

Connor's Equalization Bill Offered; Divorce Law Would Be Changed

Connor Bill Carries State Fund to Be Used to Equalize Support of the State's Schools.

MINISTERS FAVOR LAW ON DIVORCES

Was Offered "by Request" and Deals With Marriage as Well as Divorce.—Week-End Recess.

State Capitol, Raleigh Feb. 5.—(AP)—Recommendations for tightening marriage and divorce laws, formulated at the recent meeting of ministers in High Point, were presented in the House of Representatives today by Representative Smith, of Rockingham County.

The day also was featured by the introduction in the House of the Connor school equalization fund distribution bill, and in the Senate by the presentation of bills designed to obtain improvement in municipal government. They were based on recommendations adopted at the meeting of the state municipal association here. The bills were introduced by Senator Broughton, of Wake County.

The Senate introduced fourteen bills and passed five. The House ratified eighteen bills, introduced nine, and passed seventeen.

The House adjourned until eight o'clock Monday night, and the Senate until half an hour later. Next week's calendars for both branches are packed.

The Smith marriage and divorce bills were contained in five separate measures, and were presented "by request."

They would have applicants for marriage licenses fill out a detailed information blank, furnished at a cost of 50 cents. On the back of the blank would be the complete marriage and divorce laws. The cost of the blank would be applied to the cost of the license when secured.

Among other things the bills provide for publication of marriage bans at least seven days prior to applications for licenses. This, however, would not apply to applicants residing outside of the state, but seeking marriage licenses in North Carolina.

The general equalizing bill introduced by Representative Connor in the house, carries an appropriation of \$2,500,000 out of the general funds of the state for the purpose of equalizing the support of the schools in the state.

The bill carries the appropriation which is now before the appropriations committee. The plan for distribution of this fund is the one which State Superintendent A. T. Allen explained to the appropriations committee last Friday. The main features of the plan are:

For the first year of the biennium, that the same amount allocated to the 70 counties now participating in the fund be allocated so that these counties are insured of getting at least as much money as they secured last year. This will take \$1,500,000 of the fund.

Of the remaining million dollars, the bill would set aside \$200,000 as an aid to transportation, and \$200,000 as a stimulating fund to encourage counties to adopt a county-wide eight months term. The remaining \$600,000 would be distributed by a commission which will take into consideration the needs of the different counties and their ability to support schools for six months.

For the second year of the biennium, the bill would provide the appointment of a commission of three to be connected with the department of revenue to equalize values as between the different counties.

Miss Harriet Rankin, 76, Dies at Mooresville.

Mooresville, Feb. 4.—Miss Harriet Rankin, aged 76 years, died at her home in Mooresville Tuesday afternoon, February 1, at 5 o'clock. She had a stroke of paralysis Thursday afternoon from which she never rallied.

Surviving her are her sister, Miss Emma Rankin; her nephew by marriage, T. N. Hall, and two granddaughters whom she reared, Mrs. H. C. M. Laughlin, of Raeford, and Mrs. M. L. Trotter, of Roanoke, Va.

Robbers Must Serve 35 Years. Quincy, Ill., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Carl Earl and Bernie Shelton, Williamson county gangsters, convicted yesterday of robbing the mails of \$15,000 at Collinsville a year ago, today were sentenced to 35 years in Leavenworth prison by Judge Louis Fitzhugh. A motion for a new trial was denied.

The royal road to success would have more travelers if so many weren't lost trying to find short cuts.

Evangelistic Meetings

February 6th to 20th

Rev. G. H. Hendry, Preaching Mr. N. J. Miles, Musical Director EVERY EVENING AT 7:30

Big Chorus—Good Music—Hearty Welcome

FIRST METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

Ann and Moore Streets

MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF AND OTHERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Federal Court Jury Finds Them Guilty of Conspiracy to Violate Prohibition Law.

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The mayor of a New Jersey town, his chief of police, and two of the town's detectives, today faced penitentiary sentences for their part in the \$2,000,000 rum running conspiracy of the steamship Eker.

Fourteen persons, including Mayor Henry Wisel, of Edgewater, last night were found guilty by a federal court jury of conspiracy to facilitate the concealment and transportation of liquor.

Wisel, his chief of police, and detectives who were charged with accepting \$43,000 in bribes to insure the landing of the liquor in Edgewater, will be sentenced Wednesday. The maximum penalty is two years in the Atlanta penitentiary and a \$10,000 fine. The other convicted conspirators were sentenced last night, the heaviest punishment given any one being a year and a day at Atlanta.

Four others who had pleaded guilty likewise face maximum penalties of two years and \$10,000 fines.

