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UNIFICATION PLAN ADOPTED THIS WEEK BY 5 CONFERENCES

Swedish Conference in Chicago Voted Without Dissenting Vote to Unite Methodist Churches.

NEW MEXICO IN FAVOR OF UNION

Proposal Carried by Large Vote in Conferences Which Took a Vote on Matter This Week.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Unification of northern and southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church has been favored by five conferences meeting this week-end.

Unanimous consent on the proposal was cast by the Swedish conference in Chicago, and in the Southwest Spanish Mission at Albuquerque, N. M.

Both are affiliated with the northern branch of the church, Laymen of the Central Swedish conference vote today.

The German laymen's association of Chicago approved the unification by a vote of 40 to 20. Approval also was voiced by the northern Swedish annual conference in Duluth, Minn., which decided the southern branch should have a voice in northern conferences of the church.

The clergy of the Western Norwegian Danish conference in Aberdeen, Wash., voted in favor of the union and laymen of the same conference will vote later.

WOULDN'T FURNISH AUTO FOR HAULING LIQUOR

Greensboro Man Alleges Financial Support Was Withdrawn and That He Lost Business.

Greensboro, Aug. 28.—J. P. Bishop, in complaint filed today in a suit instituted in Guilford superior court clerk's office against the Commercial Investment Company, alleges the most

important reason for damages yet brought in this court—that his credit was hurt because he refused to furnish an agent of the defendant with a car in which to haul whiskey.

Bishop, who was president of a motor company, states in the complaint that when he refused to let the agent have a car for booze purposes the latter telegraphed his company to cut off financial

protection from the plaintiff, and that was done, to the plaintiff's financial embarrassment; that as a result sale of cars fell off 50 per cent and it was necessary for him to quit doing business. The plaintiff asks for \$15,000 damages.

Greensboro Store Robbed Three Times

Greensboro, Aug. 28.—The third of a series of daring robberies of Nov. 21's Pharmacy took place Wednesday night when a thief or thieves broke through the window on the north side of the building, entering the store and stole merchandise amounting to approximately \$100.

Two other robberies of a similar nature have occurred at the drug store in the past month.

The fact that on each occasion the thieves took practically the same amount and same kind of merchandise leads one to believe that all three of the thefts were perpetrated by an identical thief or thieves. Each time a cigarette and perfume have been the only articles stolen.

Edwin Nowell, owner of the pharmacy, states that all told, \$220 in cigarettes and perfumes have been pilfered.

Mistrial in Sheffey Case

Maryville, Tenn., Aug. 29.—(AP)—A mistrial resulted today in the case of Wm. D. Sheffey, charged with the murder of Luther Wells.

The jury reported that it was unable to agree and Judge John Blair ordered a mistrial entered.

WARNER BROS. CONCORD THEATRE (The Cool Spot) Last Showing Today "One Exciting Night" D. W. GRIFFITH'S Mystery, Comedy and Thrills Apology Also Pathé News No. 66 Monday-Tuesday "Another Man's Wife" With Jas. Kirkwood, Lila Lee, Wallace Beery and Others Wednesday Only "The Love Bandit" Merchants' Free Tickets Honored Every Day Next Week Except Saturday

Water Situation Here Improved At Present

L. A. Fisher Finds That Cold Water Creek Has More Water Now Than Earlier in the Week.

CRISIS IS NOT ENTIRELY PASSED

Rise in Flow of Creek Is Taken as Indication That Rain Will Fall Here in the Near Future.

The water situation, which for some time has caused alarm on account of the rapidly decreasing supply at Cold Water Creek, has improved very much in the last few days, according to L. A. Fisher, superintendent of the water and light plant.

During the earlier days of the week the flow had diminished to such an extent that several of the larger users in the city were cut off until further notice and drastic steps were threatened if there was no rain at an early date.

Within the last few days the flow has been noticeably larger and no further cuts will have to be made as long as the present condition continues.

According to the older residents of the community, says Mr. Fisher, an increase in the water in a creek is an indication of rain at an early date. It is a fact that no rain has fallen on the watershed of Cold Water Creek recently and if this is not true, there is no way in which to account for the rise of the water.

Whether this is true or not, there is a general hope throughout this section that there will be some relief from the drought which has kept everything parched for a period of almost three months.

The Kerr Bleachery, which was one of the firms asked to stop using city water, is making arrangements to have a filtering plant ready for use Monday.

Water is to be secured from Buffalo Creek. The bleachery is one of the heaviest users of water in the city, requiring in the neighborhood of seven million gallons of water each month.

