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FORMER SERVICE MEN IN STATE COMPLAINING OF DISCRIMINATIONS

Republicans Are Disregarding Preference Provisions — Ousting of Women for Men in North Carolina Postoffices Jars Democrats — Bulwinkle and Overman Are Hearing From Them.

(By H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. — The very old nick is going to be raised over the disregarding of the preference provisions of law in favor of ex-service men in the appointment of postmasters and the substitution of men for women by the Harding administration. There were signs today that leaders are waking up on this proposition, and will try to undo what they have done. Tennessee republican congressmen are back pedaling and will try to satisfy demands of world war soldiers.

Frank A. Hampton, private secretary of Senator Simmons, recently charged that American Legion men here were sleeping at the switch. His warnings has aroused Tar Heels. Cale K. Burgess, department adjutant of the North Carolina branch of the legion, today wired Representative Bulwinkle, who is an ex-service man, as follows:

"W. H. Forbush, who is a veteran of the Rainbow division, has passed the civil service examination for postmaster at West Durham, republican executive committee for county disregards his priority claim and endorses man who was not in service. McEandon has urged me to do whatever we can for Comrade Forbush."

Letters like this are stirring up ex-service men in Congress. It was stated today that hereafter every man coming up from North Carolina for a postoffice appointment must have a clean war record or a suitable excuse for not being an ex-service man.

American legion organizations are becoming more active. Any leaders who wish to play politics, and aid the republican party against comrades are going to be singled out and denounced. This was made plain in communications coming to North Carolina congressmen.

Within the last few days, the legion has become critical of the administration. In a letter to Director of the Veterans Bureau Forbes today Hanford MacNider, national commander, declared that thousands of ex-service men are in need of hospital treatment but are prevented from entering government institutions because their dependents would be left destitute. Mr. MacNider called on Mr. Forbes to affect "prompt adjustment and payment of the compensation claim of every disabled veteran."

In Western North Carolina, where the democrats appointed many women to postmasterhips, the republicans are putting in men. In some instances they have been almost brutal in their scramble for jobs.

A new move in the Andrews contest, where the republican leaders have been trying to oust Miss Pearl Parker to give her job to Clyde Jarrett, was made today. Jarrett was given a temporary appointment. The effect of that action will be to let Miss Parker out, and put Jarrett on the payroll. This came after Senator Simmons had refused to permit the confirmation of Jarrett when his nomination was sent to the senate. It is said that Miss Parker is a hard working, capable young woman, and has dependents to support.

Miss Maule Green at Whittier will have to go to make a place for a man republican, Mr. Emma D. White, at Junaluska, won first honors in the contest for the postoffice. But the republicans are bent on naming Mr. Ward, Miss Bonnie Kate Regan has had to get out to make way for a man at Weaver, Miss Abernethy was let out at Connelly Springs. Many other similar cases could be mentioned.

Intimations coming to Washington foretell a storm of indignation from North Carolina women. The republican organization is sterna rallying them out of offices they think they are entitled to. Democratic congressmen are unable to stop the discrimination against women and ex-service men.

Jarrett claims that he is entitled to consideration as an ex-service man. He refused the Andrews office while the democrats were in, although he stood first. He could have gone in then in the regular way. Democrats feel that he is being railroaded in now.

TWENTY-TWO STATES ACCEPT FEDERAL AID FOR MATERNITY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — Twenty-two States already have accepted the Federal aid for maternity care authorized in the maternity act and its probable acceptance by most of the others has been indicated by State officials. It was announced today by Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the children's bureau of the Department of Labor and a member of the Federal board of maternity and infant hygiene, charged with administration of the act.

Five of the States—Delaware, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Oregon—have accepted by action of their legislatures, while 17 have done so through their governors, under the provision of the bill permitting such acceptance within a period of six months after the next legislative session following its enactment.

