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DIRECTORS COUNTY FAIR MAKE PLANS FOR A BIG EVENT IN FALL OF 1922

Col. Thomas L. Craig is Re-elected President - New Names Added to Board of Directors - Fred M. Allen Is Executive Secretary For Another Year.

Receiving reports from the 1921 Big Gaston County Fair, electing officers to take charge of the 1922 fair and transacting routine business, the stockholders of the Gaston County Fair Association held the annual meeting at the chamber of commerce auditorium Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A majority of the stock was represented when Col. T. L. Craig called the stockholders meeting to order. The statement of the 1921 fair was received showing a deficit of \$3,600.

Col. T. L. Craig, president since the organization of the fair, made a strong effort to step aside this time, but the meeting was insistent on his keeping on his good work, much commendation being given his administration.

The new board of directors is composed of R. R. Ray, John L. Beal, D. M. Jones, John Frank Jackson, T. A. Henry, J. P. Bivens, John R. Rankin, J. Lee Robinson, J. White Ware, Fred D. Barkley and J. Lander Gray.

Fred M. Allen was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The dates were set for the customary date in October and the president and secretary were given necessary authority for the proper carrying on of the fair's business during the year.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BUY TWO MACHINE GUNS.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 31. - The purchase of two machine guns and an automobile upon which to mount them was authorized late yesterday by Allegheny county commissioners. The weapons are to be used to aid in combatting bandits, it was said, and their purchase was authorized following the observation of the county court on the Crafter bank robbery Friday when the robbers escaped after killing the assistant cashier. The machine guns will cost \$450 a piece and the automobile \$4,000. The appropriation for the purchases was made from the budget for the attorney general's office.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE POPE'S SUCCESSOR.

ROME, Jan. 31. - Interest in the choice of a successor to Pope Benedict is increasing as the time draws near for assembling of the Sacred Synod, and many attempts to find an indication of the result are being made.

Cardinal Laurenti, secretary of the congregation of the propaganda, although raised to the purple only last year, is understood to be favored by at least thirty members of the Sacred College who believe in a rapprochement with the Italian Government. At the same time he is said to be acceptable to those opposed to closer relations with the Quirinal.

The name of Cardinal Ratti, archbishop of Milan, mentioned previously as favored by the "peace" group headed by Cardinal Gasparri, is not heard so often now, and the section headed by Cardinal Merry del Val, which had been credited with favoring Cardinal Maffi, is reported as ready for a compromise before the balloting begins.

NOTRE DAME WAS TRYING TO STOP PROFESSIONALISM.

SOUTH BEND, IND., - Notre Dame University officials today made public copies of a letter sent six weeks ago to seventy middle western colleges calling attention to the threat of professionalism in college athletics and asking cooperation in a concerted movement to clean it up.

WITH SHANTUNG ISSUE SETTLED, CONFERENCE IS READY TO ADJOURN

Some of Delegates Expect to Start Home by End of This Week - Naval Committee of Whole Is Meeting Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - Virtual settlement by the Japanese and Chinese of the long-debated Shantung question and final agreement on the text of the five power naval limitation treaty had brought the Washington conference very near to the conclusion of its labors today with some of the delegates expecting to be on their homeward journeys possibly by the end of the week.

Prediction that the last details of the plan for restoration to China of Shantung province would be settled at today's meeting was made by Dr. Koo, of the Chinese delegation, following an agreement reached last night between the Japanese and Chinese covering all principles required as a basis for disposal of the Tsingtau-Tainan railroad question.

The basis of settlement is understood to have been the compromise plan supported by President Harding. Meantime the naval committee of whole was meeting today to give final approval to the text of the naval treaty as completed yesterday by agreement in the naval committee of 15 on the Pacific fortifications article.

The Far Eastern committee at the same time had been called in session today to clean up the collateral issues now remaining in that field, which with Shantung out of the way, was expected to take but a few days. It was the expectation of conference officials that another plenary session would be called tomorrow afternoon, following that for the naval announcement, to permit formal ratification of the dozen or more resolutions relating to China, which have now received committee approval only.