In the bleaching processes, a steady stream of water is required during the entire time of operation.

The Y. M. C. A. swimming pool has also suspended operations during the period of drought.

YOUNG WOMAN KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Car Collided With One Driven by Dr. J. Howell Way of Waynesville.

Waynesville, Aug. 28.—Mrs. Edna Robinson, 25, was killed, and Miss Edna Phillips, 16, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon near here when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a car being driven by Dr. J. Howell Way of this place, member of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

The car in which the women were riding is said to have been forced over an embankment when struck by the Way car.

Charged with Assault on Girl at Salisbury.

Salisbury, Aug. 28.—Eli Saba, a Syrian, who conducts a grocery store on East Innis street, was given a preliminary hearing before Esquire W. L. Ray this afternoon, being charged with having attempted an assault on a young white girl clerk in his store. The magistrate reserved his decision as to bond and also as to what offense he would send the prisoner up to superior court on until Saturday morning. The crime is alleged to have taken place in the store one evening last week and Saba has been held in jail since his arrest Saturday.

President Sees Son in Draft

Camp Devens, Mass., Aug. 29.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge visited Camp Devens today to watch their son, John, and 1,400 other youths in khaki pass in review.

Motoring from Swampscott they arrived before noon and from the reviewing stand witnessed the final parade of the citizens military training camp.

Warrants For Florida Company For Selling "Lots" Under Water

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Federal warrants charging use of the United States mail with intent to defraud were issued tonight for Jacob Factor, president of the Florida Land Company, and several associates after a two months' investigation by postal authorities.

The company is alleged to have done a business of between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 in Florida real estate since its incorporation in Springfield last March. Besides Factor and others named in the warrants are Maurice E. Drucker, H. Helelus, H. J. Himelstein and Newton Feldman, all officials of the concern.

Factor, according to reports of postal inspectors, before becoming connected with the Florida Land Company, put over a \$500,000 fraudulent oil land deal in England and is wanted there.

In Orange County. The scheme included the buying of large tracts of land in Orange county, Florida, which was later sold in Chicago and other middle western cities at an average price of about \$100 a lot. The land was represented, it is charged, with being a suburb of Or-

SMITH CHARGES ARE ANSWERED

Hylan Says Gov. Smith Was Aided to Office in Elections by William R. Hearst.

New York, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Mayor Hylan, accused by Governor Smith of "blind subservience to a super boss," charged the governor with besmirching William R. Hearst, "the man who helped him enter the executive mansion at Albany."

The mayor replied over the municipal radio station last night to Governor Smith's initial speech of the campaign. In addition to discussing Mr. Hearst, the mayor denied the governor's charges that he had conferred with Klan representatives during the last Democratic national convention.

POLICEMEN HURT IN PARIS DEMONSTRATION

Officers Injured While Communists Were Trying an Experiment in Mobilization.

Paris, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Eight Paris policemen were injured and about a dozen communists in cells as the net results today of an experiment in mobilization made by the communists of the capital last night. The communists plan of action called for assembling in four public squares and marching to the opera as a protest against the methods used by the Polish and Bulgarian governments in dealing with members of their party.

The full program of the demonstration was published yesterday in the communist order, consequently the authorities were enabled to nip it in the bud.

Between 300 and 400 manifestants arrived in the vicinity of the opera to inconvenience the opera goers assembling for "Aida." A series of sharp skirmishes with the police ensued, and 140 were arrested, the majority, however being released after a few hours. Thirty of those taken were foreigners.

The Communist Deputy Barboot played a prominent part in leading the agitators, the police say, and one of those arrested was a son of the communist deputy Clamansu.

The Use of Pyrotol.

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 29.—(AP)—The use of pyrotol resulted in a saving of \$123 to one farmer, reports County Agent W. G. Yeager. John Barger had a large field full of stumps and had offered a local man \$200 to clear it, but his offer had been refused. Mr. Yeager suggested that he get some government explosive and clear the field himself. Mr. Barger bought \$22 worth of explosive, hired labor for \$55 and at a total cost of \$77 cleared the field. "More than 80,000 pounds of the explosive have been distributed in the county," says Mr. Yeager.

Charge Persons Are Given Liberties

Chicago, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Rumors that a \$20,000 fund enabled freedom from beer bars, to obtain freedom from jail at night on numerous occasions while serving a one-year sentence for violating a federal injunction, were being sifted today by federal agents.

