

DR. SINGMASTER IS DEAD AT HOME AT LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Prominent Leader of the Lutheran Church Dies From Effects of Stroke Suffered Monday.

WORKED HARD FOR CHURCH MERGER

Was President of Synod When Two Lutheran Churches in the Country Were United.

Gettysburg, Pa., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Dr. J. A. Singmaster, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary and one of the most prominent ministers of the United Lutheran Church of America, died here today from the effects of an apoplectic stroke suffered Monday.

Dr. Singmaster, who was 73 years old, died with regaining consciousness after the stroke.

As president of the general synod of the Lutheran Church, Dr. Singmaster was instrumental in bringing about the merger which resulted in the creation of the United Lutheran Church of America.

For twenty-five years Dr. Singmaster served on the board of foreign missions of the church.

His widow and five children survive.

MOORESVILLE MAN UNDER \$1,000 BOND IN GASTON

Fred Turner Charged With Wrong Answers to Questions

Gastonia, Feb. 26.—Fred Turner, young man of a well-to-do family at Mooresville, and a former student at well known denominational educational institution in this state, was placed under a \$1,000 bond today by Judge B. Capps, following evidence in a case brought against the defendant by an 18 year old Cherryville girl.

The girl claims she was seduced under promise of marriage by Turner after the two had known each other only a few days in Cherryville in March, 1925.

Alleges False Arrest and Demands \$10,000

Charlotte, Feb. 26.—Alleging false arrest, Barney Bowles, of this city has filed suit here asking or ten thousand dollars damage against E. S. Reynolds.

With Our Advertisers.

Felice is a new spring shoe creation in footwear and Ruth-Kesler has it.

W. J. Hethcox will at any time furnish you with an estimate of any electrical work you may want.

The Concord Plumbing Co. can serve you with any kind of plumbing.

Vote of Confidence For Doumergue.

Paris, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The French Senate today gave the Doumergue government a vote of confidence, 258 to 34, on the government's tax program.

Place Your Application With Mgr. Concord Theatre For

Charleston Contest

1st Prize—\$15 in gold. 2nd Prize—\$10 in gold. 3rd Prize—Season Pass.

NOTICE TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The boy who delivers your paper each day is authorized to collect from you. At stated intervals the boy is given a list to use in making collection.

FOURTEEN FREIGHT CARS LEAVE TRACK

The Wreck Occurred at Boston's Bridge on the Asheville Division of the Southern Railroad.

Statesville, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Fourteen cars of eastbound Southern Railway freight No. 84 were derailed at Boston's Bridge, three miles west of here today.

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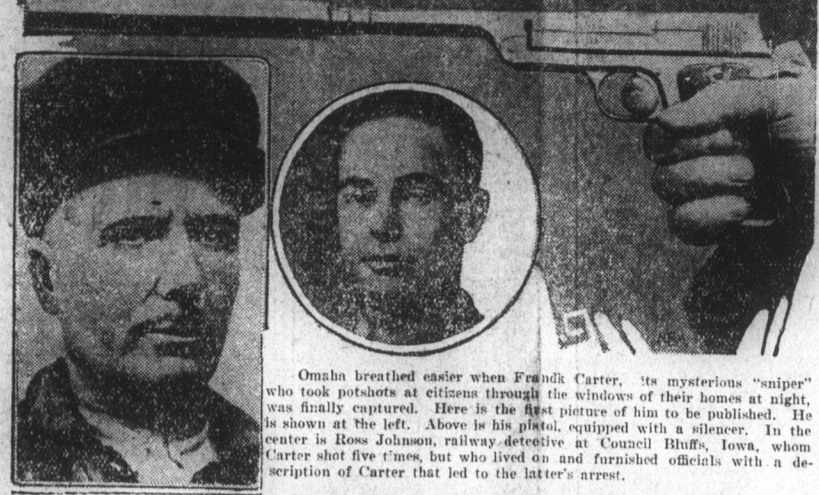
New York, Feb. 26.—Gaston B. Means, brought here from Atlanta penitentiary, where he is serving a two year prison term, to testify in a grand jury investigation of the American Metals Company case.

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THE POLITICAL POT HAS BEGUN TO BOIL

R. R. Reynolds Runs for Senate.—Women Will Take Active Hand

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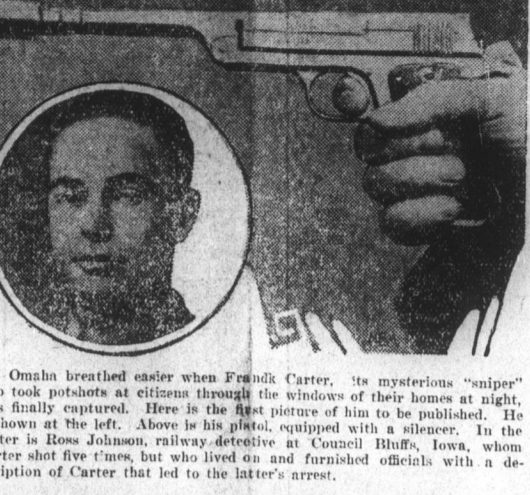
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UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES TO MEET MARCH 2ND

To Hear Report of Committee Appointed to Confer With Dr. Chase

Dr. Chase has been offered the presidency of the University of Oregon. During the past month he has visited the Pacific coast institution to confer with its officials and at present is halfway across the continent en route to Chapel Hill.

