

Calles Says Catholic Episcopate Cause Of New Mexican Uprising

President Says He Is Convinced Rebels Are Acting Under Orders From the Episcopate.

CLERGYMEN WILL BE DEALT WITH

All Guilty of Inciting to Rebellion Will Be Punished Energetically, the President States.

Mexico City, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Mexican Catholic Episcopate is accused of responsibility for recent Catholic uprisings in Mexico under the banner "Long Live Christ, the King" in a statement issued today by the office of President Calles.

The statement declares that the Mexican government is convinced that the rebels are acting under specific instructions from the Episcopate, and that orders have been issued to punish energetically clergymen guilty of inciting to rebellion.

The Catholic episcopate of Mexico City "with a knowledge that international relations with the United States would be severely strained or unfavorably notified beginning January 1st, showing that they still are traitors to the country," ordered the Catholic clergy to induce the largest possible number of men to revolt against the Mexican government, the statement says.

Reviewing "Catholic rebellious activities" since January 1st, the statement declares that the clergymen's efforts have failed except in a few states.

The Federal government, the statement continues, is convinced that the rebels are acting under specific instructions from the Episcopate, and has issued orders to punish energetically clergymen responsible for rebellions, the latter being responsible for the uprisings. Although they lack military ability "it is distressful to be forced to sacrifice the lives of those men who through their fanatics follow blindly the episcopate's instructions."

26 Rebels Killed.—Mexico City, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Special dispatches from Guadalajara state that 26 rebels were killed when federal troops captured the town of Acapulco, Abasco and Totolan in the state of Jalisco. The towns, military headquarters reported, were taken by the rebels a few days ago.

Arms Shipped From New Orleans.—Mexico City, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Pedro J. Zepeda, agent here for Dr. Juan Sucasna, head of the liberal government set up in Nicaragua, today declared that the arms with which the liberals are fighting the conservative government of President Diaz were shipped from New Orleans under special licenses granted by the United States department of state.

Will Press Claim for Stop on Air Mail Line.—Charlotte, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Committee of Charlotte officials and business men will appear before representatives of the post office department in Washington February 23rd to press Charlotte's claim to a stop on the proposed air mail route from New York to Atlanta.

The committee will be composed of Mayor D. M. Abernethy, T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Postmaster J. D. Albright; R. A. Dunn, president of the Clearing House Association; Captain Elliott Springs and Clarence O. Kuester, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Fascist Colls Around Italy's School Children.—London, Jan. 12.—(AP)—School children in Italy must wear Fascist black shirts, according to dispatches received here today.

This is one of a number of stringent regulations put in force by Mussolini. Others are:

- 1—All children entering the schools every morning must make a Roman salute to Mussolini.
2—Children must repeat the daily prayer ending "God protect the life and health of our duce."
3—All teachers must be fascists.

John Fronberger Caught.—Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—State prison superintendent Fox today reported the capture of John Fronberger, one of the three prisoners at Camp Hill-dent who recently escaped. The other two were brought back several days ago.

Star Theatre THURSDAY and FRIDAY The Greatest Picture of the Year "THE FOOL" WITH Edmund Lowe, Raymond Blenner, Anne Dale, Mary Thurman, Evelyn Bond, Ross Bloomer, Paul Panzer, and George Lossy

The heart drama that stirred the world, and the picture that succeeded in spite of the devil

BASEBALL PLAYERS FREED OF CHARGES IN LANDIS RULING

Players of Detroit and Chicago Teams Exonerated by Commissioner Who Made Investigation.

NOTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT BIG FUND

Landis Rules Money Was Paid Because Tigers Defeated Boston in the Big Series of Games.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—(AP)—All the baseball players involved in the alleged scandal between the White Sox and the Tigers in 1917 were exonerated by Commissioner Landis in a decision today.

Commissioner Landis ruled that the fund raised by the White Sox was not collected or paid to the Detroit players for sloughing the series in Chicago, but was paid because of Detroit's achievement of beating Boston.

The commissioner further ruled that there was no sloughing of games in 1917 or 1918, except possibly by Swede Risberg and Chick Gandil, who accused the White Sox and Tigers of having played fixed games. Risberg and Gandil testified that the White Sox sloughed a series to Detroit in 1919, to pay the Tigers for sloughing the series of 1917, so that the White Sox could edge out Boston in the tight race for the American League pennant.

