

PROGRAM FOR EASTER CONCERT MONDAY, 28TH

Hon. Frank R. McNinch and Tom Settle Will Make Short Speeches During Program.

Plans are practically complete for the big Easter concert Monday night to be given under the auspices of Gastonia Community Service, W. D. Anderson, president. The concert will be held in the auditorium of the Central Graded School. The program is as follows:

- Invocation—Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D.
- Pilgrim's Chorus ("Tannhauser")—Richard Wagner.
- Fairest Daughter of the Graces (Quartet)—"Rigoletto"—Giuseppe Verdi. The Duke, Lacy Adams; Gilda, Marie Torrance; Maddalena, Ruth Mason; Rigoletto, P. H. Thompson.
- Address—Frank R. McNinch.
- Massa's in de Cold, Gold Ground—American Folk Song.
- Believe Me, if All These Endearing Young Charms—Old Irish.
- The Soldier's Chorus ("Faust")—Charles Gounod.
- The Star Spangled Banner—Everyone singing.
- J. H. Spark, chairman of the evening.

DR. JACKSON DISCUSSES THE QUESTION PILATE FAILED TO ANSWER

Baptist Preacher Delivers Strong Sermon on Supreme Question of Universe, "What Shall I Do With Christ?"

Taking for his text the words of Pontius Pilate, "What shall I do with Him who is called Jesus," Dr. Charles L. Jackson, of Wadesboro, who is preaching at the First Baptist church here during the series of meetings, held the close attention of a large congregation last night, the largest which has yet attended the services. Dr. Jackson referred to the day as being Good Friday, the anniversary of the great event of sacred history and around which the speaker built a convincing sermon.

Viewing the question from the side of Pilate, Dr. Jackson said that it was a pity that he did not ask the question of himself only and not of the mob; or that he had asked only his wife, who warned him not to have anything to do with Jesus, as she had been warned in a dream concerning him. The audience was made to see the graphic picture of Pilate—vacillating between what his higher nature pointed out as his duty and the craving of his beastly nature, anxious to please the mob. What an opportunity for Pilate to make a name for himself! Children might have been named for him if he had taken the course which his better nature pointed out to him. God made it hard for Pilate to go wrong, but his ambition to please the mob and get on the wave of popular opinion, overcame his impulse to obey his better judgment.

What has this fragment of ancient history to do with us? asked the speaker. But history repeats itself and you, my friend, sit tonight where Pilate sat. We, too, must meet and answer this question. When our day on earth is done, we will have given our answer to the question. We must take sides. Some may say that this is an antiquated question but "What shall I do with Jesus," is the one question which will not down.

CARDINAL'S DEATH BRINGS HUNDREDS OF MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

(By The Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, Md., March 26.—Among the hundreds of messages of sympathy and regret at the death of Cardinal Gibbons that continue to pour in at the archiepiscopal residence from persons of all creeds and rank was an official testimonial from the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation. It extended the sympathy of the congregation to the members of the household and to their Catholic brethren of Baltimore.

A tribute to the cardinal's memory was voiced in a resolution adopted yesterday by the Baltimore Federation of Churches, representing virtually all the Protestant denominations of the city which said that he merits the praise and esteem of all men "without distinction of creed or sect."

"The Baltimore Federation of Churches," the resolution said, "desires to express the appreciation of the Protestant churches within its membership for the life and works of our fellow citizen James Cardinal Gibbons and to extend to our fellow Christians of the Roman Catholic church our sympathy on the occasion of their great bereavement in the death of this prominent leader and churchman. His name has long been a household word in his beloved Baltimore and the fame thereof has reached to world proportions."

UNSETTLED AND SHOWERY FOR EASTER SUNDAY

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Anything but favorable weather for the annual Easter fashion parades was forecast today by the weather bureau. An unexpected storm of marked intensity, with its tail swinging low over southeastern Colorado, caused a revision of preliminary forecasts of fair weather tomorrow. The storm is sweeping east-northeastward and high today off the Atlantic coast and high and rising rapidly in the north-west.

