

HAS MURPHY MADE AN AVOWAL OF WAR ON GOV. McLEAN?

It is Said He Has Already Been Named Appropriations Chairman if Connor is Chosen Speaker.

A BITTER FIGHT ON SPEAKERSHIP

A Three Corned Fight—Townsend and Fountain Are Friends of the McLean Administration.

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Raleigh, Nov. 13.—Rumblings regarding the bitter fight already going on under the surface and which soon will break out into the open over the speakership of the house of representatives are already being heard and their significance sensed.

Political observers were primed and waiting for Murphy to break loose and "get 'em told" at the joint meeting of the budget advisory commission, of which he is a member—

Added significance is given to Murphy's statement, which is nothing but a short of an open declaration of war on the present administration, when it is noted that according to all the political wisecracks, Murphy has already been appointed chairman of the house appropriations committee by Governor McLean, provided, of course, Connor is elected speaker.

It is already known that Connor is the choice of a group of so-called "insurrectionists," headed by Murphy, violently opposed to any so-called "economy program" and outspokenly up in arms against Governor McLean, the budget commission, the salary and wage commission and other innovations of the present administration.

On the other side are arrayed both Townsend and Fountain, both admitted backers of the present administration, which had their support in the last legislature, with the assurance of having it again in this approaching one.

And these same friends are confident that in the final frame, Fountain will win out. Just why they are unable to say now, but they intimate that Connor has little or no chance, because of the violent anti-administration stand which has been taken by Murphy and others known to be backing Connor, though Connor himself has not had much to say.

"Ready: To Do, or Die!"

Special Armistice Sermon—at the—

First Baptist Church

SUNDAY 11:00 A. M. 7:00 P. M. "FACE TO FACE"

THEY CARRIED THIS FIRE TO THE WATER

When Concord firemen were called Friday night to the home of J. E. Davis, on West Dupont street, they pulled something new.

A roomer in the home of Mr. Davis discovered his bed after he had entered the room about 10 o'clock. Firemen instead of throwing water on the bed, picked up the burning mattress and clothing and carried them to a hydrant near the home.

ELECTION REFORMS

Senior Primary Provisions and the Australian Ballot Will Probably Be Adopted.

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—With election reforms a live subject throughout the State today and possibly one that may come before the next general assembly, one of the strongest proponents of changes in North Carolina's election system will not be a member of the next house to present his favorite measure.

For Will Neal, proponent of abolition of the statewide primary system, will not be in the next general assembly and his favorite bill to abolish the primary, if it is presented will have to be brought forward by some other member. He was defeated at the general election on November 2nd.

Mr. Neal, one of the last of the "die-hards" on the matter of woman suffrage, is known in legislative circles as "The Ambassador From McDowell," he having gained that title when he crossed the mountains into Tennessee several years ago to urge the Tennessee legislature not to vote in favor of woman suffrage.

Mr. Neal for several sessions has introduced a bill to abolish the primary system, many times it has been considered and each time it has gone down to defeat. Now, when the leading politicians of the state are all lined up, according to political gossip, either for or against some definite action on the election system, Mr. Neal, if he participates, will have to do so either from the floor of the house.

Joseph Daniels has come out in favor of reform of the election laws by providing a statewide Australian ballot system. The Republican party in the state urged throughout its campaign that the election laws should be changed. On the other hand, the Democrats urged that the Republicans should abide by the primary system.

High officials of the Democratic party generally are saying nothing, but it is known in authoritative circles that they have some definite opinions on the subject which perhaps may come out of the next general assembly. It appears certain that reform of the primary system by making its provisions stricter, adoption of a statewide Australian ballot and perhaps revision of the primary law, are matters of considerable interest about the first part of next January and may result in definite action in the general assembly.

Meanwhile, Will Neal, the primary's most consistent opponent, will not be a member of the general assembly which perhaps will tackle the election system with greater vigor than any of those in recent bienniums.

When you think your tires are about "through" take them to the Concord Vulcanizing Co. to have them retreaded.

German Chief



Here is the first photograph to reach this country of General Heye, new chief of the German army.

PROGRAM OF CONSTRUCTION

Will Continue Unchecked For the Next Five Years.

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The program of construction which has been in evidence throughout the state in all lines of building will continue unchecked for the most part during the next five years. This is the opinion of Director Wade Phillips of the department of conservation and development.

Major Phillips bases his opinion on a recent survey he has made of the state in which he obtained the opinions of leading contractors and building experts from each section of the state.