The States accepting receive under the bill \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, and \$5,000 in succeeding years, with an additional \$5,000 and a proportional share of \$70,000 based on population if these amounts are matched by State appropriations. The aid is conditioned on the approval of plans for its use by Federal board.

TO HAUL SNOW FROM IOWA TO SKI TOURNAMENT

CARY, ILLS., Jan. 17. — Wanted: Ten thousand loads of snow to make winter sports possible.

With the national ski tournament only five days away, and no snow on the new slide here, members of the Norge Ski Club have arranged with the Northwestern Railroad to have the required amount of snow brought from the nearest Iowa point where snow lies. As many trains as are necessary will be pressed into service by the road to avoid postponement of the contests.

Men from many States and three foreign countries will jump in the meet. The new slide is one of the largest in the world. Made of steel it stands 115 feet high and is built atop the highest hill at Fox River Grove, near here. The chute is 360 feet long, and more than 100 feet is permitted for jumping.

ROTARIANS PLANNING FOR CHARLOTTE MEETING

Local Club Will Visit Charlotte Club January 24—Nine Rotary Clubs in This Section to Be Represented at Inter- City Meeting.

Gastonia Rotarians are planning to go to Charlotte one week from today, Jan. 24th to attend the big inter-city Rotary meeting. Rotary clubs of nine cities will send big delegations to Charlotte. The following letter sent from the Charlotte club to every Rotarian in the district is self-explanatory:

January 14th, 1922.
Dear Rotarian:
It is a known fact that many a man never becomes a real Rotarian until he attends a District Conference or an International Convention.

The Rotary Clubs of Rock Hill, Gaffney, Gastonia, Hickory, Statesville, Mooreville, Concord, Salisbury and Charlotte will hold an Inter-City meeting in Charlotte on Tuesday, January 24th. We expect a large delegation from each Club. Four Clubs have stated that they will come 100 per cent strong, and we wish very much that every Club could have such a record.

There will be a morning and afternoon meeting, as well as the regular noon luncheon. At these meetings we will discuss Rotary and Rotary principles. Such men as Joe Turner, Buck Perrin, Rogers Davis, Joe Beperk and others have been asked to talk on Rotary subjects. An attendance prize and a stout trophy have been offered, and everything is being done to make this meeting as much like a District Conference as possible. We are sure that every man who attends will gain much inspiration and will receive much Rotary education.

We will mail you more complete details next week but we want you now to make your plans to be in Charlotte on that date. We want you here!

Rotarily yours,
ROGERS DAVIS,
BRENT DRANE,
BILL THOMPSON,
Committee.

ONCE PROUD HAPSBURGS NOW LIVING IN POVERTY

Many of Them Are Now Supporting Themselves by Sale of Their Jewels—Some Are Writing Memoirs With Little Success.

(By The Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Jan. 17. — Scattered throughout Europe, the members of the once proud house of Hapsburg are all living in relatively poor circumstances—some of them in poverty.

Ex-Emperor Charles and Ex-Empress Zita, who were sent to Funchal, Madeira, as "guests" of the Allies, are supplementing their allowance by the sale of some of the family jewels.

Archdukes Eugene and Ferdinand have been permitted by the Swiss Government to remain at Lucerne, it being found after an inquiry that they had nothing to do with Charles' ill-fated attempt at restoration.

Archdukes Max and Frederic are living with Archduchess Josepha in Bavaria; Albrecht resides with his mother Isabella at Budapest; Leopold Salvator is staying at a villa near Barcelona; Joseph Ferdinand and Henry Ferdinand have settled down in the imperial hunting lodge at Salzburg and Archduchess Maria Annunziata lives alone in the chateau Valuz in Lichtenstein.

Some of them have attempted to fatten their income by working, but with more or less indifferent success. Literature in the form of "memoirs" from various members of the family, has been presented to editors, but none of them have shown great enthusiasm to publish the books.

GEORGIA BANK CASHIER GETS YEAR IN PEN.

(By The Associated Press.)