Elsewhere the weather was acting badly, with showers and thunderstorms in New York State, the Great Lakes region and lower Missouri valley. There were light rains and snow in the northwest. In Montana and North Dakota the temperature dropped below zero.

Everywhere east of the Mississippi river there were promises of unsettled weather and showers over Sunday. Some sections may escape, but there was no comfort on the map.

In California there were storm warnings. Only Florida, from which the winter throngs are scurrying home, showed "fair tonight and Sunday."

BELIEVE BALLOON DID NOT DRIFT TO SEA

(By The Associated Press.) PENSACOLA, Fla., March 26.—On the advice given by Lieut. W. F. Reed, instructor in meteorology at the naval station here, that the naval balloon missing since Tuesday with five men aboard could not have drifted to sea in the face of southerly winds prevailing Wednesday night and Thursday off St. Andrews bay, and the Calhoun county coast, where the balloon was last reported, a naval dirigible with two days' supplies and a double crew aboard set out from here early today to search the forests of west Florida.

Lieut. Reed believes that the crew of the drifting bag would have cut away the basket to prevent its dropping into the gulf and would have taken refuge in the rigging. A carrier pigeon which arrived here with a message from the aeronaut stated that the balloon was 20 miles at sea off St. Andrews bay Wednesday night and that the bag was sinking and then was about 100 feet above the water.

If the basket had been cut away, Lieut. Reed said, the bag would have risen and he believes that the prevailing winds would have blown it inland.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—In their search for the naval balloon missing from the air station at Pensacola since last Tuesday, airplanes, dirigibles, and naval ships have covered approximately 5,000 square miles of territory without sighting a trace of the big gas bag, the navy department was advised today by the commandant at Pensacola.

"No trace of free balloon A 5297 to date," said the message. "Through search of gulf shore and swamps covering 5,000 square miles of water and 2,000 square miles of land has been conducted by seaplanes, dirigibles, Eagle boats and subchasers."

The search is being continued and navy department officials have not given up hope that the five men in the balloon will be rescued.

PRECLUDES POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION OF TRADE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 26.—Conditions laid down by the state department as prerequisites to any resumption of trade relations between this country and Soviet Russia, while dealing exclusively with the economic frailties of the Soviet system, were regarded today as striking so fundamentally at its entire structure as to have ended practically all possibility of an early resumption of commercial intercourse between the two countries.

In a statement yesterday replying to the recent Soviet message to this government, proposing a resumption of trade relations, Secretary Hughes declared the United States could not consider such a course until fundamental changes had been made in the economic system underling the Soviet regime. Safety of human life, guarantee of property rights, free labor and observance of the sanctity of contracts were among the requirements laid down. Only by meeting these requirements, the statement said, could Russia hope to achieve economic rehabilitation and rebuild her foreign trade.

Used by Secretary Hughes at the conclusion of a two-hour discussion of the Russian question at yesterday's cabinet meeting, the statement, which was transmitted to the American consul at Leningrad for delivery to the Soviet ambassador, was regarded as having the solid backing of the administration in defining the nation's future policy in dealing with the bolshevik government.

WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAL AT RUTHERFORDTON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Miss Corinne Puett, of Dallas, President of Presbyterial—Delegates Urged to Attend Opening Sessions.

The Kings Mountain Presbyterial meets in the Presbyterial church of Rutherfordton next Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1. This meeting is one of the most important in the history of the Presbyterial. Mrs. N. Buckner, of Asheville, is one of the principal speakers before the Presbyterial. Gaston county women occupy prominent places on the program.

Miss Corinne Puett, president, requests that all those going to Rutherfordton arrange to be present at the opening sessions to be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, if possible, and by all means to be present at the evening session for Mrs. Buckner's address.

The program follows:
Thursday, March 31.
2:30 p. m., meeting of the executive committee.
3:00 p. m., call to order.
Devotional.
Greetings.
Local auxiliary, Mrs. R. W. Logan.
Response, Mrs. George Ford.
Minutes.
Enrollment.
Report of president, secretary and treasurer.