Major Phillips said the opinions of the contractors were based on definite business indications. In making their reports to him they cited the need of schools to keep up with the educational program of city, county and state; the need of factories to handle the increasing number of manufacturing interests centering their activities in the South and particularly in North Carolina; the indication that the people, the main arteries having been nearly completed, will insist on further highway construction to connect the main roads with all important towns and the possibility, though in some sections building of homes has reached the saturation point, in other sections there is still need of development in this respect.

Water power development and the construction of power facilities also will add to the general construction program, stated Major Phillips, in deciding the expansion now underway by two of the largest power companies of the state with the resultant impetus given all classes of construction in the area affected.

A majority of the builders agreed that activity in construction of business buildings probably would slacken while the other lines of construction were expected to make-up for this lessening of activity. The factory construction was predicted by two out of every three experts consulted and it was indicated the trend would be toward improving the structures with less work on spinning and finishing plants.

The forecasts taken into consideration by Major Phillips allowed for temporary fluctuations and any great national period of deflation.

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568,532 BALES OF COTTON USED LAST MONTH IN AMERICA

Of the Total 404,216 Bales Were Consumed by the Plants in Cotton Growing States.

LITTLE DECREASE FROM SEPTEMBER

During Month 32,592,806 Spindles Were Active, With Majority of These in the South.

Washington, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during October totaled 568,532 bales of lint, and 75,539 of lint-free cotton, compared with 571,105 bales of lint and 74,352 of lint-free in September this year.

Cotton on hand October 31st was held as follows: In consuming establishments 1,215,873 bales of lint and 99,318 of lint-free, and in public storage and at compresses 5,469,809 bales of lint and 42,868 of lint-free.

Imports during October totaled 30,449 bales, and exports totaled 1,240,820, including 10,048 bales of lint. Cotton spindles active during October numbered 32,592,806. Statistics for cotton growing states include: Cotton consumed during October, 404,216 bales. Cotton on hand October 31st in consuming establishments, 842,977 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 5,269,231.

J. D. LANGSTON HEADS BOARD OF ELECTIONS

J. T. Prevette, of North Wilkesboro, is appointed a member to succeed J. Clarence Call.

Raleigh, Nov. 12.—Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro, was appointed chairman of the state board of elections Friday morning by Governor McLean to succeed Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, Judge Neal resigned recently on account of ill health.

Governor McLean also announced the appointment of J. T. Prevette, of North Wilkesboro, to the state board of elections to succeed J. Clarence Call, of North Wilkesboro, who resigned.

Flames Destroy Smithfield City Hall in Night.

Greensboro, Nov. 12.—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning practically destroyed the town hall at Smithfield, Johnston county, with a loss of about \$14,000, Watson Wharton, of Smithfield, here today, told of the fire.

The blaze, when discovered, was out of its way through the auditorium in the building and had made such headway that firemen could not save the structure. A call was sent to Selma, five miles distant, for fire fighters to aid the local firemen, and the Selma trucks made the distance in seven minutes.

It is supposed that the fire started from a cigarette stub dropped in trash in the auditorium. A boxing festival was held in the auditorium last night.

Methodist Mission Board Meeting.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 13.—Bishops from all parts of the United States and from foreign lands, together with missionaries serving in Africa, China, Japan, Korea, India, Malaysia, Mexico and South America, have gathered in this city to take part in the annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The meeting, which had its formal opening today, is the first ever held by the board in Indiana in the thirty-two years of its life. Bishop Luther B. Wilson of New York is presiding over the sessions, which will continue four days.

UNCLE JOE CANNON FUNERAL SERVICES SET FOR THURSDAY

Hour for Funeral Has Not Been Selected But Services Will Be Held in Danville, Illinois.

DECEASED GETS HIGH PRAISE

President One of Those Who Praised Deceased For Long Service in the Lower House.

Danville, Ill., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Uncle Joe Cannon, the nation's oldest statesman who first ran for public office in the year Lincoln was elected to the presidency, has found the rest he sought when he retired from public life three years ago, and "came home to die."

Funeral services for the patriarch who entered the long sleep at exactly 12 noon yesterday in the brown brick mansion from which he went to Congress 53 years ago, will be held next Thursday at an hour not yet selected. Burial will be in Spring Hill cemetery, beneath a modest monument which he chose and had erected on the family lot. Final arrangements will be made with the arrival of relatives.

Tributes to the dead statesman poured in today from friends and former foes who recalled the vivid days when Cannon ruled the national House of Representatives with an iron hand.

