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North Carolina, generally fair tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

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C. & N.-W. CANNOT DO AWAY WITH TRAIN

Corporation Commission Denies Request Carolina and Northwestern to Lay Off Hickory-Lenoir Service.

RALEIGH, Dec. 9.—Citizens of Lenoir, protesting against "being put on R. F. D. from Hickory" by discontinuance of mixed trains No. 54 and 55, operating between the two points, were given a verdict by the state corporation commission today when the petition of the Carolina & Northwestern railway to take off the trains was disallowed.

The Caldwell counties were represented at the hearing by J. L. Nelson, V. D. Gayer, J. H. Bell, Mark Squires and F. H. Coffey, all of Lenoir, and their opposition to the railroad's petition was given weight by letters of protest from the Gastonia chamber of commerce and of the town of Granite Falls. For the carrier Vice President Mackie and L. T. Nichols were present.

Opposition to the petition was based on the fact that Lenoir, the gateway to Blowing Rock and the "back country," at the present time has only two daily trains each way and the change would subject the town and Caldwell county to a real hardship with respect to passenger traffic and mails. It was shown that Lenoir is a big mail distributing center for Watauga Wilkes and Avery counties by rural carriers and this section would be inconvenienced if these trains were discontinued.

The railroad officials declared that money was being lost at the rate of about \$12,000 per month and curtailment was essential to save off financial disaster.

Declining the petition, the commission suggested that the railroad make an effort to find a solution for cutting down its expenses other than that suggested.

NOTED CHOIR BOY IS HANGED ON 19TH BIRTHDAY

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Nicholas Viana, former choir boy, was hanged in the county jail today, his nineteenth birthday. He was the second member of the Cardinali gang to die on the gallows in the county jail. Viana, the leader, is also under sentence of death. Viana, who was known as the "Boog Bird" of the jail, because he sang daily for the prisoners, gave his last concert last night when his mother, father, brother, four sisters and about fifty other relatives called to say good-bye. At his mother's request he sang Kipling's "Mother O'Mine."

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN CERTAIN AREAS IRELAND

(By The Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 10.—Martial law to be applied to "certain areas" of Ireland to put down "murder and outrage" and a move to bring about conferences between the government and Sinn Fein leaders on the Irish situation were announced by Premier Lloyd George in the house of commons today.

In announcing this "double policy" of the government the premier declared that under martial law persons found possessing arms after a certain date or unauthorized persons wearing uniforms would be liable to the death penalty. Under martial law, said the premier, a proclamation would be issued demanding that all arms and uniforms be surrendered within the prescribed areas by a certain date. After that date unauthorized persons found possessing arms would be treated as rebels and be liable to the death penalty or conviction by a military court.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Mr. Lloyd George emphasized the importance of the resolution of the Galway county council recently, which suggested that the ban on meetings of the Irish republican parliament should be withdrawn in order that the delegates might be appointed to discuss the situation with the government.

In making announcement regarding martial law, the premier said the government had been driven to the conclusion, in view of recent incidents that it must take stronger action in certain disturbed areas.

Side by side with the encouragement the government was anxious to give all those who desired peace—and they were growing in numbers and independence, showing that intimidation was decreasing—the government was determined, declared the premier, to do all in its power to break up the terrorists.

CALL TEXTILE OPERATIVES INTO WAGE CONFERENCE.

(By The Associated Press.)

FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 10.—The officials of the textile council which represents the largest organized body of mill operatives in this city today were invited to a conference for a discussion of wage schedules by the Cotton Manufacturers' Association. The conference will be held tonight. The call follows closely the announcement from Boston yesterday that textile manufacturers felt that a wage cut of 22 1-2 per cent was necessary.

The Association which represents 108 mills nearly all in this city and the textile council which has 7,000 members, among the 30,000 workers now are operating under an agreement that present wage schedules shall continue until a conference shall be held.

POULTRY SHOW HERE NEXT WEEK TO BE ONE OF BEST YET

Gaston County Poultry Association Will Have at Least 700 Birds on Exhibition.

Gaston county poultry fanciers are looking forward to the annual show of the Gaston County Poultry Association which is to be held next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 14, 15, 16 and 17. Commodious quarters for the show have been secured in the Rankin building at the corner of West Main and York street, upstairs. Officers of the association state that they expect fully 700 birds to be on exhibition. W. N. Davis is president and George B. Mason is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Charles Nixon, of New Jersey, who judged the exhibits here last year, has been secured to judge the chickens again this year. He is an expert in this line of work and has judged at shows in this State and several other Southern States for the past several years.

