormick is the citizen nominee. Other city officials are to be elected.

Wilkes Section Is Struck by Terrible Storm.

Winston-Salem, April 20.—A cold-burst followed by hail falling to a depth of ten inches Saturday afternoon beat all the leaves off trees, buried vegetation by its impact, and undermined the ground from the railroad tracks of the Southern between Roaring River and Wilkesboro, according to C. T. Wilkinson, baggage master, on returning from his run.

The storm occurring about one mile beyond Roaring River was terrific. The section of the county visited by hail was only a narrow strip a mile wide along the Yadkin River. The hail fell to a depth of ten inches by actual measurement.

Section hands were busy at work repairing damage to the tracks. All the crops within this narrow strip were totally destroyed.

Continental Sensation



Spain is quite excited over Senorita Mercedes Soros, singer of great power and ability, who has given several successful concerts in Madrid.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Higher Prices But Quickly Yielded to Active Selling Pressure.

New York, April 21.—Although the cotton market opened steady today at 12 points higher to 1 point lower in response to firm Liverpool cables, it quickly yielded to active selling pressure based on rain reports from Texas and broke to 24.55 for May and 24.60 for October. These prices represented a drop of 26 to 27 points from the high opening levels.

Private advices said that good rains had fallen in western Texas and Oklahoma, at least partially relieving the drought, and this with weakness in New Orleans market and a late severe drop in Liverpool brought out active Wall Street, Liverpool and Southern selling. Most of the early demand came from the trade who were buyers on the scale down and from local shorts replacing sales made yesterday.

Cotton opened steady: May 24.80; July 25.14; October 24.90; December 24.95; January 24.70.

W. C. FEINSTEIN HAS CLOSE CALL IN AUTO

Car Tumbles Down Embankment With Newton Lawyer's Family.

Newton, April 20.—W. C. Feinstein, member of the local bar, had a close shave from a serious accident last Thursday afternoon on the Newton-Lincolnton road, just below Matthews church. With him was Mrs. Feinstein and their little daughter. He was helping Mrs. Feinstein handle a branch of dogwood, with one wheel and, with his attention off the wheel of his car, tumbled down a five-foot embankment. The car turned over, but on account of the slow speed, nobody was hurt nor the car damaged.

Houston Has Celebration

(By the Associated Press.) Houston, Texas, April 21.—Houston paused in its usual activities today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Jacinto, that gave Texas her freedom from Mexico. The principal celebration was to be at the San Jacinto battleground, 21 miles from here. Governors of 6 states are expected to join in the celebration.

During the afternoon 50,000 persons are expected to gather on the battlefield.

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SENATOR WHEELER'S CONTROL NOW BEING OFFERED IN COURT

Government Rested Monday After Introducing Number of Witnesses and Many Documents and Records

SENATOR WALSH IS LEADING DEFENSE

He Is Chief Counsel For Colleague and Planned To Call Edwin S. Booth As First Witness For Defense

Great Falls, Mont., April 21 (By the Associated Press).—The fight to clear Senator Burton K. Wheeler of charges that he illegally appeared before the Interior Department in behalf of a client, was begun in Federal court here today when defense counsel mustered some 15 witnesses to testify.

The government yesterday abruptly rested its case after having called to the stand its surprise witness, Geo. D. Hayes, New York attorney, who testified that Senator Wheeler asked him to appear in his stead before the Interior Department in behalf of Wheeler's client, Gordon Campbell, Montana oil promoter.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief of the defense counsel, announced last night that Edwin S. Booth, former solicitor of the Department of the Interior, would be the first witness today, providing Mr. Booth could complete by the time court opens an examination of Department records which were brought here under government subpoena.

Want to Give the Facts. Great Falls, Mont., April 21 (By the Associated Press).—Without asking a directed verdict in favor of Senator Burton K. Wheeler, defense counsel in his trial here on charges of wrongfully using his influence with the Department of the Interior, went forward today with its announced purpose of "putting all the facts before the jury."

"We don't want a directed verdict," declared W. F. O'Leary, one of Wheeler's attorneys. "We want every opportunity for giving all the facts to the jury for determination of guilt of innocence."

STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Reported That Japanese Freight Steamer Raifuku Maru Is in Distress South of Halifax.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 21.—The East Hampton station of the Independent Wireless Co., today reported the Japanese freight steamer Raifuku Maru in distress south of Halifax. An S. O. S. shortly before 6 a. m. said the ship was listing 30 degrees, and that all the life boats had been crushed in a storm.

The captain of the Raifuku asked for quick assistance. The Homeric, of the White Star Line, reported that she was within 70 miles of the ship at 8 a. m. The King Alexander, of the National Greek Steam Navigation Co., also answered the call.

The disabled vessel is loaded with wheat and carries a crew of about 90 men.

Go to Aid of Steamer.

Halifax, April 21.—The Campdown wireless station at 9 a. m., reported the Raifuku Maru, a Japanese freight steamer, in distress 180 miles southeast of here. "Now very danger. Come quick," was the message. Nearby steamers are speeding to her assistance.

Say 48 Lost Their Lives. New York, April 21.—Forty-eight men lost their lives today when the Japanese freighter Raifuku Maru sank off Nova Scotia, a wireless from the S. S. Homeric informed the White Star Line officials this afternoon.

"Regret unable to save life," was the brief report of Capt. John Roberts, of the Homeric, to the line officials.

Carolina Man Weds in Turkey.

Constantinople, April 21.—Miss Lucille Parker, of Birmingham, Ala., secretary to the American high commissioner, Admiral Bristol was married to Franklin W. Bell, of Raleigh, N. C., a director of the Gary Tobacco Co., today in the American embassy here.

The wedding was one of the highest social events of the season, the entire American colony of 300, all the foreign ambassadors and consuls and many officials attending.

Negro Electrocuted At State Prison.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 21.—Len Walton, negro, of Hoke County, paid with his life in the electric chair for the murder of Dewey Castleberry, white farmer of Hoke county, on July 14, 1923. Two shocks of the death dealing current were necessary before the negro was pronounced dead. The father and one brother of the slain farmer witnessed the electrocution.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SATS



Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, somewhat warm Wednesday in extreme west portion tonight.