Commissioner Landis in his decision said that beyond the statements of Gandil the records in the case disclosed nothing to the effect that the raising of the money was ever discussed at a meeting of the players. Whether such a meeting actually took place is important only as going to the question of credibility, the decision said.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED WHEN CLOTHING CAUGHT

Jeanette Drake Dies of Burns in Hendersonville.—Transylvania Woman Burned.

Hendersonville, N. C., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Jeanette Drake, a year-old child, died here today of burns received as a result of burns received when her clothing caught fire from an open fire. Her death came shortly after the accident in her grandmother's sitting room, where her dress caught fire while she was standing in front of the fire playing with some pine needles while her grandmother was out of the room.

Mrs. R. K. Powell, 28, wife of a leading Transylvania merchant, is in a critical condition today in the hospital at Brevard as the result of burns received at her home at Rosman, Mrs. Powell is thought to have suffered a stroke as she was putting wood on a fire and fell into the blaze receiving serious burns about the face and upper part of her body before she could be rescued by members of her family.

ARREST TWO MEN FOR STAGING MOK TRIAL

Two Prominent Asheville Residents Alleged to Have Forebore Handled Youth.

Asheville, Jan. 12.—W. H. Powers, president of the Powers Engineering company, and B. H. Pace, local real estate man, were arrested today by members of the sheriff's department on charges of assault, false arrest and impersonating an officer.

Hearing will be granted them Saturday morning as a result of charges brought by Odele McCarron, 16, of the Avery Creek section, who alleges that they brought him forcibly to Asheville where they went through a mock trial in an office building here, telling the youth that he was under arrest for violation of the prohibition law.

Officers declare that the burning of a house in the vicinity of where McCarron lived is said to have formed the basis for the action on the part of the men under arrest and further facts of a startling nature are expected to appear at the hearing, according to the officers including Frank Jordan, deputy insurance commissioner who was the first to tell the McCarron boy that his arrest had been a fake and that he would not have to stand trial.

Mr. Powers lives in the fashionable Grove Park section and his firm built the Asheville Biltmore hotel.

Raleigh Man Off 12 Pounds After Fasting 10 Days.—Raleigh, Jan. 11.—The Raleigh Times today says that a citizen of Raleigh has gone ten days without eating, has done eight hours work a day, and has walked to and from work, an average of about three miles, each day. Acting on medical advice, he intends to keep it up for two weeks.

He reports that he has little craving for food, has lost twelve pounds, that his mind is much clearer, and that he sleeps like a baby.

He works with an orange on his desk and once in a while takes a nap.

That advanced age does not lessen the delight in clothes was shown when a woman of 82 years participated in a mannequin parade with girls 65 years her junior in the East end of London. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Many Important Bills Dropped into The Legislative Hopper Today

Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Jan. 12.—A number of bills are beginning to drop into the hoppers of the House and Senate which are of considerable interest to the state as a whole and which, if enacted, might have a far-reaching effect. Perhaps the most outstanding of these are the bills offered during Tuesday's brief session providing for the state-wide adoption of the Australian ballot, the repeal of the absentee voter's law, the creation of four permanent emergency judgeships, the judges to be assigned to Superior Court duty and a resolution declaring for a state-wide uniform rate of taxation on all subjects of taxation for the support of the public schools of the state.

The bill to provide the Australian ballot for the entire state was offered by Senator P. T. McNeill of the 25th District, and sets forth the type of ballot to be used and how it is to be voted. A similar bill was introduced in the house during the 1922 session of the general assembly by Representative B. T. Falls of Cleveland, and at one time it looked as if it might be adopted. On the final vote, however, it was defeated, but only by a small margin.

There has been strong agitation in favor of a state-wide Australian ballot law for some years, and sentiment has seemed to be growing in favor of it, so that a number are inclined to think that the possibility for its passage is better now than at any time so far. The various women's organizations in the state, including the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters and others have been strongly advocating such a law for some time, with the result that the majority of the women voters of the measure offered by Senator McNeill will receive serious consideration with a fair possibility for its ultimate adoption.

The bill offered by Senator W. F. Horton of Chatham repeating certain sections of the consolidated statutes relating to absentee voting is also directed along the same general line as the bill by Senator McNeill, in that it is designed to correct certain abuses and imperfections which have existed for some time. There seems to be much favorable sentiment toward the bill.

Two bills were offered by Senator M. K. Blount of Greenville, relating to the operation of automobiles. One would require automobiles on side roads to stop before entering main highways, and the other would amend the present law relating to the operation of automobiles in an industrial making it more strict. All of the other measures presented in the house were of a strictly local nature.

