

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR HANDS OUT FEW SHOTS

Tells Chief Executives of Other States That They Need To Have More Efficiency and Economy--Advocates Some Needed Reforms.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 25.—Governor Winfield S. Hammond of Minnesota, who addressed the Governor's Conference here today on "Efficiency and Economy in State Government," said that one reason for the present lack of efficiency was that, in effect, most states have several governors instead of one.

"All this has resulted in giving the State not one governor but a number of governors, one of whom is elected, the others appointed by various boards and commissions. The governor of the State bears about the same relationship to many of these boards as he bears to the courts, and it is fundamental that the executive and the judicial departments shall be independent of each other.

"There is little or no co-ordination between these various bodies. Inspectors, examiners, investigators and employees of these various governing bodies, busy in the performance of their duties, are traveling over the State, some times several of them descending at the same time upon a little hamlet of two or three hundred inhabitants, where all examinations and investigations for all of the State departments could be done by an able-bodied man for half a day.

"In Minnesota for some time there has been a feeling that there should be a thorough reorganization of these various offices, that they should be included in the executive department, and should be under the control and direction of the executive himself or department officer selected by him.

"The members of this body made a report to the last legislature and presented a proposed bill for enactment into law.

"Students in political science are all agreed that executive power should be done by individuals and not by boards. The average citizen has come to the same conclusion. The board system tends to delay and inefficiency. It dissipates responsibility. No one knows exactly who is the blame if work is badly done. Boards are necessary for legislative and judicial work. They are useful to give advice. They are not suited to administrative tasks. Moreover, under the board system, the governor has little control over the administration. The board members usually governor appoints only a minority. Each board is a government by itself.

"There can be no objection to the establishment of boards and commissions. The advice and assistance of men picked from the citizenry of the commonwealth for their intelligence, ability, and worth, cannot but be of great benefit to public officials and to the State itself, but their duties ought to be advisory and not executive.

The plan proposed in Minnesota was to consolidate all of these offices and divisions of government in five or six departments, each with a director appointed by the governor and responsible to him for the conduct of his department, but it met defeat in the legislature.

ANOTHER CHALONER CASE COMES UP

Experts Needed to Decide As to "Who's Loony Now"

Richmond, Aug. 25.—John Armstrong Chaloner, of Merry Mills, who enjoys the unique distinction of being sane in Virginia and insane in New York, will doubtless be interested in the case of E. H. Pass, which bears some resemblance to his own.

Pass, who is a young man of good extraction, is being held in jail here for the authorities at Raleigh, N. C., where he escaped from an asylum for the insane a week or so ago, according to his own admission.

Like Chaloner, who spent several years in Bloomingdale asylum in New York before effecting his escape and coming to Virginia, Pass claims that his relatives had him confined at Raleigh in order to get possession of his property.

Also like Chaloner, he claims to bear some resemblance to the great Napoleon, but he goes the master on Merry Mills one better with the claim that he is a great grandson of the "Little Corporal," as the famous French Emperor was familiarly known by his soldiers.

"My grandfather," said Pass, "came over to this country after Napoleon's downfall in company with Marshall Ney and settled in North Carolina."

"But Ney is generally believed to have been shot as a traitor after Waterloo," interposed the newspaper man.

"Sure," agreed Pass, "that is very true. However, supposition is not always a fact. Ney was a Mason, as you may know, and that saved him from the ignominious death which most people believe was his fate. Another man, or a dummy perhaps, was shot in his place. Meanwhile he was hurrying to take ship for this country. Those are the real facts."

Pass was formerly a drummer for a big New York house. A few years ago he decided to quit the road and join the army. Soon afterward he was adjudged insane.

He was arrested here Sunday night in the vicinity of the First Police Station and when questioned readily admitted that he had taken French leave of the Raleigh asylum by sawing his way out of a steel-barred cell. His home is in Mocksville, N. C.

Prominent members of the Masonic order interceded with Justice Crutchfield yesterday asking that Pass, who is a Knight Templar, be allowed to go free, as he apparently was in full possession of his faculties, but Crutchfield thought it best to hold him pending further inquiry.

THE MAROWIJINE MAY NOT BE LOST

Washington, Aug. 25.—Hope that the United Fruit steamer Marowijine, with a crew of 65 and 28 passengers, may be saved, was revived today when the coast guard service received a radiogram from the cutter Miami, stating that a steamer was reported aground off the coast of Florida. The Miami was going to the rescue. The Marowijine, nine days overdue, it is feared, sunk in the Gulf storm.

VIRGINIA TOBACCO MAN COMES HERE

Colonel George S. Hughes, representing the John E. Hughes Tobacco Company of Danville, Va., arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the remainder of the season purchasing the weed on the local market. Colonel Hughes is one of the best known tobaccoists in Virginia, and the local warehousemen feel that they are fortunate in getting him to come to this city for the season.