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KANSAS PRAIRIES WILL RING WITH SINGING OF "MESSIAH"

For the 49th Consecutive Year Handel's "Messiah" Will Be Sung Next Month.

It will be a gathering of musical artists—Claire Dux, soprano with the Chicago Opera Company; Dussolina who next fall is to appear as guest prima donna with Berlin and Hamburg opera companies; Carleton Cummings, Chicago tenor and others.

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SENATOR SMITH IS OFFERING ANOTHER FARM RELIEF PLAN

Would Develop Agriculture Credit System Distinct From the Commercial Banks.

LONG CREDIT IS ALSO OFFERED

Agency Should Be Under Federal Reserve Board.—Full Plans Were Not Disclosed by Senator.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—As a farm relief measure, Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, today proposed to President Coolidge the development of an agriculture credit system distinct from commercial banks.

Although he did not reveal details of his plan during his conference at the White House, Senator Smith pointed out that the farmer really has a two-year turn over problem, one year to plant and harvest his crop, and another to dispose of it on the market.

Extension of credit to farmers through commercial banks, in Senator Smith's opinion, failed to take cognizance of the factor, and has proved inadequate for the agricultural needs of the nation.

Some Want to Fish, Others Are Athletes, Others Play Games, etc.

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 27.—(AP)—John Barrymore, who left Broadway his hobby to work in the movies, has become a typical Isaak Walton.

When he finds a day away from the camera, he packs up and goes on a fishing trip.

There is nothing that gives me so much peace of mind and rest of body," he said.

Syd Chaplin and Monte Blue, who also are in the coterie of Warner Brothers stars, are athletes. They play tennis, golf, ride horseback and go in for regular gymnastics.

When Irene Rich is not working at the studio or on location, she utilizes many of her spare moments in designing costumes for new pictures.

Willard Louis' hobby is raising chrysanthemums and his flowers usually carry away prizes at the yearly Hollywood show.

Dolores Costello, who appeared opposite Barrymore in "The Sea Beast," has danced since she was a child and she intends to keep it up with her work in the movies.

Not one but several are the hobbies of Louise Fazenda. One is collecting ancient china. Another is reading and a third is the collection of tapestries.

Patsy Ruth Miller has a roadster and she spends hours in it. All the Warner directors spend much of their time in reading and research work.

Ernst Lubitch has a large library in which he may not find almost any time he is not directing. Occasionally, however, he is seen in a swimming pool.

JOHNSON BILL GIVEN COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Bill Will Carry Out Comprehensive Program Liberalizing Veterans Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The House Veterans Committee today reported the emergency officers retirement bill and agreed upon the Johnson bill to carry out a comprehensive program liberalizing the world war veterans legislation.

The retirement bill, sponsored by Representative Fitzgerald, republican of Ohio, provides for retirement at 75 per cent of service pay of certain officers outside the regular army who were injured in line of duty.

The Johnson bill, the report upon which is nearly completed, would amend the Veterans act of 1924 to extend the time for filing disability claims, create a separate medical corps in the veterans bureau, and extend the time limit for completion of rehabilitation and hospitalization work.

Superintendents of public Welfare to Meet.

Greensboro, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Plans have been completed for the one-day convention here of the North Carolina superintendents of public welfare on March 24th.

She Leads 'Em



Presenting Miss Frances Jay of New York City. She's captain of the Bryn Mawr girls' college basketball team.

A star all-round player, Miss Jay stands out as one of the best on the outfit. She's a sport enthusiast, though prefers the court game to all others.

RAY CASE TO JURY DURING AFTERNOON

Argument by Counsel Is Expected to Be Concluded During the Early Part of the Afternoon.

Asheville, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The fate of Wallace Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. O. V. Burnett in a pistol duel last November is expected to go to the jury this afternoon, according to information reaching here from Marshall.

Attorney E. R. Edney, of Mars Hill, assisting in the prosecution, made his argument after the court opened this morning. He was followed by Attorney Thomas Rollins, of Asheville, for the defense.

Solicitor J. Ed Swain, of Asheville, was scheduled to close the argument after Attorney Rollins had finished.

As the time neared for Ray to see the third jury to retire to determine his fate, the 48-year-old mountaineer sat closely observing the proceedings.

With him were his ten-year-old son and two daughters, even younger. One of the little girls sat on her father's lap and both were eating candy.

