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### 5,000 STUDENTS WERE TURNED AWAY LAST YEAR

#### Southern Methodist Colleges Forced to Turn Deaf Ear to Their Pleadings for an Education—Campaign Now on to Relieve Situation—Main Street Church to Raise \$17,500 Sunday.

Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars is the amount which Main Street Methodist church has been asked to raise for the Christian Education Movement of the Southern Methodist church, the payments to cover a five year period ending in 1925. The quota has been accepted and the campaign will be put on here Sunday, the time for the campaign over the entire church having been designated as May 29-June 5. An every-member canvass will be made of the congregation Sunday afternoon, when it is hoped that the entire amount will be subscribed.

Henry H. Abrams, for many years on the editorial staff of the New Orleans Picayune, and afterwards special writer on the Times-Picayune, and now connected with the Christian Education Movement of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in a recent interview regarding the movement, gave the following clear and comprehensive statement as to the work the church is endeavoring to accomplish:

"The movement is an attempt on the part of the Southern Methodist Church to discharge her obligation to Southern Methodist boys and girls so that they may obtain the best education in their own section and not be forced to enter eastern or northern colleges. It is an honest effort to raise the educational standard of the South, and through Christian leadership give the children of the South the very best that any school or college in the land can offer. Similar movements have already been inaugurated by other Protestant denominations.

"To this end the Christian Education Movement seeks to arouse members of the Southern Methodist church to the importance of this work, and to organize the many one educational plants, maintained and controlled by the church. It is interested in better pay for teachers and the fullest development, mental, moral and physical, of the young people enrolled as students. In other words, leaders of the movement, through its program, seek to make good their slogan that Christian education is the complete education.

"According to leading clergymen Southern Methodist schools last year turned away 5,000 students on account of crowded conditions. These schools enroll 25,000 students each year. It is now proposed to supply the necessary space, equipment and endowment to bring these educational institutions up to 50,000 capacity each year, making it possible for Southern boys and girls to obtain the highest advantages in their own section.

"The Christian Education Movement claims not only to promote the highest and best type of education, but to exemplify the finest form of real Americanism. The schools, colleges and universities of Southern Methodist have always been true to the best American ideals and with the schools of the Southern Presbyterian and Southern Baptist churches strengthened through similar movements, I am fully convinced that in the near future we need not hang our heads in shame when comparisons are made with the splendid equipment, well paid teachers and ample accommodations of schools in the North and East.

"It is gratifying to note the large number of letters received from prominent men who assure the leaders in the movement of their heartiest support. Financially every Southern Methodist endorsed the enterprise, and former President Woodrow Wilson, Joseph D. Daniels, John R. Mott and a host of equally strong and virile men have written wishing the movement the great success it deserves."

Methodists of this section are entering all their energies on the effort which will be made in the church at this place to raise the amount allotted them in the Christian education movement. The working terms have their lists in hand and will begin a member by member canvass Sunday, May 29. Soliciting terms will continue work throughout the week and it is expected that the amount asked for will be pledged by Sunday, June 5, which will be observed as victory Sunday with appropriate exercises.

It is said that the Christian education movement is meeting success far exceeding its expectations in the rural sections, and leaders are especially gratified at the way the membership of the country churches are giving to the cause. According to a local churchman, a typical example of the whole-hearted way in which the smaller churches are supporting the movement is that of a Texaco congregation which recently became impatient and put on their financial canvass ahead of time. Their quota was \$14,000 and they raised \$21,000. The interesting thing about this, and the thing that goes to show how thoroughly the church is "sold" to the movement, is that when this same church was asked to accept its pro rata a prominent business man in the church wired a protest to his president, saying that on account of financial conditions in that section it was useless to try to raise their quota. Later, after the financial drive, which resulted in increasing the quota fifty per cent, he sent another telegram apologizing for his lack of faith and saying that a praying church had made it possible to do in two days what he had not believed could be accomplished in two months.

