

SIR ESME HOWARD HEARD AT VIRGINIA DARE CELEBRATION

Was the Representative of British Government at Ceremonies Held at Historic Island.

MANY OFFICIALS IN LARGE CROWD

On This Island Was Born Virginia Dare, the First White Child Born on the American Continent.

Roanoke Island, N. C., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Meeting near the spot where the British ensign was first planted on the western continent, Sir Esme Howard, English Ambassador to the United States, united with high government and military officials today in commemorating the birth 39 years ago today of Virginia Dare, the first English child born on American soil.

Reaching the island early today from Washington on a government coast guard vessel the British ambassador and other members of the memorial party listened to an invocation by Bishop Thomas G. Darst, of the East Carolina Episcopal Diocese.

Sir Esme Howard then was introduced. His address, delivered from a rostrum erected beneath old oaks which tradition says were the scene of the Christening of baby Virginia Dare, marked the first active participation by the British government in the annual ceremonies.

When Sir Esme had finished the assembled thousands lifted their voices in unison to the strains of the "International Anthem" specially composed for the occasion and particularly appropriate with the commemorations of "America" and "God Save the King."

Bishop Chesley, president of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, presided at the program which also included music by a government band.

The ceremony closed with the benediction by President Chesley.

Then followed a visit to various historic spots on the island, including the market at Fort Raleigh which shows the history, so far as is known, of the settlement. Luncheon was served under the trees.

Virginia Dare was born shortly after the arrival of her parents at Roanoke Island with Sir Walter Raleigh's third expedition to the continent, "Virginia," her mother, was a daughter of Governor John White, of the colony.

Soon after the child was born White sailed to England and on his return later found no trace of the settlers, who had disappeared.

Thereafter the settlement was known to tradition as the "Raleigh Lost Colony."

One story has it that the settlers were merged with the Croatan Indians, another that they were killed. The latter theory is supported by the official report of the expedition to Virginia, which had instructions to search for the Roanoke island colony.

Another belief is that the majority of the hundred or more colonists were killed and that a few children were carried off by Croatans. Traces of white ancestry said to exist in present day Croatans are attributed to inter-marriage of these children with natives.

Sir Esme Howard's Address. Roanoke Island, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Belief that the United States is leading the world into a new era and a better way of life that ultimately will bring "spiritual rebirth," and thereby universal peace, was expressed today by Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador to this country. He was a speaker at the anniversary of the birthday of Virginia Dare, first white child born in the American colony.

The material development of this country was set aside by Sir Esme as "a secondary matter."

"What I specially rejoice in here," he said, "is rather the belief that this country is leading the world into a new era, into a better way of life that, provided we can keep the ideal before our eyes as well as the merely practical, will, and indeed ultimately must, make for a great spiritual rebirth and help us to that universal peace both at home and abroad for which all men in all countries are truly longing today."

America's great contribution to world progress is its human policy in industry in the opinion of Sir Esme.

"Numbers of your leaders in public life and in industry seem to have realized before those in other countries that the health and happiness of the men and women who work in your factories, in your mines, in your great stores are as necessary to the well-being and to the successful prosecution of a business as any other part of it. You have learned the gospel of high wages, as it has been called, and you have applied it and showed

"Bob" Destroying Feminine Beauty; Blamed For Moustaches on Women

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Philadelphia, Aug. 17.—Local dermatologists and beauty specialists scoff at the theory, made recently by Miss Frances Martel, secretary of the American Cosmetics Society, that the "Bob" promotes moustaches, beards and hairy patches on young women's faces. Miss Martel asserted the "Bob" should be done away with as it is destroying feminine beauty.

"My experience with women," declared a prominent Philadelphia physician, "is that if a woman's hair is set on having her hair bobbed she'll bob it if it kills her. So what's the difference if in two or

three generations hence women will all be bearded ladies? The lady with long tresses would clip her hair just the same.

Scientifically no amount of bobbing will produce hair where Nature did not implant it, skin specialists assert.

Cutting the hair strengthens the hair's growth on the head, they say.

"There are even a few cases of bearded ladies," one Doctor remarked. "But it is utterly improbable and fantastic that two or three generations to come will see the feminine half of the population utilizing the barber shop, except to renew the popular 'bob'."

"Private cables said the advance in Liverpool was due to local and long buying and reported a fair demand for cotton cloth in South America, but that China advices were discouraging."

Cotton futures opened firm. Oct. 16.88; Dec. 16.88; Jan. 16.80; March 17.10; May 17.27.

VALENTINO'S CONDITION SOMEWHAT BETTER TODAY

Rested Reasonably Comfortable During Night and Seemed Better Today.