Edgewater lies across the Hudson from upper Manhattan. Last April the steamship Eker was seized in the Hudson off Yonkers, New York, and a memorandum book said to contain the names of Edgewater officials was found on board. Investigation revealed that \$43,000 in bribes had been paid to them.

ANOTHER GIRL BANK ROBBER FOR THE COURTS?

Banker in Vermilion, S. D., Says Co-Ed Tried to Drill Into Vault of Bank There.

Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A dispatch to the Journal from Vermilion, S. Dak., says that Marion Mercier, a University of South Dakota co-ed, was arrested today on an alleged attempt to rob the First National Bank of Vermilion. P. M. Hayster, the cashier, said the girl had an electric drill set and ready to begin operations when she was frightened away.

The Vermilion night watchman entered the bank early today to start the furnace, and it is believed his entrance frightened the pretty burglar before she could drill into the vault. She had climbed in through a rear window.

Several days ago an electric drill outfit with a number of bits was stolen from a garage here and they constituted the outfit used in the burglary attempt. In making her escape the girl left a man's hat with her name in it. Miss Meyers, who is about twenty years old, is from Valley City, N. Dak., according to the University's student directory, and is a member of the class which will be graduated in 1930.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 2 to 5 Points.—May Goes Up to 14.04.

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 2 to 5 points on a continuation of yesterday's buying movement. There was some southern selling and realizing, but demand continued active and by the end of the first hour active months were 11 to 13 points higher. May selling to 14.04 and October to 14.45, or into new high ground for the movement.

Much of the buying was attributed to covering by shorts who still seemed to be influenced by the prospects of farm relief legislation.

There was also fresh commission house buying and a moderate trade demand.

Private cables reported trade calling and covering in Liverpool and active business in cotton piece goods with India.

Future opened: March 13.73; May 13.95; July 14.18; Oct. 14.37; Dec. 14.52.

Closed Steady.

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady: March 13.84; May 14.08; July 14.26; October 14.43; December 14.65.

Youth Inherits \$35,000.

(By International News Service) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 5.—Although he has inherited a fortune of \$35,000 from the estate of his uncle, Wilson B. Clegg, of Jacksonville, Fla., Woodson C. Mitcham, a 12-a-week under a local theater, didn't even take a holiday.

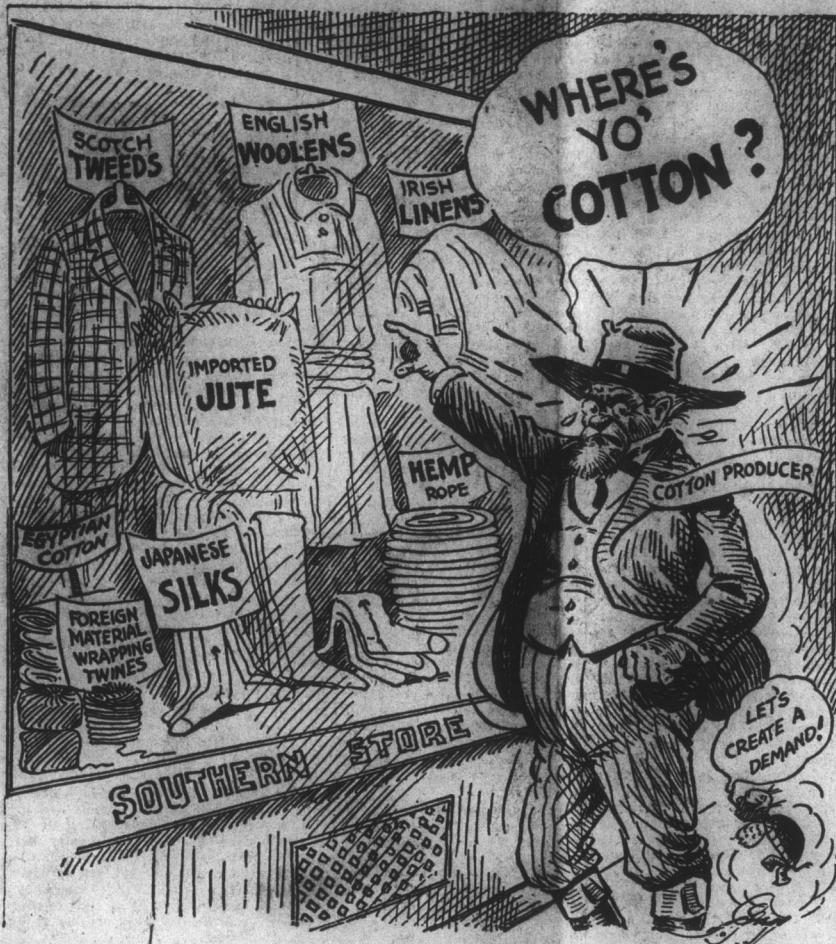
Mitcham plans to buy "mother and dad a home." That ought to be plans enough for a 20-year old boy on the first day after inheriting more money than he could make ushering at his present salary. He expects to keep right on working on his old job and go to school in the morning.

