

CONCORD PEOPLE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT COMMONER

Our People Assembled at the Court House to Honor Him at Hour of Funeral at Washington.

TRIBUTES TO HIS MATCHLESS LIFE

Speakers Touched on Every Phase of His Many Activities, Political, Religious and Private.

As the body of William Jennings Bryan was laid in its final resting place at Arlington Friday afternoon, Concord bared its head for a brief while to do honor to the great commoner.

Memorial exercises, conducted at the court house, were held as a tribute to the departed leader. Here verbal laurels were brought honoring the man whose life was ended last Sunday.

There were tributes to the matchless power of his oratory, tributes to his unselfish devotion to duty, tributes to his faithfulness to his religion, tributes to his fervor in fighting the forces he deemed harmful to the teachings of the Bible. He was spoken of as "an apostle of light," "a crusader for Christ," "a man who stood out above the commonality of humanity," "an advocate of peace and good will toward men," and as a man "credited on the cross of infidelity."

Speakers touched on every phase in his life, his political career, his religious career and his private career. Several who had heard him make addresses gave their impressions of his oratory; others who had known him told of his personality.

Several of the speakers, forgetting that it was a memorial service, strayed from the topic and spoke on things other than the attributes of Mr. Bryan. Dr. J. K. Pentuff advanced a new and original theory of the death of Mr. Bryan. He declared that he thought that while Bryan slept last Sunday, some invisible servant stealthily slipped in the room and gave him gas, sufficing out his life. He added that Bryan's life had been threatened and that this was perfectly possible.

Senator W. A. Foil also strayed from the subject and gave a dissertation on the subject of evolution, expounding his views on the matter with considerable fullness.

A resolution was presented by J. P. Cook and passed unanimously, the text of which is as follows: Whereas, God, the Creator of mankind, has removed from this earth William Jennings Bryan, "the great commoner," the tribune of the people, Now, therefore, be it resolved by the citizens of Concord and of Cabarrus county, North Carolina:

First, That we unite with millions of his friends and followers in sorrow for his passing, but rejoice in the record of his life which is worthy of emulation of the rising generation.

Second, That we desire to express our appreciation of the magnificent manhood of Bryan, the man; of the splendid success of Bryan, the statesman who as secretary of state by his sincerity secured peace treaties with fifteen of the leading nations of the earth; of the courage of Bryan, the crusader of reform; of the sublime faith of Bryan, the Christian, as he uttered his immortal declaration: "The Bible is good enough for me."

Third, That the place in history of Bryan, thrice nominated for the Presidency and thrice defeated, will be in that group of distinguished statesmen, who never occupied the White House but were far greater than some Presidents, viz: Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun and James G. Blaine.

Fourth, That this defense of the Bible and revealed religion in the closing years of his eventful career entitled him to be called "Defender of the Faith"—a title which he would have esteemed as highly as his well-known title of "The Great Commoner."

Fifth, That these resolutions be forwarded by the secretaries to the family of Mr. Bryan and that copies be delivered to The Concord Times and Tribune and The Concord Observer.

The services were begun seven minutes late on account of the fact that the mayor had not arrived. As soon as he arrived, he turned the meeting over to Mr. E. Caldwell who called on Rev. W. C. Lyster for a word of prayer.

When the prayer was over Mr. Caldwell made a brief talk. Bryan, the political leader, was dead, he said, Bryan.

Concord Theatre (THE COOL SPOT) SPECIAL SHOWING MONDAY AND TUESDAY "School For Wives" Conway Tearle and Sigrid Holmquist WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY Pat O'Malley and Wanda Hawley "LET WOMEN ALONE" FRIDAY ONLY "THE REDEEMING SIN" Lou Tellegen and Nasimova A special Every Day

THE STATE DEFICIT ONLY \$3,123,230.22 ON ACCRUAL BASIS

State Auditor Baxter Durham Issued Statement Today Which Bears Out the Above Figures.