The court room proper and the gallery were filled to overflowing this morning. Standing room filled while the attorneys argued the case. A large proportion of the crowd was women and scores of school children were present.

MRS. LAURA KIRKWOOD DIES IN BALTIMORE

Was Editor of Kansas City Times and Wife of Editor of Kansas City Star.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Laura Nelson Kirkwood, wife of the publisher of the Kansas City Star, was found dead in the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore, Md., this morning.

This information came to the Star in long distance telephone message today.

Mrs. Kirkwood was a daughter of William Rockhill Nelson, for many years editor and owner of the Kansas City Star.

Death was due to heart disease. Mrs. Kirkwood left Kansas City last Sunday night for Baltimore to undergo treatment with a Baltimore specialist.

She was trustee for the William Rockhill Nelson estate.

TO REPLY FORMALLY TO MEXICAN NOTE

Government's Views on Anti-Allen Land and Petroleum Laws Will Be Given.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Secretary Kellogg decided today in conference with Chas. B. Warren of Detroit, former ambassador to Mexico, to reply formally to the recent note from the Mexican government, regarding enactment of new anti-Allen and anti-petroleum laws, and their retroactive effect upon American interests in Mexico.

Despite the fact that neither Mr. Warren nor the State Department officials was willing to make any statement concerning the Mexican situation their decision to extend the discussions by further diplomatic exchanges was taken as an indication that there was no hope now that a satisfactory adjustment would be made.

WEALTHY MAHARAJAH OF INDORE LEAVES POWER TO HIS SON

The Maharajah Had Been in Trouble Following the Murder of a Friend of Mumtaz Begum.

WEALTHY ESTATE GOES TO HIS SON

It Is Alleged That Dancing Girl's New Friend Was Killed Because of Jealousy in Maharajah.

Bombay, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The wealthy Maharajah of Indore, storm center in a scandal involving the murder of a merchant friend of his favorite dancer, abdicated today in favor of his son.

The Maharajah's heir is Prince Yeshwant Rao Holkar, who was born in 1908 and who now becomes ruler over a state with an area of 9,500 square miles, and a population of 1,150,000.

The dancing girl figured in the scandal which now has cost the Maharajah his throne, is Mumtaz Begum, one of his former favorites.

Mumtaz escaped from Maharajah's household and sought the protection of Abdul Kadir Bawla, a Bombay merchant of great wealth.

Early in January of last year she and her new protector were attacked by a group of armed men allegedly in the employ of the Maharajah while driving on Malabar Hill in the outskirts of Bombay.

A number of British officers golfing nearby rushed to the assistance of the pair and beat off their assailants, but not before Bawla had been killed and the girl's beauty marred by a knife cut across the face.

The affair caused a great stir and seven officials connected with the Indore government were arrested and tried. Three were sentenced to death for the killing of Bawla and the other four were deported.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Today at Decline of 2 to 13 Points. Active Months Selling 8 to 13 Points Lower.

New York, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The cotton market opened today at a decline of 2 to 12 points, active months selling about 8 to 14 points net lower during the first few minutes in response to lower Liverpool cables, continued good weather in the South and rather less favorable reports from the cloth market.

July and later deliveries made new low ground for the movement but there was a good deal of covering at the decline and the market soon steadied, prices showing rallies of 5 to 8 points from the lowest, with a selling around 18.81 at the end of the first hour.

A report that a private survey of the cotton belt showed no indication of intention to curtail acreage attracted bearish comment, but reactionary sentiment was considerably in evidence after a decline of over one cent per pound since the end of last week.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 19.27; May 18.73; July 18.18; Oct. 17.60; Dec. 17.26.

Closed at Decline.

New York, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed at net declines of 13 to 18 points. March 19.25-26; May 18.70-72; July 18.08-10; October 17.50-53; December 17.20-21.

Gold or Silver Necklace Is Faid of New York Women.

New York, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Smart New York women are sporting a brand new sign of their slavery to fashion. It is a solid gold or silver necklet in its plain metal design much like the iron "wedding ring" worn by brides of certain primitive African tribes.

In fact it has been called the "Twentieth Century Wedding Ring," or, by rapid alteration, the "Alimony Ring."

Introduced in Paris by Raquel Meller, French singer, the necklet was brought here by Gertrude Lawrence, English star in one of the Broadway revues. One fashionable shop alone reports that it sold more than 2,000 of the necklets to debutantes, young society women and matrons during January.

Consistance Talmadge to Marry.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 26.—The Examiner says today that Consistance Talmadge, the film star, and Oliver McIntosh, of London, are to be married tomorrow at Burlingame, a suburb of San Francisco.

Never waste anything—not even advice.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS!

Fair tonight and Sunday, slightly colder in north portion tonight, slowly rising temperature Sunday in west and central portions. Fresh northwest winds diminishing.