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BIGGEST FIGHTS IN LEGISLATURE ABOUT TO BE PULLED OFF

Outstanding Among These is the Poole Monkey Bill —Appropriation Bills Are About Ready.

WILL THERE BE EXTRA SESSION?

Some of the Biggest Proposals Are Yet to Be Presented, Including Eight Months Schools.

(By International News Service)

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Mid-season finds the 1927 general assembly yet to enact its first important statewide measure, and faced with a more gingerly time during the next thirty days.

The joint appropriations and finance committees, getting off to an early start, are about ready to turn their major bills toward the floor.

The finance and appropriations committees have been studying the appropriations, maintenance and finance bills for the past few weeks, and have not so far seriously disturbed the balance of the two bills worked down to a nicety by Governor McLean and his advisory budget commission.

The appropriations and maintenance bills are expected to be in final shape early next week, although they may make their appearance on the floor before that time.

What are regarded as the biggest fights in the present session are just in the offing, waiting on the mooted bills to be returned from the committee rooms. Outstanding among these is the Poole anti-evolution bill to prevent the teaching of the so-called evolution theory in North Carolina state supported schools.

Some of the biggest proposals are yet to be presented before the legislature, including the eight months school term bill. Proponents of the eight months school term are waiting to see what the appropriations committee will do about the recommendation of the education commission for a $4,000,000 equalization fund.

The amount recommended for the equalization fund by Governor McLean in his budget message was $2,500,000.

Another important bill which is expected to be introduced during the present session is the proposal empowering the governor to fill United States senate vacancies by appointment. The proposed bill already has been the center of wide discussion.

Bills carrying out the recommendations of Governor McLean regarding county government reform are also expected to be dumped in the hopper within the next few weeks.

With the present session just past its half-way mark, the question of an extra session persists in being a matter of speculation around the capitol corridors.

Reports have been current recently that a possibility exists of Governor McLean calling an extra session of the legislature soon after the present one goes home, but Governor McLean has refrained from any expression along this line.

The purpose of the extra session would be for the enactment of tax legislation.

More Suits Filed For Usury in Salisbury.

Salisbury, Feb. 8.—Following in the local evening paper publication of a number of usurious interest cases by salary buying concerns in Salisbury and Spencer, the securing of a judgment against the Spencer Brokerage Company by Belton Boler, colored worker, Salisbury lawyers have received a number of other suits to be instituted.

The law provides that one can collect double the amount of usurious interest, and Belton Boler charged that he had paid $40.00 above the legal rate of interest and received a judgment against J. Y. Hill and J. N. Grice, operating as the Spencer Brokerage Company, for $80 or double the interest paid.

It has been difficult to secure evidence on the salary buyers because the concerns would not give receipts stating that the payments were for.

One man was allowed to pay on the principal when he insisted on paying the interest with a check. This man owed, he said, $10. He asked what he owed and was told that the interest was $6.00—he had not paid for several pay days. When he wrote check for that amount and returned the following week with another check, he was told that cancelled the principal. He had been paying at a rate of $1.00 every two weeks for six months.

W. I. Little underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Concord Hospital this morning.

STAR THEATRE

3— BIG DAYS —3

ADMISSION

5c AND 10c

TODAY

"LOVE 'EM AND LEAVE 'EM"

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

"RUSTLING FOR CUPID"

With

Anita Stewart, George O'Brien

Other Big Attractions February 9th, 10th and 11th

Co-ed Suicide

Bernice Richardson, twenty, of Matoon, Ill., took poison at Milliken College, Decatur, Ill. She was the eighth student in the country to commit suicide within the past few weeks.

(International Newsreel)

TAYLORSVILLE MAN IN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Bonnie Rowe Slashed Wrists With a Razor in Hotel at Tampa, Fla.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Slashing his wrists with a razor at a hotel here late last night, Bonnie Rowe, parachute jumper with an aerial show which has been touring Florida, sat at a table and began a letter to a woman he addressed as "Alma", and continued to write until he fell to the floor unconscious from loss of blood.