HAMILTON, Ga., Jan. 17.—George Stanford, former cashier of the Bank of Waverly, Harris county, Georgia, was late yesterday sentenced by Judge G. P. Munroe to serve one year in the State penitentiary after he had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of embezzlement in connection with a shortage of \$16,000.

Violence at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 17. — First attempts at violence since the street car strike began yesterday, occurred in Norfolk today. A non-union conductor was slightly injured by flying glass when two chunks of concrete were hurled through the window of his car this morning. A pile of crosses, thrown across the tracks, blocked traffic in Fairmount Park, a suburb.

JURY IS SELECTED TO TRY O. G. THOMAS FOR KILLING ARTHUR ALLEN

Policeman Swing, of Kannapolis, Says He Found no Weapon on Allen's Body — The Accused Man Told the Police- man He Had Killed a Man Who Attempted to Hold Him Up—Trial May Last a Week.

CONCORD, Jan. 16. — O. G. (Red) Thomas will be tried before the following jurors for the murder of Arthur J. Allen, Concord master plumber, who was killed in Kannapolis on the night of October 25th: J. W. Ritch, M. D. Klutz, W. C. Klutz, G. L. Blackbecker, W. T. Durham, H. D. Eady, P. W. Smith, W. M. Auten, W. J. Cline, R. L. Gray, W. J. Bailey and W. R. Arey. They were selected from 17 regular jurors and 31 members of the special venire drawn last Friday. The selection of the jury consumed the greater portion of today's session of court, but four witnesses being examined late this afternoon.

Testimony as to the range of the bullet in the body of Allen featured the afternoon testimony. J. W. Swing, Kannapolis policeman; Dr. T. N. Spencer, coroner; J. M. Simpson, undertaker, and Dr. S. E. Buchanan, county health officer, were the witnesses called, and the last three were examined particularly as to the examination they made on Allen's body.

Swing testified that when he reached the scene of the tragedy after being notified by telephone, he found Allen's body lying just in front of the home of O. S. Overcash. The body was lying face downward. He found nothing in the man's hand but a Ford switch key, and found no weapon of any kind on the body. From the scene of the tragedy he went back to police headquarters, he stated, where he was notified that Thomas had been there and asked for him. He then went to Thomas' boarding house where he found Thomas, and where Thomas told him that he had shot a man, who had tried to hold him up. On cross examination he stated that Thomas left word at police headquarters for him to come to the boarding house for him.

Thomas' Version Of It.

Thomas told him "apparently with candor" just what had happened. Swing stated. According to Thomas' statement to the officer he had stopped his car in front of Overcash's house when he saw a Ford, which he had been following, stop also. A man from the Ford walked back to Thomas' car and asked, "Cap, are you following me?" Thomas told the officer that he said "no" and the man then said, "Throw your car back." Thomas told the officer that he then shot three times as fast as he could and left. The officer did not know whose pistol Thomas used, but stated that Thomas told him earlier in the day that someone had stolen his pistol from his car. Allen was dressed in a pair of blue pants and an army shirt, the officer stated. The scene of the tragedy was on a dark street. Swing stated, where no electric lights are located. From where Allen was lying it was about 50 feet to the front of Frank Setzer's home the officer testified. Thomas told the officer that he went to Overcash's to see about some papers.

Most of the questions directed to Spencer, Simpson and Buchanan dealt with the location of the two bullet wounds in the body and the range of the bullets. Spencer stated that in his opinion either of the wounds would have proved fatal, but that the one which entered Allen's back caused death, as it penetrated the heart. The bullet which entered the dead man's left shoulder penetrated the left lung, he stated, after breaking the left collar bone.

Found No Weapons On Body.