Another Revolt in Portugal. Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Serious fighting between government troops and revolutionaries is under way at Oporto, principal city of northern Portugal, where a revolt broke out in the garrison Thursday. There have been numerous casualties, dispatches say.

Alarmed Over White Deer.

London, Feb. 5.—Residents of Ex-moor are alarmed at the rumor that a pure white stag, with immense white antlers, is roaming the moor. The district teems with superstition, and the people regard the presence of the white stag as the forerunner of some terrible tragedy.

THE SHOP WINDOW!



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WOULD SAVE SHANGHAI FROM WARING FACTIONS

United States Proposes That Shanghai International Settlement Be Exempted From War Factions.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Exemption of the Shanghai international settlement from the theatre of hostilities in the Chinese civil war has been proposed to the Cantonese and other authorities by the United States.

The State department refused today to disclose details of the project which it has formulated for protection of American and other foreign nationals in Shanghai.

The proposal is not for "neutralization" of the Shanghai area, it was said, but merely for the "exemption" of that area from hostilities between the two Cantonese factions. Officials decline to throw any further light on this diplomatic distinction.

The proposal was sent to American Minister MacMurray for transmission to the northern and southern war lords. No word has been received from him.

WAGE INCREASE GIVEN TO SOME RAIL WORKERS

Firemen and Engineers on 59 Roads Get 7-1-2 Per Cent. Wage Increase in Agreement.

New York, Feb. 5.—(AP)—A 7-1-2 wage increase was granted today to 31,000 firemen and engineers on 59 railroads in the East, when the trainmen and operators settled their demands before Wallace W. Hanger, member of the U. S. Board of Mediation.

The original demands of the employees was for a raise of \$1.00 a day and up, involving \$13,000,000. The agreement reached today will involve an outlay of \$5,000,000, or \$8,000,000 short of what was asked.

With Our Advertisers.

A big shipment of new spring footwear at the G. A. Moser Shoe Store. Big values too.

Evangelistic meetings will be held at the First Methodist Protestant Church from February 6th to 20th, every evening at 7:30 o'clock. N. J. Miles will be musical director.

New spring millinery at Fisher's. Prices from \$2.95 to \$11.95. The smartest always at Fisher's.

Wrenn, the Kanopolis dry cleaner, prides himself on the quality of his work and the speed of his delivery.

Monday is the last day of the big Clearance Sale at the Parks-Bell Co. Each department in this store is still running over with bargains. Monday afternoon 12-12 bleaching, only 5 cents a yard. Limit, 10 yards to a customer.

Spring fashions that go hand in hand with fashions at Robinson's. Millinery, dress goods, coats.

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GREAT BRITAIN NOT TO CHANGE POLICY; WILL LAND TROOPS

For the Present at Least, More Soldiers Will Be Landed in Shanghai to Protect British Subjects.

CHINESE PREPARE FOR BIG BATTLE

Waring Factions Continue Plans for Battle Which May Decide the Fate of the Republic.

London, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Great Britain has no intention, for the present at least, of retreating from its decision to land an adequate force of troops at Shanghai to defend British nationals in case of outbreaks against foreigners. This was indicated after lengthy deliberations by the cabinet ministers.

As thought to emphasize the government's determination to be prepared for eventualities at Shanghai, the foreign office denied that a proposal had been made to Eugene Chen, the Cantonese foreign minister, to divert to Hong Kong the transports now converging on Shanghai. Such an offer was reported to have been sent to Chen in answer to his stand that the British withdrew their Shanghai defense force.

Ready for Big Battle.

Shanghai, Feb. 5.—(AP)—Northern and southern Chinese forces today were reported continuing the first phase of an engagement which may determine the fate of the Far Eastern republic.

No further word has been received from the front at Xenchow where Marshal Sun is defending this city against the advancing Cantonese. Sun's army yesterday sent 500 of its wounded back to hospitals at Hang Chow and Kaohing.

This was the first evidence that fire and blood had been drawn between the northern and southern armies in the fight for control of Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley.

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Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5.—(AP)—Behold the pathetic scenes of the flood which for the past several days has driven thousands from their homes and caused millions of dollars damage, lies a numerous story.

Rescue workers who braved the horrors of the rushing currents, worked day and night, saving marooned persons carrying hundreds to safety, can tell it best.

