

ALLEGED ATTACKERS OF NEEDLEMAN WILL BE TRIED AT ONCE

Men Charged With Taking Him From Jail and Mutilating Him Will Be First Tried at Special Term.

SPECIAL VENIRE CALLED FOR TRIAL

Most of Those Charged With Being Accessories Before the Fact Pleaded Guilty to the Charges.

(By the Associated Press) Williamston, N. C., May 5.—With Joseph Needleman, indicted on a charge of attacking a young white girl, eight other men on a charge of mutilating Needleman, and 24 others as accessories before the act of mutilation, the superior court of Martin county today was marking time awaiting the scheduled appearance this afternoon of a special venire of 200 men from whom an effort will be made to get a jury to try the cases.

Four of the eight men indicted on the mutilation charge spent the night in jail while the others were kept in jail, Claro Heath, one of those facing this charge, will go on trial tomorrow morning and will be the first of the defendants to face a jury. Needleman, against whom the most serious charge is placed, was held in jail last night. It was indicated he would not be tried until the court has disposed of the charges against those who are alleged to have been members of the mob which removed him from the Martin county jail.

The legal fight, it appeared today, would center around those charged with mutilation. A strong array of counsel was on hand to defend the men, and the state also had reinforced its legal forces preparatory to opening of the trial tomorrow. All but three of those charged with being accessories before the fact pleaded guilty yesterday to the charges or entered pleas of non controverti. Sentence will not be passed until after the trial of the three resisting the charge.

However, it was stated a number of those pleading guilty would be used as state's witnesses.

None of those charged with mutilating Needleman pleaded guilty. Those charged with both mutilating and accessory charges, the fact pleaded guilty to the latter charge, they have maintained their innocence of the former indictment.

The mutilation charge carries a maximum penalty of sixty years in the penitentiary.

True Bills Against Needleman and His Associates.

Williamston, May 4.—True bills of indictment against 32 defendants, charging them with being members of a mob that removed Joseph A. Needleman, tobacco salesman, from the Martin county jail Sunday morning March 29th, and performed a serious operation on him, were returned by a Martin county grand jury late this afternoon. Eight of this number are specifically charged with participating in the operations and 24 are charged with being accessories before the fact. This is the first time in the history of North Carolina that an alleged mob, in its entirety, has been indicted.

The grand jury also returned a bill of indictment against Needleman, charging him with making an attack on a young white woman.

Judge N. A. Sinclair, presiding, this afternoon ordered a special venire of 200 men to report tomorrow afternoon, at which time the drawing of a jury will begin. The cases against the 3 defendants will be grouped and the trials are expected to begin Wednesday morning. No date has been set for the trial of Needleman.

Judge Sinclair intimated this afternoon that he would hold the grand jury together until the end of the term, as it is expected that several of those entering pleas of guilty will turn state's evidence, thereby involving others in which case the grand jury will be needed to consider other presentments.

DUKE OF YORK IS TRUANT FROM RELIGIOUS MEETING

Attends Races Instead of Making Scheduled Speech.

London, May 3.—The Duke of York, as a patron, was announced to speak at the recent world convention of Sunday schools, at Glasgow, but at the last moment he sent a message that another engagement prevented him from being present.

"The newspapers disclosed that the Duke's engagement was a race meeting," Rev. W. S. C. Leach told the Primitive Methodist Synod at Mansfield today. "It is an insult to a Christian institution for the Prince of the royal house to put the race course before a religious convention where 52 nations were represented."

The synod applauded loudly.

Ford Would Turn Railroad Over to New Company.

Washington, May 5.—(By the Associated Press).—Henry Ford asked the Interstate Commerce Commission today for authority to turn over the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railroad to a new corporation, the Detroit & Ironton, for the purpose of "better financing its ownership and operation."

From 300 to 500 dozen of frog legs are shipped daily from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, during the summer season.

Twelve Pages Today Two Sections

"Beloved Thief"

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HOUGHTON ADDRESS "PLAYED UP" TODAY BY BRITISH PRESS

British Journals Lay Special Emphasis On That Part of Address Which Dealt With Plans For Peace.

PEACE OF GOOD WILL IS NEEDED

Nations Must Show They Want Such a Peace If the United States Is to Continue Her Aid to World.

London, May 5 (By the Associated Press).—The leading journals of British opinion today emphasize the significance of the address before the Pilgrims Society last night by the new American ambassador, Alanson D. Houghton, in which he declared that unless a peace based on good will were reestablished in Europe he feared the United States would cease to play a sympathetic part in the task of reconstruction.