Another church in a small town joyfully accepted its quota, saying, "Our county is financially broke, but not the spirit of our people."

#### 40 Cases Bubonic Plague.

(By The Associated Press.)  
MEXICO CITY, May 27.—Four new cases of bubonic plague and three deaths were recorded in Tampico yesterday. There are 40 known cases of the plague there, but dispatches assert rigid sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the disease are being inaugurated.

### DETROIT CIVILIANS ARE HELPING POLICE TO RUN DOWN SPEEDING MOTORISTS

DETROIT, Mich., May 27.—Fifty-two hundred members of the city's police force today began assisting the traffic force of the police department in apprehending motorists who violate traffic regulations. About 1,000 of this number are to patrol streets in motor cars.

### MERCHANTS SIGN HALF-HOLIDAY AGREEMENT

#### Wednesday Half-Holiday Will Be in Effect During June, July and August—Begins Next Wednesday With 46 Firms Closing.

A committee of the Mercantile Division of the Chamber of Commerce, of which Mr. W. E. Haynes, manager of Efrid's, is chairman, completed their work at noon today of securing signatures of local merchants to an agreement to close their places of business at noon each Wednesday during the months of June, July and August.

The complete list of firms signing this agreement will appear as a large display advertisement in Saturday's Gazette, having been received too late for insertion today. Already forty-six establishments have signed the agreement and two or three others whom the committee failed to see are expected to sign before next Wednesday.

### GERMANY NEEDS EVOLUTION NOT REVOLUTION SAYS ONCE FAMOUS LUDENDORFF

(By The Associated Press.)  
BRUSSELS, May 27.—"Germany needs evolution, not revolution," said General Erich Ludendorff, former first quartermaster general of the German army, and once Field Marshal von Hindenburg's chief of staff, to a correspondent of the Independence Beldge.

"It is madness to think of war against France," the general continued. "We must submit to and execute the peace treaty. After best prospects, for many must know poverty. It is the best remedy. Work at home is our first need. Work abroad is of secondary importance.

"Union, or at least co-operation, by all parties is needed to give new life to Germany. The press must be organized. The danger of bolshevism still exists. For the moment the bolshevik propaganda is turned toward Asia, but it will return to the charge. Germany will have to support the shock, for Poland is in no condition to resist."

### KOPPELL TROOPS OCCUPY PORT OF VLADIVOSTOK

(By The Associated Press.)  
TOKYO, May 27.—Troops formerly under the command of General Kappell and bolshevik leader, in southeastern Siberia, occupied a part of Vladivostok yesterday morning, says a despatch received from that city by the Kokusai News Agency.

Some government buildings were taken over by the troops, but Japanese forces there maintained a Japanese attitude.

The arrival of the Kappell troops at Vladivostok was expected as they captured Nikolai, near there, on May 21, and were reported to be advancing.

The city is said to be entirely under the control of the Kappell troops, whose chief of staff announced the council of non-bolshevik organizations had asked the soldiers to enter the city. Part of the Vladivostok militia surrendered to the invaders and the remainder fled. Members of the national assembly were placed under arrest but were later released.

The Vladivostok correspondent of the Nichi Nichi Shinbun says the Kappell soldiers disarmed all militiamen, some of whom resisted. He adds that the city is in consternation, with Kappell troops driving through the streets in automobiles and occupying the railway station and other buildings. All ships in the town have been closed.

The towns of Razdolnoe and Bakrova, near Vladivostok, have been occupied by the Kappellists. The commander of the Japanese forces in the city is reported to have declared that Japan will not interfere in the political situation and will not disarm the Kappell soldiers.

### DEALINGS ARE DULL ON TODAY'S MARKET

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 27.—Dealings were dull with irregular price changes at the opening of today's stock market. At the exchange was unusually light, in anticipation of the impending protracted recess. Rails and oils were the firm features, especially Chicago and Northwest iron. St. Louis preferred, Mexican and Pan American Petroleum, General Asphalt and American Linsseed. Motor, tobacco, sugar and leather issues were lower by fractions to one point.

