

SOMEBODY IMPERSONATES EVERETT INTRODUCES COL. COX OVER PHONE; SAVES HIM \$1,000 FINE UNIFORM VEHICLE AND ANTI-THEFT LAW

Calls Up Vice-President Marshall and Says It Is Cox Talking — Mr. Marshall Accepted Vote and Will Not Investigate Telephone Message.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. — The daily delivery of North Carolina's electoral vote to the president of the senate, as required by law, furnished a mysterious and more interesting situation today when it became established that some one had impersonated Col. Albert Cox, the Tar Heel messenger, in a telephone conversation with Vice President Marshall Monday night.

With the time limit for delivery of the electoral votes expiring at midnight, as reported fully in dispatches to the Greenboro Daily News last evening, the Vice President was called over the telephone by some one, who said he was Col. Albert Cox, and was then in Washington to deliver the votes. Now, if the Raleigh and Greensboro newspapers are to be believed, Colonel Cox was in Raleigh at that moment, and had not even started for Washington. He came up on the midnight train, and Colonel Cox will confirm the statement, no doubt.

The vice president told the Daily News correspondent he didn't intend to go behind the telephone and start any official inquiry—since Colonel Cox in the flesh had arrived at his office quite early today, but that does not lessen the mystery. Somebody, for the sake of the North Carolina electors who had failed to get their returns in before the time limit, or for the sake of Colonel Cox, who might have been penalized \$1,000 for failure to reach here before midnight, imboldly telephoned the vice president.

The Daily News correspondent asked the vice president today if the North Carolina returns had arrived. "The message arrived last night and telephoned me," said the vice president. "I was just going out to a dinner, so I told him to bring them around this morning, and they would be accepted. He said he was in Washington, and that was technically within the requirements."

"What name did he give over the telephone?" inquired the correspondent. "The North Carolina messenger was still in Raleigh last night."

Won't "Run Down" Phone Call. "Cox," said the vice president. And then Mr. Marshall said that Colonel Cox himself had appeared at his office early this morning, presented North Carolina's electoral votes, which were found to be in proper form and received his certificate for the payment of traveling expenses.

The vice president was asked if he was certain the person answering the phone was Colonel Cox. Mr. Marshall was certain about it, saying that he knew Colonel Cox, and had met him in Raleigh. About the telephone message, of course, the vice president could not say that it was really Colonel Cox at the other end.

When informed later that the Greenboro News and a Raleigh newspaper had hunted Colonel Cox in Raleigh last night, and reported him as having left Washington, the vice president smilingly indicated that since Colonel Cox had shown up at his office before 9 o'clock the vice president wasn't inclined to be running down telephone calls. So far as Mr. Marshall knows, Colonel Cox was in Washington, and being a human, good natured, agreeable sort of a fellow, Mr. Marshall isn't going to try to make trouble for North Carolina—particularly since her returns were in proper form and Colonel Cox rushed to Washington as soon as his attention was directed to the fact that the expiring time was midnight.

Separate returns from North Carolina which the law requires shall be sent by mail were also received by the vice president today as the Tar Heel state will be counted for in the electoral college. Colonel Cox will not suffer the \$1,000 penalty for tardiness, and everything is serene.

Evidently Colonel Cox, after fulfilling his duties as official messenger, caught the next train back to North Carolina. He could not be located here during the day and did not call at the offices of members of the Tar Heel delegation. Nor were members of the delegation able to suggest who might have presumed to telephone in Cox's name to the vice president Monday night. The last the vice president saw of Colonel Cox was early this morning and the telephone conversation was not mentioned, since Mr. Marshall assumed Colonel Cox had really done the talking.

PAUL DOUMER OPENS DISCUSSION ON REPARATIONS (By The Associated Press.) PARIS, Jan. 26.—Paul Doumer, French minister of finance, opened the discussion of German reparations by the supreme allied council here this morning. He read a report on the financial situation, and outlined the French viewpoint concerning a solution of the reparations question. The conference then heard Baron Edgar Vincent D'Abernon, British ambassador to Germany.