Fresh from his conference with President Coolidge and Secretary of State Kellogg, the latter of whom he succeeded at the court of St. James, the ambassador reached the crux of his address when he said: "The full measure of American helplessness can be obtained only when the American people are assured that the time for destructive methods and policies have passed and that the time for peaceful rebuilding has come."

Washington Views on Address. Washington, May 5 (By the Associated Press).—While Ambassador Houghton spoke on his own responsibility in his address in London last night at Pilgrims dinner, President Coolidge is hopeful that the Ambassador's interpretation of the American attitude towards Europe will be helpful to European statesmen and peoples.

Private American loans abroad, the President believes, would be helpful in some countries in restoring financial stability and correcting exchange questions, while in other countries such loans would be of doubtful value.

In the light of Ambassador Houghton's remarks it is obvious that the administration here did not intend to approve these military preparations by any European country.

UNITARIAN MARK ONE HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY

Principal Celebration of the Event Will Be Held in Boston.

Boston, Mass., May 5.—Today rounds out a century of existence for the American Unitarian Association, which was founded and still has its headquarters in Boston. By an interesting coincidence, unknown to one another, both the British and American Unitarian Associations were organized on the same day, May 5, 1825.

In mutual observance of the joint centenary, there is to be an exchange of delegates.

The principal celebration of the American Unitarian Association centennial will be held in this city, the exercises to begin next Sunday and continue through the week.

Programs similar to that in Boston will be carried out in many other cities. Five leading Unitarian ministers from England are here to take part in the American celebration. Immediately after its close they will sail in company with an equal number of American ministers to attend the London celebration of the British Unitarian Association, which is to be held during the week of May 25th.

Unitarianism began in Hungary in the middle of the sixteenth century. The name "Unitarian" is supposed to have originated in a league for tolerance, whose members pledged themselves to work for the abolition of religious persecution. But its purpose was weakened by a rift arising from a difference of belief in the dogma of Trinity. Those who rejected "God in Three Persons" in favor of "God in One" remained loyal to the league and continued to be called "Unitarians."

For a century the attitude of the Unitarians in matters of belief has brought down accusations of "heresy" and "non-Christianity" upon the American Unitarian Association, which traces its origin to the "club of some twenty-five liberal-minded and public-spirited citizens," organized for social and philanthropic purposes in Boston in 1825, following their separation from New England Congregationalism. The association now has a membership of more than 100,000.

The Unitarian position was clearly stated in the early days of the movement by William Ellery Channing, who was one of the devout adherents of the church. Other men and women of eminence who have been classed as Unitarians include Longfellow, Lowell, Emerson, William Cullen Bryant, Oliver Wendell Holmes, George Bancroft, George Lathrop Motley, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Francis Parkman, Daniel Webster, Horace Mann, Peter Cooper, Louis Agassiz, Maria Mitchell, Charlotte Cushman, Margaret Fuller, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe, Mary A. Livermore, and Louisa M. Alcott.

Noted Swedish Official Dead. Stockholm, Sweden, May 5 (By the Associated Press).—Former Finance Minister E. V. Thorsson died today. He was recently elected to succeed the late Premier Hjalmar Branting as head of the social democratic party.

There were 3,981 West Point graduates who served in the army during the World War.

SOON TO BEGIN WORK OF CLASSIFYING STATE EMPLOYEES

Governor Satisfied With the Personnel of the Commission Staff.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., May 4.—Governor McLean has indicated that he expects the Salary and Wage Commission to have enough data at hand within about thirty days to begin the task of classifying the State employees.

The Governor expressed satisfaction at the personnel of the commission's staff of experts. He referred especially to Louis W. Merriam, Yale O. Millington, R. B. Eustler and R. E. Brown.

Mr. Merriam, said Governor McLean, has been loaned to the North Carolina Commission by the Institute of Government Research at Washington. He pointed out that he has had wide experience along the line in which he will serve North Carolina.

"Mr. Merriam," said the Governor, "worked with the personnel classification board created at the request of President Wilson, in 1920, for the classification of employees in department of the Federal Government. He had charge of preparing data for this board and has also done work for several state governments, including that of Maryland."

"The Institute of Government Research is not a government organization," continued the Governor, "but an organization set up by a number of business men and private citizens for the improvement not only of federal departments but of State departments as well. Its president, R. S. Brookings, is chairman of the board of trustees of the University of Missouri and was formerly a member of the War Industries Board, during the Wilson administration. He is one of the leading political economists of the country. David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture in Mr. Wilson's cabinet, and a native of North Carolina, is also connected with the institute. There are numerous others."