Preliminary exchange quotations on London indicated a further reaction. Brokers looked for continuance of yesterday's high money rate.

### IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS DESTROYED IN FIRE.

(By The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, May 27.—The establishment of the machinery retarded, if not entirely hampered, by the destruction in the custom house fire of extremely important documents affecting the local administration of the area covered by the northern parliament, according to the Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent. It is known, says the correspondent, that the raid on the custom house coincided with preparations for the despatch of these documents to Belfast.

### DAVID H. BLAIR IS FINALLY CONFIRMED AS REVENUE COMMISSIONER

#### Seven Republicans and Eight Democrats Vote Against—Johnson Fights to Last—Many Important Matters, Including Prohibition Rulings, Await New Officer's Action.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The nomination of David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, N. C., to be internal revenue commissioner, was confirmed today by the senate over the opposition of Senator Johnson, republican, California, and others.

The vote was 59 to 15. Blair's opponents included seven republicans and eight democrats.

Senator Johnson made his final fight in an executive session of the senate but was voted down after sharp debate.

Mr. Blair's confirmation fills a vacancy in the office of internal revenue commissioner, which has existed for a fortnight, with Secretary Mellon acting in the interim. Many important affairs, including prohibition rulings, await action by the new commissioner.

Several republicans and a large part of the democratic senate membership joined in opposing Mr. Blair, against whom charges were brought by Senator Johnson. He accused Mr. Blair of having violated the North Carolina primary law as a delegate at the Chicago republican convention last June by failing to support the California nominee, who was high in North Carolina's preference poll.

Senator Johnson also contended that Mr. Blair was disqualified because in some tax appeals of the nominee's relatives were pending for action before the internal revenue bureau. Both charges were denied at recent hearings before the senate finance committee, which recommended confirmation.

Blair's Opponents.  
The opponents of Mr. Blair, it was said, included the following:  
Borah, Johnson, Jones, of Washington, Keenan, Ladd, La Follette, Norbeck and Norris, republicans, and Ashurst, Harris, Harrison, Reed, Sheppard, Walcott and Watson, of Georgia, democrats.

### SMALL GRAIN WILL BE FEATURE OF FAIR

Small grain will again prove a feature exhibit at the big Gaston county fair judging by assurances being received by the executive committee. The 1920 fair had more wheat and rye entered than any other fair in North Carolina and it is expected to make the same record this year, despite the fact that the fly and the rust have damaged the grain in many sections of the county. T. S. Royster's famous Peach Bluff Farm in the Sunny side community Thursday promised a fine exhibit of wheat. Mr. Royster's grain was a feature of last year's field crop exhibits.

### OFFICER OAKES SHOT AT BY THREE MEN IN CAR NEAR GREENSBORO.

One Bullet Pierced Cap But He Was Not Injured; Chased the Men But They Got Away.

Greensboro, May 26.—Police Officer D. B. Oakes was shot at from a car on the edge of Greensboro this afternoon, one of the bullets passing through a fold of his cap.

Mr. Oakes, who is a motorcycle policeman, stated that he passed three men in the car, standing by the side of the road. When he got by they opened fire. He returned it and chased them a short distance but they got away. He did not recognize them.

### U. P. FOLKS FAVOR A REASONABLE DISARMAMENT

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—Such an armament as may minimize the burdens upon the army and navy without impeding the armaments industry, was favored by the committee on the armaments report submitted today to the United States senate general assembly, in session here.

Other recommendations of the committee included:  
Continued loyal support for the Anti-Soviet League; proper enforcement of state and national prohibition laws; and cooperation with reform agencies in an effort to make polygamy "anywhere in the United States" a legal crime.