Two assistant jailers were discharged in connection with liberation twenty-one days before his sentence expired.

Ask for Inquiry.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The state department has asked Mexican government to make a thorough inquiry into the reported slaying of an unnamed American cowboy near Palomas in Chihuahua.

The department was advised of the killing by Consul Dye at Jaurez. Details were lacking.

Wm. O. Stoddard Ill.

Madison, N. J., Aug. 29.—(AP)—Wm. O. Stoddard, 90-year-old veteran of the newspaper profession, and once private secretary to Abraham Lincoln, is seriously ill at his home. He had been in good health, despite his age, until recently.

Abandon Sectional Football.

Williamsburg, Va., Aug. 29.—(AP)—The second oldest institution of higher learning in America, William and Mary College, is the first of the Southern colleges to virtually abandon sectional football. Its schedule for the fall season shows almost as many games above the Mason and Dixon line as below it.

The schedule includes games with the Navy, at Annapolis; Syracuse, at Syracuse; Harvard, at Cambridge; and Haverhill, at Haverhill, Mass. Only one North Carolina college will be battled by the Virginia team during the season. William and Mary will meet Duke University at Norfolk October 24.

Robber Is Locked in Vault of Bank

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 28.—A. E. Wilson, branch manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, here, today captured a holdup man by rushing out of the vault and slamming the door. The intruder, ignoring clerks shouting in with him, fired at the lock until police removed him.

The would-be robber, Joseph Leonard, 18, displayed two pistols as he entered the bank. Soon he had Wilson and two assistants corralled in the vault. When Leonard went to seek the loot, Wilson ran out, banged the door and called the police.

"Bashful" Man Steals a Platinum Diamond Ring.

Greensboro, Aug. 28.—A "bashful" young man, name not known, who couldn't induce his girl to come into a jewelry store here to see some watches, managed to make away with a \$400 platinum diamond ring, "palm-ling" it and hastening from the store, police were notified today. It is believed he is the same nimble fingered man who victimized a High Point jewelry store the same way a few weeks ago.

Have Tribune or Times Sent to Your Boy or Girl at College.

When your boy or girl goes off to college this fall, send him or her The Tribune every day or at least The Times Twice a week.

Had you thought of it, the one thing that will perhaps be the most welcome of all during the weeks and months away from home is the home paper. It is a "letter from home." The boys and girls want to get the home news.

And a fine thing about it is, that each issue of the paper will cost less than the equivalent of a two-cent stamp delivered to his box at college. Keep this in mind and let the paper start when the boy or girl leaves. If you doubt how much they will appreciate it, ask those who got the paper from home last year. "Now is the time to subscribe."

WANT DEBT PLANS ADOPTED AT ONCE

Hoped to Have All Plans Ready for Congress When The Body Meets Again in December.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The American debt commission has set a goal of cleaning up all war debt funding in time for action by the next session of Congress, and to that end has made new progress in bringing the remainder of the smaller debtors to the point of negotiations.

With promise of action already given on the two larger loans yet unfunded, those of France and Italy, officials here believe the positive stand taken to speed up action by the smaller war time borrowers will enable them to wind up the entire business of debt funding during the coming winter.

The first fruits of the new pressure brought upon the smaller debtors comes in the information that Czechoslovakia, after plain notice from the United States that it desires such action without undue delay, will shortly send over a debt commission. The Greek government also has authorized its ministers here to open negotiations.

SAYS COOLIDGE TO SEEK THIRD TERM

Lawrence Sums Up Results of the Executive's Vacation; Politics Come First.

David Lawrence in Raleigh News and Observer.

Swampscott, Mass., Aug. 28.—As the summer "vacation" of President Coolidge draws to a close, it may be pertinent to sum up what the chief executive has accomplished.

First, he has had a good rest, and his health is benefited by the change of air.

Second, he has kept in touch with the work of government departments in a general sort of way, without burdening himself too heavily. Foreign affairs and the debt negotiations have been uppermost among the problems considered, but even in this Mr. Coolidge has depended upon and has followed recommendations of his cabinet officers.

Third, he has played his political cards with caution and prudence.

The last may prove in the end to have been the most important of all. For Mr. Coolidge likes politics. He has lived and breathed its atmosphere most of his mature years.

Getting away from Washington to a place where his every move is reported was in the first place what the experts call "good publicity." Then came the occasional conferences with admirers, who reported constantly to the President's political strength. Finally, after a summer of careful attention to Massachusetts state politics, in which the fate of Senator William M. Butler, candidate to succeed himself next year, hangs in the balance, the President's own sanction is given to the publication of a letter wherein there is a direct reference to the possibility that he will be a candidate in 1928.