STATEMENT ASKED BY EX-GOV. MORRISON

Auditor Pointed Out That the Cash Deficit Balance of General Fund as of June 30, 1925, Was \$9,438,531.61

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, N. C., August 1.—Figured on the "accrual" basis, the State's "deficit" as of June 30, 1925, would have been \$3,123,230.22, said State Auditor Baxter Durham, in a statement issued today. The statement, he said, was made at the request of former Governor Cameron Morrison, "citizen and taxpayer." At the same time, he pointed out that he had certified to the Governor and Council of State, on July 14, 1925, that "the cash deficit balance of the general fund as of June 30, 1925, was \$9,438,531.61."

The State Auditor's statement follows: "Resolution Number 12, General Assembly of 1923, provides that the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the Senate and House Be Directed to take such steps as they may deem fit and necessary to investigate and ascertain the true and correct fiscal and financial condition of the State."

"Acting under this resolution this legislative committee employed a firm of accountants and in submitting their report to the Governor and Council of State, July 19th, 1923, used this language: 'With the meeting of the General Assembly of 1921, the State started upon an era of progress which still continues. Under the revenue statute passed by the Legislature of 1921, much the greater part of the State's income was derived from income and franchise taxes, which for the year 1921 did not become due and payable until in the year 1922. This made desirable a change of the State's fiscal year to a year ending June 30th of each year, and necessitated the State adopting for its accounting method a revenue or accrual basis. It is to apply against the maintenance appropriations and the operating expenses of the State for the fiscal year the taxes levied and accrued in that period, even though such taxes were actually due and collectible subsequent thereto.'"

"The Budget Commission of 1920, and those who acted with it made their report to the General Assembly of 1921, based upon this theory of accounting, and the same was adopted by the General Assembly in its revenue provisions and appropriations."

"The Auditor's report herewith sent is compiled upon the revenue basis, which means the accrual basis as herein explained."

"There is a note of \$710,000.00 charged against the General Fund or Operating account, which in our opinion should be treated as a part of the funded debt of the State, and should not be charged to this account."

"From this report in order to show that there was legislative authority for stating the condition of the State Treasury on an accrual basis, The Budget Commission which met in December, 1924, and January, 1925, submitted a report to the General Assembly of 1925 under date of January 30th. That report contained an estimated condition of the State Treasury "on a cash basis" as of June 30th, 1925."

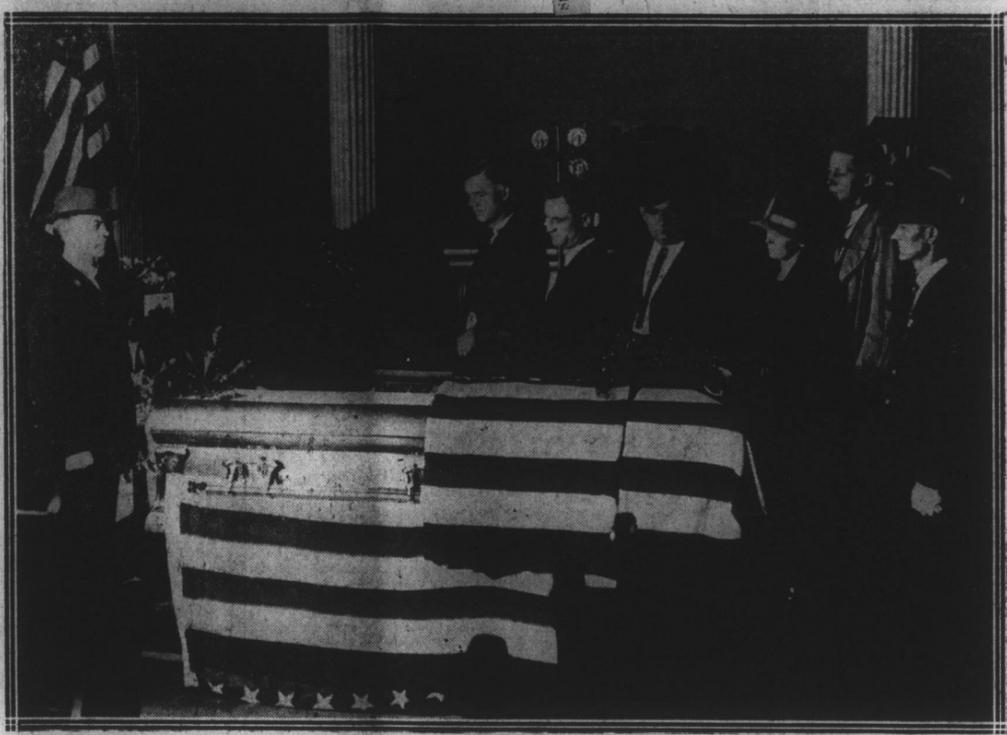
"The General Assembly of 1925 by its appropriation act, its revenue bill, its budget act and its general fund note act, said in effect this: That for the purpose of balancing the revenues and disbursements of the General Fund at the close of the current fiscal year on June 30th, 1925, and of facilitating and the placing of fiscal operations of the State upon a budgetary basis, whereby the cash revenues collected in each fiscal year may be made applicable to and sufficient for the cash expense disbursements for the same period, we will direct the State Auditor to ascertain the cash deficit balance of the General Fund on June 30, 1925, and certify the amount to the Governor and the Council of State. We further direct the Governor and Council of State to issue 'General Fund Notes' for the amount so certified. That will allow us to start a new year on July 1st, 1925, with a clean slate. We will make appropriations for the period of two years, beginning July 1st, 1925, and ending June 30th, 1927. We will also levy taxes to be collected within these periods and applicable to these periods."