Upon examination of the body, Coroner Spencer stated that he found no weapons of any kind. He also stated that Allen was wearing an army shirt. He saw marks on the man's shoulder which he took to be powder burns but no such burns on the back. The clothing which was identified as that which Allen was wearing on the night of the tragedy, he could not identify them positively as the clothing that Allen wore. He examined the two holes in the shirt, and stated that he believed they would cover the holes in Allen's body if placed on his body. He could not recognize any powder burns on the clothing. On cross examination he stated that the scene of the tragedy was very dark, that no lights of any kind were burning. He stated that he did see powder burns on the dead man's neck and that in his opinion the shot which struck Allen in the shoulder was fired at closer range than the shot which entered his back.

J. M. Simpson testified that he was present when the post mortem examination was made in his undertaking parlors. He identified the clothing brought into his court as the clothing he took from Allen's body when he dressed him. His description of the wounds and the range of the bullets was very similar to that offered by Dr. Spencer. He did not notice any powder burns before or after washing the body, he stated. In his opinion either bullet would have caused death.

Body Found In Road.

Dr. Buchanan stated that Allen's body was lying in the road when he reached the scene of the tragedy and that he made a hurried examination there and later helped perform the autopsy. He testified that he saw powder burns on the neck of the dead man, but saw none on the shirt where the bullet entered the back. The bullet which entered the shoulder broke the left collar bone and the first rib, punctured the left lung and lodged near the spinal column. The range of the bullet was downward, indicating that the man shot was either leaning forward, or that the person shooting was towering above the man.

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INDIANS ARE SEEKING FULFILLMENT OF PROMISE MADE 70 YEARS AGO

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17. — Eight Indians, representing the scant 20,000 that remain of the race in California, are en route to Washington today to seek fulfillment of promises they contend were made by the Government in treaties signed seventy years ago.

The Indians declare their tribes were deprived of 7,500,000 acres retained under the treaties and \$1,500,000 in goods, including needles and thimbles, promised for cessation of other lands to the Government, has not been paid.

The purported treaties were found recently by a religious worker in the Indian fields after they had been lost for years.

STANDARD HARDWARE CO. TO ERECT FINE BUILDING

Handsome Structure, Four Stories High, to Be Built on South Street Next to City Hall — Brown-Harry Company Gets Contract.

The contract for the new building which the Standard Hardware Company will erect at once on its property on South street adjoining the City Hall was let Tuesday to the Brown-Harry Company of this city. Work will begin at once, it was stated by Mr. Brown, of the contracting firm. Hugh E. White is consulting architect.

The building will be one of the most modern and substantially built in Gastonia. It will be four stories high, and of heavy masonry construction throughout. The front will be of pressed brick. Its size it will be 80x100 feet.

The Brown-Harry Co. has also completed an addition to the Spencer Mountain Mills, a wave room 54 by 64 feet. This firm has also recently been awarded the contract for the State Colored Normal School at Fayetteville which will cost \$150,000. This is one of the new buildings authorized by a recent act of the Legislature.

THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Town of 3,500 People Has What Is Said to Be Finest High School Building in State of North Carolina — Cost Half a Million Dollars —Local Board Has Inspect- ed It.

A delegation from the Gastonia city school board returned Saturday from a trip of inspection to several of the larger cities of the State with a view to finding out the latest and most modern methods of school architecture. Among the schools visited was Roanoke Rapids. The following facts concerning the school building in that city will be of interest:

Roanoke Rapids, is a town of 3,500 people, devoted largely to textile interests.

Yet there was opened in that community on Monday, September 19, what is said to be the biggest and best high school building in the entire state.

It was erected at a cost of half a million dollars.

The structure has 25 classrooms.

It contains an auditorium with a seating capacity of 2,000.

There are in the building an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, dining room, kitchen, music room and sewing room.

The heating and ventilation are of the most modern type. Two of the largest heating furnaces manufactured supply the radiators with heat.

The gymnasium is equipped with the most modern apparatus; the auditorium is sufficient for any occasion; there is a large music room; there are three large and well-equipped rooms for the domestic science department.