"Forty-five minutes and I shall face eternity," the letter said. "Here's hoping I keep my nerve in death as I have in life." The remainder of the letter was filled with protestations of love.

Physicians at a hospital where the man was taken said today that he probably would recover. Hotel employees declared Rowe reached there early last night, sent a telegram and registered letter, and asked not to be disturbed when he went to his room.

"I want a good night's rest," he said. Half an hour later a bell boy attracted to the room by the sound of Rowe's fall, found him lying in a pool of blood. Rowe's home is in Taylorsville, N. C.

Wife in Charlotte.

Charlotte, Feb. 9.—(AP)—While her husband lies in a Tampa hospital recovering from self inflicted wounds, Mrs. Bonnie Rowe was somewhere in Charlotte today preparing to go to Atlanta to meet his body and bury him.

Relatives of Mrs. Rowe, who live in Taylorsville, this morning received a telegram saying Rowe had been killed. They notified Mrs. Rowe who was visiting in Charlotte.

Advised of an Associated Press dispatch stating Rowe would probably recover they sought to notify his wife, but up to noon had been unable to locate her.

Mrs. Rowe formerly lived in Taylorsville. Lately, however, the Rowes have made their home in Atlanta.

SOCIAL SERVICE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

Child Welfare, Mothers' Aid, Juvenile Court Among Subjects of Discussion.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A variety of social service topics was spread before delegates at the opening of the second day of the fifteenth annual social conference today. Child welfare agencies, mothers' aid, industrial migration, recreation organizations, juvenile court workers, family welfare bodies were among subjects to be discussed in round table discussions.

The league for abolition of capital punishment with Rev. H. L. Canfield, of Greensboro, as chairman, met as a part of the conference to lay plans for legislative enactment, making punishment of criminals "more constructive and less barbarous."

The Wake county council of social agencies planned an informal reception following the day's sessions, while tonight Frank Graham, of the University of North Carolina, was down for an address.

"ART" MAGAZINES SPARED

Can Print Anything Seen in Galleries, Says Baltimore Official.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—State Attorney O'Conner has advised Police Commissioner Gaither that he will not prosecute vendors of so-called art magazines that are camplained of as obscene.

The Commissioner, acting on complaints, had his policewomen gather about twenty-five such publications from news-stands and then, not feeling competent to pass upon their propriety, "passed the buck" to the State's Attorney. Mr. O'Conner says:

"The magazines submitted were of several types, but all included pictures and photographs of females in widely different poses. Every one so included, however, had its counterpart in the art galleries of our metropolitan centres, and a great number of the photographs are of actresses shown in the costumes in which they appear in widely abvertised musical revues.

"It obviously cannot be held that pictures or statuary are decent when exhibited in art galleries and indecent when reproduced in magazines."

DIAZ FORCES TAKE CHINANDEGA AFTER DEFEATING REBELS

City Is Key Position Between Corinto and Managua.—Much Hand to Hand Fighting.

RAILROAD HELD BY DIAZ TROOPS

Diaz Forces Lost 150 Men in Chinandega Fighting. —Rebel Losses Are Not Yet Known.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Chinandega, a key position between Corinto and Managua, and the scene of much hand to hand fighting between the liberals and conservative forces, is again reported to have been regained by the conservatives, who were forced to retire from a part of the town several days ago. The report is made public by the conservative authorities, who hear that the railroad station is in the possession of their troops.

The conservatives, who are fighting for the cause of President Diaz, have had 150 men killed in the Chinandega region. The number of killed in the liberal ranks supporting President Sacasa is not known. Forty-seven wounded of the conservative army reached Managua last night. They bear wounds from machettes, bullets and clubs.

"UNCLE DAN" RHYNE REMEMBERED AT HICKORY

Board of Trustees of Lenoir-Rhyne Gives Birthday Party.

