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(By the Associated Press) New York, May 16.—A semi-official observation cruise over the Atlantic from Narragansett Pier, R. I., to Atlantic City, N. J., which ended today, revealed only twelve rum carrying ships in that area, which provided anchorage for more than 80 vessels at the time the coast guard blockade was inaugurated May 5. It was further indicated on the cruise which took a party of newspaper correspondents to points between 30 and 40 miles from shore, that virtually no contraband liquor is being smuggled into the country from this area.

THE PASSING OF GEN. MILES

Was Noted as an Indian Fighter, Diplomat and Author.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 16.—Nelson A. Miles, retired Lieut. Gen. of the army, has passed his last birthday of the soldier. He passed yesterday to meet death the Indian brave who were his personal enemies in other days.

I. T. YATES COMMITS SUICIDE IN SALISBURY

Blows Top of Head Off With Shotgun—Father of Robert Yates, Greensboro Man.

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GINGHAM MILL PROPOSES TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION

To Operate Only Half Time and May Stop For Time—Denim Plant Also Reduced.

New York, May 15.—The largest chain gingham mills in North Carolina today announced a plan to curtail production three days a week and to stop for an indefinite period if trade does not improve soon. The largest denim mills in the world, at Greensboro, N. C., also will curtail to four days weekly beginning Monday.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm Today at an Advance of From 2 to 16 Points.

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 16.—The cotton market opened firm today at an advance of 6 to 16 points on covering for over the week-end, and buying on the relatively firm Liverpool cables, combined with rather more encouraging reports from the Manchester goods trade.

FRENCH OUTPOST IS TAKEN FROM TRIBESMEN

Fifty Men in Post at Aouley Had Been Surrounded For Two Weeks.

Rabat, French Morocco, May 16 (By the Associated Press).—French outpost at Aouley where fifty men had been surrounded for two weeks by Abdel Krim's invading Rifians was relieved today by Gen. Colombat's forces, an official communique today announced.

Knife With Seventy-Five Blades

London, May 16.—Some of the smallest knives ever made are contained in a knife produced by William Bamforth, a member of a celebrated cutlery firm in Sheffield. The knife contains seventy-five blades, many of them ornamented with designs that are considered among the most perfect ever worked in steel.

An Optimist



Mrs. Mary Fiske, 107, says "people are kinder today than they used to be and the world is getting better all the time." She lives with her daughter, 62, at Joliet, Ill., and is still able to assist with the housework. Her husband died at the age of 105.

REV. A. J. HANSON IS SELECTED MODERATOR

General Synod of Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Busy at Statesville.

Statesville, May 15.—At the afternoon session of the general synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church here, Rev. A. J. Hanson, missionary from India, was chosen moderator for the next convention, and Due West, S. C., was selected as the place of the 1926 meeting.

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DEBT SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS UP WITH FIVE NATIONS

In Addition to France Four Other Nations Have Taken Up Question of Debts With the United States.

WANT SOLUTION WITHOUT DELAY

This is Advice Sent to Five Nations by United States.—French Commission May Visit America.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, May 16.—Debt settlement negotiations are in progress not only with France, but with Italy, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

The American debt funding commission has advised all five governments that the United States would like to bring the debt question to a solution promptly.

In addition, Ambassador Herrick at Paris has informed his French government that the Washington government would be pleased if a French debt commission were sent to this country.

Some inkling of the conversations with France previously had been permitted to reach the public, but it was not disclosed until today that Washington had taken the initiative in seeking a general re-funding arrangement with all her principal war debtors.

Details of the negotiations still are withheld but there were indications today that the American move virtually amounted to a circular notice to the debtors that this government believes the time has come to strike a general balance.

For many months the administration has been under ever-increasing pressure from lenders in Congress and others who opposed any longer delay in resolving the obligations of borrowing nations to definite paper agreements to pay.

During this period France in particular has made a succession of diplomatic gestures indicating that she would enter into negotiations at some unnamed future unspecified conditions, but not one concrete proposal emerged from all the discussion.

The debt commission, despite repeated delays, has advised until the present to this policy.

Must Determine Amount Due First.

Paris, May 14.—The part of the diplomats in the settlement of the French debt to the United States will be mostly a discussion of what are called here "political debts" as distinguished from "business debts" or "commercial debts."

Frequent references have been made lately to the fact that the accounts between France and the United States have never been audited and that it is necessary to go over them and ascertain the exact amount France really owes.