Messrs. Davis, Mason, Flay Davis, John Boyd, George G. Willis and H. Gary Rhyne spent yesterday at Salisbury taking a look at the show of the State Poultry Association and the Rowan County Poultry Association combined, which is being held there this week. Fully 1,500 birds are on exhibition and the Gaston fanciers state that it is one of the best ever held in the State. It is probable that several of the exhibitors at the Salisbury show will send their exhibits on here next week.

Last year was the first time for several years that the local association put on a show. Up to the time the war came on Gaston county had one of the best and biggest annual chicken shows in North Carolina. Interest was reawakened in this line last year and poultry fanciers are again becoming more numerous.

Christmas Articles, Fancy Work, Home-made Candy and Cake to be on Sale at Parish House.

WOMAN'S GUILD ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO HOLD BAZAAR TUESDAY, DEC. 14

The Woman's Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church will hold their annual bazaar and sale of fancy work next Tuesday afternoon, December 14, from 2 to 6 o'clock in the parish house on Long avenue just to the rear of the Armington hotel. Fancy work, Japanese articles, home-made candy and cake will be on sale. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon. A special attraction for the children will be the "lady with a thousand pockets."

The public is cordially invited.

GUARDSMEN PATROL TERRITORY AROUND JAIL.

(By The Associated Press.) STAUNTON, VA., Dec. 10.—National guardsmen today are patrolling the neighborhood of the local jail, where Harry Hart, 21-year-old negro, is confined, charged with an attempted attack on a 17-year-old white girl.

The negro was indicted by an extraordinary grand jury yesterday and immediately placed on trial, but the case resulted in a hung jury. Because of high feeling in the community Judge Henry Holt, presiding at the trial, requested Governor Davis to send troops as a precautionary measure.

The case will be resubmitted to the jury today. The commonwealth has asked for the death penalty.

HIGHLAND PARK MILLS AT CHARLOTTE RESUME

Five Thousand Employees Will Be Given Work for a While.—J. D. Albright for Postmaster.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 9.—Five thousand employees of the Highland Park Mills Company, of Charlotte and Kings Mountain, returned to work this week, the corporation announcing that the mills will be operated until the holidays. The mills were closed three weeks ago.

Officials of the company said today that they had not determined a program further than the holiday season.

Rumors that J. D. Albright, for several years chairman of the Mecklenburg county Republican executive committee, will be Charlotte's next postmaster comes from well informed sources.

Mr. Albright's long record as chairman and his fidelity to the interests of his party are to bring him a reward from the new administration, according to local viscerates in politics. John M. Morehead is a warm friend of Albright. When Jake Newell and Albright were contending for state Republican chairmanship, Morehead cast his strength in favor of Albright.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY WANTS TO ISSUE BIG SUM IN BONDS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Southern Railway Company asked permission of the interstate commerce commission today to issue \$5,900,000 or development and guarantee mortgage bonds at four per cent payable April 1, 1956, to be pledged as security in part for a government loan of \$3,825,000 to be expended for equipment.

GASTONIA KIWANIS CLUB WILL HOLD LADIES' NIGHT ON NEW YEARS' EVE

Enjoyable Luncheon Meeting Held Thursday — Resolution Adopted Favoring More Liberal Support For State Educational Institutions — Number of Visitors Present.

The regular bi-weekly luncheon meeting of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club held in the Armory building at 12:30 Thursday was an especially enjoyable occasion. President R. Grady Rankin presided and in the absence of George B. Mason Fred Kirby acted as secretary.

The most important item of business passed upon was the decision to have a Ladies' night on December 31, New Year's eve. The committee in charge of preparations for this event consists of Clyde C. Armstrong, Fred Kirby, Joe Wray, W. G. Hamner and D. M. Jones, who are to act in conjunction with a committee of ladies consisting of Mrs. H. B. Moore, Mrs. C. M. Moore and Miss Ruth Mason.

A special feature of the ladies night meeting will be the formal presentation of the club charter. The district president or a deputy district president will be present to make the presentation. Gastonia Kiwanis has the distinction of being one of the largest clubs yet organized in the District of the Carolinas.