To quote again from The Roanoke Rapids paper:

"The community has an educational plant of which it may be justly proud. Nothing seems to have been left undone by designers and builders for the safety, comfort and health of the children. To those of us who acquired our education by the now old-fashioned methods and with the equipment of another day, it seems that in the new Junior-Senior high school building the younger generation of this community have the nearest possible approach to a royal road to learning."

METHODIST PREACHERS WANT STRIKE SETTLED.

(By The Associated Press.)

PORTSMOUTH, Va., Jan. 17.—The second day of the strike of the platform employees of the Virginia Railway and Power Company here found the city without a single piece of rolling stock moving this morning. The Methodist Ministers' Association here adopted resolutions calling upon city officials to investigate the difficulties between the company and the men, and the city council has been summoned to special session today to decide a definite attitude for the city. jitney buses, under police supervision, today were operating in the city and suburbs.

"OPEN DOOR" IN CHINA AND SHANTUNG QUESTION FORM TODAY'S PROGRAM

TRIAL TO DETERMINE LIFE OR DEATH OF KU KLUX IN OKLAHOMA

Eleven Prominent Citizens of Carter County to Face Trial on Charge of Murder Grow- ing Out of Recent Attacks by Masked Men — Made Night Attack on Onz, Joe Carroll.

ARDMORE, Okla., Jan. 17. — A case which, in the words of State Attorney General S. P. Freeling, "will mean the life or death of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma," will be called here today when eleven of Carter county's most prominent citizens are to be arraigned before Judge Thomas W. Chapman in district court for trial on charges of murder.

The defendants, all well known business and professional men of the county, were among seventeen arrested following an attack by nine masked men upon Joe Carroll at his home in Wilson on the night of December 15 when three men, one of them Carroll, was fatally shot.

Originally, fifteen were held for murder and two as witnesses for the state but at subsequent sessions of the joint examining trial of seven of the men before Justice D. W. Butcher, the cases against four, one of them a Baptist minister, were dismissed on motion of the prosecution that no evidence was at hand to connect them with the affair.

On this night in mid-December, the state charges, more than 100 men from Ardmore and the surrounding county, all masked and with buckets of tar and pillows of feathers, gathered in a pasture just five miles south of Wilson and later sent eight of their number in two automobiles under the leadership of C. V. Sims, Ardmore police detective, to "get" Joe Carroll. A statement to authorities by one of the defendants shortly after his arrest was to the effect that Sims had persuaded the band of men to accompany him that night "to round up several 'wet' car dealers and bootleggers."

Unable to find Carroll's residence, the eight men then called at the home of John Smith in Wilson and one of their number, a relative of Smith, made him leave a sick bed and guide them to Carroll's house, telling him, according to the testimony of Smith's wife at the preliminary hearing, that "you are forced to do it as I have been forced."

When the men called at Carroll's home he answered their summons to the front door and at their command to throw up his hands drew his revolver and wounded one of the men who attempted to enter it from him.

Then amid the screams of women and shouts of men, a gun battle ensued, all participated in by Carroll's brother, who lived next door. When the fierce exchange of rifle and pistol shots subsided and the masked men had fled in their automobiles, Carroll's lifeless body was picked up off his doorstep and John Smith, a few minutes later, was found on a street in Wilson not far from the scene of the engagement, suffering from bullet wounds which within two hours caused his death.

The following day, shortly before noon, Sims' dead body, clad in a suit of khaki uniforms, was found lying in the pasture where twelve hours before, he had planned to administer punishment to Carroll for his alleged activities as a bootlegger.

Jeff Smith, the man who was wounded in the affray, guided the authorities to the pasture where Sims' body was discovered and told them, it was brought out at the preliminary trial, that the place had frequently been used as a meeting place for the "Citizens' League or Ku Klux Klan." He is one of the defendants in the case.