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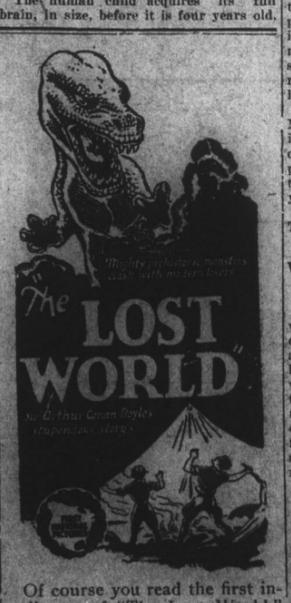
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Griffin was arrested several weeks ago in Atlanta on complaint of the girl who charges that Griffin assaulted her while she was with him on a trip to Gastonia to join Mrs. Griffin.

The accused man stoutly denies his guilt. His wife, who is young and pretty, is standing by him.

The human child acquires its full brain, in size, before it is four years old.



Of course you read the first installment of "The Lost World," in The Tribune yesterday. We publish another generous installment today, and one will be published each day until the story ends.

OFFER SERVICES TO PROF. SCOPE WHEN HIS TRIAL BEGINS

Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone Willing to Defend Professor Charged With Teaching Evolution.

BRYAN'S OFFER INFLUENCED THEM

Bryan Offered to Aid Prosecution in Case—Tennessee Law Does Not Allow Evolution Taught in Schools.

(By the Associated Press) New York, May 16.—Clarence Darrow, of Chicago, and Dudley Field Malone, of New York, today telephoned Judge John Randolph Neal at Knoxville, Tenn., offering their services as defense counsel for Prof. Scope, who is to be tried for teaching evolution in violation of the Tennessee law. The action was prompted, Mr. Malone said, by the offer of Wm. Jennings Bryan to aid the prosecution.

The telegram, made public by Mr. Malone, follows:

"We are certain you need no assistance in your defense of Prof. Scope who is to be prosecuted for teaching evolution, but we have read the report that Wm. J. Bryan has volunteered to aid the prosecution.

"In view of the fact that scientists are so much interested in the pursuit of knowledge that they cannot make the money that lecturers and Florida real estate agents command, in case you should need us we are willing without fees or expense to help in the defense of Prof. Scope in any way you may suggest or direct."

Judge Neal Declines to Make Statement.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 16.—Judge John R. Neal, an attorney for the defense in the case of Prof. J. R. Scope, of Dayton, Tenn., today declined to make any statement on a report that Clarence Darrow and Dudley Field Malone have telegraphed him offering to aid in the defense of the teacher who is charged with violating Tennessee's new law which prohibits the teaching of evolution in the public schools.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

Made a Marked Advance in Many of Its Fields in 1924.

(By the Associated Press) Memphis, Tenn., May 16.—Although operating under a reduced budget, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has made a marked advance in many of its fields during the year 1924. It was reported to the Convention last night by Dr. J. F. Love, of Richmond, corresponding secretary.

A total of 12,134 baptisms were administered during the year in the missionary fields, while 31,429 members were received into the church by letter, bringing the total membership of the foreign churches to date to 117,723.

A total of 1,101 new churches now exist on the foreign fields, the report showed, of which 291 are self-supporting, and 722 of which have their own houses of worship. In addition to these regular churches, a total of 2,890 have mission stations which are operated by representatives of the Board.

The Sunday school work in the foreign fields is represented by 1,573 schools with an enrollment of 84,511 pupils, said the report, which likewise shows that 461 women missionary societies and 510 young people's societies are abroad. Contributions in the native churches for the year totaled \$391,841.

The number of American missionaries in the foreign fields has grown to 618 while the number of native workers is 2,443. A total of 846 mission schools are operated by the missionaries. In these there is an enrollment of 32,124 pupils, the report showed. The schools include 39 kindergartens, 650 lower elementary schools, 76 higher elementary schools, 41 middle schools, 5 colleges, 11 normal and training schools and 18 theological schools.

In the medical work of the Foreign Mission Board there are 36 foreign physicians and nurses and 88 native physicians and nurses. These operate 15 hospital buildings in which a total of 279,201 treatments were given during the past year.

TWO SAILORS INJURED CRITICALLY IN EXPLOSION

Which Occurred Today Aboard the Italian Steamer Adige.