The club's committee on Education, to whom a resolution was submitted at the last meeting with reference to the needs of the University and other State institutions, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the equipment and teaching force of our various educational institutions in North Carolina is not sufficient to eliminate illiteracy and equip the youth of the State for good and intelligent citizenship, and

"Whereas, the equipment and salaries at the higher institutions of learning are not sufficient to maintain these institutions and furnish comfortable accommodations and adequate instruction to the students who are now enrolled, and

"Whereas, many of our young men and women are being turned away because there is no room, therefore,

"Be it resolved, that the members of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club request our State senators and representatives to remedy these conditions as far as possible and at the same time endeavor to keep the tax rate and indebtedness of the State in reasonable bounds."

The entertainment features of yesterday's meeting were varied and pleasing, in spite of the unavoidable absence of John Carpenter, who was to have had charge of the program. There were several musical numbers, including a solo by Mr. P. H. Thompson, with chorus by a quartet, and vocal solos by Miss Ruth Mason. Two new members were introduced to the club, Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, and Mr. T. R. Hayes, superintendent of the Loray Mills. Among the visitors present were Mr. J. N. Jacobs, of Raleigh, guest of Eugene Brittain; Dr. John H. Eager, of New York, guest of Rev. W. C. Barrett; D. Mason Robinson, guest of Sam Boyce; Prof. H. P. Heilig, guest of Joe Wray; O. L. Sappenfeld, guest of Will Wetzell; John A. Price, guest of J. L. Kendrick; Jim Kennedy, guest of Dr. D. A. Garrison. The regular attendance prize, a safety razor given by Walter Tucker, of the Standard Knitting Mills, went to Gilmer Winget. Additional prizes of a humorous nature were awarded Rev. A. L. Stanford, Sid Winget and Arthur Spencer.

One of the enjoyable features of the meeting was an impromptu talk by Dr. Eager, telling of his experiences in piloting a party of tourists over various parts of Europe just after the close of the war.

LEAGUE WANTS ESPERANTO TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 10.—It is possible the committee on mandates will not report at this meeting of the assembly of the league of nations. Members of the committee have indicated it is their view that it is necessary to refer the whole question of mandates back to the council of the league to obtain further information from the supreme allied council relative to the third phase of the work of the organization.

A resolution demanding that Esperanto to be taught in public schools was introduced in the assembly this morning. The conflict which has arisen over the official languages of the league resulted in bringing Esperanto before the assembly as a candidate for official recognition, and today's resolution was in line with this movement.

WILSON HAS REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT FOR HIM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Wilson is understood to have selected a personal representative to act for him as mediator between the Armenians and the Turkish Nationalists, and his name is expected to be announced today.

CHAS. E. HUGHES GOES TO TALK IT OVER WITH SENATOR HARDING

President-Elect Begins Program of Meeting of Minds to Frame Decisions on Cabinet and Policy Problems.

(By The Associated Press.)

MARION, O., Dec. 10.—Beginning his promised consultation with leading figures of the nation, President-elect Harding had an appointment today with Charles Evans Hughes to talk over policies and proposals of the coming administration.

Although it was understood that the plan for an association of nations had prominent place in the conference, the coming of Mr. Hughes was generally regarded as having to do also with various other problems. Many times recently his name has been suggested for a cabinet position and the fact that he was the first to be invited to the consultation here was taken to mean that Mr. Harding might desire his advice in the framing of more than one feature of his administration program.

Mr. Hughes visit was unannounced, the president-elect having adopted a practice of keeping the names of his conferees confidential until the day of their arrival here. It was said that his headquarters probably would make public no list of future callers. Several of these names already have been learned from other sources, however, and it is understood that his next conference will be with Herbert Hoover, who is expected here tomorrow.

By making Mr. Hughes the first to be consulted here about the association of nations plan Mr. Harding has begun his "meeting of minds" by summoning a leader from the reservationists wing of his party. During the league fight, Mr. Hughes proposed several reservations to the peace treaty dealing with Article 10, withdrawal and other subjects.

In the midst of the campaign just closed Mr. Hughes was one of those with whom Mr. Harding talked and in a day they spent together here in September the league is understood to have been one of the principal subjects of consultation.

HALF-PRICE CLEANUP SWEEPS SHELVES BARE.

Cleveland Haberdasher Takes Plunge In to Low-Price Level — Now Needs More Stock.

(By The Associated Press.)

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—Lou Harmel, haberdasher in the Hotel Cleveland building, shook up the retail trade with a wonderful sale this week. On Sunday he used full page advertisements, announcing the sale of his entire stock at half price. Nothing was reserved.

When the doors opened Monday morning, great crowds had assembled in front of both stores, one facing Superior avenue, and the other the public square. Men were placed at the doors to admit customers in groups, as the assemblages were far beyond the capacity of the rooms. This continued throughout the day.