Report of Committee on Constitution.
Prayer.
8:00 p. m., Devotional Exercises, Rev. J. C. Grier.
Address, Personal Evangelism, Mrs. N. Buckner, Gen. Secy., N. C. Baraza Philanthropia Union.
Hymn.
Offering.
Prayer.

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Friday, April 1.
9:15, Devotional, Mrs. E. F. Reid.
Minutes.
Roll Call.
President's Message.
Report of Secretaries of Causes.
Delegates' Hour.
Report on Synodical, Mrs. B. F. Falls.
11:30 a. m., "Synodical Home Missions," Miss Margaret Rankin.
Report on Greenville Conference, Mrs. E. F. Reid.

Friday, April 1.
2:00 p. m., Hymn.
Prayer.
Report of Secretary of Young Peoples Work, Miss Mary Ragan.
Young People's District League of Kings Mountain Presbyterial, Miss Jennie Soine.

Address, The Church's Duty to Her Young People, Rev. R. C. Long.
Hymn.
Offering.
Presbyterial Progressive Program (on program).

Objective 1, Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. E. Hamiter.
Objective 2, Evangelism, Mrs. C. E. Hambricht.
Objective 3, Missionary Education, Mrs. C. E. Nesler.
Objective 4, Christian Education, Mrs. A. H. Crawford.
Objective 5, Religious Literature, Mrs. W. F. Mitchell.
Objective 6, Stewardship, Mrs. R. S. Abernathy.

Objective 7, Every Member Canvass, Miss Annie Hall.
Objective 8, Ministerial Support, Miss Estelle Arrowsold.
Reports of Committees.
Unfinished Business.

Friday, April 1.
8:00 p. m., Hymn.
Prayer.
Address, Foreign Missions, Rev. C. N. Caldwell.
Hymn.
Benediction.

The officers of Kings Mountain Presbyterial Auxiliary for 1920-1921 are:
President, Miss Corinne Puett; Vice President, Mrs. E. F. Hall; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Reid; Treasurer, Mrs. P. P. Murray; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Miss Ellen Erwin; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Miss Ellen Erwin; Secretary of Home Missions, Miss Edith Hambricht; Secretary of S. P. & C. Home Missions, Mrs. C. P. Robinson; Secretary of C. E. & M. R. Miss Lida Ormand; Secretary of Later Aids, P. B. and Bible Study, Mrs. J. F. Jenkins; Secretary of Y. P. and S. S. Extension, Miss Mary Ragan; Secretary of Barium Springs Orphanage, Mrs. C. E. Nesler.

ARREST THREE MEN INVOLVED IN ROBBERY

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 26.—Three men said to be connected with the million dollar mail robbery at the Union station last January are under arrest today, and postal inspectors say they have recovered \$31,000 of the stolen bonds and have obtained information which they will be able to use in the apprehension of the rest of the robbers.

The three men arrested yesterday were given a secret hearing before United States Commissioner Lewis F. Mason. They gave the names of William E. Krieger, Isadore Goldberg, and C. A. Jettes. According to the story told by Krieger, he found the bonds in a vacant lot, took them to Goldberg, who gave them to Jettes to sell. The effort to sell them to a bond house led to the arrest of the three.

Southern Banker Favors Foreign Trade Credits



Thomas B. McAdams, vice-president of the Merchants National Bank of Richmond, Virginia, is a member of the Committee on Organization of the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation, which is now being formed to stimulate American export trade by means of providing long-term credits to foreign buyers.

Last year cotton planters had to tarry over a surplus of 2,000,000 bales because foreign buyers were unable to purchase at the unfavorable rate of exchange and there existed no satisfactory machinery for financing export trade that would have absorbed raw products in excess of domestic consumption. The Foreign Trade Financing Corporation will supply this need.

INDIAN EVANGELIST CONTINUES TO DRAW CROWDS

Two large congregations heard Dr. Frank Hall Wright, Indian evangelist, preach at the Charles R. Armstrong Memorial Presbyterian church Friday afternoon and night. All available space in the church was filled at the night service and upward of 50 persons, young and old, came forward when the invitation was given. At the afternoon service Misses W. B. Oley and Alice Ward sponsored the Little Mothers Club and a large number of uptown people were present.