"The nation has lost one of its most able, interesting and beloved men of the last generation," President Coolidge said in a message of sympathy to Miss Helen Cannon, daughter of the former speaker. "He will always rank as a great American. His great influence gave his country a better government."

While his political career dated back to the days of the great Emancipator, Uncle Joe had other traits in common with Lincoln. His features often were said to be of the Lincoln type. From ears to chin he wore a fringe of closed cropped beard, the upper lip clean shaven.

There had been no man in public life, Lincoln excepted, around whose life grew up such a lore of tales. Certainly there has never been a man so lampooned in cartoons.

But while Cannon's term of service in Congress stretched over nearly half a century and was the longest on record, there was one man who called "Uncle Joe" and was called "Uncle Joe" in common with Lincoln. He is General J. Warren Keifer, 90, of Springfield, O., a former speaker of the house, who served with Uncle Joe for years in Congress.

"I always called Joe the kid," explained General Keifer.

"You see, he was 90 years old last May, and I will be 91 years old on January 30th. He always enjoyed that little joke and often in his letters he would sign himself just that way."

Body Will Lie in State. Danville, Ill., Nov. 13.—(AP)—In an ivy-covered church where his wife planted sprigs that in the years have grown into a massive bower of foliage will be held the final rites for "Uncle Joe" Cannon, whose eventful life of 90 years ended in peaceful sleep yesterday. Funeral services will be next Tuesday afternoon, but the exact hour has not yet been set.

The body of the veteran statesman will lie in state at the Cannon mansion on Sunday.

United States Will Come to League Says Paper. London, Nov. 12.—Of President Coolidge's "not unkindly" speech at Kansas City, The Daily News after analyzing it, says: "Not because of pressure of circumstances the United States will be impelled before many years have passed not only to join directly the great work of the League of Nations, but also to concern herself actively in the affairs of Europe; for the American people are building up great economic interests here which will make her permanent isolation impossible."

Loses \$300,000



The home of Mrs. Myron C. Taylor, of New York, was robbed of \$300,000 in jewels, police learned.

R. O. ALEXANDER IS DEAD AT CHARLOTTE

Was Cotton Expert and Developer of Western North Carolina Property.

Charlotte, Nov. 13.—(AP)—R. O. Alexander, widely known North Carolina financier, died suddenly at his home here early today. He had been in ill health for six years, having retired from active business at that time.

Although he had engaged in the cotton business most of his life, being regarded as one of the foremost experts on staple cotton in the two Carolinas, during his later years Mr. Alexander was better known for his work in developing Black Mountain, in western North Carolina, as a summer resort. It was through his efforts that a number of religious organizations choose Black Mountain for annual assemblies and training courses.

Mr. Alexander was a son of Rev. Samuel Craighead Alexander, a Presbyterian minister, and the great grandson of John McKnight Alexander, one of the signers of the Mecklenburg Declaration of independence.

Funeral services probably will be held Sunday afternoon. Mr. Alexander is survived by his widow, three sons, seven daughters, one brother and two sisters.

ONE RACE A YEAR MANAGER ASSERTS

Meagre Attendance Leads Charlotte Speedway Officials to This Decision. Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 12.—Races at the Charlotte Speedway probably will be held annually in the future, C. W. Roberts, speedway manager, said today.

Races have been held more frequently in the past, but Mr. Roberts said he thought attendance would be larger if only one race were held each year.

Approximately 7,500 persons were at the speedway at the races yesterday, which was a much smaller crowd than usual.

Definite action will be taken when the speedway directors hold a meeting, it was stated.

Irrel County Man Killed in Accident

Statesville, Nov. 12.—An automobile collision three miles north of Statesville on the Wilkesboro road this morning about 9 o'clock resulted in the death of Quincy L. Sharpe Irrel, farmer, aged 53, and minor injuries for two other occupants of the car. Mr. Sharpe and his son were coming toward Statesville, the son driving a Ford touring car. They met a Chevrolet coupe on a sharp curve going north, driven by R. A. Lowry, salesman for a local wholesale grocery concern. Both cars were almost demolished.

SO-CALLED "DIARY" OF MINISTER GETS ATTENTION IN CONGRESS

The Ten Cent Note Book, Identified as Property of Rev. Edward Hall, Introduced in Trial.

DEFENSE WOULD EXCLUDE DIARY

State Contends That Book Shows Feeling That Existed Between Minister and Mrs. Mills.