"In one day, we found seven stills floating on the water," said a youth. "The woods everywhere seemed to be full of them. Here and there would be seen pieces of coils and boilers used for making liquor."

The price of liquor in Memphis has already gone up due to the flood. Moonshiners on the river islands and the lowlands of Arkansas have been driven from their liquor manufacturing plants and their stills washed away by the hundred.

Another amusing thing about the floods, the rescue workers said, was the reptiles. Hundreds of snakes, awakened from their winter slumber by the rising waters, were driven to railroad beds and hills for safety.

One man was rescued from a tiny hill where he had been for two days, having killed over 100 snakes. He had been afraid to sleep for the snakes, he said.

Rabbits, driven to the highlands, were eaten by snakes and killed by hunters by the hundreds. Row boats were used to slaughter rabbits.

Possoms were found in treetops, starving to death. Coons were also found unable to obtain food and driven from their trees. There is less and less opportunity to come in contact with the country, and with nature," said Mr. Cammerer.

"European countries, who for years have realized the tremendous income received from the tourist crop, and which have consistently cultivated the crop, made up mostly of Americans, have been quick to sense the value of setting aside areas similar to our National parks. And as the result of the ideas gained from visiting out parks, Switzerland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France and Italy have all within the last few years set aside National park areas to be used as added attractions to draw tourists, especially since the tide was beginning to turn in 'tourist travel' in Europe."

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Conductor: "How old are you, little girl?"

SUNDAY Assembly Hall Concord Hotel Last Two Meetings Fraser Revival

(Move from Court House to accommodate crowds tomorrow)

3 P. M.: "IS CONCORD GUILTY OF SIMONY?"

7:45: "MY LIFE STORY" (An evangelistic epic, full of thrills)

Tonight 7:45: "WHAT IS FAITH?" (At Court House)

COLORED FOLKS' MEETING MONDAY NIGHT AT COURT HOUSE

(All colored people in city cordially invited. Special Singing)

Sick will be prayed for tonight, tomorrow, and Monday)

HEARING ON SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK BILL FEBRUARY 9

Sentiment in House and Senate is Conceded to Be Favorable Toward Passage of the Bill.

APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000

The Real Contest Will Be to Get the Bill Through the Joint Appropriations Committee.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Feb. 5.—With sentiment in the house and senate conceded to be generally favorable toward the passage of the Smoky Mountains National park bill, carrying with it an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to be expended in acquiring at least 75,000 acres of land in the park area, North Carolina's share of the total of 150,000 acres that must be provided, the real contest will be to get the bill through the joint appropriations committee.

Realizing that this is the case, those backing the park bill are centering their efforts at present on convincing the members of these committees that the park is essential to the future development of the state, and that this appropriation of \$2,000,000 is but a drop in the bucket as compared with what will be returned to the state through the establishment of the park. This appropriation is not a gift or donation by the state to the Government, as some attempt to point out, but in reality is but an initial investment—a pledge of faith on the part of the state that the state and its people are interested in having the Government take over the park.

Perhaps the strongest argument being used in support of the park bill is the economic argument—a dollars and cents argument. For aside from the fact that this splendid area of virgin forest and primeval mountains should be preserved for posterity as one of the few remaining examples of nature's handiwork, and be forever safeguarded from the destructive onward march of unimaginative industrialism, the fact that this park will bring into the state thousands of tourists annually who will leave behind them additional thousands of dollars, is the most telling argument to the average person.

Thus the statements of Arno B. Cammerer, acting director of the National Parks service, who was in Raleigh this week, with regard to the increased pulling power or national parks on tourists, and of the steadily increasing financial return to all states in which national parks are located as a result of this increasing tourist traffic.

"In 1917, our record show that approximately 300,000 people visited various National parks in the United States. And in 1926 more than 3,000,000 people visited these parks. This is but one example of the increased tendency of the American people to travel and 'go somewhere,' and especially do these people have a desire to get out of doors and see the wonders of nature, since the majority of the travelling public now comes from cities where there is less and less opportunity to come in contact with the country, and with nature," said Mr. Cammerer.

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And this expression from Mr. Cammerer, who knows more about National parks than any one else in the United States, is reflected by all those from the north—all the members of the Southern Appalachian Park Commission—who have visited this wonderful area in the Great Smokies which the Government is asking for permission to make into a National park—if the states of North Carolina and Tennessee will but provide a nucleus of 150,000 acres.

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Whether or not the goose will be killed, or allowed to live and lay these golden eggs will be decided by the appropriations committee on Wednesday, February 9, following the public hearing on the park bill.

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