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NO ARMS CONFERENCE POSSIBLE NOW.

Great Britain has halted plans of the Coolidge administration for an arms conference to affect only Japan, Great Britain and the United States.

The Geneva conference has been able to do nothing and President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg thought the time ripe for a sequel to the Harding-Hughes naval treaties.

The Coolidge administration planned for a conference that would extend the 5-5-3 ratio to all naval categories. Great Britain wanted certain clauses that would have given Japan a larger navy than the United States.

And then another new condition arose. Premier Mussolini stated that Italy was going to start a great naval program with an elaborate fleet of submarines.

Japan wants the conference. At present the United States has not completed her part of the 5-5-3 program and the Japanese fear that Great Britain continues to halt the conference making it imperative for them to build craft they can't afford now.

DR. POTEAT TO RESIGN.

Dr. Poteat is going to resign in June as president of Wake Forest College—that is unless someone in the meantime starts another attack on him and leaves the impression that he is quitting under fire.

Some time ago Dr. Poteat said when he reached the age of seventy he wanted to step out and let a younger and more vigorous man take up the active duties as president of Wake Forest. He was ready to quit last year, many of his friends contended, but about that time some of the people who do not like his evolution views decided to get rid of him.

Dr. Poteat then let it be known that he would not resign. He was tired, felt that he had given Wake Forest the better part of a capable and active life, yet he was not willing to step out so long as his actions were being questioned. We predicted then and we repeat the prediction that he will stay at Wake Forest just as long as he wants to.

Dr. Poteat should be allowed to resign in peace. He has proved his strength time and time again and can do it again, but he doesn't want to. He wants to live the rest of his life close to Wake Forest, to be sure, but not as its active president. His contributions to the college and the denomination in the State entitle him to whatever he wants.

SOUTH WILL DECIDE.

What is done at the next Democratic convention in regard to abolishing the two-thirds rule and unit rule will be decided by the South. Delegates from the Southern States will hold the balance of power. The movement has been given impetus by the declaration of John W. Davis for the change.

Whether or not the South wants to sup-

port Governor Al Smith may determine the fate of the movement at the next convention. If the Southern delegates go to the convention determined to defeat Governor Smith there probably will be no change in the law for under the present system they feel that they can prevent his nominations whereas with the majority rule they might not be so successful.

If Governor Smith is not a candidate the rule may be changed but we doubt it. Prominent men in the party are advocating the change and the new system has its advantages, still the South likes to know that it holds some power, even though under the present system it cannot put over its candidate without help from some other section of the country.

MIGHT TRY THE NEW JERSEY WAY.

In a single day recently 44 auto drivers in New Jersey were deprived of license to drive an automobile because they were convicted of driving at the wheel while under the influence of liquor.

We do not know how many were sentenced to jail in addition to having their license revoked, but we hope the total was 44. However, taking the license from a man is one way of helping a bad situation. The man who cares too little for human life to stay sober while driving an automobile has no business driving one.

North Carolina could at least try the New Jersey system. Certainly conditions could be no worse under it than they are at present when many persons seem to have no fear whatever for the law and its consequences.

New Jersey officials who investigated the Hall-Mills murder case four years ago are up in arms as a result of charges by present officials that the first investigation was more or less of a farce. Persons questioned at the first inquiry were believed without much corroboration, it is charged, and this manner of doing things led to no solution to the mystery. There's lots of money in the family of Mrs. Hall who is now charged with the murder of her husband and his choir singer.

WISE CRACKS.

Two youngsters in an Arkansas town were fined for drawing a can of pepper into the ventilating fan of a movie theater. At that, however, a lot of movies would be better off for more pepper.—Banner, Nashville, Tenn. The trouble with most people who stop to make up their minds is that they use concrete in the construction.—Times, Gadsden, Ala. In many homes no radio is needed. Either the husband or the wife is in the air most of the time.—The Bee, Danville, Va. Well, if you should even attempt to fly across the crossings the engine of the airplane might go "dead" on you.—Constitution, Atlanta, Ga. Borrowing money is dangerous. You may have to pay it back.—The Ledger, Lakeland, Fla. It appears that in moments of tension, women are much more cool than men. In America before a woman shoots her husband she usually says, "One lump or two?"—The Bee, Danville, Va.