Court House, Somerville, N. J., Nov. 13.—(AP)—A ten cent store note book, became exhibit "8 100," and claimed a large part of today's session of the Hall-Mills trial.

The writing in the book "which for convenience we will call a diary" has been identified by Charlotte Mills, daughter of the slain Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, as that of the Rev. Edward W. Hall, slain with Mrs. Mills more than four years ago.

The "diary" part of the book consisted of a number of pages, unattached to the covers at the moment.

The State said they had been torn out, while the defense preferred to speak of it as a "mutilated book."

Over objection of the defense, that the defendants had no knowledge of the so-called diary, had never seen it, and were in no sense concerned with it, it was admitted to show the feeling between the minister and the choir singer.

The diary in fifteen letters, said to have been written by Mr. Hall to Mrs. Mills, were admitted to evidence on the same basis.

The diary and letters were found in Mrs. Mills' home several weeks after her death, and as published four years ago contained terms of endearment.

Queen Maire is Now on Way East. Negotiations Continuing for Use of Southern on Her Way South.

Queen Maire's train, en route to Chicago, Nov. 13.—Queen Maire traveled toward Chicago and its four days stopover today, with only a two-hour halt at Springfield, Illinois, to break the journey.

She arranged to stop at Springfield long enough to place a wreath on the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthplace near Louisville, Ky., she will visit next week.

The Queen's itinerary after the present tour is completed at Washington on November 24th is in doubt. Although it is understood that the Southern Railway, over which the royal party planned to travel to North Carolina and possibly Florida, has refused to accept a normal fare for the endeavor, negotiations are said to be continuing.

FIRE CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE TO STORES HENDERSONVILLE

Fire Which Started in a Store Basement Caused Loss Now Estimated at \$250,000.

ASHEVILLE SENT EIGHT FIREMEN

Fire Was Under Control at 3 O'clock But Broke Out Afresh Shortly After That Time.

Hendersonville, N. C., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Fire which started shortly after midnight in the basement of the Broad-Penny department store on Main street here, was brought under control shortly after 7 o'clock this morning after the store's stock was totally destroyed and the stocks of two adjoining stores badly damaged. Two loss is estimated at \$250,000.

Only the heroic work of the city's firemen, augmented by Chief A. L. Duckett with eight men and pumps from Asheville, saved several other buildings nearby from the flames.

Lodgers in the apartments above the Hunter Drug Company were routed from their beds in time to escape, but two who were overcome by the smoke had to be carried out by firemen.

The fire is said to have started in the basement of the department store, a long two-story structure. It was burning briskly when the fire alarm was turned in.

Shortly before 3 o'clock, however, the flames were brought under control.

Hardly had the Asheville fire unit arrived when the blaze broke out afresh. It was in this second outbreak that the greater part of the damage was done.

The loss of the stock of the department store, owned by W. F. Peony and N. Brenner, was estimated today at \$130,000.

SUIT AGAINST AIKEN COUNTY FOR LYNCHING

This Contingency Now Looks Up To Day, Dispatches Say. Columbia, S. C., Nov. 13.—(AP)—A suit against Aiken County for the lynching of Clarence, Demos and Bertha Lowman, negroes, by a masked mob October 8th, loomed today. Probate Judge Geo. R. Webb issued citations for persons interested to show cause why Thomas L. Hahn, North Augusta attorney, should not be appointed administrator for the estates of Demos and Bertha Lowman, brother and sister victims of the mob.

Hahn was counsel for Bertha Lowman when she was on trial for the murder of a constable.

Affidavits stating that he was next of kin to all three victims were obtained from Sam Lowman, father of Bertha and Demos, now serving a 25-year prison sentence for a liquor law violation. In a suit instituted against the county by the estate of persons lynched, constitutional provision sets the minimum amount at \$2,000 and a directed verdict for this is customarily given.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Advance of 1 Point to Decline of 4 Points. New York, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 point to a decline of four points, but soon turned easier with local and Southern selling.

Beautiful Engraved Christmas Cards

The Tribune-Times is now prepared to deliver on short notice beautifully engraved Christmas cards at unusually low prices. Call at the office and make your selection, as the stock is now ready for you.

TAX NOTICE

City Taxes Paid in November saves you the penalty that will be added December 1st. Pay now and save the cost. CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

Week of Prayer for the Young

New York, Nov. 13.—The World's Committee, which federates the nearly forty national and international alliances of Young Men's Christian Associations, has issued a call upon the associations of all lands to unite in observing the week beginning tomorrow as a week of prayer for young men and boys.