Hickory, Feb. 8.—Daniel Efird Rhyne, of Lincolnton, who is known throughout North Carolina as "Uncle Dan," was given a little birthday party here this afternoon by the board of trustees of Lenoir-Rhyne College. Uncle Dan was 75 years old today.

Among the playmates who were asked to the party, which was held at Hotel Hickory in the form of a midday dinner, were little boys like G. W. Rabb, 85-year-old Catawba County citizen; A. C. Lineberger, of Belmont; J. S. Mauley, of Kings Mountain; N. W. Aderholt, of Henry River; Henry and A. P. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly; and J. S. Propst, a Hickory youth of 75 years.

But Uncle Dan was the friskiest little boy at the party. He came in his working clothes, the clothes and the work that have enabled him to give hundreds of thousands of dollars to Lenoir-Rhyne College and mission churches of the Lutheran denomination throughout North Carolina. He did not wear a tie, and his trousers bagged. Uncle Dan would be mad if anybody tried to picture him as dressed up. He is "just a plain man" as he himself will testify, but his friends swear that he has the biggest heart of any man they know.

Speech after speech eulogized the little man that slouched in his chair at the end of the table, and story after story of his religious generosity went the rounds of the banquet and never once did he pass a remark further than the two friends on each side of him. He was presented with a gold-handled cane and umbrella, and a bowed an smiled his appreciation. At the end of the party Uncle Dan shook the hand of each of the 40 guests and the party went out to Lenoir-Rhyne College where the students were holding a celebration in his honor. He received almost 100 birthday cards and letters today from the students who are being afforded an education because of his generosity.

COLLECT NEARLY 10,000 VOLUMES

Campaign For Library For Lenoir-Rhyne Closes; Splendid Results.

Hickory, Feb. 8.—Between 9,000 and 10,000 books were collected in the campaign for a gift library for Lenoir-Rhyne College which was closed Saturday. The drive for books started soon after fire had destroyed almost 8,000 volumes when the administration building at Lenoir-Rhyne College was burned on January 6.

A library commission was formed by Hickory friends of the institution and three weeks from the date the drive started, it had gone considerably over the goal hoped for and in another week, over 1,000 more books had been added to the fast growing list in addition to $914 received in cash, for purchasing books. The majority of the books came from Hickory, although a number were sent in by friends of the college in other North Carolina cities, South Carolina and Virginia.

The college will continue to receive books as long as its friends send them in.

Falls to His Death.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Samuel Risman, 52, of Buffalo, N. Y., long-term lessee of the Henrietta Towers, fashionable Dallas Park apartment hotel, fell ten floors from the top of the building to his death early today.

The body was found in a parking lot adjoining the structure by a guest, who notified the police.

Cobb to Play With Athletics.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Ty Cobb today made good his announcement of last night that he would be a member of the Philadelphia Athletics this season by signing a contract for one year.

Presidential Bee Buzzes

CALVIN COOLIDGE

R. B. CREAGER

C. BASCOM SLEMP

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH

A meeting between Calvin Coolidge and a Texas delegation headed by R. B. Creager, Republican strategist, was considered to be a manoeuver preparatory to Coolidge's candidacy for re-election in 1928. Meanwhile, C. Bascom Slemp, who failed to get a cabinet post despite effective work in 1924, was reported praising Speaker Nicholas Longworth to Southern Republicans.

(International Newsreel)

SIMMONS URGED TO OPPOSE FARM RELIEF BILL

Textile Men Opposed to the McNary-Haugen Bill.

(By International News Service)

Lexington, Feb. 9.—Senator Simmons has been urged to do all within his power to defeat the McNary-Haugen bill now before Congress by J. M. Gamewell, of Lexington, president of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of North Carolina, it was learned here today.

Gamewell, declaring that he was expressing the view of virtually every textile executive in North Carolina, stated that the McNary-Haugen bill would not be of benefit to the southern farmers and that it would prove "disastrous" to the textile industry. The textile industry, he pointed out, right now was in a depressed condition.