Out of the 15 new bills and resolutions introduced in the house, none would be more far-reaching in its ultimate effects than that of Representative A. D. McLean of Beaufort, of Bertie, declaring for a state-wide property tax for education. No fixed amount of tax or plan is set forth, as it is left up to the committee on finance and education to definitely work out a plan. The bill has as its ultimate aim, however, the abolition of the present county system of schools supported by a state tax on property. This would mean, of course, a return to ad valorem taxation for state purposes, which was abandoned in 1921. And there is not much sentiment to be found in favor of returning to this system.

Another bill of considerable interest is that offered by Representative A. D. McLean of Beaufort, to divide the state into four districts, and to provide for one emergency judge for each district. This would provide for additional judges to hold superior courts in civil cases, but would make these judges permanent, and would not entail the creation of additional superior court judges and districts be created. There is no doubt but that serious consideration will be given this measure, since the present emergency judge act has not proved entirely satisfactory, and especially since the present act expires March 1, 1928, both the Governor and Judicial Conference have recommended an amendment to the constitution remedying the present judicial system. But even if such an amendment should be submitted, it would be at least two years before any action could be taken, and hence some temporary provision would have to be made any way. And Mr. McLean's bill seems to go at least part of the way toward solving the present emergency judge situation.

What may prove an interesting experiment along the line of counties attempting to levy an additional tax on gasoline and oils, the process to be undertaken by the bill offered, may be found in the bill offered by Judge Winston of Bertie, proposing a tax of 1-4 cents a gallon on gasoline and oils in Bertie county. Although the bill is not expected to travel very far toward becoming a law, it is expected that it will be productive of much interesting argument and discussion.

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Thus much material for subsequent discussion is gradually being stocked into the legislative furnace.

PLAN FOR REPLACING DESTROYED LIBRARY

Drive Will Be Conducted By Lenoir-Rhyne Gift Commission.

Hickory, Jan. 11.—Plans for a drive to be conducted by the Lenoir-Rhyne College Gift Library Commission were formulated and Paul W. Bumbarger, local merchant, was named general chairman at a meeting of that body Monday.

The object of the drive will be to replace by donations from friends of the college the 8,000 volumes destroyed by fire when the administration building burned last Thursday.

Unless Lenoir-Rhyne College has a library of not less than 8,000 volumes of books, it cannot remain in the A-grade classification of colleges, and it cannot gain admittance to the Southern Association of Colleges in which organization application had already been made.

An office has been opened in the Chamber of Commerce to receive books or cash donation for books until the date for beginning a canvass is named.

MAN IS KILLED, YOUTH IS HELD

Says He Was Hunting Birds and Did Not Know Anybody Was Shot.

Siler City, N. C., Jan. 11.—James Martindale, 17, is being held in Pittsboro jail in connection with the fatal shooting Saturday of Lewis T. Mann, 21, near Carbondale, Chatham county. Martindale said he was hunting birds along the highway and shot down the dead at a bird with his rifle. He declared that at the time of his arrest Sunday he did not know anyone had been shot.

GOVERNMENT POLICY IN NICARAGUA NOW BEING SCRUTINIZED

All Details and Possibilities of the Policy Examined by Two Committees of Congress.

KELLOGG TALKS TO SENATORS

At Same Time the House Members Were Passing Resolutions Demanding More Details.

Washington, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The administration's policy in Nicaragua was examined in all its details and all its possibilities today by two committees of Congress.

Secretary Kellogg before the foreign relations committee of the Senate by invitation, repeated under questioning the principles laid down in President Coolidge's recent special message, and explained the diplomatic antecedents upon which this government acted when it landed troops in Nicaragua. The meeting was behind closed doors.

At the same time members of the House foreign affairs committee were taking up a group of pending resolutions, most of them demanding more complete information about the Nicaraguan tangle. The committee had agreed to consider all of these proposals in conjunction with the Presidential message.

Before either of the committees met, President Coolidge summoned to the White House senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic floor leader of the Senate.

The matter discussed was not disclosed. A similar conference between the President and the opposition leader took place before the special message was dispatched to the capitol on Monday.

LOVER AFTER QUARREL RECOMMENDS POISON

But Clarence Jones, of Durham, Says He Didn't Mean For Girl To Drink It.