The custodian of a local lodge hall, in which the Ku Klux Klan rents rooms, testified at the hearing that on the night of the killings, one of the defendants and another man whom he did not recognize, by the "presentation" room rented by the Ku Klux Klan with handles under their arms. The defendant admitted in a signed statement to authorities that he was one of those who later met in the pasture.

Efforts of the prosecution then were directed toward establishing the Ku Klux Klan's connection with the incident and the examination of witnesses ended abruptly when Frank Bourland, who, the lodge hall custodian testified, paid rent on the Ku Klux Klan rooms, refused to testify as to his connection with the organization. He also declined to answer the prosecution's query as to what he knew in the "property" room contained, Nineteen questions, all pertaining to the Ku Klux Klan, were asked him and he refused to answer all but one.

A sensation was produced at the first day of the hearing when Walter Carroll's brother, arose while on the witness stand and accused Ray L. Beshe, local automobile dealer, and one of the defendants, of killing his brother during the fight.

Later, in a signed statement before a notary public at Wilson, Carroll reportedly declared he knew nothing of the identity of any persons participating in the attack on his brother. The following day, however, he issued another signed statement here, denying that he said he could not identify any of the party of masked men and declaring that his testimony at the hearing "stood."

Due to conditions here, growing out of an investigation by the attorney-general (Continued on page 3.)

Arms Conference May Be Facing Most Critical Stage of Its Entire Course — Will Take Up Question of Manchuria and Japanese Occu- pation in Siberia.

HARDING COMMENTS MODERN HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Declares no Public Improve- ment Has Done More For General Good of the Coun- try.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 17. — No public improvement has done more for the general good of the country than development of the highway system, according to a letter from President Harding to Colonel H. L. Bowley, president of the American Road Builders' Association, to be read at the opening session today of the National Road Congress.

"There is now a pretty nearly universal agreement that no single improvement has done in recent years, or will do in coming years, more for the general good of the country than the development of our highway system," President Harding's letter said. "The task is an enormous one, but better methods, both in physical construction and in the relations of the community to highway development, has been taking form in a most encouraging way."

Prior to assembling, it was said, more than 10,000 delegates were in Chicago representing every State Government, and mayors of 4,739 cities and towns.

HOSPITAL OFFICERS TO "DISCUSS CARE OF VETERANS"

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — Officers in charge of all government hospitals serving veterans of the world war began a five days' series of conferences here today called by Brigadier General Sawyer, president of the board of hospitalization, to work out co-operatively the most efficient means of caring for former service patients. Nearly a hundred officers were ordered to report, including the heads of all public health hospitals, soldiers home, officers of the medical departments of the army and navy and the veterans bureau.

The opening session was to be called to order by General Sawyer in an address on the present status of Federal hospitalization covering methods and facilities in use in different parts of the country in the care of veteran patients.

On Friday, President Harding is to address the conference.

SAN FRANCISCO CLUB GETS \$75,000 FOR PLAYERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17. — Three letters brought good cheer to the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast League yesterday when a single mail produced checks aggregating \$75,000 as payments for players sold east recently.

Twenty-five thousand dollars was from the New York Nationals as part payment for First Baseman O'Connell, \$10,000 was from the New York Americans as part payment for Pitcher O'Doul, and \$40,000 was from the Cincinnati Nationals, the cash end of the consideration given for Shortstop Caveney, some players also figuring in the deal.

REASONS FOR AILMENTS IN THE SHOE INDUSTRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 17. — Irregularity of piece rates and the uneven flow of work are the chief ailments of the shoe industry, Sanford E. Thompson, consulting engineer in industrial management, today told members of the National Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association.

Colonel Thompson, who was a member of the Hoover committee on elimination of waste in industry, said that one representative factory had met piece rates increasing ranging from 12 to 260 per cent since 1914. Another factory, he said, making 2,000 pairs of shoes a day had varied in its weekly output as much as 2,000 pairs.

He advised a study of styles in shoes to determine the limits to which fancy styles should be carried, and a closer survey of market conditions.