HENRY CLAY PIERCE. Oil Magnate Accused of Aiding the Mexican Rebels.



PRETTY SURE THAT VIRGINIAN IS DEAD

Body of Richmond Doctor Said to Have Been Found

Richmond, Aug. 25.—Doubt has been dispelled of the loss of Dr. J. S. Vivo, young Porto Rican, student of the Medical College of Virginia, who was acting as ship's doctor on the horse-laden steamer Armenian, which was sunk by a German submarine torpedo off the English coast June 30th.

Death Established

His death is established by the facts set forth in a letter to Mr. J. R. McCauley, secretary of the Medical College of Virginia, written by Mr. H. B. Holmes, agent for the shipping firm of Furness, Withy & Co., at Newport News.

The letter states: "We are this morning in receipt of further communication from the owners of the steamer Armenian, sending us a further list, describing property found on some other bodies which have washed ashore at Cornwall, presumably from this steamer, and from the description of the property given, which has been found on one of the bodies, it is evident that it was the remains of Dr. Vivo. The description given is as follows:

"White man, dressed in a blue serge suit, striped shirt, leather shoes with cloth uppers. Property—gold watch and chain, \$5 note, twelve foreign coins, fountain pen, camera, pocketbook containing letters and photos.

"They further add that one of the photos has been identified by the master of the steamer as being that of Dr. Vivo.

"The property described above had not been turned over to the owners at the time their letter was written, but they state that same will be handed over to them by the Board of Trade, and we have written requesting them to send same to us by the next steamer sailing after the articles come into their possession, as his relatives will no doubt be anxious to recover same."

THE TEUTONS MAY TAKE BIELOSTOK

Indications Are That They Will Occupy It Soon

Petrograd, Aug. 25.—A frank admission that Vilna and Bielestok will shortly fall to the Germans, severing the Petrograd-Poland Railroad, was made today by a high official at the war office. He said Russia would still have enough railroads to withdraw the troops from the conquered zone, and he did not believe Petrograd is in danger of capture.

He said the war office is cheered by the increased production of war munitions.

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Mackensen's soldiers have captured the Hill of Koprivov, on the southwestern front near Brest-Litovsk.

Russia is facing bankruptcy, according to the Vossische Zeitung. It today printed an alleged stenographic report of a secret meeting of the finance committee of the Russian imperial council.

JAMES ARNOLD AT LAST HAS LANDED BEHIND THE BARS

Was Taken In Custody Yesterday By U. S. Deputy Marshal C. H. Ange

COULDN'T GET BAIL

Charged With Operating an Illicit Still and Selling Whiskey

Jim Arnold, white, alleged blockader and maker of "monkey rum" and other spirituous liquors, is now in Craven county jail. It will be remembered that Arnold, who has been living on Hog Island just above New Bern, made quite a spectacular escape from police, county officers and revenue men when they ran up on him at Glenburnie Park after he is alleged to have delivered seven gallons of "booze" to two young men of this city. Arnold at that time swam more than a mile to reach his home and late in the afternoon was arrested by Sheriff Lane and later released on bond.

Yesterday morning U. S. Deputy Marshal Ange saw Arnold peacefully perambulating around the streets, and, believing that the government had a pretty strong case against him, at once took him into custody and as he could not give bond for his appearance at the next term of Federal Court, placed him behind the bars for safe keeping.

Moonshining Increases

United States Deputy Collector J. M. Tull, who looks after the revenue collections in this district for Uncle Sam, is responsible for the statement that moonshining in Eastern North Carolina is rapidly increasing and states that he believes the Grier law is responsible for this state of affairs.

Deputy Collector Tull states that the new quart law makes it pretty hard for the old toppers to get the desired quantity of spirituous ferment, and that they are paying all sorts of prices for the juice of the corn. This has caused those who are inclined to manufacture whiskey to take a shot at being found out and a number of stills are believed to be in operation.

Revenue officers, however, are doing all within their power to break up the illicit distilling and blind tiger business and are meeting with considerable success.

U. S. PROPOSES TO PROTECT HAITIEN CITIZENS

Washington, Aug. 25.—That the United States has proposed the establishment of a Haitian protectorate was today confirmed by Lansing. A reply has not been received. The plan must be passed upon by the United States Senate before the arrangement can be completed. Mr. Lansing said the proposal was "entirely friendly." He said the plan does not contemplate the taking over of the naval base at Mole St. Nicholas.