At the 1 o'clock service Dr. Wright preached one of the strongest sermons of the series on "Personal Responsibility." It is not enough, said the speaker, to acquire salvation for ourselves, but in the fallible proof of one's conversion is when we become anxious and zealous for the salvation of others. Dr. Wright sang "My Mother's Hood" at the close of the service.

Beginning at 7 p. m. Dr. Wright entertained almost three hundred young people with the customs, habits, language and life of the Indians among whom he has lived and worked as a missionary. Without intermission the evangelist merged the Indian stories in a splendid gospel message on the plan of salvation that was so deep, and at the same time, so splendidly simple that the youngest child present could grasp it. This Indian is a rare genius as well as a highly polished, educated, refined and spirited Hindu Christian gentleman.

Mrs. Joe Fairbanks, of Dallas, Miss Gertrude Taylor, of Lewis, and others escorted numbers of Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts to the night service. Dr. Wright will preach twice on Sunday and every afternoon and night next week.

NEW WAGE STANDARD FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

WASHINGTON, March 26.—A bill to fix new wage standards for all government employees is to be one of the first measures to obtain consideration at the approaching session of congress. Salary scales in general, according to plans out-lined, will be raised, but wages for several classes of employees may be reduced.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, with the aid of treasury experts, is preparing a bill for the reclassification of government salaries. It is the plan to reclassify federal employees from lump sums, at salaries fixed at the will of bureau chiefs, and also to dispense with the bonus system adopted during the war.

The increase cost of living, higher wage scale of private industry and many other factors are to be taken into account in fixing the new salary standards. Among the classes named are some conditions found, according to Senator Smoot, in various departments where some employees receive many hundreds of dollars more or less than others doing exactly similar work.

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NEW YORK MARKET SHOWS EVIDENCE OF INCREASED TRADING

Despite Extensive Profit Taking Market Shows Activity—Marked Improvement in Steel and Textile Industries.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 26.—Trading in the stock market this week was in no material degree lessened by the Easter recess, aggregate transactions for the four full sessions attaining fairly large proportions.

Despite extensive profit taking, further substantial recoveries from the previous fortnight were recorded, largely if not wholly to the discredit of an over-enthusiastic short interest in speculative shares.

Oil, automobile, steel and equipment stocks, more or less in the order named, were the principal beneficiaries of the rebound, together with a score of affiliated issues, particularly motor accessories. Food, tobacco, copper and chemical issues were under restraint, as well as most of the rails, the latter group being again handicapped by poor earnings and an unsettled labor conditions.

Marked improvement in the steel and textile industries was reported and commodity markets also were more stable, but conservatism continued to prevail in those branches of business subject to seasonal influences.

The money market eased slightly on call and banks bought moderately of commercial paper. There were few indications, however, that the approaching second quarterly period of the year would cause any pronounced release of time funds.

FAMINE IN CHINA REAPS HARVEST OF 1,000 PER DAY

PEKING, March 24.—Famine, which holds the provinces of Honan, Shensi and Chihli in its sinister grasp, is reaping a dreadful harvest, according to reports at the headquarters of the international relief organization in this city. In twenty-two counties of Honan, the average daily death rate on March 15 was 1,000, while deaths from famine in the six northern counties of the province averaged 300 daily.

Sixteen counties in Shensi covered by relief committees have suffered terribly. It is shown by reports, the most serious phase of the scourge being found, apparently, near Foping.

In the 16 counties there have been 50,000 deaths from starvation since the beginning of the famine.

Pneumonic plague recently made its appearance in twenty villages along the border between the provinces of Chihli and Shantung, 108 persons dying from the malady.

Funds amounting to \$2,500,000 gold (normally \$1,500,000), including 2,000,000 tons from the American Red Cross, have been apportioned to all famine districts by the advisory committee of all working organizations in the stricken regions.