OUTLAW THE LASH.

Winston-Salem Journal. The new thing to do with the chaingang system in North Carolina is to cut its head off, was the opinion of Governor Bickett. He did not think it ever would be possible to develop the system to the point where prisoners would be treated decently.

The trial of the "whipping boss" in Stanly County has only served to attract acute attention to an evil that has been a blot upon the fair name of North Carolina for years. And whether the Stanly official on trial is convicted or not of the specific charges preferred against him, there is no question but that prisoners have been cruelly treated. They have been whipped with a lash.

But until we do succeed in developing better prisons than the chaingangs Judges could, if they would, do much to safeguard prisoners against cruel treatment at the hands of chaingang superintendents or guards.

If all Superior Court Judges in North Carolina would do what Judge Oglesby did in Winston-Salem yesterday, they would just about succeed in banishing cruelty from all of our chaingangs.

"The time has passed in North Carolina when cruelty to convicts will be tolerated," said Judge Oglesby in his public charge to the Grand Jury. "Whipping convicts is an insult to the decent citizenship of North Carolina," he added, and then served this notice on the grand jury and all the assembled host of witnesses:

"I don't intend to sentence any man to any chaingang where he is beaten with a lash or anything else. If the superintendent or guard can't get service out of his men without whipping them, then he is incompetent to be in charge of convicts."

That's the sort of doctrine that ought to be promulgated from every bench in North Carolina. It has the unqualified approval of the best public sentiment in the Commonwealth. No doubt about that. Stand by you, judges, Good people everywhere are with you. The lash has no place in modern prisons.

THINKS COTTON IS BOUND TO GO UP.

Gastonia Gazette. "Shut your eyes and believe in cotton: it is going higher," says J. S. Oliver, of New York, who was a recent visitor in Gastonia. This man has been saying all along that cotton would be higher by September than it is now.

We do not know whether he knows much about it or not, but at any rate his observations are interesting to a cotton community. Cotton is America's chief money crop. Some may doubt its intrinsic value but the outside world never will. It is gold, he says, not silver, and gold will never be denied. The price of cotton is at times jammed too low, but the value remains intact.

Continuing, Mr. Oliver says, "This country is richer than the rosiest dreams of an oriental potentate. Our calm, wise leaders say confidentially that we are on the eve of another great commercial and industrial boom. If this is true, shall cotton, our greatest single national asset, be behind? We say—It certainly won't!" "Allowing for natural setbacks occasionally, we believe cotton will move up around 20 cents about the middle of August. If the St. Louis Daily Ledger holds true, we are in for 40 days rain. Southern mills should exercise the same foresight as foreign and New England manufacturers; they are stocking up with cheap American cotton. Most everyone is convinced that cotton is worthless; this is just one of the reasons it is going up. The public is taking cold showers, adding daily to the technical strength. Dealers will have to pay.

GOVERNOR McLEAN IS NOW ON HIS VACATION

Is in the Wisconsin Woods.—Will Spend Six Hours a Day in Forest Exercises.

Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Vacation time for the Governor does not mean vacation time for newspaper men in Raleigh and they are having to work harder than ever to find news while Governor McLean is today travelling northward to the big woods and lake country of northeastern Wisconsin, for a three weeks' vacation. He smiled broadly in keen anticipation when he told newspaper men good-bye at their last conference with him Saturday. They all would have liked to accompany him to the cool of the northern nights under the glow of the northern lights.

The camp to which he is going, near Lan-O-Lakes, almost on the Michigan line, in the north-eastern corner of Wisconsin, is visited yearly by those who enjoy strenuous physical exercise, and Governor McLean said that he is eagerly looking forward to the six hours a day spent in felling trees, rolling logs and clearing a road through the dense forest, which comprises part of the camp program. He hopes to reduce his waist line six inches and to part with 15 or 20 pounds of excess weight as a result of the physical culture program. After the hours of heavy-work recreation, the time will be spent in swimming, fishing and boating on the many beautiful lakes in that district.