IN NEED OF AID; SMOKES HAVANAS

Blind Beggar Puffs at Costly "Smoke" While Collecting "Jits"

A beggar, whether a professional or one who is really in need of help is seldom indulging in the luxuries of five but occasionally this occurs, and one of those cases took place at the union passenger station yesterday morning when a white man, who is supposed to be blind, was standing under the shed playing a banjo, two tunes for a nickel, and at the same time was smoking a cigar, which apparently was of a very good brand. It is not an unusual occurrence to see a beggar smoking but usually his paraphernalia consists of a corn cob pipe and a sack of cheap tobacco, instead of high grade cigars, such as a twenty-five dollar per week wage earner cannot afford. The public should be careful in donating to strangers who wear colored glasses and claim to be blind for if their financial standing enables them to burn up money in five cent cigars, they are not worthy of the nicies that they get.

There were a number of New Bernians, also a large crowd of people from the surrounding country, who went to Norfolk yesterday on an excursion train operated from New Bern. The train was composed of a baggage car and four coaches, the latter being well filled with passengers. This was an excellent opportunity for people of this section to visit this Virginia city, and the fare was very reasonable and this probably accounts for the large patronage.

RALPH W. MOSS. Congressman Who Heads Committee on Agriculture.



YOUTHFUL SLAYER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

William Jennings Brown Tries to Take His Own Life

Winchester, Va., Aug. 25.—William Jennings Bryan Brown, the boy who confessed to killing his father, John W. Brown, of Nain, Frederick county, on August 9, was prevented from committing suicide in jail here this week by Walter Banks, a negro who was in jail charged with shooting and killing Peter Meyer at Middletown.

Banks saw young Brown draw a large pocket knife, apparently with the intention of stabbing himself. The negro called the sheriff and told him what he had seen.

Brown denied having a knife, but the officers took the bedtick from his bed into the yard, ripped it open and found concealed a long and flat two-bladed knife. One blade was over four inches long and hearily an inch wide. The other had been filed into the form of a dagger.

Brown had the knife concealed under his garter when searched Saturday night. He is reported to have threatened suicide if arrested.

That Brown and his father had been at daggers point since Mrs. Brown was ordered away from home recently, is known. It became known yesterday that the father was returning from his woods after heaving timber on the morning of August 9, when he was shot. The son, it is alleged, was hid near where he had dug a shallow grave. As the father approached the boy stepped out and fired one bullet from a rifle.

Brown, according to the son's confession, threw up his arms, exclaiming: "Oh, have mercy on me." The boy fired again, the bullet entering the father's heart. It was reported last night that officers expect to arrest others as accomplices of young Brown.

TIED OF LIVING SISTERS SUICIDE

Pet Dog and Cat Went With Their Mistresses Over Great Divide

Washington, Aug. 25.—Peniless, hungry and without friends, Mary and Maude E. Burrows, sisters, took the "easiest way out" of their troubles. Their bodies were found by police early today in bed in their little home here. Clashed in each other's arms, they turned on the gas and lay down to await death.

The bed on which they lay was the most last bit of furniture in the house, the rest having been sacrificed to stave off starvation. A note addressed to the police stated that sickness and poverty had led to the double suicide.

"There is little left for us to live for," it read. "We want to be buried by the side of our relatives in Rock Creek Park."

Their pet dog and cat joined the sisters in death, the bodies of the animals being found near the foot of the bed.

H. H. Gardner, who climbed the Elk's temple Tuesday afternoon, left yesterday morning for Washington and Greenville where he gave an exhibition yesterday and today he will climb buildings in Wilson and Rocky Mount. Saturday he will be in Wilmington, N. C., from which place he will go to Columbus, Ohio and other points in the Northwest.

W. F. Dowdy left yesterday morning for a visit to Norfolk, Va.

CRAVEN CITIZENS URGE CAUTION IN BUILDING ROADS

Think Care Should Be Exercised in Selection of Material

WILL COST MUCH

Board of Commissioners Estimate \$100,000 Will Be Necessary

The action taken by the Craven county Board of Commissioners at a special meeting held Tuesday at which it was decided to build more than twenty miles of road in this county at a cost of more than a hundred thousand dollars, has caused many of the citizens to sit up and take notice and to make some inquiries.

The material which the commissioners now have in view for this road building consists of Cape Fear gravel which will be covered with a coating of Tarvis. The cost of building roads with any such material will be pretty heavy and in addition to this there is no certainty that the roads, after being constructed, will give satisfactory wear.

A road has recently been constructed of this material near this city and it is far from being what it should be. A number of persons have been asked to give an opinion on the action taken by the Board, which was not unanimous, and they have declared that there should be an investigation made of the materials that are contemplated being used and if these do not prove to be satisfactory, some other material should be employed.

Citizens of Craven county are anxious to have every road in the county put in the very best of condition but those who have the interests of the county at heart are of the opinion that it is useless for the county to spend thousands of dollars in building roads which will necessarily have to be rebuilt again within a year or two and which will necessitate an annual outlay to keep them in first class condition. The money for the proposed improvement of the roads has not yet been secured and it is very probable that the Board will hear from several of the citizens before the matter is definitely acted upon.