WHAT THE KIWANIS CLUB CAN DO FOR CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS

Summary of What Richmond Chamber of Commerce Has Done For Agricultural Club Work in Henrico County, Virginia — Kiwanis Club Is Sponsoring Boys' and Girls' Club Activities.

(By Max Almerick.)

RALEIGH, Jan. 24. — The uniform vehicle of anti-trust law introduced by Representative W. N. Everett of Rockingham in the House yesterday is a State-wide measure which proposes to regulate all traffic speeds, sizes and weights and requires the registration of every motor vehicle.

Under the provisions of the Everett bill it will be necessary for all owners of motor vehicles to register them with the register of motor vehicles, and blank forms showing information that will establish the ownership and secure the purpose of a State-wide measure will be required after which a certificate of ownership will be issued.

Whenever a motor car is disposed of it shall be the duty of the owner to furnish to the purchaser the certificate of ownership, duly signed by a certified copy, such a signature to be subscribed to before a notary. Every manufacturer or dealer is required to furnish to each retail purchaser of a new car a bill of sale to be filed with all subsequent owners with assignments shown thereon.

Incidentally the proposed bill provides a penalty for anyone who either buys or sells a motor vehicle unless the original bill of sale is attached at the time the transaction takes place. It is expected that motor car thefts will be immediately curbed and eventually stopped. The penalty for stealing or tampering with a \$2,000 fine and imprisonment for not exceeding two years. There is also a penalty for the theft of parts, attachments, accessories, etc., taken from any motor vehicle.

The uniform traffic feature will provide for one State law in regulation of traffic and to do away with the many conflicting laws now in effect.

University Trustees Meet. Trustees of the University of North Carolina in session here yesterday with Governor Morrison endorsed the six-year improvement program as outlined by President H. W. Chase which calls for an appropriation of approximately five million dollars.

The trustees, upon the motion of Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, voted to go before the appropriations committee of the Senate and House and urge that the six-year program as asked for by President Chase be allowed. The State Budget Commission's recommendations, which was for a two-year program, is about one-half of the amount called for in the president's report, and the trustees would urge the Legislature go the limit of the six-year plan. It is understood, of course, that the appropriations are to be made on the two-year basis.

Following the session Governor Morrison, in a brief speech, in which he professed his support of the program, saying that it would be his influence to obtain adequate appropriations not only for the University but for every other educational and charitable institution of the State.

Hearing Continues. The State Corporation Commission today was hearing the petition of the Southern Power Company for an increase in its hydroelectric power rates to its main customers in North Carolina. The indications are that the evidence will not be completed until later in the week.

Public utilities and cotton manufacturers' plants in the State are opposing the petition and are asking that the big corporation's request be denied. The matter is being advanced by some of the textile plants that their long time contracts with the Southern Power Company will be abrogated in the event the new schedule of rates asked for is granted.

The Duke interests lose their request for increases on the ground that they cannot continue development of the hydroelectric power in the State unless the petition is denied upon Governor Roy Duke, president and treasurer of the Southern Power Company, is attending the hearing. Mr. Duke's attitude is that he is willing to continue development in North Carolina but this cannot be done under the present schedule of rates charged for power.

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(By Max Almerick.)

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REV. J. H. HENDERLITE, D. D.

Rev. Henderlite, the popular pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Gastonia, has been designated grand chaplain of the Methodist conference of North Carolina to be held at Winston-Salem, N. C., on the 27th and 28th inst. Dr. Henderlite has been elected to this position and has accepted it. Dr. Henderlite is especially popular in Western circles over the state and his family and friends congratulate him upon the appointment to this office.

UNITED STATES RANKS NINTH AMONG NATIONS OF WORLD IN EDUCATION

House Committee on Education Recommends Passage of Smith-Towner Bill to Establish Federal Department of Education.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. — The United States was declared to rank ninth among the nations of the world in the general educational level of its people, in a report of the house committee on education, made public today, recommending passage of the Smith-Towner bill to establish a federal department of education.