The lakes country of Wisconsin is not new to the Governor, who has visited it several times before, and each time he finds new enjoyment in the change of climate and the dry vigorous atmosphere. He states that he finds it necessary to go this far away from home in order to relax and get away, entirely from public cares. His two elder children, Angus W. and Margaret, accompany him. It will be their first trip to the big woods and lakes of the North Lake country. Mrs. McLean and Hector will spend their vacation some place nearer home, just where not having yet been decided.

Gov. McLean has made arrangements to keep in daily touch with his office here, so that when necessary, and matters are important enough to warrant it, he can give them his personal attention. He is hoping, however, that this will not be necessary, as he hopes to get away from official duties as much as possible.

CHARLESTON GETS O.K.

Fruit Dancing Masters Who Admit It's a Bit Rithicalous.

(By International News Service.) New York, Aug. 4.—"The Charleston is an expression of animal spirits," says Adolph Newberger, 64-year-old dean of dancing teachers. "The young folks of this generation are high-spirited and want to hop. It is excellent exercise and city folk need it."

The Charleston was psycho-analyzed by Newberger as follows:

"It is innocuous as a nervous habit. "Wholesome as the antics of a kitten. "Childish as skipping the rope. "Joyous as a dance around the Christmas tree. "Has less sex in it than a game of London Bridge. "It is a bit ridiculous but makes the dancer look gay and happy."

Census Takers Have Their Troubles.

(By International News Service.) Asheville, Aug. 4.—R. B. Sizemore, city school census taker, has had his patience tried once too often. Sizemore had tried in vain on two occasions to obtain facts for his school report from the home of Sam King. King evidently held a small opinion of the value of census takers. He and his wife refused to let Sizemore enter their home.

The census taker had a warrant made out for King's arrest. Magistrate T. F. Hunter heard the complaint and suspended judgment upon the payment of costs.

But Sizemore declared he failed even then to get the desired information from King. It was from one of the witnesses at the hearing, he said, that he found out King's stop-daughter is of school age, and is to be included in the school population.

To Jail Six Months For Contempt of Court.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(AP)—County Judge Jarecki today sentenced four precinct judges and clerks of election to jail for six months for contempt of court. The charges were founded on false returns certified by the election officials at the April primary.

Already 151 persons, chiefly judges and clerks have been indicted by a special grand jury as a result of frauds in the primary in Cook county.

NORTH CAROLINA OYSTERS

Inspection of the Beds Being Made by the State Board of Health.

Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 4.—In order that North Carolina oysters may be safe for gastronomy, bacteriological inspection of all the oyster and clam beds in the state is being begun by the State board of health, assisted by J. L. Robertson, sanitary engineer of the United States public health service, shellfish division, who is in Raleigh today on his way to Morehead City and Wrightsville Beach, where a survey of the waters will be made. This is the second year the survey has been made, and it is hoped by the board of health that as good a showing will be made this year as last, when the United States public health service pronounced the shellfish situation in North Carolina the best in the entire United States.

The latter part of the week Mr. Robertson will join T. R. McCrea, permanent inspector of the State board of health and the State fishery commission, on the patrol boat "Pamlico," which has a complete laboratory fitted up in it, and they will make a number of bacteriological tests of both the upper and lower waters of Wrightsville Sound, where there are more clams and oysters. They will then cruise north to Bogue Sound at Morehead City, and to Pamlico Sound, where the largest oyster beds are located, just off Hyde county, and at the mouth of the Neuse River. Mr. Robertson expects to spend some thirty days with Mr. McCrea and at the end of that time he expects again to be able to pronounce the North Carolina oyster beds the best in the United States.

Although North Carolina oysters are the best and purest on the market, virtually nothing has been done to advertise them, with the result that most of the 310,000 bushels of oysters dredged annually in the state are shipped out of the state, sold under some other label, and then shipped back in under an out-of-the-state label and sold at much higher prices.

A Sordid Story of the Slums.

(By International News Service.) New York, Aug. 4.—Bennett Ferrara, 73-year-old Brooklyn man, has added the unusual touch to a sordid story of the slums. Like the movies, it came out all right in the end.

Four years ago the white-haired old man was sentenced to prison for endangering the morals of Rosalia Giarruppe, then eleven. The other day he married her.

The marriage was Ferrara's own doing. After he came out of prison with a two-year term behind him, he showered gifts upon the girl. He gave her \$1,000 in cash, a diamond studded wrist watch, and then a handsome engagement ring. Still, he was not satisfied, and finally came the conviction that only marriage "could right an old wrong."