### MANY WILL GO WITHOUT SEATS FOR BIG FIGHT

NEW YORK, May 27.—Tighter seats or none for the Dempsey-Carpenter bout will be the lot of the ring enthusiasts who have delayed ordering tickets. All fifty dollar reservations for the Jersey City battle, July 2, have been sold. Promoter Tex Rickard announced here today. They are the choicest seats in the big arena and have been on sale two weeks. More than half were sold to persons outside of New York.

The receipts yesterday amounted to \$49,000, making the box office total to date \$774,204.

### RICKENBACKER RESUMES TRIP IN MAIL PLANE

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 27.—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, American ace, resumed at 6 a. m. as a passenger in a mail plane his transcontinental flight, which was delayed by a smash-up here on landing last night. He said he believed he would reach Washington by noon Saturday.

Captain Rickenbacker flew from Redwood City, Calif., in 11 hours and 14 minutes. The air distance is estimated at 1,072 miles. The flight was continuous and the speed made averaged more than ninety miles an hour.

### SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN APPEAL TURNED TIDE IN MR. LINNEY'S FAVOR

#### Visitors Back from Washington Tell How It Was Done—Northern Republicans Were Told They Were Creating a Sectional Party.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 26.—A Republican leak from Washington told what it was that turned the tide in favor of David Blair's favor and broke the back of David Blair's assaults. It also told southern republicans what a national Hamiltonian party would be if they pulled together.

The Republican party in the north most prominent feature of the Washington visitors' lecture was a new view of the national leaders that the suggestion to them that they were making Blair's the sectional party was enough to turn the tide for Linney. It may be assumed that the tide has not been and is not being yet in Linney's direction, but at least one can now see that he has won support to the nationalization of the Republican north side of the river.

The northers were told by the southerners that since the war between the states there had been but one issue in this state which did not finally give its imperfect settlement by a complicated way with the negro question. The Northern oldtimers could not wish a better example of the very thing that a section of the state have been doing for years than the attitude of a few northern Republicans toward Linney.

These Republicans, who are advised by Democrats who have been up in Washington, do not go so far as to say the national administration will divide the party from the black man. They say that the negroes aren't interested with the form of things to favor of the object of their protest shows that they aren't interested. They did not understand it, but they thought they might get the rest of the nation. They did not think that the majority of the professions are willing to withdraw their support and allow the Linney contract to wither further.

### BERGDOLL'S PROPERTY IS SEIZED BY ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—All of the property in this city of Graver C. Bergdoll, convicted draft evader, and army deserter, now in Germany, valued at about \$150,000, was seized today by Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian of the United States. It consists of real estate and money on deposit in four local banking institutions.

The property was held by Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, Graver's mother, under a power of attorney.

The seizure, Colonel Miller announced, was by direction of the president and under the authority of the trading with the enemy act. It is the first seizure since June, 1919.

### DEMPSEY HAS LARGE STAFF OF TRAINERS

ATLANTA, Ga., May 27.—Requirements for Jack Dempsey's staff of training partners are arriving in such numbers that the world's heavyweight champion today was in a position to complete his training in the open air at the city stadium.

Alvin Barkley, a heavy, sturdy haired blacksmith from New Orleans, whom the promoters regard as a championship contender, was here today ready to take his training on the heavy punches of the champion.

Captain Billy Roper, the Pittsburgh light heavyweight, arrived here today to hold the champion steady. Roper may be persuaded to join the champion's camp in a day.

Earl Williams, whose name was cut yesterday by a left hook from Dempsey, was ready to join the camp today. The crowd was light.

### FREIGHT RATE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE, SAYS CHAMBERS

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 27.—The freight rate does not show an unreasonable increase for the diverted part of goods, and it is not shown that it is any more of industrial operations or otherwise the territories it is preventing the resumption of industrial operations in the United States, according to Edward Chambers, vice president of the Atlantic and Pacific Steamship line, declared today before the Senate interstate commerce committee in its investigation into the railroads situation.