EXPRESS AGENT VERY OPTIMISTIC

John T. White Says That Business Is Picking Up Rapidly

"Business is picking up," was a remark made to a Journal reporter yesterday by John T. White, local agent for the Southern Express Company. Mr. White stated that the volume of his business, in all lines, has and is increasing, but the most noticeable increase has been in the fish department. Mr. White stated that he is having good shipments of fish from New Bern, and nearby points every day, and last Saturday, in addition to having all the available space in the regular express car filled up with inhabitants of the "briny deep", he had an extra coach attached to the West bound train, which leaves New Bern at 8:30 in the morning, and this was also well filled. He is of the opinion that it will be necessary that he bring an extra coach into service Saturday of this week in order to be able to handle the increased amount that he is expecting to be shipped.

NEW ARRIVALS OFF FOR AUTO TOUR

Judge and Mrs. O. H. Guion and daughter Miss Lida Guion, and Mrs. Charles Duffy left yesterday morning for a trip through the New England states. They were joined in Washington, N. C., by Miss Lida Rodman and will continue the trip by rail to Baltimore, Md., and from there the trip will be made in Judge Guion's automobile which has been sent there for this purpose. The party will be gone for about ten days and the members are anticipating a very pleasant trip.

The concert given last night at the foot of Pollock street by the Peoples Concert Band was a source of much real pleasure to the large number of people who attended it. These concerts are given each Wednesday evening and the people are taking advantage of the opportunity of hearing some real good music.

A. E. Hibbard left yesterday morning for a visit to Norfolk, Va.

NURSE TRIED TO POISON INFANT

Said to Have Given the Little One Concentrated Lye

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 25.—Ida Green Butts, colored, was arrested yesterday morning by Detective W. H. Feet upon a warrant sworn out by W. J. Mason, 734 Redgate avenue, charging her with the attempted murder of Mr. Mason's fifteen-year-old child, Cora Elizabeth. It is charged that the colored woman, who has been employed as a servant in Mr. Mason's home for eight or ten months, gave the child concentrated lye with the intention of killing her.

Attracted by screams of the child Monday afternoon, Mrs. Mason rushed to the dining room. The colored woman had the child in her arms trying to soothe it. Dr. W. L. Harris was summoned. After an examination he stated that the child had swallowed concentrated lye. The little one's mouth and throat was badly burned by the poison, and its suffering was intense. A physician and a trained nurse were in attendance upon the suffering child all yesterday. It is thought that she will eventually recover, although her condition is critical.

Mr. Mason said yesterday afternoon that his wife had had occasion to reprimand the colored woman a few days ago, and that the servant was subsequently sullen. It is his opinion that the negro woman, harboring revenge against her mistress, undertook to kill the child.

The colored woman declared that the child had secured the lye in the kitchen and swallowed it. This statement according to Mrs. Mason, hardly seems plausible in view of the fact that there was no trace of lye on the child's hands.

The case will be tried in Police Court this morning.

ARE CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING GIRL

Mars Hill Young Men Must Face the Judge

Asheville, Aug. 25.—Charged with assault on Marie Powers, a 16-year-old girl of this city, Glenn and Ewell West of Weaverville and "Cub" Sprinkles of Mars Hill, yesterday were arraigned in the court of Magistrate B. L. Lyda who continued their case until tomorrow morning and released them under bond of \$500. The warrant for the arrest of the three men was sworn out by Miss Powers who charges that they took her and Mrs. Bertie Rice for an automobile ride last Friday night.

Several miles out of Asheville, she alleges, following certain statements made by the men she was threatened as she attempted to leave the car with the remark that she intended to walk home. She sprang from the automobile, she claims, and was running from the motorists when they overtook her and were attempting to force her to re-enter the machine when Dr. W. M. Fresh and Carl Weaver of Weaverville passed in another automobile. They took the young woman to a station on the interurban line between Asheville and Weaverville and she was brought back to the city on one of the cars. Arriving here she swore out a warrant for the arrest of the three men, although it was not served until yesterday. Each of the defendants furnished bail and neither gave out any statement in connection with the case.

NEGRO BEATS WOMAN

Unknown Black Attacks Eva Garrett at Pembroke

A negro whose name could not be learned last night, late yesterday entered the home of Eva Garrett, supposed to be a woman of ill fame, at Pembroke and beat her almost to death.

The police were notified of the affair and made search for the negro but found that he had left the city on a freight train. The police at Washington were notified to be on the lookout for the negro and late last night Chief of Police C. Lupton received a telephone message from the chief at that place stating that they had the man under arrest.

One of the local officers will today go to Washington to bring the negro back to New Bern.