Dr. Haywood's Threat to Run for Governor Does Not Frighten Anyone

The Tribune Bureau
Sir Walter Hotel

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—If the house continues to believe in a "hands off" policy concerning legislation with regard to religious beliefs, with the same vehemence that it believes in the futility of making people moral through legislation, as evidenced in its 75 to 28 defeat of the Haywood "purity" bill, those who are opposed to having thought and investigation hampered as is proposed in the Bowie-Poole anti-evolution bill, have little to fear.

That there is a goodly majority in the house who are capable of thinking for themselves, and who have the courage of their convictions, was shown when after three quarters of an hour of impassioned oratory in which Dr. Haywood, the "purity" legislator from Montgomery, had alternately threatened the members of the house and then pleaded with them, 75 members expressed their belief in the futility of trying to make people moral by legislation and defeated the effort to place this bill on the calendar.

Neither the small amount of logic used by Dr. Haywood, for the large amount of sentimental oratory, coupled with the statement that he could take the three "morality" measures he has introduced so far and successfully run for governor with them as a platform, o rthe threat that he would do so if the houst "trifled" with him, succeeded in shaking the convictions of the members. Neither did the threat that the members were afraid of a roll call vote, and that they had been hiding behind an adverse committee report, bring forth more than indulgent smiles from the house members. Not even did his peroration regarding the power of women in the world, their sublimity and chastity, and the statement that this bill was designed primarly to protect them produce much of an impression. And when the question came to a vote the only woman member of the house voted "no"—with the majority.

Hence, with this striking example of state of mind generally in the house with regard to legislation affecting more or less intangible relationships such as morality, religious beliefs and like, there is a growing feeling here that the so-called Bowie-Poole "evolution bill" stands little chance for enactment even should it reach the floor of the house on a minority report as did the Haywood contraceptive bill. For it is argued that if the majority of the members of the house believe in the futility of trying to make people moral by legislation, that they will hold it equally ineffectual to try to legislate as to what people may or may not believe, say or think. And that is just what the Bowie-Poole bill attempts to do, its opponents point out.

This latest evolution bill, the public hearing concerning which will be held tomorrow, does not limit its application to the teaching of the theory of evolution as a fact—but prohibits the teaching—that is, the presentation—of a theory merely as a theory, and not as a fact, if it in any way conflicts with "contradicts or denies the divine origin of manor the universe as taught in the Holy Bible." The bill goes even further and prohibits the teaching of the useful arts and sciences in such a manner as to "contradict the fundamental truth of the Holy Bible."

The bill is termed "the most extreme measure in restraint of teaching science in the public schools and in colleges receiving aid from the state" ever introduced in any legislature, according to an editorial in the New York Times of Sunday, February 7th, entitled "Against Teaching Science." After quoting the substance of the bill and mentioning the fact that a hearing would be held in it this week, the editorial goes on to say:

"The enactment of this bill (which is hardly conceivable in a state as forward as North Carolina is in the useful arts and sciences and in higher education) would make the Scriptures and ultimate authority in the realm of science, for all truth partake of the 'fundamental.'

"It is only the fool who says in his searching of nature that there is no god. The evolutionist, in tracing creation back through millions of years, does not thereby disclaim or disprove a divise origin. Some chemists have traced all organic life back to the sea, but the sea declares that the secret of life is 'not with me.' The further man has searched, the more in awe of the source of all life he must become, even if he cannot, without discrediting his God-given senses, accept as a textbook in astronomy, physics, chemistry and biology, what was meant for man's spiritual elevation and moral guidance . . . ." There followed several more paragraphs equally pertinent to the question.

There are others who feel that the enactment of such a bill would have the same effect it has had in Tennessee—the opposite effect from what its authors intend—namely that interest in evolution, Darwinianism and other theories, but as facts instead of theories, would be stimulated. For that is just what happened in Tennessee. It is a psychological law that the mind in its formative state seeks most after that which is denied it. Thus in Tennessee, is reliably reported that school children and students—those whom the bill is designed to protect—are more interested in delving into these subjects than ever before.