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WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION FUND

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fund. Total: \$201.00

Contributions have been received so far to this fund as follows:
Precisely acknowledged \$ 69.00
J. H. Spink 100.00
Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Gastonia 1.00
A. M. Smyre 5.00
From McAdenville:
E. C. Ray 1.00
J. A. Wells 1.00
R. L. Hughes 1.00
Geo. L. Webb 1.00
S. R. Nichols 1.00
E. B. Kay 1.00
J. C. Poole 1.00
Geo. C. Tate 1.00
Labs. Abernathy 1.00
W. H. Reid 1.00
P. F. Mabry 1.00
I. W. Nipper 1.00
Jno. Bently 1.00
Will Bently 1.00
J. R. Reid 1.00
Geo. Wright 1.00
E. C. Adcock 1.00
Geo. F. Webb 1.00
Boyd Adcock 1.00
O. J. Dunan 1.00
J. L. Byrum 1.00
J. W. Reeves 1.00
W. Y. Roberts 1.00
W. J. Cashion 1.00
Jas. Moore 1.00
Total \$201.00

FOUR KILLED IN COAL MINE EXPLOSION.

(By The Associated Press.)
PINEVILLE, Ky., Jan. 31. - Four miners were killed, two were injured seriously and two are missing as a result of an explosion in the Layman-Calloway coal mine at Layman, Ky., 20 miles from here, last night.

The dead are Ben Rapier, Earl Hampton, A. G. Buwell and Willie May. George Hampton and Joe Della are injured. The names of the missing could not be obtained.

ARGUMENTS IN ARBUCKLE CASE ARE POSTPONED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31. - Arguments in the case of Roscoe Arbuckle may be postponed until Wednesday afternoon, while rebuttal witnesses called by the state occupy the stand. The arguments may extend into Thursday.

THIS MAN ANSWERED FAMOUS EDISON QUESTIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. - When Thomas A. Edison formulated his famous and much abused questionnaire last spring, he had no idea that the only man who could answer it correctly would win his way into the Edison family, but such is the case. Samuel A. Halsey of Newark, N. J., will tonight marry Miss Charlotte W. Hawkins, sister-in-law of Charles Edison, son of the inventor.

The wedding will take place at the Charles Edison home in West Orange, N. J. Mr. Halsey, who is now manager of an Edison concern in this city, was one of the first to get the famous questionnaire issued February of last year.

Instead of ridiculing it, he answered it - listing correct answers to every question - and was given an A A grading by the inventor himself. He was given a job juggling figures in the Edison factories, but he didn't stay at it long. In his advance he reached the post of chief of the personal staff, and met Miss Hawkins, who was doing welfare work in the plant.

It was here that Mr. Halsey framed his own questionnaire of but one question. Miss Hawkins also graded him A A.

METHODISTS HAVE SERIES "GET TOGETHER" MEETINGS

Bishops, Presiding Elders and Prominent Officials Meet in Memphis.

(By The Associated Press.)
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 31. - "Get together" meetings and informal conferences of missionary leaders of 14 Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were in progress here today preliminary to the formal opening tonight of a church-wide conference of bishops, presiding elders, and representatives of missionary and connectional boards.

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HEIRS TO MILLIONS TO WED ENGINE MACHINIST

(By The Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 31. - Mrs. Marion B. Stephens, daughter of the late Norman B. Reed, of Chicago, heiress to a fortune estimated as high as \$10,000,000, has announced her engagement to Alexander V. Vanslitsky, an employee of the Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia, according to a story published in the Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Stephens, reports said, announced the wedding would take place in the Russian church, New York. Vanslitsky is said to have insisted that he remain among the working men and Mrs. Stephens willingly consented to live in his modest home in the factory section near the works.

It was his stirring stories of the war that first attracted Mrs. Stephens' attention, friends say, while the two were in Paris in 1919, where they first became acquainted. He served as an engineer in Kozlovsk's army.

Mrs. Stephens' husband, Edmund D. Stephens, attorney, obtained a divorce in 1918 on the grounds that "Mrs. Stephens wanted to travel all the time; wanted to come and go; she said as she pleased, and wanted to be free."

SENATE REJECTS AMENDMENT OFFERED BY SIMMONS.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - Another effort to limit the authority of the proposed Allied debt refunding commission to defer interest payments on the eleven billion dollar foreign debt failed today in the Senate. An amendment by Senator Simmons, North Carolina, which would have provided that interest payments could not be postponed for more than three years without the consent of Congress was rejected, 41 to 27.

Four Republicans - Johnson, Ladd, La Follette and Norris - joined with the solid Democratic majority in supporting the amendment. The vote came fifteen minutes after the Senate convened and no discussion preceded it.