(By the Associated Press) Norfolk, Va., May 16.—Two sailors were injured critically in an explosion today aboard the Italian steamer Adige anchored off Swell's Point. Both were brought to the Public Health Hospital, where physicians have despaired of saving the life of one. The explosion, thought to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the bunkers, was followed by fire which was extinguished with the assistance of the coast guard cutter Cabarrusset and a Norfolk fire boat.

Give Italian Women Right to Vote.

Rome, May 16 (By the Associated Press).—A bill granting women the right to vote in Italian municipal elections has been adopted by the chamber of deputies. The measure under the sponsorship of Premier Mussolini, was approved last evening after a debate marked by lively scenes.

Appointed Acting Postmaster at Gastonia

Washington, May 16.—R. H. Long was appointed today as acting postmaster at Gastonia, N. C.

Babe Out in the Open



"Babe" Ruth is so far convalescent that he now can be taken outdoors in a wheelchair. Shown with him is his daughter, Dorothy, in this first photo of the big slugger taken in the open air.

RADIO MESSAGE REPORTS EXPLOSION ON VESSEL

Message Received at Norfolk Says Explosion on Italian Steamer Was Followed by Fire.

(By the Associated Press) Norfolk, Va., May 16.—A radio call for assistance at 8:45 o'clock this morning from the Italian steamer Adige, anchored in Hampton Roads said an explosion aboard the vessel was followed by fire.

The coast guard cutter Cabarrusset and the Norfolk fire boat were immediately dispatched to the vessel. The message picked up by Hampton Roads naval operating base, gave no details. A heavy fog prevented view of the craft from shore.

Soon afterward a pilot boat which was near the Adige when the explosion occurred, brought a number of the steamer's crew to the naval hospital. He was severely burned and had a broken leg.

Whom Our Advertisers

Auction sale of land at Colonial Park on Wednesday, May 20th, at 2 o'clock p. m. by Linker & Barnett. The sale will be conducted by the Carolina Land Co. Ballroom ascension, and a Ford car free.

Beautiful patents, satins and white kids at Parker's Shoe Store, and Comfort-fitting solar hats of tan bark-ala braid, only \$1.98 at J. C. Penney Company's.

Ham and bacon at special prices at Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co.

The Bob's Dry Cleaning Co. has a new process of cleaning your clothes.

Gas hot water heater, 95 cents down and 12-months to pay the balance. See ad. of Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co.

Blue Buckle Overalls at Parks-Belk Company's. Also Cooper's and Hanks underwear.

You can get a good dinner at the Ideal Lunch Room on Barbick street for only 45 cents.

Bodies of Two More Victims Recovered.

Memphis, Tenn., May 16.—The bodies of two more victims of the capsizing of the U. S. Steamer Norman at Coahoma Landing, Miss., eight days ago, today were taken from the Mississippi River, several miles below the scene of the disaster, says a wireless message received here.

Methodists Will Have Clearly Defined Constitution

Nashville, Tenn., May 15 (By the Associated Press).—For the first time in its history, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will have a clearly defined constitution in written form, provided the General Conference of the Church at its next session in May 1926, and the annual conferences at their meetings following the General Conference approve the Constitution as defined and recommended by the Commission on Constitution which proposed the document during the two days session at Nashville of the College of Bishops.

It will require a two-thirds vote of the General Conference and a three-fourths vote of the annual conferences to ratify the Constitution. In the event the Southern annual conferences should ratify unification with the Northern Methodist Church there is a probability that this Constitution will be submitted to the General Conference as the Southern church's constitution and thereafter go to a joint commission of the two churches and a constitution will be formulated for the United Church, it was explained by Southern Methodist leaders.

If unification is rejected by the southern church, this draft will be proposed as the Constitution of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, with reservation. The Northern Church already has adopted its constitution.

For many years just what constitutes a constitution in the Methodist Church, South, has been a debatable question in Methodist circles, it is said. Many of the membership believe that the Constitution is found in the Apostles' Creed and the six restrictive rules only while others maintain that to these should be added the 25 articles of religion, the titular, the general rules of the Church and the disciplinary requirements as to the composition and powers of the general and annual conferences.

The Commission on Constitution, at their meeting in Nashville, agreed upon the matter which in their opinion should be included in the Church Constitution and according to Church law it must be published in the church press one year prior to the meeting of the General Conference, that ample time may be given for discussion of the various points therein. The Christian Advocate, official organ of the Church, will publish the text in its issue which will appear May 15th.