Thus those who deplore the introduction of the present Bowie-Poole bill and who see in it danger and harm rather than good are taking hope in the refusal of the house to pass "morality" legislation as evidenced in the decided defeat of the Haywood measure.

ANOTHER COLD WAVE GRIPS MIDDLE WEST AFTER MILD SPELL

Snow and Sleet Sweep Out of the Rocky Mountain Region on a Five-State Front.

MERCURY DROPS TO LOW POINTS

Fifteen and 20 Degrees Below Zero in Some of Western and Mid-Western States.

Kansas City, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Snow and sleet swept out of the Rocky Mountain region today on a five-state front, bringing freezing temperatures to the middle west and southwest after more than a week of unusually mild winter weather.

Starting in Canada Sunday, the storm moved southward through Montana, Wyoming and Colorado, leaving a heavy blanket of snow and forcing temperatures to sub-zero marks. Preceded by sharp drops intemperature the clouds banks rolled slowly over the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma yesterday to cover the southern part of this section with two or more inches of snow, or to bring a corresponding amount of rain or sleet.

Snow continued in Kansas and parts of Missouri and Oklahoma today with the mercury varying from 15 to 30 degrees above zero. Rain or mist was general in northern Texas, with Abilene reporting a temperature of 34 above at midnight, as compared with 64 above at noon yesterday.

"CATHOLIC PLOT" IS NIPPED IN THE BUD

These Found Guilty Expected to Face Firing Squad.

Mexico City, Feb. 8.—The Mexican Government today announced that it had nipped in the bud what officials describe as another "Catholic plot" for a rebellion in the States of Queretaro and Quanajuato.

The government also reported further defeats of rebel groups in other sections of Mexico.

General Alvarez, Chief of Staff to President Calles, said today that an anti-government plot by the League for the Defense of Religious Liberty was discovered in the City of Queretaro. Eighty rebels, who are alleged to be attempting an uprising under this plot, are being pursued. Federal forces killed one of these men and captured three, the latter of whom, the government says, confessed that the League for the Defense of Religious Liberty had plotted the uprising.

"The government has ordered that the necessary measures be taken," General Alvarez said, this being construed as meaning that those found guilty will face a firing squad.

RAIL STOCKS CONTINUE ACTIVE AND PRICES RISE

More Than Dozen Stocks Sold at the Highest Levels in Their History, Going Up Hourly.

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Feverish speculation in railroad stocks, inspired by rumors of new combinations and competitive bidding for control, was resumed on the New York Stock Exchange today. More than a dozen issues were bid up to their highest prices in years, some to the highest level ever recorded on gains of 1 to 4 points on the first hour of trading.

Would Issue More Stock.

Washington, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad asked the Inter State Commerce Commission today for authority to issue 222,276 shares of new common stock to relieve a stock shortage which has occasioned a disturbance on the New York Stock Exchange. It is to be used in change for preferred stock for common stock in accordance with the charter of the railroad.

With Our Advertisers.

Springtime is building time. Get the quotations of the National Lumber Co. on any building or materials you may want. See ad. in this paper.

Get the Spartan starting mash for baby chicks at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co. Phone 571.

Watch for the announcement of the Gray Shop in Friday's Tribune. Store at 22 South Union street.

Efird's have just received new patterns in congoleum gold seal art rugs, which are specially priced at $10.95.

Make your clothes serve you well. See ad. of the Wrenn Dry Cleaning Co., of Kannapolis.

The famous D'Orsay face powders are sold at the Gibson Drug Store.

The Parks-Belk Company is giving from 25 to 50 per cent. reductions on all ladies' and children's winter underwear, outings, wool flannels, etc. Big reduction on other winter goods also.

Marathon Hats for spring at J. C. Penney Co.'s, only $2.88. A new arrival for young men.

