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**CAMPAIGN TO SECURE LANDS FOR NATIONAL PARK**

Plans Are Being Laid For a Statewide Campaign.  
Asheville, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Purchase of 300 acres of mountain land for a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains area marks the beginning of a campaign to secure lands for the park.  
Two hundred acres have been bought by the directors of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and announcement of this purchase was followed by one stating that Asheville Citizen had purchased 100 acres for the same purpose. Now the organizations all the way from Asheville to Murphy, 110 miles away, are agitating the question of buying land for the park. And plans are being laid, it is said, for a statewide campaign.

The proposed park is expected to embrace about 1,200 square miles, following the Great Smoky divide between Tennessee and North Carolina, and to contain within its borders mountain peaks having the highest average altitude anywhere in the east. It is said that it will also contain the largest single area of virgin timber in eastern America.  
The indifference, or opposition, which was at first manifest, has entirely disappeared throughout the western part of the state, it is said, and enthusiasm for the park is growing rapidly. Leading lumber companies operating the section are giving the plan their support, it is stated. Lumbermen are quoted as saying that there remains sufficient timber in western North Carolina, in addition to the area to be embraced by the

The Great Smoky Mountain area is said to contain the greatest variety of wild flora and fauna anywhere in the southeast, as well as striking scenic beauty. The average altitude of the section proposed for park purposes is said to exceed 6,000 feet, many peaks running up even higher.  
**Dr. Mims May Come Back**  
Dr. Edwin Mims, of Vanderbilt University, has been invited to return to North Carolina and accept a place in the faculty of Duke University. Dr. Mims is one of the brightest men North Carolina has produced in a generation and we hope he will heed the call from his native state and spend the remainder of his days in North Carolina.  
**USE PENNY COLUMN—IT PAYS**

**DINNER STORIES**

Mother: "Billy, why are you making your little brother cry?"  
Billy: "I'm not. He's dug a hole and is crying because he can't bring it into the house."

Little Boy: "Papa, do you know any great women rulers besides Catherine the Great and Queen Elizabeth?"  
Dad: "Sure, your mother."

Mary: "My father was held up last night."  
Her Chum: "Why, I did not hear anything about it. Where was he held up?"  
Mary: "Two men held him up all the way home."

Young Mistress—What would you do, Marie, if you could play the piano like me?  
Servant—Oh, I should certainly take lessons.

**Southern Hospitality**  
A sign is now being built by the bureau fifty-five feet by three and one-half feet, inscribed, "Charleston Welcomes You to be hung from the steel girders inside the gates at the union station."

There once was a corpulent mama, Known from here out to far Yokohama, But photographers all Found their cameras too small, So she sat for a whole panorama.

Young Algernon Percy St. Dennis Cared only for swimming and tennis. He gave up the game And is bidding for fame As the speediest speed cop in Venice.

**Two Charming Warm Weather Weddings**  
The costume of the bridesmaid was wild flowers. The bridegroom wore a boutonniere from the bride's bouquet.

**TODAY'S EVENTS**

Friday, August 28, 1925.  
Observance of the Festival of Saint Augustine.

Seventy-five years ago today the first submarine telegraph cable was laid between Dover and Calais.  
One hundred and fifty years ago today John Hancock and Dorothy Quincy eloped and were married at Fairfield, Conn.

A national conference for leaders of the young people's movement in the Protestant Episcopal Church meets today at Racine, Wis.  
St. Augustine, Fla., America's oldest city, today will celebrate special masses in America's oldest Catholic church on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city.

Surviving members of the Grand Army of the Republic will begin at 8 a. m. in Grand Rapids, Mich., today to attend their annual national encampment. Sons of Veterans, the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and other affiliated societies will hold their national conventions at the same time.

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**Stewart's Washington Letter**

BY CHARLES P. STEWART  
NEA Service Writer

**WASHINGTON**—While Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, whose department runs the Virgin Islands, doesn't admit responsibility on its part for the deplorable conditions which Judge Lucius J. M. Mallin charges exist there, it's beyond any doubt's power to deny truthfully that economically the islands' population has degenerated disgracefully since the United States took the group over from Denmark in 1917.  
Comparative figures speak for themselves.  
In 1919, before the effects of American rule had had time to make themselves fully felt, the islands' exports to this country amounted to \$2,276,512. Those for 1924 were \$297,681.