The report, which is the first of its kind, is based on a study of the educational systems of 40 nations. It shows that the United States ranks ninth in the world in the general educational level of its people. The report also shows that the United States ranks ninth in the world in the general educational level of its people.

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BICKETT SAYS THAT HE MISUNDERSTOOD FACTS REGARDING SEELY'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

NO WORK, NO EAT, IS RULE OF CHICAGO MOTHER (By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—No work, no eat, was the ultimatum presented to Agnes Ladzikoski, aged 15, which her mother was summoned to explain to Judge Arnold today.

Agnes' work certificate had been revoked by school authorities to compel her to return to school. "I educated two girls and they ran away," said Mrs. Ladzikoski. "Agnes — she'll work. If she doesn't, she can't eat here."

When a city welfare worker found Agnes yesterday the mother's edict had caused Agnes to go without food for 24 hours.

FARM WAGES FOR 1920 WERE HIGHEST IN HISTORY OF COUNTRY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. — Wage rates for farm labor reached their highest point in the history of this country in 1920, as national averages, according to figures gathered by the department of agriculture and made public today. The average wage rate for labor hired by the month, it was shown, was \$40.89, with board, and \$61.95 without board; for day labor at harvest, \$3.60 with board and \$4.36 without board. For day labor other than harvest the average wage was \$2.86, with board, and \$3.29, without board.

War conditions, it was found, had greatly accelerated an upward movement of farm wage rates that began at the end of 1915. The rate of that year for hirings by the month without board was \$17.09 as an average for the United States, and no other year in the record of the bureau extending back to 1896 had a lower rate, except 1879, with \$16.12.

By 1902, this wage rate had increased to \$22.14, by 1914 to \$29.89, followed by \$30.15 in 1915, with an evidence of war effect. This effect appeared, the department's figures disclosed, as a small beginning in 1916, when the wage rate was \$32.84. That followed a rapid rise to \$40.15 in 1917, to \$40.07 in 1918, to \$46.29 in 1919, and to \$61.95 in 1920.

The rate of gain over 1895 was 267 per cent in 1920. The gain in the 20 years from 1895 to 1915 was 70 per cent, while the gain in five years from 1916 to 1920 was 197 per cent.

From 1915 to 1920, farm labor working by the month without board, received a gain in wage rate as high as 115 per cent. This was given by the department as one of the causes of the greatly increased cost of producing things on the farm, which has forced the farmer to more generally to depend exclusively on himself and members of his family for labor in addition to extending the use of labor saving machinery.

Mr. Lee is Skillful in Reciting Figures. Says Southern Power Has Received Return of Only Fraction of One Per Cent.

Bolton, Jan. 25.—All day hearing in the petition of the Southern Power Company for a new set of rates took the corporation commission, before whom the appeal is being made, through the testimony of Vice President W. S. Lee today, and if the protestants have any such evidence to present by way of contradiction, the outlook for a week of it is dim.

Mr. Lee finished his direct testimony shortly before the adjournment hour for lunch and Attorney E. J. Parkers examined him. The most significant piece of evidence offered by the company official was that showing an investment of \$21,000,000 in North Carolina properties on which Mr. Lee's return of only eighteen one hundredths of one per cent. There was a suppressed sort of "whew" when this evidence came out.

Thought Hospital at Asheville Would Take Care of All North Carolina Children Free of Charge — Thinks Members of Committee Will Reconsider Report on Appropriation — Delegation From Gastonia to Go to Raleigh Tonight.

That the action of the North Carolina budget commission in turning down the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital without a cent of appropriation for completion and maintenance, according to its recent report, was due to a misunderstanding as to the capacity of Mr. Seely's proposed hospital at Asheville, is the gist of a letter recently received by R. B. Babington from Ex-governor T. W. Bickett, explaining the commission's action. Mr. Bickett said that he thought Seely's hospital was to care for three or four times as many patients as the N. C. Orthopaedic Hospital would care for, and that furthermore he thought that all North Carolina children would be admitted free.