Baltimore, Jan. 12.—Clarence L. Jones, 25, of Durham, N. C., and Miss Grace Taylor, of Richmond, Va., were fined \$11.45 each in police court today on charges of disorderly conduct. The couple with Joseph Cagle, also of Durham, were arrested at a West Baltimore street hotel last night when screams echoed from a room.

Police found Jones apparently unconscious on the floor, the girl crying and Cagle trying to comfort her. Miss Taylor told police she ate Jones' dinner by arrangement intending to elope. A quarrel arose and Jones offered her a glass which he said contained poison. She refused it and Jones drank it. But he told the magistrate today the girl was given only water. He put some poison in Miss Taylor's glass, he said, but did not intend to let her drink it.

With Our Advertisers.

At Robinson's January Clearance you will find some big bargains in silks. See new ad. today for list and prices. Final and drastic reductions also on coats, dresses and millinery.

At the Star Theatre Thursday and Friday "The Fool," a great heart drama. Today is Everybody's Day, admission 10c and 5c.

Melton hats, big assortment at W. A. Overcash's, \$5 and \$6. Spring styles now ready for your inspection.

Fetzer & York auto insurance protects you against the other fellow's carelessness.

If you have a size 2-12, 3-12 or 4 foot you can get pumps at Ivey's for 55c and 95c and \$1.95.

Serviceable sheeting and sheets at the J. C. Penny Co.'s. See prices in their new ad. today.

Big lot of boys' overcoats that were sold from \$9.75 to \$18.00, now only \$2.98 to \$9.95 at Park Bell Co.'s. Many other values just as good at this big store.

Efrid's is having a final clean-up of all winter coats at wonderfully low prices. Coats run from \$5.00 to \$19.

GENERAL REVENUE BILL INTRODUCED TO STATE SOLONS

The Bill Was Presented to Both Houses of State Legislature Today—Different From Others.

CARRIES NO NEW REVENUE SOURCES

This Means It Does Not Tax Anything in State That Is Not Already Being Taxed.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The general revenue bill which will raise the money necessary to run the State and provide for maintenance of state institutions and departments, was introduced in both houses of the Legislature today. The bills were offered by the chairmen of the revenue committee in getting the increased revenue through the levying of an estate tax on inheritances equal to the amount levied by the federal government, and on increases in the license and fees charged under schedule B.

The revenue bill, it is estimated by the budget commission, will raise a total in excess of \$15,000,000 for the first half of the biennium and nearly \$15,000,000 during the second year. This, together with the million and a quarter surplus will meet the needs of the state if the Legislature does not increase appropriations over those recommended by the budget commission.

By the past two years the revenue bill produced about \$2,000,000 less per year than does the new one.

The appropriations bill for permanent improvements and for the maintenance of the institutions and the departments which were introduced in the Senate on Monday reached the floor of the house today. They were offered by Representative W. H. Turlington.

The permanent improvements bill calls for bond issues of \$5,500,000. The maintenance measure calls for an annual outlay of about \$14,000,000. Bills then flowed in thick and fast, rounding out the house's busiest day.

Price, of Mecklenburg, sent forward a bill that would abolish city and county automobile license taxes of Burke, moved to amend the land law and tenant act; Klutz, of Catawba, touched on garnishments in seeking amendment of law on liens on assets and wages in case of insolvency.

Representative Everett, of Durham, introduced a bill to provide for the appointment of a member of the Bennett Memorial Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Col. Bennahan Cameron, and three others that would provide for the rotation of judges, increase superior courts and judicial districts, and divide the state into three judicial districts.

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TELL OF POISON GAS MADE FOR GERMANS

Two Workers Return to Berlin With Story of a Secret Factory in Russia.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Two German workers who recently returned from Russia assured Herr Kuenster, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, that they had been employed in a poison gas factory operated there for the German Army, according to the Welt am Montag, pacifist organ. The plant is located in Trozk-on-the-Volga an manufactures varieties of phosgene gas known as yellow and blue cross, the workers are quoted as having said. They declared the factory was called Ensko-Germanskaya Fabrik-Bersol, was run by two ultra-reactionary Germans, Dr. Hugo Stolzenberg of Hamburg and Herr Naess, who was resident manager, on behalf of the so-called Gefu concern, was said to be financed by the German Reichswehr and was supervised frequently by Reichswehr officers.

The Soviet authorities, the workers said, seemed on the best of terms with both German civilians and officers. The German employees received good wages, according to their testimony—between 700 and 900 marks a month in German currency—but were subjected to the strictest control and threatened with the vengeance of the Reichswehr as well as with trial for high treason in Germany if they revealed the secrets of the enterprise.