"This in effect changed the form of the financial statements of the condition of the State from the 'accrual' to a 'cash basis.'"

"The Auditor of the State, acting under the direction of the General Fund Note Act, certified to the Governor and Council of State, on July 14, 1925, 'the cash deficit balance of the general fund as of June 30, 1925' to be \$9,438,531.61."

"Honorable Cameron Morrison, former Governor of North Carolina, citizen and taxpayer, has asked the State Auditor to give him a statement of the condition of the State Treasury June 30, 1925, as it would have been had we continued to apply the rule as laid down by the General Assembly of 1923 and expressed in the quotation from the report of the Joint Legislative Committee, quoted above."

"Under the same rule that obtained from 1921 until 1925, the condition of the State Treasury on June 30th, 1925, would have shown a 'deficit' or debit balance of \$3,123,230.22, which does not include \$710,000.00 which has been deducted from the total amount as suggested and directed by the Joint Legislative Committee in their report as quoted in this article."



Last Look at Bryan—Procession passing casket in New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, on Morning Preceding the Funeral.

SOLICITOR WILL ASK FOR DEATH PENALTY FOR MAJOR BOWMAN

Solicitor Huffman Will Ask Grand Jury to Return True Bill When It Meets Next November.

THINKS HE CAN GET CONVICTION

Would Have Bench Warrant Sworn Out If Bowman Was Not Already Under Big Bond.

(By the Associated Press) Hickory, Aug. 1.—Solicitor R. L. Huffman will make an effort to reverse the action of the lower court here yesterday by asking the grand jury at the November term of Catawba Superior Court to return a true bill against Major Wade V. Bowman, commander of the second squadron of North Carolina cavalry, charging a statutory offense, he stated over long distance communication from Morganton this morning. He will ask the death penalty for Major Bowman.

Solicitor Huffman would make no statement regarding the "private trial" held Wednesday in the law office of Lawyer Yount, at which time Bowman pleaded guilty to a charge of assault on a female and a prayer for judgment was continued until August 20th. He said he felt the city officials of Hickory were acting in the best judgment for all parties concerned, but he did not agree with their judgment, he said.

When asked if he was not afraid Bowman would leave the town after news of the solicitor's proposed action at the November term reached him, Huffman said, "Well, that is always the chance. I don't think I can get a bench warrant now that he is already under bond. But if he did skip I would have him brought back." He said he thought he could get conviction of the death penalty on the evidence he had.

When the 12-year-old prosecutrix took the stand Wednesday afternoon the recorder ordered court cleared. The child and her mother were the only witnesses. Bowman did not take the stand, neither were the two doctors who examined the child charged to testify. The mother of the child prosecutrix corroborated the testimony of the girl in nearly every respect. The child swore that last Tuesday night between 7 and 8 o'clock she stopped to look at the partly completed house which Major Bowman is building on Eighth Avenue. Bowman was there, she said, and asked her how she liked the house. She swore she walked with Bowman to the second floor and he led her into an incomplete closet and he set on a stack of shingles and pulled her to him. The child described the manner of the alleged offense.