The marriage almost didn't occur. The bride was waiting in her marital bower and went. Finally her brother went in search of the missing bridegroom.

He found Ferrara sleeping soundly in his home. Frantically, shook him. "Do you know this is your wedding day?" he demanded. Ferrara yawned.

"Well, what about it?" he said. Then he rose and donned his marriage garb.

Electric Storm Kills Two Cows.

(By International News Service.) Adams, Tenn., Aug. 4.—A severe electric storm which swept this section a few days ago killed two of Joe Elliott's cows, one which was being milked at the time by Mrs. Elliott, and the woman escaped uninjured. The cows were standing near one another when the bolt shot out of the sky. Mrs. Elliott was milking one of the cows, hurrying through before the rain began to fall.

Mrs. Elliott was pinned underneath one cow's head as the two animals fell dead instantly. Her husband assisted her to freedom.

No other damage was reported from the storm in this section.

Drive Against Rabid Dogs.

(By International News Service.) Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 4.—Showing progress in their drive against vicious "mad" dogs in the city local police have killed many canines in the streets of Atlanta during the past week.

Several children have been bitten recently by stray dogs on the streets which have attacked many pedestrians.

Police have devised means of coping with the situation by the provision of a "dog squad," armed with shot-guns.

Operation of a "dog wagon" to pick up all unmasked canines found on the streets is also helping in the drive.

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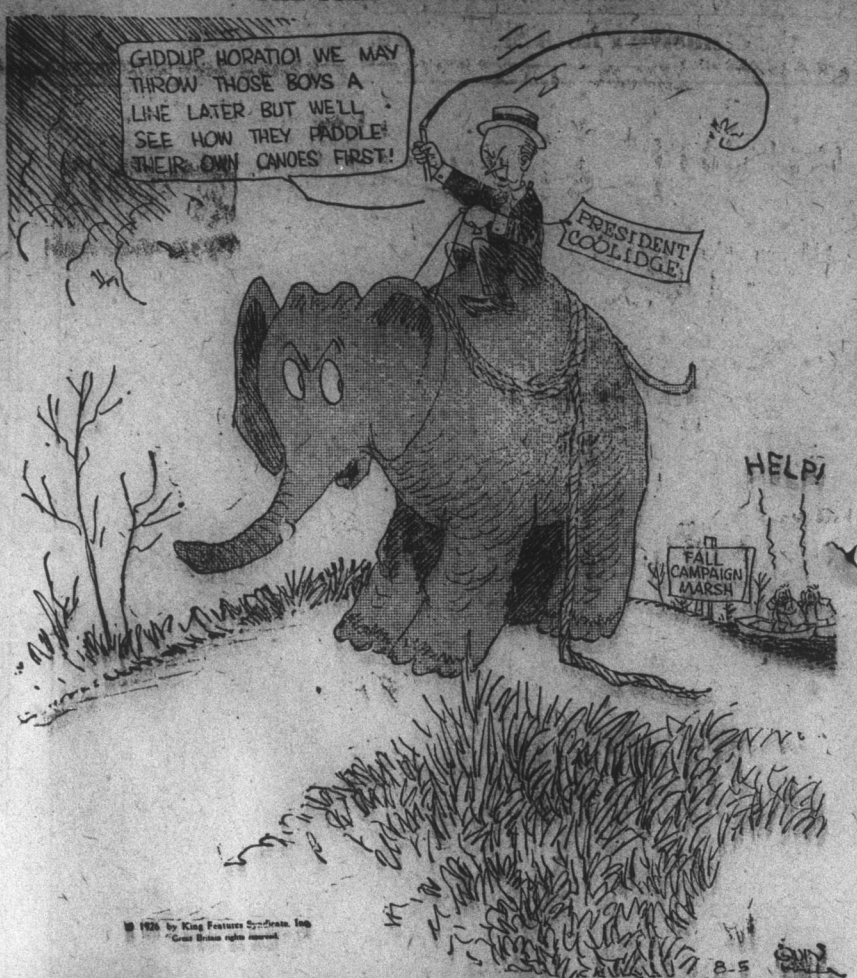
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