New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—A slight improvement in the condition of Rudolph Valentino, movie star, was reported this morning from the Polytechnic hospital where he has been seriously ill since the double operation for gastric ulcer and appendicitis on Sunday.

A bulletin issued by three physicians at 10 a. m. said: "Mr. Valentino rested reasonably comfortably last night and showed slight improvement in general condition this morning. Temperature 101, pulse 90, respiration 22."

BOONE STRUCK BY HIGH WINDS AND HEAVY RAINS

Mud Two Feet Deep Left in Streets and Considerable Damage Done.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 17.—A severe wind and rain storm caused considerable damage in the mountain section near Boone, according to messages received by the seventh district highway department Monday.

The rain, it is said, washed mud two feet deep upon some of the streets of Boone. Highway engineers were sent to Boone from Lenoir and nearby points and are busy repairing the roads. Telephone lines to Boone were torn down.

The Kentucky Auto Tags. (By International News Service) Middleboro, Ky., Aug. 17.—Kentucky's auto tags in 1927 will have a bright blue background with white numerals. A contract for the tags has been awarded and they will be delivered to the county court clerks by November 1st. The tags cost the state of Kentucky fifteen cents each, but cost about a hundred times that much to the autoists.

The tennis doubles champions of the city will be determined this afternoon at the Country Club when Easley and Morrison play J. L. and R. P. Bell for the title. The winning team must win three out of five sets.

The new message that I think America is sending the world is that the lives of men are more than mere goods and that peace and contentment are more than mere wealth. Of this latter there is such abundance in this country in many quarters that it has become for many of its possessors a cheap and secondary possession.

"Therefore, I look forward to seeing America spread the gospel of this new learning in political economy over the world and so usher in an era of well-being, peace and content such as neither the extreme doctrines of the Manchester school on the one side nor those of Karl Marx on the other could possibly bring about."

Earlier in his address Sir Esme had said that Walter Raleigh was "the first of our great empire builders, as Cecil Rhodes was probably the last."

He took issue with the opinion set forth by a historian, whom he did not name, in an article published recently in the Church School Journal, where in the bishop stated that "in some ways the life of Cecil Rhodes is one of the most sordid human biographies on record."

Explaining that he did not uphold everything that was done by the first empire builders of any race, Sir Esme nevertheless maintained that the establishment of civilized life as a substitute for uncivilized life was justified. He said he believed Cecil Rhodes' ideal of a dominant British race "a wholly mistaken one, for it could, if carried to its extreme limits, but bring discord rather than peace, since it was based not on goodwill among men but rather on that, in my opinion, most fallacious of all modern premises in politics, the general superiority of the Nordic race."

England the habit of gum chewing is confined almost wholly to miners and industrial workers who cannot smoke while at work.

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SCHOOL BOOKS TO COST CHILDREN LESS

The Difference Between the North Carolina and Tennessee Contracts.

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—The State department of education is taking every step possible so that school children in North Carolina will not have to pay a cent more for their school books than children in Tennessee do, but no definite announcement as to what has been done or can be done to remedy the inequality of school book prices between North Carolina and Tennessee can be made until the board of education meets, which cannot take place until the return of Governor A. W. McLean from Wisconsin, according to A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction, when asked today as to what progress was being made. It seems that the difference in the cost of the books, which varies from one to seventeen cents more for North Carolina than in Tennessee, results from a difference in the form of contract and the differing basis upon which the books are sold.

For instance, in Tennessee, a dealer orders 100 primers at 35 cents each, or \$35 for the lot. It is counted as an outright sale, and he sells the books at 35 cents each plus the profit allowed by the law.

In North Carolina the same 100 primers, say, are ordered on a consignment basis, and listed as such rather than as an outright sale, and the dealer instead of being billed \$35 for the lot is billed say \$42 for the lot, or 42 cents each, but is allowed to deduct a certain discount, generally about 20 per cent, which would bring the net price down to \$33.60. But the discount is flexible and not always the same. And there is the rub. Although under the North Carolina system, the books that are not sold may be returned, and credit received for them while in Tennessee books cannot be returned, but must be re-sold to the firm from which they were purchased.

The question in North Carolina then is whether its entire purchasing system can be changed to conform with the Tennessee system, and whether the contract with the publishers which provides that no other state shall be given lower prices than this state, can and shall be enforced. It must be decided by the State board of education as a whole and not by any one person, Mr. Allen holds.

Attorney General Brummitt is making a study of the contracts to determine the legal status of the situation.

CONFERENCE IN REGARD TO GOLD MINING

North Carolina Men Have Conference with Geological Survey Officials.