Moses and Sattler Plead Guilty. Washington, Aug. 1.—Ben L. Moses and Harry Sattler, of Pittsburgh, indicted last year with Representative Langley, of Kentucky, on charges of conspiracy to illegally withdraw liquor, pleaded guilty today in the District of Columbia Supreme Court.

Success is usually due to holding on, and failure to letting go.

Lighting Bolt Does Queer Things to Man. Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 1.—When William Black, 38, a truck driver, was struck by lightning yesterday in the oil fields here, the bolt performed some freak things.

It broke his watch chain, welded together two silver dollars in his pocket, tore off both trouser legs and shoes, and burned his hair.

He was unconscious for two hours, but will recover, physicians say. The same bolt set fire to a nearby oil tank and destroyed it.

Mrs. May Sutton Bundy, who is still active in competition, has been a world figure among women tennis stars for the past twenty years.

ACQUIT HOTEL OFFICIAL AIDING IN IMMORALITY

Assistant Manager of O'Henry Freed of Aiding and Abetting in Vice. Greensboro, July 31.—In municipal court today H. A. Onderdonk, assistant manager of O'Henry hotel was acquitted of charge of aiding and abetting in immorality. Dismissal was because of insufficient evidence. Judge Collins stated Major Turnbee, convicted of occupying a room for immoral purposes, was fined two hundred dollars and cost.

Mrs. Haines, alias Mrs. Harris, who was to have been tried with Major Turnbee, forfeited her bond by leaving High Point where she had been arrested shortly following the issuance of the Greensboro warrants. Ed Cecil, formerly special officer at the hotel, had procured the warrant against Onderdonk. He testified that he looked through a transom in early morning of June 27th and that he saw Turnbee and Mrs. Haines together. Arrests of man and woman followed and charge against Onderdonk also was lodged. Today's conviction of Turnbee and acquittal of Onderdonk, evidently ends matters so far as courts are concerned.

JACK DEMPSEY BREAKS WITH FORMER MANAGER

Tells New York Commission That in Future He Will Arrange Professional Engagements. (By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 1.—According to his own admission in a telegram to the New York State Athletic Commission, Jack Dempsey today is his own manager. In an airplane letter to the board, Dempsey wrote "Best explains conditions of clearing up my affairs with Jack Kearns." The telegram also said: "Mr. Kearns now knows that I will hereafter act for myself for my professional engagements."

Dempsey's frank admission with regard to casting Kearns aside after his statement here recently that his manager's contract has still another year to run, and his allusion in telegram to "a lot of money being involved" gave basis for speculation as to whether the champion was compelled to dip deeply into his purse in order to shake off Kearns.

RAIN STORM IN DETROIT CAUSED MUCH DAMAGE

Estimated That Damage Will Amount to \$2,000,000.—Industrial Plants Heavily Losers. (By the Associated Press) Detroit, Aug. 1.—Police and fire department officials today fixed \$2,000,000 as the approximate damage caused by yesterday's rainstorm in and about Detroit. The rainfall was 4.71 inches, between 6:28 a. m. Friday and 1 a. m. today.

The greatest losses were reported by the industrial plants where machinery in basements was flooded and by the city, due to damage to pavements. Many of the water flooding stocks stored in the basements and scores of homes were inundated.

Scores of persons were driven from their homes on the east side of Detroit when Conner's Creek rolled over its banks.

Royal Oaks, a suburb was in darkness throughout the night except for candle and lamp light.

Klan Cross Burns in Bryan's Memory Dayton, O., July 31.—Members of the Ku Klux Klan of this and surrounding cities held a memorial service and cross burning for William Jennings Bryan near here tonight. All attending Klansmen were robed.

At the close of the ceremony a large cross bearing the inscription: "In memory of William Jennings Bryan, the greatest klanman of our time, this cross is burned; he stood at Armageddon and battled for the Lord," was lighted.

The ceremony was witnessed by hundreds from nearby vantage points.