Mr. Chambers, in the presence of late speakers during the past hour before the committee, Mr. Chambers said, "have regard greater than the entire freight rate."

Department downward of freight rates in Europe through the Pacific coast, he said, has not resulted in a stimulation of traffic and existing rates on coal and grain have not reduced shipments of these commodities.

### BIZZY BEAR SAYS: WILL CUT BUILDING MEN'S WAGES 20 PER CENT

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW ORLEANS, May 27.—Wages of all men in the building trades employed by members of the General Contractors' Association in this city will be cut 20 per cent on June 1, it was announced here today. Contractors not members of the association are expected to follow suit, in making the readjustment.

### Business Will Not Return Until Men Come Back To Common Honesty --- Gary

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, May 27.—The return to satisfactory business conditions will be slow until the authority of businessmen and workmen who have ignored the principles of common honesty are aroused to the necessity of sound and decent standards of conduct, according to Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation.

Speaking today before the American Iron and Steel Institute, Mr. Gary, who is president of the American people, said that it is not enough to supply them with fully with the ordinary requirements of life, although they have the disposition and the means to do so. This, he explained, was due to the opinion of the purchasing public that there has not been complete and proper readjustments of prices.

There is an abundance of raw materials, he said, with both ability and inclination to plan it, waiting for further adjustments which will put costs of manufacturing prices, wage rates and other general conditions on a relative parity.

Efficiency, courage and a fair disposition will bring satisfactory conditions in a few days.

Profitless steel selling prices, Mr. Gary declared, will not permit any reduction in steel wages are further decreased. It should be understood, he said, by further reductions before the costs of living are lowered.

Read prices for many commodities are high, he said, but Mr. Gary, adding that without production workers' wages have been advanced through reduction in prices to designate them as inflated.

"I think," he continued, "there have been and still are charged and collected on certain commodities unreasonable and unfair, and it is extortionate prices. They apply to particular lines and persons."

"The public is aware of the facts. Different products have been purchased from the farmer, manufacturer or others at low costs and then passed on in one form or another."

### JOHNSON WANTS TO PROBE COLLECTION OF SOLDIER RELIEF FUND

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 27.—Availability of congressional investigation of the collection and expenditure of funds by soldiers relief organizations was considered today by the house rules committee, Representative Johnson, republican, South Dakota, former service man, urging that the collection of the fund be investigated.

Johnson said that "charges are made and there is reason to believe that much of the money collected to influence legislation is collected surreptitiously," and that "large sums of money purloined by disabled ex-service men are being diverted from their original and lawful purpose."

Some of the non-collecting funds, Mr. Johnson charges in his resolution, have been previously converted for collecting funds for such purposes and have served senseless.

He specified particularly in his measure the National Disabled Soldiers' League, the John Curtis Publishing Company, the National Service Bureau and the Publicity Underwriting Corporation, all with headquarters in New York city.

George H. Gillin, commander of the National Disabled Soldiers' League, testified his organization could account for every cent it had collected and spent. No money was used improperly, he declared, adding that he had helped organize war veterans settle claims against the government.

His organization never attempted to use its influence politically during its campaign last fall, Mr. Gillin said in a statement by Representative Johnson that several men connected with the organization could have been informed of their role in the collection of war veterans. Mr. Gillin characterized such charges as "baseless."

### HIGHWAY OFFICIALS ENDORSE TOWNSEND GOOD ROADS BILL

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Townsend \$200,000,000 good roads bill was endorsed today by highway officials of North Carolina and Maryland.

Col. R. Cameron, of the North Carolina commission, told the Senate committee and roads committee he favored the plan for a separate highway commission, as proposed by the Townsend bill, taking from the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and placing it in a separate government agency. He said, generally, that the question of states rights in selecting highways for improvement should be observed, but said the government should have the right to designate highways on which its money should be spent.