For real comfort get a pair of Ivey's Constant Comfort shoes, only $5.85.

Extra special Saturday morning—$6.00 end tables for only $1.95 cash, at H. B. Wilkinson's. Now is your time to get a big bargain.

Twenty-two farmers of the Eureka Community in Wayne County have treated their tobacco seed for leaf spot diseases.

VARIETY OF BILLS OFFERED TODAY IN STATE LEGISLATURE

State Library

Three Bills by Rep. Martin Would Deal With Sale and Use of Fire Arms in the State.

GAME LAW TANGLE GIVEN THOUGHT

Members of Two Committees Held Joint Session to Get Agreement on the Bill.

State Capitol, Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The senate convened at noon, the house an hour earlier today.

In the house introduction by Representative Martin, of Davidson, of three bills designed to tighten restrictions about the sale and use of fire arms in North Carolina featured the presentation of nineteen new bills.

In the triple offering were recommendations contained in Governor McLean's biennial message, looking to less crime and less accidents. The Martin measures would amend the present laws to make them more drastic as to sale, concealment and use of pistols.

Other bills of general interest came from Rhodes, of Alamance, seeking state reports for Elon College; Price, of Mecklenburg, seeking to repeal certain contract specification laws; and Connor, of Wilson, to prevent malicious damage to property.

Sutton of Lenoir, in an offering by request, would authorize Wayne drainage to levy taxes. Moss, of Rutherford, had one relating to cemeteries.

Three bills were ratified in the House, and more than a score reported back from committee and calendared.

Among bills reported adversely was the measure designed to increase courts and judicial districts, but the committee recommended passage of a committee substitute, incorporating differences of the several different bills of this nature that had been introduced.

Upon the senate's convening, three bills were ratified; a house message containing 15 bills was read; bills referred to committees; and a dozen new measures were added to the calendar on committee reports.

The Blount bill with its teaching of the Federal Constitution in schools provision met opposition of Senator Claude Currie, of the 18th district, in the belief that purchase of additional books would be required, and in contention the teaching should be left to the individual schools to determine. The bill was killed, 19 to 18 in a rising vote.

Of the dozen new senate bills, Roan and Swain would prohibit issuance of bonds in the town of Franklin without popular vote; Sharp, of Rockingham, would stop giving bonuses to Rockingham officers; Whitmire, of Henderson, would regulate operation of Henderson county pool rooms; while Broughton of Wake, Whitmore, Ebbs, of Buncombe, Hines of Guilford, and Roy of Orange, would license real estate brokers in certain counties. Hines of Guilford, would operate a real estate association of county auditors.

Game Law Debated.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Proposal to untangle North Carolina's game law snarl was debated in joint meeting of the general assembly game committees today.

The bill introduced by Representative Sutton, of Lenoir, and sponsored by the State department of conservation and development, held the center of the stage.

This embodied the outline of a statewide law expressly to take the place of the 100 conflicting sets of local laws at present on the books.

February Clearance Sale at Concord Furniture Company.

The Concord Furniture Co. will begin its February Clearance Sale on Thursday morning, February 10th, and will continue it for nine days. Among the bargains on during this sale:

$149.50 3-piece suite, $98.50
$179.00 10-piece suite $119.50.
$28.50 twin beds, $19.75
$10.00 cotton mattress, $6.90.

These are only a few of the many bargains this store will have for you. All goods marked in plain figures showing regular price and sale price, which is 25 to 50 per cent. under the regular price. All goods delivered.

British Troops Going to China.

Shinghai, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Proof that Great Britain has not called back the troops which she recently ordered to Shanghai was given here today it was announced that the second battalion of a Gloucestershire regiment had embarked at Hong Kong for Shanghai.

The move was made in spite of protests by both the Peking and Hankow governments, and the declaration of Eugene Chen, Cantonese foreign minister, that no agreement with Great Britain would be made with his consent so long as troops are being landed.

War Risk Insurance Appeal.