Miss Wills Defeated. (By the Associated Press) Seabright, N. J., Aug. 1.—Miss Helen Wills, of Berkeley, Calif., national women's champion, was defeated today in straight sets by Miss Elizabeth Bryan, of California, in the women's singles match of Seabright Invitations tournament. The scores were 6-3.

GRIST NOT YIELDING TO CHARLOTTE PROTEST

Floyd Walters, North Charlotte Barber, Will Take Vause's Job This Morning. Charlotte, July 31.—Frank Grist, state commissioner of labor and printing, late tonight announced that he had not countermanded his recent order ousting W. H. Vause as superintendent of the local federal state employment office and that effective tomorrow morning Floyd Walters, North Charlotte barber and war veteran, would assume management of the office.

Mr. Grist arrived here tonight from Asheville on a tour of inspection of the employment offices in the state. Shortly before midnight he announced that he had not been approached by any delegation since his arrival in the city and said that he probably would not be.

Mr. Grist's dismissal of Vause has created quite a stir here, city and county officials having strongly protested the move, going so far as to cancel their appropriation for maintenance of the office with the dismissal of Vause. The city heretofore has appropriated \$12,200 annually and the county \$600 for the support of the office. City and county commissioners have announced that they will withdraw their support with the appointment of Walters.

Commissioner Grist countered this statement tonight with an announcement that if the city and county persist in their course the city will lose the office which he said would be placed in another city which is offering to match the state's appropriation of \$1,800 annually, dollar for dollar, for support of an employment office.

The commissioner said that Walters would take charge of the office tomorrow morning and that the state would pay his salary as superintendent and keep the office here open for 30 days. At the end of that time if city and county refuse to again co-operate he said he would remove the office from the city and place it elsewhere in the state.

Mr. Grist declared tonight that Vause was told six months ago to look for another job and given formal notice July 20 that his services would not be required after July 31. Walters, his appointee for the place is fully capable of holding the position, Mr. Grist asserted.

BRITISHER IS REPORTED KILLED DURING RIOT

Disturbance Occurred at Factory of International Export Company at Peking. (By the Associated Press) Peking, Aug. 1.—Unofficial advices from Nanking say that a riot in which one British subject was killed took place at the factory of the International Export Company after a wage dispute last night. The British employers of the factory are reported to have fired on rioters killing four and wounding several of them.

British marines are now guarding the factory, many of the British employees have been taken aboard warships, but one of them is reported to have been made a prisoner and taken to Nanking University.

To Keep Air Cruiser Chicago. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 1.—The air cruiser Chicago, flagship of the army round the world flight squadron, will be placed permanently among exhibits of the Smithsonian Institute as a memory to the man who made the world circuit.

MacMillan Ships Free From Ice Now. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 1.—The steamers Peary and Bowdoin of the MacMillan Arctic expedition have fought their way free of the ice in Melville Bay, and expect to reach Etah, Greenland, their main base, today.

A girl's hero heaves a sigh. A man's hero heaves a brick.

Two Sections Twelve Pages Today

PRESIDENT HAS NOT MADE DECISION ON TAX REDUCTIONS YET

Will Keep His Mind Open on Problem and Confer With Party Leaders Before Congress Meets.

GIVE COMMITTEE FREE HAND NOW

Will Not Take Part in Matter Unless Congress is Unable to Reach a Decision Itself. (By the Associated Press) Swampscott, Mass., Aug. 1.—President Coolidge intends to keep his mind open on tax reductions, the major domestic problem confronting the administration, until the treasury can advise him accurately as to the state of the nation's finances and he has had opportunity of obtaining the views of additional congressional leaders.

While he believes it a proper function for the executive and treasury to make recommendations to Congress he is determined to give the House ways and means committee a free hand in the actual formulation of a bill. The attitude of the President was disclosed after he had conferred here yesterday with Chairman Madden, of the House appropriation committee, who advocated a reduction of maximum surtax rates from 40 to 50 per cent., a cut in normal tax rates, and abolition of the estate, gift and miscellaneous taxes. Mr. Madden predicted a surplus of \$370,000,000 would be available for tax reductions at the close of the fiscal year.