Senator Simmons offered his soldiers' bonus amendment, but later withdrew it at the request of Senator Norris, Republican, who asked that consideration be deferred until after the Senate had acted on his substitute bill proposing to authorize the secretary of the treasury to refund the foreign debt under conditions and terms laid down by the existing Liberty loan acts.

Theme Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - Appointment of Robert T. Thorne, of Greenville, S. C., as a Federal prohibition agent for South Carolina, was announced by Commissioner Hayes today.

SIXTY PATROLMEN IN PITCHED BATTLE WITH BOSTON NEGRO DESPERADO

Renzy Murray Holds Police at Bay - Two Policemen, Negro Man and Woman Shot - Trouble Began When He Ejected a Tenant.

(By The Associated Press.)
BOSTON, Jan. 31. - Sixty patrolmen, armed with riot guns, battled more than an hour early today against Renzy Murray, a negro, who barricaded in his home in the south end, shot and seriously wounded two patrolmen, a negro and a white, and set fire to a bed in which an infant lay. Murray surrendered only when a dozen officers broke down the door of the home.

Shouts of "ynch him" were made by the crowd that fought to get at him. He was roughly hauled before the officers put him in a patrol wagon.

The trouble began when Murray ejected a negro tenant and fired several shots at her.

Patrolmen Dalton and McShane attempted to enter the house and McShane was hit in the stomach. Another hit wounded Dalton in the cheek.

A riot call was sounded and policemen armed with riot guns, were sent to the scene. The house was surrounded and bullets were sprayed against it, while Murray fired shots into the street.

On the top floor, the negro tenant's husband was held in four of Murray's holding his body in his arms. Murray shot him later. The child fell on a bed and Murray set fire to it, Jackson said. The infant was removed to a hospital suffering from burns. Occupants of houses nearby from their windows threw stones down to cover Mrs. Julia Scott was struck in the head by a bullet.

As the battle proceeded firemen were called and lines of hoses were laid to flood Murray out. Patrolman Edward J. Wynn, leaving the negro's fire, smashed a window so that the hose could be brought into play. Meanwhile Police Sergeant Ryan and 12 officers battered down the entrance and the negro surrendered.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IS RECORDED.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - An earth quake of greatest intensity, probably 2, 500 to 2,600 miles south of Washington, was registered early today at the Georgetown seismographical observatory. The quake began at about 8:25 a. m. and 10 minutes later the tremors had become so pronounced as to throw the registering needles off the scale.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Jan. 31. - An earthquake shock so violent that it put the recording apparatus at the Harvard University seismographic station temporarily out of commission, occurred today. Its scene was computed roughly at 2,775 miles from here, by Professor J. B. Woodworth, in what direction he was unable to say.

The vibration began at 8:24 p. m. and at 8:29 became so violent, Professor Woodworth said, that the needles were thrown off the drum on which the vibrations are recorded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - The quake also was registered on the seismograph of the Weather Bureau, officials of which described it as "monstrous." The Reverend Francis Tomber, director of the Georgetown seismographical observatory and one of the foremost earthquake authorities of the world, said the quake was "enormous." Both machines were still registering the quake at 10 o'clock.

BEXLEY, Jan. 31. - This seismograph at Bexley College here today registered the most severe earthquake recorded in the last fifteen years, according to Father Forstall. The disturbance was estimated by Father Forstall to be approximately 1,200 miles south of Denver.

The shock was even greater than that registered here at the time of the San Francisco earthquake.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31. - An unusually severe earthquake was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Chicago this morning. The first wave was recorded at 7:23 a. m. and it was followed by another at 7:32 a. m. The distance was approximately 1,970 miles from Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - Dr. W. J. Humphreys, the Weather Bureau's earthquake specialist, reported at 11 o'clock that the tremors still were continuing but had greatly diminished in intensity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. - Geologists in New York seeking to locate the earthquake which today shattered seismographs in various parts of the United States estimated that the shock originated along the west coast of South America, somewhere between the Panama canal zone and Ecuador.

Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET
NEW YORK, Jan. 31. - Cotton futures closed strong.
March 16.41; May 16.19; July 15.81; October 15.41; Spots 14.70.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Table showing cotton market prices: Cotton Seed 16.40, Strict to Good Middling 16.40

LIST OF DEAD IN THEATER DISASTER REDUCED TO 97

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

Calendar listing events for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including Department of Traffic and Transportation Affairs, Chamber of Commerce Glee Club, and various community events.