Mr. Millington is librarian at the North Carolina State College and has been loaned to the Salary and Wage Commission for this special assignment. Messrs. Eustler and Brown, seniors at the University of North Carolina, were loaned by the Department of Economics of that institution.

"These assistants," said the Governor, "are now working on questionnaires, and collecting data and information from which the Commission will get much material that will aid it in the work of personal classification. It will take about thirty days, I should say, to get proper data in hand to enable the Commission to take up the work of readjustment and classification."

The Governor did not give any indication as to what he expected the Commission to do in the way of readjusting salaries of State employees. He did say, however, that it was not the purpose of the Commission to reduce anyone's salary. As a matter of fact, he intimated that there might be cases where increases would be advisable. But he did not definitely commit himself on any of these points. The first work of the Commission, he indicated, would be to get all available data in hand and then to thoroughly study it with regard to the employees affected. A complete study of the duties of various employes will be made. Also a duplication of effort will be looked into. Inequalities in pay, if any exist, will be investigated. Then, after all that, the Commission will undertake steps toward whatever wage-fixing it finds necessary, subject to the approval of the Governor.

The final findings of the commission, when approved and adopted as a standard will automatically become public documents. However, the Commission, under the law creating it may continue to function, making changes in scales and classifications, from time to time, subject to the approval of the Governor, at whose call they meet.

State employees, for some days, have been busy filling out their questionnaires. These questionnaires, which are given to minute details as to the employes' work, do not go into their private affairs. Work of gathering them up will be pushed to completion, in order that the Commission and its corps of assistants may begin the work of classification within the next month.

It is expected that the Salary and Wage Commission's work will be completed in time for their findings to be taken into account with the beginning of the new fiscal year. The present fiscal year for the State will end on June 30th.

May Bargain Days at Parks-Bell Co.

May Bargain Day Sale will begin at the Parks-Bell Co. on Wednesday, May 6th. Their buyers have just returned from New York, where they bought thousands of dollars worth of new goods, and big shipments are coming in every day. Hot weather specials will be offered at very low prices for this sale. With every \$2.50 purchase or over in the boys' department will be given free a baseball with rubber center. Regular 50c ball.

Auction Sale of Land Saturday. Next Saturday, May 6th, at 10:30 a. m., the Carolina Land Co. will sell at auction the E. D. Underwood property located near the Cabarrus Cotton Mill, Salisbury Post. The sale will be conducted by the famous Pitts Bros. Lunch will be served on the grounds. Miss Betty Martin, the woman balloonist, will leap from the balloon in the big parachute at a height of over 3,000 feet. See half page ad. in this paper.

R. LEE WRIGHT IS AN EMERGENCY JUDGE Commissioned by Governor McLean to Hold Court at Albemarle Next Week. R. Lee Wright, prominent Salisbury lawyer and former judge of the Rowan county court, has the honor of being one among the first emergency superior court judges to be appointed by Governor McLean, these emergency judges being provided for by an act of the last legislature in lieu of the creation of new judicial districts and the naming of new all time judges.

Mr. Wright goes to Albemarle next Monday to open and hold Stanley county superior court. He was commissioned by Governor McLean for this duty. He will preside over this court in place of Judge T. D. Bryson, of Bryson City, who has been designated by the Governor to preside over a special term of Moore county court at Carthage next week, this special term being for the trial of a negro charged with a criminal assault upon a white woman.

New Jersey school teachers must read six verses daily aloud from the Old Testament.

Seeking to Drive Off Liquor Armada. New York, May 5 (By the Associated Press).—Twenty-one boats of the U. S. Coast Guard steamed out of the Clifton Bay, Staten Island base this morning, bound for rum run to open an offensive which will seek to sweep the liquor armada off the Atlantic seaboard by June 1st.

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The first cow testing association in the United States was organized in Michigan in 1906.

Fair tonight and Wednesday, slightly cooler tonight in extreme east portion.

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CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

RIFFINS PREPARED FOR 3 ATTACKS ON THE FRENCH POSTS

Aviators Scout Tribesman's Forces and Report That Three French Posts in Morocco Are In Danger.

SOME OUTPOSTS NOW SURROUNDED

French Are Anxious to Break Through and Relieve These Posts—French Are Taking Strong Positions.