Evacuation Which Continued for Month Failed to Receive Press Notices in France. (By the Associated Press) Paris, Aug. 1.—Official announcement was made this morning that the French evacuation of the Ruhr is complete.

The entry of the French forces into the Ruhr took place January 11, 1923. That caused much ink to flow and entire pages of newspapers were devoted to the report of operations designed to bring about payment by Germany of her reparations obligations. The evacuation which has been going on for the past month, however, has been totally ignored by the French press and unnoticed by the general public.

Weather Outlook for Next Week. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 1.—The weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: Atlantic and East Gulf States; Mostly fair but with some probability of thunder showers the latter part of the week; temperature below normal at the beginning of the week but nearer normal thereafter.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Fair tonight and Sunday; somewhat cooler along the coast tonight.

RETIRED MINISTER KILLS WIFE; THEN TURNS GUN ON SELF

Rev. George W. Holder Shot Wife and Then Took His Own Life at Home in Richmond During Day.

NO CAUSE KNOWN FOR THE MURDER

Bodies Found in the Dining Room by Neighbors Who Rushed In When They Heard Two Pistol Shots.

(By the Associated Press) Richmond, Aug. 1.—The Rev. George W. Holder shot and killed his wife and then killed himself at their home here about 10 o'clock this morning.

The shooting took place in the dining room and both are believed to have died almost instantly. The police have not assigned a motive but declared preliminary investigation indicated ill health was the cause of the tragedy.

The couple, who were married only recently, were apparently in the midst of a morning meal when the wife was shot down and the minister then fired a bullet through his own heart. Reports of the two bullets were heard by neighbors who rushed to the scene, to be met by the thirteen-year-old daughter of Holder's by first marriage. They found Mrs. Holders lying face downward on the dining room floor and a few feet away was the body of her husband.

Pending the arrival of Dr. J. W. Broadnax, coroner, the body of Mrs. Holden was not moved.

Holder retired from active ministerial duties several years ago and in recent months had been working in a furniture store.

Mrs. Holders had been a housekeeper until she became his wife. The retired minister had been ill about a week but went to his work yesterday. Mrs. Holders also was employed, but she did not go to work today. Both were thought by police to be about 35 years of age.

Holder's first wife died several years ago leaving three children who now survive—the father. They are: Winfred, 15; Grace, 13; and Pauline, 10.

THE COTTON MARKET Prices Generally Lower Except For One Brief Rally.—October Up to 24.45. (By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 1.—The cotton market was generally lower today with the exception of one brief rally which was attributed to Hester's figures estimating the consumption for the year at 14,247,000 bales compared with 11,241,000 last year.

The market opened unchanged to 14 points lower with New Orleans brokers good sellers on reports of further rains in Texas. Liverpool also was a seller here, with commission house pressure based on the belief that recent rains have put most of Texas in condition to withstand a considerable stand of dry weather unless temperatures continue to be high.

October advanced to 24.45 and December to 24.50, but almost immediately reacted 20 points, and near the end of the first hour the market was heavy with the sentiment bearish.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 24.35; Dec. 24.42; Jan. 23.75; March 24.02; May 24.32.

Closed at Decline. New York, Aug. 1.—Cotton futures closed at net declines of 20 to 26 points. Oct. 24.10 to 24.18; Dec. 24.21 to 24.23; Jan. 23.63 to 23.65; March 24.23.

With Our Advertisers. You can get a 26-piece chest of Rogers silverware for \$3.50 down and \$1.00 a week at S. W. Preslar's.

Night or day callers equally welcome at Howard's Filling Station.

Best Virginia lump coal for next ten days, only \$7.50. Best Jellies lump at \$8.50. At A. B. Pounds.

H. B. Winkinson is now showing the latest patterns in wiltons, velvets, axminster and tapestry rugs.

New Victor records out today. You will find a full stock of them at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. See list in new ad today.

Special showing Monday and Tuesday of "School for Wives" at the Concord Theatre. Wednesday and Thursday "Let Women Alone." On Friday Nasimova and Lou Tellegen in "The Redeeming Sin."

Fisher's is now making a final drastic and last reduction on all summer goods. Dresses priced from 95 cents to \$11.74.

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