DO NOT GIVE UP HOPE OF FINDING MISSING CRAFT

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 26.—Though discouraged by the failure of their two days' search to reveal some trace of the missing craft, naval officers today had not given up hope of finding the missing naval balloon with its five occupants which has been missing from the air station here since late Tuesday.

As the search progressed the belief grew that Chief Quartermaster G. W. Wilkinson and his four student companions had succeeded in reaching shore at some isolated place, possibly an island or reef and might not be heard from for days.

BERLIN, March 26.—Order has been restored at Eisleben and Hettstedt, it is announced by the German government.

The rioters at Hettstedt blew up the rail road station, however, before they returned to the hills surrounding the town and set up machine guns, which are reported to be firing at security police in the city.

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Back Broken, Body Paralyzed Coney Makes Fight For Life

Daring Aviator Has One Chance in Ten to Live Say Physicians—Condition Is Described as Very Serious.

COMMUNIST FORCES FLEE BEFORE SECURITY POLICE

OBERROEHLINGEN, Prussian Saxony, March 26.—Reports that the communist forces which have been fighting in Eisleben against the security police for three days had been driven out of that city were brought here last night by men breathless from running the 12 miles which lie between Eisleben and this little Saxon village. They said that the communists were retreating across the fields, for the most part, in good order, but some had thrown away their guns and others had been taken prisoner.

The tidings were received without emotion by men and boys who stood, rifles in hand, ready to report for duty to the commander of the communists. In a few minutes, however, these men and boys began to straggle away apparently to join their communist comrades in another stand against the police.

One of the refugees from Eisleben said to the correspondent last evening: "You haven't this sort of fighting in America have you? Things must go better there."

He said that women who had been camped in the outskirts of Eisleben day and night since fighting began there entered the city immediately after rifle firing ceased.

"They would have gone earlier," he added, "but the workmen would not permit them to go in. The women do not have much interest in the world revolution. To them the fight at Eisleben was just a row between workmen and the 'green police.'"

Members of the communist forces which were in virtual control of Eisleben permitted the correspondent to enter that city yesterday between bursts of firing, but they were unwilling to escort him back, saying that the only conveyances available were in the hands of the police and that capture was probable.

The correspondent, however, succeeded in securing an automobile, and left the town, but as bullets began striking the road around the machine, the chauffeur fled, and the correspondent walked as far as Oberroehlingen.

After his experience in Eisleben, and scenes of bloodshed and violence, the correspondent found this little village particularly peaceful. In spite of the fact that heavy fighting was going on only a few miles away church bells were ringing here last evening, women were praying in the churches and children were laughing and playing about the streets. All communication between this town and Eisleben has been cut off, and autos cannot be secured to go to Eisleben unless the full price of the machine engaged is deposited. As a consequence of this interruption of traffic, there is a food shortage here.

IRVIN COBB TO BE COL. ON GOVERNOR'S STAFF

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 26.—Irvin Shrewsbury Cobb, noted humorist and lecturer, who served his native state with distinction as a colonel on the staff of Governor A. O. Stanley, has been nominated for a commission at his former rank. Governor Edwin P. Morrow announced that when Mr. Cobb arrives here April 3 he will be called back into service and commissioned a colonel.

COOLER WEATHER FOR FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday, are:
Middle Atlantic States: Unsettled with showers at beginning of the week and again Thursday or Friday. Much cooler weather first half of week; normal temperature thereafter.
South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Showers the first part of week and again after Thursday, considerably cooler weather the first half of week.

SENDS \$5,000 BILL TO BROTHER ACROSS THE SEAS.

BUDAPEST, Mar. 25.—Stephen Nemeth, a clerk, wasting away on the little food his salary would buy, appealed to his almost forgotten brother George, who went to America years ago and is now in Chicago.

When months later, there came from George simply a large photograph, Stephen Nemeth, disappointed and angry, threw his brother's picture in the fire. The next day there came a letter. It read:
"My dear Stephen: If you will carefully divide in two the photo I sent you yesterday you will find a \$5,000 bill concealed between the two sheets. Enjoy it in good health and don't forget your loving brother, George."