As defined and adopted by the Commission, the Constitution consists of five main divisions with sub-divisions as follows:

Article I—Doctrinal Standards, which are the teachings of the Holy Scriptures as set forth in (1) the 25 Articles of Religion; (2) the Apostles' Creed; (3) the General Rules of the United Societies and (4) the Forty-Four sermons of Rev. John Wesley, published by him prior to the year 1765 and his "Notes on the New Testament" as expositions of these scriptures and symbols of doctrine.

Article II—Conditions of Membership in the Church.

Article III—Composition and Powers

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE AT THE LOUISVILLE DERBY

Thousands of People Crowd the Gates to Witness the Titanic Struggle Between Three-Year-Olds.

OVERCAST SKIES THIS MORNING

As Soon As the Gates Were Thrown Open the Turnstiles Started Clicking Like Second Hands on Watch.

(By the Associated Press) Louisville, Ky., May 16.—Thousands of souls with but a single thought to witness the titanic struggle between the outstanding three-year-old kings of the American turf, descended today for the fifth first running of the \$50,000 Kentucky derby.

Overcast Skies

Louisville, Ky., May 16.—Overcast skies through which the sun broke at brief intervals greeted the early risers on derby day.

As soon as the gates of the Churchill Downs course were thrown open, the turnstiles started clicking like the second hands on a watch, giving indications that a record breaking attendance of 80,000 to 100,000 spectators would witness the struggle of speed, stamina, breeding and fitness of the nation's best thoroughbreds.

Twenty-four colts and one gelding were named to face the start, but it seemed certain early today that the field would be narrowed down to possibly twenty or perhaps less, depending on the track and weather conditions. The race, the fifth on the program, is scheduled for 4:45 p. m. Central Standard Time.

The event at a mile and a quarter carries a cash value of \$53,475 to the winner, provided 20 horses go to the post, with \$6,000 going to the horse finishing second, \$3,900 for third place, and \$1,000 for fourth.

Quartrun, one of the New Orleans handicaps, in the Louisiana Derby, remained the outstanding favorite in the early wagering at odds of 5 to 2. Captain Hall was quoted at 5 to 1, while the four horses headed by Chumley representing the Whitney entry, was third in the wagering. The price on Kentucky Cardinal was 6 to 1.

Shower Too Light to Wet Course.

Louisville, May 16.—The track at Churchill Downs, this morning is in good condition, showers having been too light to wet the course.

MINISTERIAL STUDENT SLASHES COLLEGE BOY

Ivey Whisnant of Rutherford College, in Dangerous Condition From Knife Wounds.

Hickory, May 15.—Ivey Whisnant, 18-year-old Rutherford college student, is in a critical condition as a result of knife wounds inflicted on him yesterday by H. E. Sipes, a ministerial student at the college, according to information received here today. One cut started behind the left ear and came to the middle of his forehead. Another wound on the abdomen is considered alarming by physicians.

Sipes, who is married and has a family, is nearing the completion of his ministerial course and planning to accept a pastorate call at the end of the school year. He is about 30 years old.

The trouble is said to have started when Sipes, walking by one of the dormitories, was showered with water from above. He went up to a room where he believed the water came from and, finding no one there went to a room below, where Whisnant and his brother, Clyde Whisnant, were talking. Sipes is said to have called Clyde Whisnant out of the room and pulled a knife on him when Ivey Whisnant rushed out and caught Sipes by the coat. It is said that Sipes turned and slashed Ivey several times.

Sipes could not be found yesterday afternoon or last night. His family is also said to be missing. A wide search is being made for him.

BAPTISTS TO MEET NEXT IN HOUSTON

The Convention at Memphis Will Complete Its Business Today.

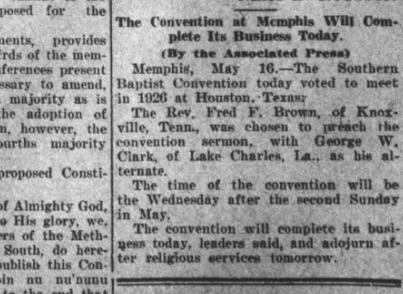
(By the Associated Press) Memphis, May 16.—The Southern Baptist Convention today voted to meet in 1926 at Houston, Texas.

The Rev. Fred F. Brown, of Knoxville, Tenn., was chosen to preach the convention sermon, with George W. Clark, of Lake Charles, La., as his alternate.

The time of the convention will be the Wednesday after the second Sunday in May.

The convention will complete its business today, leaders said, and adjourn after religious services tomorrow.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS



Fair tonight. Sunday unsettled, probably showers in the west portion.

Ten Pages Today Two Sections