See Nation On Verge of Greatest Revival.

Charlotte, Jan. 12.—The United States is on the verge of the greatest revival in history, Bishop Edwin D. Mouson, of the Southern Methodist church told a conference of Methodist church leaders from the two North Carolina conferences tonight.

ROCKY MOUNT, VA. FIRE CAUSES MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGE

Black Prince Overall Plant and Several Other Structures Were Destroyed by Fire Today.

ELEVEN WOMEN HURT IN BLAZE

All More or Less Seriously Injured as They Leaped From the Burning Overall Factory.

Rocky Mount, Va., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Eleven women were more or less seriously injured by jumping from second windows of the Black Prince Overall Company's plant here today when fire destroyed that structure and six other buildings. The loss was estimated at over \$100,000 at 10:15 o'clock, almost three hours after the fire was discovered. At that time the flames were under control by local firemen who were being assisted by an engine company from Roanoke and another from Martinsville.

The injured, who were taken to hospitals in Roanoke in ambulances rushed here, are:

The Misses Mary Stanley, Lottie Cooper, Annie Brown, Beulah Brown, The-ma Altier, Lydia Frith, Blanche Frith, Grace Hodges, a Miss Cullum and Mrs. Grace Pugh and Mrs. Dawn Turner.

Mayor Hutchison expressed the opinion that the fire originated in the furnace room of the overall factory. It was first discovered at 7:30 o'clock by the girls in the overall factory, eating its way up the elevator shaft, and soon afterwards the entire block was in flames. The following buildings were burned: Black Prince Overall Company, J. B. Morris Grocery Company, J. N. Montgomery Hardware Company, Rocky Mount Drug Store; Cash & Carry Grocery; W. C. Smithers Paint Store; and Percus Cafe. The Presbyterian Church was badly damaged by water which was poured on it to save it from the fire.

MRS. CLARKE IS TO SPEAK TO SOLONS

The General Assembly Will Hear This Noted Writer Tomorrow.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The general assembly is expected to lay aside the problems of the State Thursday long enough to hear Mrs. Ida Clyde Clarke, noted writer, who addressed the North Carolina Press Association at Chapel Hill last week. That she made a deep impression upon the editors is a certainty, since they dubbed her "the Will Rogers of women humorists."

It is expected that a resolution will be introduced today inviting Mrs. Clarke to address the general assembly Thursday.

As editor of the Pictorial Review for four years, Mrs. Clarke was the leading woman editor in the country, reaching monthly an audience of approximately 2,000,000 people. She is at present editor of the Century Magazine.

The journalists brought Mrs. Clarke to North Carolina, but North Carolina is holding her. She is charmed by the state, its climate, and its folk, she declares, and is even considering making it her permanent home. She feels that North Carolina furnished more ideas for the writer than New York.

Mrs. Clark will spend several days in Raleigh collecting material for an article on North Carolina to appear in a future issue of the Century.

THREE ROWAN PEOPLE DIE AT ADVANCED AGE

James A. Lisk, of Morgan township, Mrs. Julia Cranford and W. F. Rice, Pass.

Salisbury, Jan. 12.—One of the best known and most highly respected men of Morgan township passed with the death of James A. Lisk, who died Saturday at the age of 84. Mr. Lisk was born in Montgomery county but had spent most of his life in Morgan township. He was a Confederate veteran having volunteered in Wagon Hampton's South Carolina division at the outbreak of the war between the states.

Four sons and two daughters survive, these being W. C. and Neely Lisk, of Morgan township; L. B. Lisk, of Kansas City; S. C. Lisk, of Salisbury; Mrs. W. H. Fry, of Morgan township, and Mrs. L. B. Warner, of Misenheimer. The funeral was conducted from the Zion Methodist church. Mr. Lisk was the oldest member.

Mrs. Julia Cranford, aged 75, died suddenly at the home of a daughter, Mrs. James Parks, Sunday night, she is survived by two sons and two daughters.

W. F. Rice, aged 77, one of the owners of the Third Creek roller mill, died suddenly at his home at Woodleaf Monday morning. He was apparently in good health when he arose Monday morning. He ate breakfast and wrote a letter and while seated at his desk fell over dead.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair and warmer tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably rain Thursday afternoon in west portion. Moderate northeast shifting to southeast winds.