NATCHEZ, Miss., March 25.—With his back broken and his body paralyzed from the chest down, Lieutenant W. D. Coney, transcontinental flyer, whose airplane crashed near Crowline, La., yesterday, while he was attempting a record breaking flight from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., today was battling for his life in a Natchez hospital. Physicians said he had about one chance in ten for recovery and that his condition was "very serious," but the fier himself remained cheerful and expressed the hope he would yet be able to make the flight.

Lieutenant Coney was brought here from Crowline by way of Monroe, La., last night. An x-ray examination showed fractures of the third, fourth and fifth lumbar vertebrae and physicians expressed the fear he also had suffered internal injuries. This morning considerable fever had developed. The fier's mother, who watched him hop off at Jacksonville early yesterday morning and who was prostrated when she heard of his fall, is en route here to be with him.

The lieutenant explained that his mishap was due to engine trouble which developed after he had been six hours in the air and which forced him to descend. In landing he struck a tree and was thrown from the machine. He was unconscious when extricated from the wreckage by a farm hand who had witnessed the fall.

MONROE, La., March 25.—I will make the flight from the Atlantic to the Pacific yet if death does not stop me," Lieut. William Devos Coney, transcontinental fier, who crashed to earth on the Mose Lanier farm at 7:30 this morning, declared this afternoon shortly after he was conveyed by automobile and train to Natchez, Miss., where he will be given treatment at a sanitarium.

"I wanted to break my own world's record in my trip back to the Pacific and my keenest regret is that I have failed," the injured fier continued. "I know that I would have established a new record if I had not been beaten by nature. It is pretty hard to overcome the laws of gravity and so find out new things in nature. I thought that I was learning some of her secrets when this accident occurred. I would have won out if it had not been for those fog along the Mississippi river. I had a fair fight until I struck the fog banks along the river and then I lost my way to some extent, and from the Mississippi river until I hit the ground I was flying low. I was preparing to make a landing because of the engine trouble when I struck a tree and went down. I do not remember much about what occurred after I struck the tree until I found myself in the arms of Mose Lanier and his good wife who conveyed me to their house. I guess it is all over."

Physicians Cheer Him. Lieut. Coney early in the day kept repeating over and over that he was going to die, but his physicians had cheered him up to some extent this afternoon and he was inclined to take a more philosophical view of the accident. His keenest disappointment is over his failure to set up a new record; the fact that he may die or be maimed for life being secondary, according to those who have talked with him.

Dr. C. M. Darrell and J. W. Winn, who attended the young fier throughout the day, were not prepared to say tonight as to whether he would live or die. "If he does not die," said Dr. Darrell, "I fear that he will be crippled or paralyzed for life. Of course there is hope, and I would not say definitely he will not recover the use of his limbs, but the chances are against him."

Dr. Darrell and Winn late today issued the following report as to his condition: "Lieut. Coney is paralyzed in his lower extremities. There is loss of sensation and motion in the lower extremities. His temperature is 102.2, pulse 100, respiration 26. Lieut. Coney is conscious and cheerful but does not talk much."

The injured fier late this afternoon sent a telegram to Miss Mary Morgan, San Diego, Calif., said to be his fiancée. The message was brief, simply stating, "My plane fell this morning and my spine is seriously injured."

Weeps as He Leaves Farm Home. The lieutenant's mother made frantic efforts to get in touch with her son by telephone this afternoon, but was unsuccessful. Mrs. Coney was at Brunswick, Ga., where she went from Jacksonville this morning after witnessing the lieutenant's "hop off."

After spending the day at the Mose Lanier farm Lieutenant Coney was taken to Winsboro this afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was in charge of J. O. Parker, Dr. Darrell and Winn and others. At Winsboro he was transferred to a train for Natchez, where he was due to arrive early tonight.

Tears fell from the young man's eyes when he told Lanier and his wife goodbye. "You have been good to me," he said, "and I shall never forget you." He also thanked the physicians and

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