Washington, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Philip G. Sturges, of Wood, N. C., and L. F. Tillery, of Rocky Mount, conferred with geological survey officials here today regarding the possibility of gold mining on a large scale in Franklin county.

After the conference at which assayers' report of samples of the deposits were examined, the two North Carolinians left for Philadelphia and New York to seek financial conditions to make possible the installation of hydraulic mining equipment. They said they were pleased with their talk with government experts.

Twenty-Four Racers Enter.

Charlotte, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Twenty-four leading racers, making up a great portion of the top position pilots in the A. A. A. championship standing for 1926, have made entry for the world's sprint race classic to be held here August 23rd.

Jack Foley and John Duff, two entries, the former killed at Salem and the latter injured at Atlantic City, made the largest entry list ever accepted for board tracks in America.

Four new life-savers are well on their way toward receiving the Red Cross and "Y" life saving certificates following a grueling, two-hour test last night at the "Y" pool. Two more two-hour periods and the boys will receive their degrees.

SAYS HALL AND MRS. MILLS MURDERED AT CRAB APPLE TREE

Dr. John F. Anderson Says He Analyzed Soil Beneath Tree and Found Evidence of This Fact.

Witness Saw the Crab Apple Tree Theory Was Not Severely Cross Examined.

Summerville, N. J., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Testimony that Rex W. Hall and Mrs. E. Conner Mills were murdered at the crab apple tree where their bodies were found was given today at the hearing of Henry Carpenter and Willie Stevens.

Dr. John F. Anderson said he analyzed the soil beneath the tree and ascertained by blood evidence he found that the rector and singer were slain within a foot or two of where the bodies were found.

The defense did not severely cross examine Mr. Anderson.

State Senator Simpson, special prosecutor, had expected that defense counsel would combat testimony that would establish the crab apple tree as the murder spot as witness who said he saw Carpenter, Stevens and Mrs. Frances Hall there on the night of September 14, 1925, at W. Hall and Mrs. E. Conner Mills were murdered at the crab apple tree where their bodies were found was given today at the hearing of Henry Carpenter and Willie Stevens.

Belief that the murders occurred in the Phillips farm house and other places had previously been advanced by other investigators.

Miss Elmeda Harkins, member of Dr. Hall's choir, at the time of the murders, testified today that she saw Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills going to keep try.

Mrs. Mills, Miss Harkins said, was walking rapidly toward De Russes' Lane carrying a package. She was shown a package of letters found near the bodies and said this might have been the package. About 15 minutes after Mrs. Hall passed Miss Harkins saw the rector hurry toward the lane.

INDIVIDUAL OWNED AUTOS HURT RAILROADS

More Than a Score of Trains Have Been Taken Off in the Past Few Years.

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—It is not so much bus lines over the state as the individually owned automobiles that hurt the railroads so that they have taken off more than a score of trains in the last few years, according to Otis A. Self, secretary of the State Corporation Commission, and who is in charge of the motor vehicle traffic regulation in North Carolina. This fact will be demonstrated at the forthcoming hearing on motor vehicle traffic to be held in Asheville September 15th before Commissioner John J. Asha of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, which is hearing on several of the other transportation all over the United States. The Asheville hearing is only one of four or fifteen that are to be held in all sections of the country.

Motor bus transportation in North Carolina has had far less effect in reducing the passenger traffic of the railroads than has private automobile ownership, according to Mr. Self, who is perhaps more familiar with the situation in North Carolina than any other person. The regularly established bus lines are indirectly aiding the railroads, in that they afford connections with short lines and out of the way points that otherwise could not be reached. He called attention to the fact that in two instances in North Carolina, a railroad is using a bus line in connection with its rail service. It is possible to buy a ticket from New York City to Blowing Rock, N. C., but the last forty miles, from Hickory to Blowing Rock, will be by motor bus, although the ticket is good on the bus. Although the Southern also sells a ticket to Franklin, the distance from Sylva to Franklin is covered by motor bus. Thus the railroads are coming to see the value of motor bus transportation as an adjunct to rail travel, and are utilizing it wherever profitable.

Hampden-Sydney Football Team.

Hampden-Sydney, N. C., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Two North Carolina teams are included on the 1926 schedule of the Hampden-Sydney football team.

Elon College, for years a regular opponent of the Hampden-Sydney, is on the schedule for October 30th, at Elon, and Davidson appears for November 6th, at Charlotte. The Wildcats of Davidson and the Hampden-Sydney met last year for the first time and the game ended a tie, 6-6. The game this year is pointed to by Charles Bernier, Hampden-Sydney coach, as one of the high spots of the season.