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MITCHELL PLEADS FOR COOPERATION

Says Biplane Capable of Flying to Japan With Only One Stop Has Now Been Perfected.

Chicago, Aug. 29.—Col. Wm. Mitchell, former head of the army air service, says an American super-plane capable of non-stop flight to Paris with a ton of explosives, has been perfected but government permission to test it has been withheld.

"The producers of this plane believe, and I believe that the huge biplanes they have built are capable of flying to Peking with a single stop at Nome, Alaska, and with a ton of explosives. The planes are ready. They will make 113 miles an hour for 60 hours. But we can't prove it unless the army and navy heads see fit to grant us permission. The old foggy ideas are holding back the inevitable."

Col. Mitchell stopped here en route from Detroit to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he is stationed. He reiterated his stand that the air service should be made a complete organization in itself.

MILL EXECUTIVES IN DESPONDENT MOOD

No Indication Seen of Improvement in Business, Say Charlotte Mfg. Execs.

Charlotte, Aug. 28.—The textile manufacturing is sharply curtailed, with no indication seen of improvement within the near future, according to a survey of the opinion of executives of textile mills in this section. These mills have been feeling the depression since the cotton goods business during the past twelve months.

There is no sign of a revival of business, in the opinion of E. C. Dwele, vice president and assistant treasurer of the Chadwick Hoskins Company. This company operates the Chadwick-Hoskins, Louise, and Calvine Mills in this city, the Dover Mill, at Pineville, and the Martinsville Mill, at Martinsville, Va.

This chain is operating on a five day schedule each week, being closed one day in the power conservation program. The mills are operating only on a daylight schedule, as the Peary reported yesterday that with good weather she expected to reach Umanak last night.

Abandons His Wife Day After Marriage.

Greensboro, Aug. 28.—William Cole, aged 20, was sentenced to serve two years when he was up in Municipal Court today on the charge of abandoning his wife one day after he married her. He married her last July 2 and on July 3 left his wife at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cooke, near here. He went in search of work, he said, going as far as New Mexico.

THE COTTON MARKET

Relatively Easy Liverpool Cables Cause Opening Decline of From 3 to 8 Points.

New York, Aug. 29.—(AP)—An opening decline of 3 to 8 points influenced by relatively easy Liverpool cables was checked by week-end covering and trade buying in the cotton market today. Prices rallied a few points on demand from these sources but there was continued southern selling and offerings increased after the first few minutes on the belief that weather conditions were favorable for picking and reports of increased hedge selling from the Atlantic States. December declined to 22.71 before the end of the first hour with the general list showing net losses of 4 to 10 points. Private cables reported liquidation and hedge selling in Liverpool with a slow spot demand, but said there was some improvement in the demand for cotton goods from India.

Cotton futures: October 22.53; December 22.75; January 22.25; March 22.54; May 22.84.

Closed Easy.

New York, Aug. 29.—Cotton futures closed easy at a net decline of 21 to 24 points. October 22.35; December 22.50-61; January 22.10-15; March 22.30; May 22.67-71.

Caillaux Will Sail September 16th.

Paris, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Official announcement was made today that Finance Minister Caillaux will sail on Paris, September 16th for Washington to initiate the debt funding negotiations with the United States. M. Caillaux will be accompanied by only one expert. The remainder of the French mission is to follow on September 19 or 23.

Brookhart Holds Slight Margin.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(AP)—With only two counties remaining to be tabulated, Daniel F. Steck's net gain in the senate recount of the Iowa senatorial returns stood today at 927. If both contested and uncounted ballots are held valid, this would leave Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Steaks' Republican opponent, a slight margin.

Watch Signs of Length of Coal Strike

STARTS INQUIRY AT NEW ORLEANS

Gen. Andrews Wants to Know Conditions There, Where Officers Are Accused of Law Violation.

Washington, Aug. 29.—(AP)—Assistant Secretary Andrews has ordered special agents of the customs service to start an immediate investigation of conditions in New Orleans which resulted in the indictment of Walter L. Cohen, collector of the port there, who with several others have been charged with conspiracy under the prohibition laws.

The Assistant Secretary said he had telegraphed instructions to the agents there to make thorough inquiry and to report to him at the earliest possible moment. Meanwhile Cohen will be allowed to continue in office.