The same thing was repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday. There seemed to be no diminution of the seekers for the bargains offered. By Wednesday evening, however, some of the shelves had grown bare, and it appeared that if the sale continued through the remainder of the week, the whole store would be completely cleared of merchandise.

EFFORTS TO SETTLE OUT OF COURT HAVE FAILED

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Efforts of counsel for the government and the Western Union Telegraph Company to settle out of court the injunction proceedings brought against Secretary Daniels to prohibit the navy from interfering with cable work by the company at Miami, Fla., have failed, Justice Stafford, of the District of Columbia supreme court, was informed today. The court thereupon gave the company until next Wednesday to file briefs and allowed the government until December 20 to prepare replies.

The attorneys sought to reach an agreement by which on the promise of the company that no attempt would be made to connect the Barbados cable at Miami the government would permit the company to connect the ends of two other cable lines in the outer harbor. It is understood that the Western Union, however, wanted a formal court injunction while the agreement was in effect and the government would not agree to this.

CLIPPED HAIR FROM WOMAN WHILE ASLEEP

(By The Associated Press.)

FORT THOMAS, KY., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Waters Howe, of Orlando, Fla., claims to have been the victim of the meanest thief in the United States — one who she said clipped the hair from her head while she was asleep in a Pullman car of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, en route from Jacksonville to this city.

Mrs. Howe reported that besides her hair she was robbed of several pieces of jewelry and \$300 in cash.

THREE WHITE MEN HANGED BY ANGRY CALIFORNIA MOB

NOBEL PEACE PRIZES WERE AWARDED TODAY

Cash Value Formerly Amounted to \$40,000 But Now Worth Only \$29,100.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY, Dec. 10.—Presentation of the Nobel peace prizes for 1919 and 1920, which have been awarded, respectively, to Leon Bourgeois, of France, and Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, took place here today. Formal announcement of the awards was made yesterday.

A message from President Wilson to be read upon the presentation of the 1920 prize had been received by Albert G. Schmedeman, American minister to Norway, and was read by him during the ceremony.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Award of the Nobel peace prize today to President Wilson as the "person who has promoted most or best the fraternity of nations and the abolition or diminution of standing armies, and the formation and increase of peace congresses," marks the sixteenth bestowal of the gift of the Swedish inventor of dynamite, Alfred B. Nobel, whose name it bears. President Wilson is the third American to receive the peace prize, the others being Theodore Roosevelt and Elihu Root.

The prize, one-fifth of the annual interest on about \$9,000,000 left for the purpose by Mr. Nobel, normally amounts to about \$40,000, but is payable in Swedish kroners, which at the present rate of exchange represents about \$29,100 in American gold.

MERRY SILK SHIRT PRIZE

WAR RAGES IN DES MOINES

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 9.—Four stores here are conducting smashing silk shirt sales, which are drawing holiday crowds intent on getting these garments for Christmas gifts.

Yunker Bros. started the ball rolling with an announcement of a sale of 3,000 silk shirts priced at \$6.95, and was closely followed by the E. & W. clothing store which offers thousands of shirts at \$6.85, 10 cents less than at Yunker's.

Francis's, one of Des Moines' old and well-known stores, then announced "Des Moines' greatest sale of silk shirts at \$5.95 with values up to \$15." This drew more big crowds. The Uteica came in with a silk shirt at \$7.95.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. FANNIE H. STOWE

Beloved Belmont Woman Passed Away Thursday Morning — Funeral Services Held at Presbyterian Church This Morning.

(Correspondence of The Daily Gazette.)

BELMONT, Dec. 10.—The hearts of the people of Belmont were filled with sadness when the news of the death of Mrs. Fannie Holland Stowe was heard Thursday morning. She passed away peacefully at her home here, surrounded by her devoted children.

Mrs. Stowe was born near Olney church in Gaston county on November 3, 1847, and was therefore 73 years old. She spent her girlhood in the Olney neighborhood and in Dallas, and was the daughter of William M. and Margaret A. Reid Holland. On December 6, 1870, she was married to the late Abram Stowe, who died in 1897. To them were born seven children. Those living are James P. Stowe, of Charlotte, W. Reese Stowe, Miss Ethel Stowe, Lester H. Stowe, all of Belmont, and Harry R. Stowe, of Charlotte. Two children, Miss Clara Stowe and Mr. Speight Stowe, died several years ago. The only surviving member of the immediate family is one sister, Mrs. J. R. Underwood, of Gastonia.