**THAT** the decline was due to a naval maladministration doesn't necessarily follow. To some extent it certainly doesn't follow.  
The application of American

laws to insular industries and trade have been to blame for the decay of the once busy, prosperous port of St. Thomas, the islands' metropolis, until today it seldom is visited except by a very semi-occasional navy transport.

Formerly a stopping place for the big ships of several lines, it is not now touched by one. Its commerce is almost wholly gone. It is difficult even to reach, or to leave, once there.

**THE** legislation which wrought this ruin was not of the navy's making.

It was the work of a Congress in Washington of whose members few can find the Virgin Islands on the map, without hunting, and some of whom probably never heard of them.

The distant Danish government took an interest in the Virgin group and its people, shaped its policies in their interest and turned them over to the United States as a thriving colony. This country put them under the charge of a naval governor and forgot them—and the governor, too.

**Morrison Threat to Come Back May Yet Be Serious Matter**

Tom Bost in Greensboro News.

Washington, Aug. 26.—"About this Morrison threat to come back," said a visitor here from the state today, "it may turn out to be a serious matter for Max Gardner and his friends in 1928. You know Gardner has morally promised the governorship then. Even the so-called Shimmers machine has tentatively committed itself to the fortunes of the Shelby man but the report is widespread in the state now that Gardner has morally forfeited the right to endorsement by his party because of the 'dark lantern methods' he is alleged to have employed to 'kill off' Morrison."

"Leading Morrison politicians in the state are at this moment engaged in discussing a 'plot' or a 'conspiracy' as they call it, by Gardner and his friends to eliminate the former governor forever from public life. According to report the so-called conspiracy was concocted in a room at the Sir Walter Raleigh Hotel during the recent session of the legislature, the principal plotters being Max Gardner, John G. Dawson, Senator Burgwyn and Senator Giles. Subsidary forces were also employed in the Raleigh 'press hounds' and the scheme was to brand Morrison with this deficit as 'the most extravagant, wasteful and inefficient governor' the state had ever had. McLean's economy program was to be played up at the same time as a shining contrast."

**Overplay the Game.**  
"According to the views of independent observers Gardner and his friends have overplayed the game and a ground swell reaction of popularity has set in in behalf of the governor. The young Shelby lawyer is in turn being severely criticized as having used his position of influence and power as a lobbyist before the legislature in behalf of big corporations. He is charged with having made \$100,000 in this sort of work at the recent session, and his friend, John G. Dawson, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, is reported to have duplicated Mr. Gardner's fees in the same sort of business."

"If Gardner is a candidate for governor in the primary election three years hence, it is predicted that Mor-

risson is certain to be his opponent, and the former governor's friends declare his victory will be a crushing vindication of his position in the fight that is now being made on him. Morrison's friends all over the state are in arms over what they call a 'conspiracy to assassinate his good name as a public man.'"

"Some of Morrison's friends have mildly criticized Governor McLean for not openly taking a stand in behalf of his predecessor. The governor has privately explained that he is as staunch a friend as ever to Morrison but he does not conceive of it as part of his business as governor to take part in the controversy, which has developed into a personal issue between Morrison and Gardner."

**Seeks Vindication.**  
"It is now known by some of his friends that Morrison would greatly prefer to vindicate himself before the state as a candidate for the seat in the senate now held by Senator Overman but that is honorably impossible for him to do unless Senator Overman agrees to retire. Before he retired from the governorship he agreed not to oppose Senator Overman and the senator is emphatically unwilling to retire. Mr. Morrison's friends say that he can not long remain out of public life or at least he must soon renew the effort to get back in and the only opening is the governorship in 1928."

"The former governor can not peacefully and contentedly settle down in Charlotte to law practice. His every thought and emotion are of politics and the business of the public. Gardner, knowing Morrison's disposition, had foreseen the possible danger of 1928 but he ought to have been good enough politician to know that men like Morrison thrive on opposition and especially the opposition that can be designated as a 'conspiracy.' If Max Gardner wants to be governor he ought to have let Cam Morrison severely alone or heaped flattery upon him as the 'greatest governor the state has ever had.' Instead he has had the audacity to try to hamstring one of the greatest public egotists in the country and if he fails to become governor of North Carolina it will be his own fault."

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