Mr. Andrews explained, however, that should the agents reports disclose suspicious circumstances, Cohen likely will be suspended.

GOLD AND SILVER PILED ON UNKNOWN SOLDIER'S TOMB

Tributes of Visitors Fast Turning Crypt in Westminster Abbey Into Treasury.

London, Aug. 29.—The crypt underneath the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey fast is becoming a veritable store of gold and silver—tributes laid on the tomb by visitors to the crypt.

One of the vergers in Westminster some time ago noticed a gold brooch lying on the tomb of the Unknown Warrior. It was his belief it had been dropped inadvertently by a visitor. On following days he found some rings and silver ornaments. A close watch revealed the fact that many women, possibly having lost relatives in the war, had developed the habit of leaving some personal trifle in gold or silver on the tomb.

So numerous have these offerings become that the tomb daily is cleared of the various articles, which are taken down to the crypt underneath. It has not yet been decided what shall be done with the tributes.

With Our Advertisers.

Get an overhead shower from E. B. Moore and learn the delights of an overhead bath.

If you want electrical work of any kind done, W. J. Hethcox will do it right.

Last showing today of "One Exciting Night" at the Concord Theatre. A packed house, upstairs and down stairs, greeted this picture last night. Monday and Tuesday, "Another Man's Wife," with James Kirkwood and Lila Lee. Wednesday only, "The Lone Bandit."

The Concord Theatre will honor Merchants' free tickets every day next week except Saturday.

New Victor records at Bell & Harris. See list in new ad today.

New fall frocks, specially designed, from \$5.95 up at Fisher's. Blacks, copper and red shades, browns and royal purple. Wonderful selection of hats, too.

The Markson Shoe Store is a good place to trade. Phone 897.

Elks' Memorial to Harding.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 29.—The memorial erected by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to the late President Warren G. Harding will be unveiled tomorrow at the Elks' National Home, at Bedford, in the presence of a gathering of distinguished public men and many of the high officials of the order. President Harding was a member of the Elks, having joined the order in his home town of Marion and later transferring his membership to the Washington lodge.

Financial Statistics of the State Government of North Carolina, 1924

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.—The Department of Commerce announces a summary of the financial statistics of the State of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924.

Expenditures. The payments for maintenance and operation of the general departments of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1924, amounted to \$15,745,898, or \$5.79 per capita. This includes \$1,729,783 apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the State. The expenses of public service enterprises were \$28,370; interest on debt was \$3,394,218; and outlays for permanent improvements were \$32,670,011. The total payments, therefore, for expenses of general departments and of public service enterprises, interest, and outlays were \$51,933,498. In 1923 the comparative per capita for maintenance and operation of general departments was \$5.10 and in 1917, \$1.90. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Of the government costs reported above, \$30,346,678 was for highways, \$4,122,120 being for maintenance and \$26,224,552 for construction.

Revenues. The total revenue receipts of North Carolina for 1924 were \$21,202,335, or \$7.50 per capita. This was \$1,938,848 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$30,731,163 less than the total payment, including those for permanent im-

If Mules Are Brought From Mines It Indicates Miners Are Preparing for a Long Vacation.

SOME MULES IN MINES AS USUAL

But From Other Centers It Is Reported the Animals Have Been Brought to the Surface.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—(AP)—The mine mule in the next forty-eight hours is expected to forecast whether the anthracite suspension which goes into effect Monday at midnight will be long or short.

If mules are brought to the surface for the shutdown it will signify the belief that the mines will be closed a considerable time. If the mules remain below, sentiment will accordingly have been seen to favor brief duration.

Mules are brought to the surface in expectation of a long suspension in part of district one, the largest of the three union principalities, advised from Wilkes Barre say.

Shanokin, Pa., the seat of district nine, report on the other hand that mules there are to be left underground until there are stronger indications that suspension will not be comparatively short.

Operators and miners have agreed on terms of employment for the 10,000 maintenance men who will remain in mines to prevent flooding, cave-ins and deterioration.

Walkout Has Started. Philadelphia, August 29.—(AP)—Trusted lieutenants of both anthracite operators and miners began their denials today to take posts on the firing line in advance of mine suspension ordered by the union for Monday at midnight.

Activity slackened on both sides for the week-end, but advices from the anthracite region upstate indicated that to some extent the walkout of 158,000 mine workers is already underway.

South Carolina Man Appears as Champion of Fundamentalists—Wisconsin's Case.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Senator Cole Bleese of South Carolina, is now in his office on Capitol Hill and