Mrs. Stowe joined the Olney Presbyterian church in young girlhood, and after her marriage when she came here to live, removed her membership to the old Goshen Presbyterian church. Upon the organization of the Belmont Presbyterian church, she became a charter member and was always very faithful in her church relations. Soon after her marriage, she and Mr. Stowe moved to Belmont, then called Garibaldi, and her present residence was the first house built here after it became a town. Mrs. Stowe's health has not been good for several years and for the past two years she has been confined to her home. Of a gentle and beautiful Christian character, she has borne her affliction with marked patience and courage.

Fortune Found in Hen Coop.—Headline. Evidently the pullets are laying.—Toledo Blade.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 10.—George Boyd, Terrence Fitts and Charles Valento, accused of having murdered Sheriff James A. Petray, of Sonoma county, and Detectives Miles Jackson and Lester M. Dorman here, Sunday afternoon last, were taken from the county jail here early this morning and hanged. At 12:30 o'clock this morning a mob of about 100 men, all wearing black masks, entered the jail, overpowered the officers there, took their keys and removed the prisoners to waiting automobiles.

Fifteen machines carried the party. They moved quickly down the street to a cemetery, three blocks beyond the city limits. Ropes had been prepared. The men were taken from the machines and hanged to an oak tree inside the cemetery.

Headlights of three automobiles were used to light the trees selected for the hanging.

Members of the mob were stationed to prevent intrusion. These guards and many of the mob were armed. Not more than five minutes was required by the mob to enter the jail, overpower the officers and remove the prisoners. Within fifteen minutes the three alleged gangsters and murderers had been lynched.

For another 15 minutes, while the bodies dangled from the oak tree in the glare of the automobile headlights, the mob waited at the scene to make certain their grim task was completed. Then its members departed, leaving the bodies swinging in the darkness.

But another crowd soon gathered to take the places of the executioners. The coroner was notified and so were city and county officials. The new crowd gathered quickly as news spread of what had been done. It soon numbered hundreds.

They found a weird scene. Lights of new automobiles and in greater number again lighted the scene. From the oak the bodies swung in the breeze in and out of the glare of the headlights.

The three men were ex-convicts, Boyd having served two terms, Fitts three and Valento one. Boyd and Valento had been identified last Monday by three young women as members of the gang which attacked them at a house in Howard street, in one of the more densely settled sections in San Francisco.

Two attempts to take the men from jail here were made last Sunday night, a few hours after they had been arrested. One was broken up by officers and the other failed when Mrs. Petray, widow of the slain sheriff, begged friends not to countenance mob violence.

Last Sunday when the three men were arrested, a mob of hundreds surrounded the jail and attempted to secure the prisoners. The actions of the mob today indicated plans had been laid beforehand. The members of the mob moved to the jail without ostentation. A cordon was thrown about the structure of granite, concrete and steel.

Twelve men were detailed to approach the door. Six entered. Sheriff John Boyes, appointed after the death of Sheriff Petray, was in his private office with four deputies. The six were armed. They "covered" Boyes and his deputies and made them put up their hands. The officers were disarmed and the keys to the jail taken.

Boyes pleaded with them, but the mob said not a word.

They made him lean over a chair. While some of the men inside the jail guarded the officers, others went immediately to the cell of Boyd, Boyd, suffering from the wound inflicted by Jackson, had been kept in a cell because the officers feared to send him to a hospital for treatment on account of feeling against the three men.

Boyd yesterday was reported to have developed possibly fatal complications from the wound.

Three steel doors had to be unlocked to take Boyd. He was on the ground floor. Upstairs Fitts and Valento were in cells. The mob lieutenants went through two steel doors and took them too.

There had been no confusion, no hurry and no opposition. Even the nooses were tied with the expert hangman's knot.

All had been pre-arranged, even to acetylene torches to burn the locks off the cell doors if need be.

The three men when taken from their cells wore only underwear. This proved to be their death garb. They were rushed to the line of automobiles drawn up abreast outside the jail and 15 cars moved away toward the cemetery.

The oak tree had been selected earlier. Over one limb hung three nooses, and at the end of each was a rope, tied with the "hangman's knot" that fits behind the left ear.

Boyd went along without struggle. He made no comment. Valento expostulated, but not vehemently. Fitts fought to escape his fate. They gagged him with a towel.

Rain-dripped down as the silent executioners hanged the men to limbs of the old oak. Within half an hour from the time they went to the jail the executioners had dispersed.