The Tigers have a schedule this year which will take them into four states on trips totalling thousands of miles.

Day Laborer Gets \$9,000,000 Estate; Builds Marble Mansion in Virginia

(By International News Service) Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 17.—From an iron worker to owner of a \$9,000,000 estate, of coal lands in the Shenandoah Valley is the good fortune which has befallen John Cooper, Kewanee, who formerly worked here at day labor for his sustenance.

Cooper is leaving for Virginia, but he is not stingy with his good fortune. He will give his son, John, \$1,000,000, and his wife will get several Kewanee families, all in moderate circumstances, to share in his wealth. They are selling out their property and will join Cooper in his auto caravan to the valley of wealth and affluence in "Old Virginia."

Cooper has approved plans of architects for a mansion of thirty rooms, the built of the finest marble, about thirty miles from Roanoke, Va. Less pretentious home will be built for the families making the trip with him. Mrs. Lorette McCreedy Nelson, Cooper's mother-in-law, an aged woman, will have a home in the new palatial residence.

Cooper will be 33 years old September 18th and on that day will come into possession of the vast fortune. Due to a break with his family over religion, the legacy came unexpectantly to him as he believed it disinherited.

When younger, Cooper had loved the girl his parents wanted him to marry, and then following this renounced the religious faith of his father. That act, he believed, wiped away his chances of inheriting the fortune of his grandfather, Mrs. Mary Bradford. He went to Kewanee in 1911 and later married Opal McCreedy, joining another church, in which he became a pillar.

Frank Cooper, his father, married Francis Bradford, daughter of Mary. John was the seventh son. Cutting the father from the will the rich old lady made John the chief beneficiary when he was seven, but as he became a man when he was twenty-one over religious trouble he believed that he had lost all chance of inheriting the estate. The old lady's will will be read September 18th in the offices of Cooper and Bradford, Wilmington attorneys, and will disclose the reasons for her leaving the fortune to John. Cooper has promised the Christian Church at Kewanee a new building to cost \$250,000.

THE CHARLOTTE RACES

Development of the Tiny Motors Has Been Rapid.

Raleigh, Aug. 18.—Performance of the 91.5 "whifflo" motors in unofficial trial sprints at the big pine bowl in Charlotte preliminary to the world's sprint race classics that will be run August 23rd has created considerable surprise and comment among racing officials, newspapermen and the drivers and mechanics. It was announced here today. Development of the tiny motor has been rapid since they were inaugurated at Indianapolis May 31st and for the past month the powerful machines have been undergoing changes in local garages that will give greater speed and stamina.

Speed will replace stickability in the four events that will be run here August 23rd. In the two 25-mile dashes, a stop for a tire change or a few skips in the motor will mean that the driver will be out of the contest. The 50-mile go is expected to see a new track record set as well in the concluding event, a 150-mile fast grind.

Competition among the drivers is more noticeable now than at the previous five local races. Harry Hartz is leading in the American Automobile Association racing championship, standing with more than 2100 points. Pete DePaolo, who will pilot a Miller this race, and who holds the 1925 crown, is runner up, about 700 points in the rear of Hartz. There are five other major contests this season and DePaolo and several of the other drivers have an opportunity of overhauling Hartz, unless the smiling leader finishes one, two, three in a couple more races.

With terrific speed assured hazards are greatly increased for the gritty demons who wind up the flying autos around the gigantic saucer. A sprint race furnishes thrills for spectators and participants alike.

THREE CONVICTS ESCAPE

Overpower Guard and Escape After Beating Him.

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Meagre reports reaching this city state that three convicts, names unknown, escaped from Ridge convict camp near Melvin, east of here, this morning. The men are reported to have overpowered Guard Coble, saved pistol and escaped after severely beating him. Bloodhounds were put on the trail.

THREATS AGAINST LIFE OF SENATOR BROOKHART

Guard of Deputy Sheriffs and Detectives Placed Around Him at Cedar Rapids.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Threats against the life of Smith W. Brookhart, Republican senatorial nominee, were responsible for a guard of deputy sheriffs and detectives being placed around him upon his arrival here today to make an address at a fair.

Uses Rock to Break Flask in Man's Pocket.

Asheville, Aug. 17.—Mrs. Ben Towse, mother of seven small children, who stepped into the limelight here recently when she hurled a rock with such deadly accuracy at a raiding officer that it struck his hip pocket and broke a flask of "evidence" that he had just taken from her husband, was sentenced to 10 days in the county jail here today by Judge A. M. Stack.