Fez, Morocco, May 5 (By the Associated Press).—The Riffins are prepared to attack the French forces at three principal points, it was reported today by French aviators after Gen. Colombat's column had engaged the invaders near Dejalb Viani, to relieve the French outposts still surrounded by the tribesmen.

Marshal Lyautey began a general inspection of the area along the expected line of attack to satisfy himself of the French preparations for resistance and for counter attacks, and also to ascertain the state of mind of the local tribesmen whose uprisings the invaders are attempting to cause. This possible uprising is feared by French authorities more than the actual onslaughts of Abdel Krim's forces.

Situation Considered Well in Hand Now. Rabat, French Morocco, May 5 (By the Associated Press).—The situation arising from the invasion of the French zone in Morocco by Abdel Krim's Riffin tribesmen, which was at one time most serious, is now considered well in hand, due to the punishment inflicted on the invaders by the French forces.

Marshal Lyautey, conducting the operations from Fez, has aligned against the tribesmen eighteen battalions of infantry, six squadrons of cavalry, twelve batteries of artillery and a well equipped aviation corps.

NORTH CAROLINA NEEDS A BLUE BOOK Which Contains Up-to-Date Data Concerning the State and Its Resources. Raleigh, May 4.—"I am constantly receiving letters as to the State's resources," said Governor McLean today. "Here, for instance, is one from an important concern in New England. I regret that I cannot furnish the information I should like to in this case. At present, we have no 'Blue Book' in North Carolina, which contains up-to-date data about North Carolina."

"Many of the State departments get together information along various lines that is very valuable, but this, under the present system, is not co-ordinated. It is scattered and it is, therefore, difficult to summarize it."

In this connection, the governor stated that he hoped just this need would be supplied by the State department of conservation and development.

"As I stated in my inaugural address and in my first message to the general assembly," the governor continued, "I have in mind a department of conservation and development which, when thoroughly organized, will get together such data as will answer questions similar to those asked in this letter I have just referred to."

"It is not proposed to do away with what the State departments are undertaking but to use the material they gather at some central place. In other words, to state it plainly, I want the department of conservation and development to be a sort of clearing house, or central agency, for information about the state."

"I am firmly of the opinion that this will help the state wonderfully. As a matter of fact, a lot of North Carolinians don't know as much about the resources of their state as they should. Then, too, there is a lot we can 'tell the world' about North Carolina—not boasting or bragging, but just plain, honest, meaningful facts."

Governor McLean indicated that he was not ready yet to announce his full plans as to the organization of the department of conservation and development but that he was giving the matter thoughtful consideration. His plans will probably be announced sometime between now and July 1st when the department, heretofore known as the State geological and economic survey, will start out on its reorganized basis as the State department of conservation and development. It will not be a new department, but a reorganized department.

Continued Inquiry As to Cathedral Bombing. The Most Interesting Evidence Is Not Allowed to Become Public. (By the Associated Press) Sofia, May 5.—Examination of the forty witnesses continues in the case growing out of the bombing of the Sveti Kiril cathedral here, with the loss of one hundred and sixty lives, but the most interesting evidence is not allowed to become public, the doors frequently being closed. Eugene Leger, a Frenchman employed by a local bank, yesterday admitted having dealings with some of the conspirators, notably Captain Ninkoff, who was killed when he resisted arrest. M. Leger, however, denied knowing the names of the plotters.

Must Pay Farmer Because Convicts Invaded Premises. Washington, May 4.—The District of Columbia government must pay \$7,500 damages to Howe Totten, a Virginia farmer, for permitting prisoners at its workhouse at Occoquan, Va., to escape and invade his premises, frightening his family and making it difficult for him to keep farm hands. The District of Columbia court of appeals upheld today a decision of the district Supreme court awarding Totten this amount of damages. He owned his land before the workhouse was built on an adjoining site, he asserted, and finally was forced to leave his place because of the activities of the prisoners.

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Lincoln's Bed

When a corner section of the historic Taylor Hotel at Havana, Ill., caved in, crushing the frame drug store below, a bed in which Lincoln slept when he rode the circuit in Illinois caught on the edge of the floor. It can be seen hanging in the air.

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THE COTTON MARKET Opened at Decline of 3 to 18 Points, With Net Losses of 15 to 20 Points During First Hour. (By the Associated Press) New York, May 5.—Reports of continued favorable weather in the South were reflected in relatively easy Liverpool cables here again today and the cotton market here opened at a decline of three to