Phillip B. Perlman, secretary of state of Maryland, also endorsing the Townsend bill generally, suggested amendments which might, he said, nullify the \$25,000,000 appropriation and placed with federal commission, he said, should not have power to require specific road within under penalty of refusing all federal aid.

### 2500 STRIKERS DISMISSED

CAIRO, Egypt, May 27.—Twenty-five hundred strikers who have quite work in railroad shops here have been summarily dismissed. The general strike which has been threatened has not materialized.

### REPORT THOUSAND MILLS RUNNING DESPITE THE SLUMP IN BUSINESS

#### American Cotton Manufacturers Meeting in Philadelphia—John Hays Hammond and A. W. McLean to Address Gathering.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—The American Cotton Manufacturers Association met today in a session at the Hotel Hamilton. Delegates from all parts of the country gathered for the first time since the outbreak of the war.

W. D. Young, president of the association, reported that the industry had produced 1,000,000 bales of cotton in 1920, a record for the industry.

Among those who were scheduled to speak were John Hays Hammond, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, and A. W. McLean, secretary of the War Finance Administration.

### GERMAN MANUFACTURERS UNABLE TO FIND MARKET

(By The Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, May 26.—Albert S. Burleson, former United States postmaster general, who for several weeks has been investigating the possibilities of the cotton market in Germany, started for Vienna today. Later he will visit the Swiss, Belgian, Dutch and then return to Berlin.

While in Berlin Mr. Burleson met Charles H. Clark and other members of the cabinet, manufacturers and economic experts. He said the news convinced Chamberlain, with all the best, he could do to improve in the restrictions conditions.

White Mr. Burleson was hopeful considerable amounts of American cotton could be sold in Germany in the near future, he said the inability of German manufacturers to find a market for more than 25 per cent of the normal output because of the reduced buying power of 200,000,000 consumers in Central Europe, made the situation difficult.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOLDING ROAD CONFERENCE

#### In Session Today With State Highway District Representatives Over Routing of Road From Charlotte to Lincoln.

The board of county commissioners is in Charlotte today in joint conference with the state highway district commissioners, W. C. Williams, chairman of the State highway commission, from this district and a delegation from Lincoln county, with respect to the routing of the road from Charlotte to Lincoln.

It is understood that the Lincoln route from the road to come into Lincoln county by way of Lenoirville rather than through Holly and Stanley.

Concerning the road, the Lincoln County News at Lenoirville says that there will be a joint gathering meeting of Lincoln and Lincoln county commissioners in Lincoln on Saturday with a view of getting cooperation on the road leading from Lenoirville to Gaston and the road from Lenoirville, along the old plank road, to Johnston.

Mr. Johnston says that it is possible to connect the connecting road to Lenoirville by the way of High Shoals and the way of Long Shoals, and the road from Lenoirville to Stanley and back to Lenoirville, which would be a shorter route than the one now being taken by the way of Lenoirville and Stanley.

### SPECIATION AT TRIAL WILL BE DISARMED.

WYOMING CITY, Wyo., May 27.—W. C. Williams, chief of state, all the trial of the murder of Dan Clavin, was held today with the murder of Mrs. Clavin, a Kansas City woman, who was killed in 1919.

Miss Barton was shot while she was supposed highway maintenance on a motor car near the highway.

### WILL HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR LANE

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Memorial services for a late Franklin K. Lane will be held here Saturday at 8 o'clock in the morning in the Lincoln Memorial, according to the former secretary of the interior.

### CAROL WILL TAKE SEVERAL MILES OF SPAGHETTI ON TRIP TO ITALY

NEW YORK, May 27.—Several miles of spaghetti for the personal use of Enrico Caruso and his party have been placed on the steamship President Wilson, which will sail for Italy tomorrow with the famous tenor on board.

Caruso is not "carrying coals to Newcastle," for there is a reported shortage of spaghetti in his homeland.



Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday, slightly warmer.