The penalty falls more heavily on the innocent than on the guilty. Judge Stack commented in passing the sentence. Towse, the husband, got six months on a charge of handling whiskey, with an additional eight months suspended.

Alleged White Slaver Goes Insane in Jail.

Greensboro, August 17.—James Hackett, known as "silk shirt Jimmy," arrested here on June 15 on charges of violating the White Slave Act, and since then confined in Guilford county jail while awaiting trial in United States Court, became insane today and had to be confined in the padded cell at the jail.

J. C. Penney Co. Picnic.

The managers and clerks of the J. C. Penney Co. stores of Concord and Albemarle are to hold a joint picnic this evening at Ritchie's lake. The occasion promises to be a delightful one.

EMERSON MAY WIN OUT TO OPPOSE WOMAN AT POLLS

In Primary in Wyoming Tuesday He Was Leading Field For Republican Nomination.

GOVERNOR ROSS WITHOUT CONTEST

Woman Governor Named by Democrats for Fall Election—Little Fight in Mississippi Primary.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Frank C. Emerson, state engineer and convention endorsed candidate, led Frank E. Lucas, secretary of state, in the race for the Republican nomination for governor by 2,424 votes early today on the face of returns from 1,087 of the state's 1,638 precincts in yesterday's primary election. These gave Emerson 4,406, Lucas 2,072 and Dr. H. R. Lathrop, the third entry, but 179.

The Republican gubernatorial contest held the center of the stage with Governor Nellie Taylor Ross unopposed for the Democratic nomination and with few contests on the entire ticket which included one congressional seat, that now held by Charles E. Winter, congressman at large, who also is unopposed for the Republican nomination.

Little Interest in Mississippi. Jackson, Miss., Aug. 18.—(AP)—Unofficial returns today showed that three of Mississippi's 100 representatives in the lower house of Congress who sought renomination were victorious in yesterday's Democratic primary. The outcome of the other contests remains doubtful.

Representative J. W. Collier, of Vicksburg, won from Francis Harmon, of Jackson, by approximately 2500 votes in the eighth district.

Practically complete figures revealed that W. M. Whittington, of Greenwood, incumbent, had won over W. E. Humphreys, of Greenville, in the third district. Whittington received 6,483 votes and Humphrey 5,557.

The most one-sided race of the quartette was in the fourth district where Representative Jeff Busby, of Houston, had 4,183 votes against 608 for his opponent, J. F. Smith, of Derma. Less than half of the precincts involved had reported.

Latest tabulation showed Representative G. G. Lowrey, of Blue Mountain, trailing Richard Deanna, of Charleston, by 77 votes in the second district. The count was Deanna 6,383, Lowrey 6,306. Seven precincts are to be heard from.

SAFETY DIRECTOR HAS ESCAPE FROM BOMB

Home of Directors in Niles, Ohio, Was Partially Destroyed Early Today by Bomb.

Niles, Ohio, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The residence of Safety Director Otis O. Tewitt was badly damaged by a bomb exploded at the front portion of the house early today. The entire front portion of the house was blown away. None of the occupants was hurt.

Police believe the bomb was placed as a result of Hewitt's activity in personally leading raids against bootleggers, gamblers and other law violators.

With Our Advertisers. The Merit Shoe Co. will have a final clean-up sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. All white, grey and blonde shoes will go at \$1.95. All sizes, widths AA to D. See ad on page.

Now playing at the Concord Theatre—"Bright Light," a Metro-Goldwyn picture. Thursday, "O, What a Nurse," a Sid Caplan picture, with Patsy Ruth Miller. Friday, "The Man Upstairs," with Monte Blue. Call 890, Edred's Beauty Shoppe, for an appointment.

Exceptional values in living room furniture at H. B. Wilkinson's. Prices on trunks reduced 20 per cent, at Concord Furniture Co. Your boy or girl will soon need one to use to go off to school.

Just in solid car of 28 gauge galvanized roofing at \$4.75 a square, at Yorks & Wadsworth Co.

The Parks-Bell Co. has a complete stock of hosiery for the school children and everybody else.

Trees Suffer From a Strange Malady Danville, Va., Aug. 17.—Danville trees have begun to suffer from a strange malady and the United States Department of Agriculture has decided to send its pathologist, G. A. Gravatt, here to make an inquiry. Many fine shade trees are turning brown or have already withered. At first it was suspected that the long spring drought was responsible, but the underlying cause is now considered more serious and a tree disease appears to have become epidemic here.

Killed in Airplane Crash. London, Aug. 18.—(AP)—The Paris-London passenger plane crashed in Romney marshes, Kent, late today. One passenger was killed and nine were seriously injured.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Thursday; moderate southwest winds.