President Coolidge urges all veterans holding war risk insurance to convert it into the regular life insurance offered by the government. Many veterans have not as yet done so. The time limit for such conversion has been frequently extended. The present date of expiration is July 2.

OPORTO INSURGENTS BEATEN BUT LISBON FIGHTING NOT OVER

Carmona Forces Victors in Revolt in Parts of Portugal But Not in Lisbon So Far.

FOREIGNERS SAFE IN THE CAPITAL

Sixty Said to Have Been Killed in the Fighting at Oporto, Where Rebels Were Defeated.

London, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The insurgents at Oporto, northern Portugal, who rose against the Carmona dictatorship last week, have capitulated to the government forces says official advices received in London this afternoon.

Firing continues in Lisbon, the capital, however, and there have been many casualties in the fighting of the past three days. The dispatches give assurances that no American or Britishers have been injured.

An indication that President Carmona's adherents are holding their own in Lisbon is seen in special dispatches saying that all cable and wireless stations are in the hands of the government.

Travelers arriving over the border in Spain are quoted as expressing belief that the uprising has been suppressed, and frontier dispatches received in Madrid tell of a minor victory for the Carmona forces in heading off a rebel column headed southward from Valencia-do-Minho, in the direction of Oporto.

An evening news dispatch from Vigo, Spain, says sixty were killed and several hundred wounded during the fighting at Oporto. The city was occupied yesterday afternoon when the revolutionaries there surrendered.

Before surrendering the revolutionaries asked that all sergeants, corporalrs and private soldiers involved in the uprising be freed of responsibility for it. The government commander agreed, except with reference to the sergeants.

During the fighting a grenade burst in an asylum for girls, killing one and wounding another.

CONCORD HIGHS TO PLAY ALBEMARLE FEBRUARY 11th

Will Be First Game For Teams in the High School Basketball Series.

Salisbury, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Faculty representatives and coaches of the 64 teams in the western part of the state entered in the championship basketball series of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, meeting here last nght, mapped out the schedule for the first sets of elmination games.

Eight groups were formed and group champions will be determined by February 19th. The eight champions will then meet to map out the final schedule for determining the western champion. Winner in the west meets the winner of the east at Chapel Hill on March 5th for the state title.

The schedule includes: Group III, Concord vs. Albemarle, at Albemarle on February 11th; Granite Quarry vs. Salisbury at Salisbury, Feb. 10; Churchland vs. Badin at Badin on February 12th; Welcome vs. China Grove at Spencer on February 11th;

Group VI—Huntersville vs. Statesville at Statesville on February 10th; Union Grove vs. Kannapolis at Union Grove February 11th; Harmony vs. Troutman at Statesville on February 11; Landis vs. Scott's at Mooresville, February 11th.

THE COTTON MARKET

Showed Renewed Firmness at Opening, May Going to 14:20 and October to 14.57.

New York, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The cotton market showed renewed firmness at the opening today, prices advancing on reported prospects of early action on the farm relief bill in Washington and the firmness of Liverpool.

First prices were 2 to 8 points higher, the market soon showing net gains of 10 to 13 points on covering, while there also appeared to be trade buying to fix prices and large commission house demand. May contracts sold up to 14.20 and October to 14.57. The market was within a point or 2 of the best at the end of the first hour, although the advance met considerable realizing and a little more hedge selling from the South.

Private cables reported trade calling, with London and continental buying in the Liverpool market.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 13.87; May 14.10; July 14.34; October 14.50; December 14.70.

Cook Asking For Pardon.

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 8.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Arctic explorer and oil promoter, convicted here November 21, 1923, on 12 counts for using the mails to defraud and sentenced to 14 years and nine months in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., has filed application for probation over a period of five years, his attorney, H. C. Wade, of Forth Worth, announced tonight.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Cloudy tonight and Thursday, possibly rain; colder tonight in extreme west portion and in west portion on Thursday. Moderate to fresh northeast winds.