Mr. Bickett goes on to say that in the light of the more recent facts and further information about the Seely hospital, he is certain that every member of the budget commission would be in favor of making an appropriation for the completion and maintenance of the hospital in line with the appropriations to other State institutions.

From Mr. Bickett's letter, friends of the hospital in Gastonia are strongly hoping that the General Assembly will grant the appropriation asked for. Mr. Bickett's letter to Mr. Babington is as follows:

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24, 1921. "My Dear Mr. Babington: When the Budget Commission wrote its report, we were under the impression that Mr. Seely was going to build, at Asheville, an Orthopaedic Hospital that would take care of three or four times as many children as the one at Gastonia, and that all North Carolina children would be admitted free.

We at once wrote Mr. Seely but he was in New York City, and we did not hear from him until the Commission finished its work and adjourned. When Mr. Seely returned from New York he wrote us and he said that we had been under a wrong impression about his institution.

I turned the letter over to Mr. McCain, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate, who was also a member of the Budget Commission, and he said he would lay before the Committee full information on the subject. When the report was written it was our plain duty to call the attention of the General Assembly to the situation, but in the light of Mr. Seely's letter I am certain that every member of the Budget Commission would be in favor of making an appropriation for the completion and maintenance of the Hospital at Gastonia, in line with the appropriations to other State institutions.

You are at liberty to make such use of this letter as you may desire.

Sincerely yours, (Signed) T. W. BICKETT.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the joint appropriations committee of both the Senate and House will grant a hearing to the friends of the hospital. At this time there will be presented petitions from the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Gastonia, Woman's Club, D. A. R., U. D. C. and Chamber of Commerce, asking that ample appropriation be made for the completion and maintenance of the hospital. Those going from Gastonia are Messrs. R. B. Babington, R. R. Ray, J. Lee Robinson, A. G. Mangum, L. N. Glenn, John G. Carpenter, J. O. White and O. Max Gardner.

COUNTY TREASURY IN HARDING'S TOWN ROBBED OF \$14,000 IN CASH

(By The Associated Press.)

MARION, O., Jan. 26.—Two bandits early this morning entered the office of the county treasurer in the courthouse here, knocked Treasurer Harry E. Forty unconscious with the butt end of a revolver, and escaped in an automobile with \$14,000 in cash.

Treasurer Forty arrived at his office immediately early to arrange for the handling of last month's tax payers. He had missed the big office vault, obtained several thousand dollars in change, and had again closed and locked the vault when the bandits entered.

The two robbers crept up on him and knocked him over the head with the end of a revolver, dropping him unconscious to the floor. They hurriedly grabbed the \$14,000 and left, making their escape in a waiting automobile.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY HARRY FOGLEMAN

One of the best of the numbers constituting the lecture course being given under the auspices of the library committee of the Women's Club was the lecture on "The Winning Man in Business," delivered at the Central School auditorium Tuesday night by Harry Fogleman, of Chicago. Mr. Fogleman is a character analyst and a business psychologist of the highest rank, and his manner of speaking has won for him the nickname of "Gutting Gun" Fogleman.

The rapid-fire exposition of the underlying principles of the modern science of salesmanship was heard with close attention by a large audience, all of whom evidenced deep interest in the subject matter of the lecture and the speaker's convincing manner. At the close of the lecture Mr. Fogleman gave the most interesting demonstration of his method of analyzing a person's character at sight.



AMERICAN TENOR HAILED AS SUCCESSOR TO CARUSO

Charles Marshall, tenor of the Chicago Opera Company, is the newest wonder of the opera world. He was born in Auburn, Maine, 35 years ago, made his debut with the Chicago Company in Othello about two weeks ago. Marshall studied in Italy and made quite a name for himself in Europe.

Gov. Allen Invited to Address Iowa Legislature. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 26.—Governor H. J. Allen announced today he had been invited to deliver the Iowa legislative address in which Kansas has been introduced, in which an industrial court bill modeled on that of Kansas has been introduced, is considering a amendment resolution now, in view of the Kansas executive and Samuel Gompers to appear in joint debate.