TWO WHITE MEN KILL GEORGIA NEGRO.

DONGLAS, Ga., Jan. 17. — Investigating the killing of William West, a negro, a coroner's jury here yesterday returned a verdict that he came to his death at the hands of Leon Wooten and Vernon Kite, two young white men, living near Fridgen.

Officers learned that Wooten and Kite hired West to carry them home from a party near here. It was while on this mission that the negro was shot and killed. Officers have been unable to locate either Wooten or Kite, although Wooten telephoned the sheriff he was going to surrender at once. No motive for the shooting is known by officers.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, probably rain tonight and Wednesday; rising temperature in interior, fresh easterly winds.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — Another meeting of the far eastern committee to continue debate on the subject of the "open door" in China and further discussion of the Shantung question between the Japanese and Chinese delegates formed today's program for the arms conference.

As a starting point for the "open door" discussions today the delegates of the other powers represented in the far eastern committee had before them for consideration a concrete "definition" of the American view of what constituted an effective application of this principle. This was supplied them in textual form yesterday by Secretary Hughes, after opening the debate with a reaffirmation of the "open door" policy in China, and was understood to have been based on the Secretary's note of last July to the Chinese minister here concerning a wireless concession to the Federal Telegraph Company, an American corporation, its rights in which were disputed by other powers.

The Chinese and Japanese continued today their effort to clear away collateral points involving in the Shantung settlement pending a final attack on the central problems of conditions for restoration to China of the Tsingtao-Tsuanan railway. Meanwhile until the Shantung issue is settled—and both sides indicated today there were enough things yet to be discussed to occupy many meetings more—the far eastern committee, at the suggestion of Secretary Hughes is still deferring consideration of the Chinese request for committee action on the famous "twenty one demands" and also of the question of spheres of influence.

In addition to these questions, the conference, having proceeded on the declared policy of disposing first of subjects upon which agreement appeared easiest, has yet to take up the more difficult questions of Manchuria and the Japanese occupation in Siberia. Although professing confidence in the outcome, most of the delegates privately concede that the conference may be facing the most critical stage of its entire course.

Meantime, final agreement on the Pacific fortification clause of the naval treaty, upon which the Japanese are awaiting instructions from Tokio, appears to have been held up by political developments in some quarters to the British proposal amending the original plan by limiting the zone of the fortifications' status quo to a region north of the equator.

Many of the delegates to the Muscle Shoals meeting, it was said, are also delegates to the national farm conference, which meets in Washington next Monday, and will come from Muscle Shoals to Washington.

Organization, need of more efficient community units to develop initiative and leadership, co-operative marketing of the major southern crops such as cotton and tobacco, common marketing of local products, and farm finance are on the program of the meeting. Other subjects expected to be considered include the American cotton growers association, development of dairy and livestock industry in the Southern States, and corn syrup making.

The meeting will be organized in Florence, Ala., and an extensive inspection of the Muscle Shoals project is expected to be made by the delegates.

HENRY FORD TO ADDRESS FARMERS AT MUSCLE SHOALS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. — Henry Ford will address the Southern group of the American Farm Bureau Federation at its meeting at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, January 20, and 21, the American Farm Bureau Federation announced today.

The Southern group of the American Farm Bureau Federation comprises the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. In addition delegates will be present from 15 other States in the corn and wheat belt sections of the Mississippi valley.

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MAY HAVE CROSSED CONTINENT FOR NOTHING

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 17. — Frederick R. Wedge, graduate of the prize ring and the University of Arizona, seeking to get a post graduate degree from Harvard University in his fortieth year, may have made a trip half way across the continent in freight car and caboose for nothing. "Kid" Wedge, as he was known in Wisconsin lumber camps and in boxing circles two decades ago, dropped off a train yesterday after a 2,000 mile journey from Arizona to enter Harvard graduate school of education. Today it was learned that Harvard authorities had been trying to reach him for sometime