THREE-FOLD PROBE OF CAUSE OF COLLAPSE OF ROOF IS IN PROGRESS

In Addition to District of Columbia Commissioners, Federal Grand Jury and Coroner's Jury Are Investigating Catastrophe - Preparing to Raise Walls of Theater.

Ninety-seven persons, according to a final and official list issued today by the District of Columbia authorities, lost their lives in the collapse Saturday night under a burden of snow of the Knickerbocker theater roof. Any additions to the list, it was said, would result from the fatal termination of injuries sustained by other victims.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - While the city began the burial of its dead today, District of Columbia authorities pushed their investigation of the Knickerbocker theater disaster and the Senate was expected to take action on the resolution of Senator Capper, Republican of Kansas, proposing an independent inquiry by that body. A resolution for the same purpose also was pending in the House.

A re-check of the death list by the police today showed that the final total, outside of the expected deaths of injured, of which there are now three, probably would be reduced to 95 from the total of 105 carried yesterday.

Of the total of 133 injured, 62 remained in hospitals today, with a dozen reported in critical condition. E. G. Staughnessy, second Assistant Postmaster General, although included among these, was said to be still hovering improvement today.

In addition to an exhaustive investigation of the disaster being pressed by the District of Columbia Commissioners, the Federal grand jury was ready today to call the first witnesses in its effort to fix the blame. The coroner's jury, also investigating the cause of the deaths, had requested the War Department today to assign army engineers to make a study of the structure of the motion picture theater which was wrecked Saturday night when its snow-laden roof caved in on hundreds in the audience below.

Preparations to raise the walls of the theater were under way today, the search of the ruins for victims having been completed yesterday.

Colonel Charles Keller, engineer Commissioner of the District, held the opinion today that the collapse of the roof was caused by a defect in material and not by a fault of design. Building Commissioner Holly also believed that plans for the roof were practical and sound.

He said it was of the truss type of construction and a standard design used to cover a large exposure of interior where it is desired to avoid the use of girders and columns as supports. Practically all the larger motion picture houses use the same design, he said.

Reductions in the death list which the police early today believed would be final resulted from the tentative elimination of eight names for which the police have been unable to find any addresses. There are, moreover, no unidentified bodies which might account for these and a careful check of hospitals and undertaking establishments had failed to establish any victims of these names. They are: D. N. Walsh, Miss M. E. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Maine, Albert Baker, Paulus Lamb, W. M. Crawford and E. H. Hall. In addition to these, Miss Gertrude Taylor, of Washington, was found to have been reported dead by error and Ernesto Nattallo, who was killed, was found to have been listed against as Ernest Mariello. These ten eliminations would reduce the total to 95.

SENATOR KENYON ACCEPTS NOMINATION FEDERAL JUDGE

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. - Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, announced today he would accept the nomination as Federal judge for the eighth circuit tendered to him by President Harding and sent to the Senate.

The Senate soon after receiving the nomination confirmed it in open executive session, an honor rarely paid to nominees.

Senator Kenyon, who entered the Senate in 1911, and is one of the leaders of the agricultural bloc, was under consideration by the president last October for the Federal judgeship for the northern Iowa district. The Senator was informed that he could have the appointment if he so desired, but after considering the matter decided he could be of greater public service by remaining in the Senate.

The eighth circuit, to which five judges are assigned, includes the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and North and South Dakota. The salary of a circuit judge is \$5,500 and that of a United States Senator \$7,500.

The board of county commissioners, in special session at noon today, opened a large number of bids for the construction of three sections of road known as the New Hope road, the Stanley road and the South Gastonia road. The large number of bids on the second type of road submitted required the holding of another session this afternoon, beginning at three o'clock.

Winston Adams Gives Facts As To Textile Wages In The South

Secretary Adams, of American Cotton Manufacturers Association, Answers Statement Made in Recent Address by Northern Manufacturer - Gives Figures Gathered by National Industrial Conference Board.

Mr. Winston D. Adams, secretary and treasurer of the American Cotton Association, has replied to certain charges made against the wage scale prevailing in the South, made by Edwin Farnham Greene, treasurer of the Pacific Mills, of Boston.

Recently Mr. Greene delivered an address in New York and in the course of his discussion of the textile situation undertook to make comparisons of the wage scales in the two great sections of the industry, to the disparagement of the south, and this statement is the occasion of Mr. Adams' reply.

In view of the fact that many Northern mills are now announcing further reductions in wages, averaging about 20 per cent, such statements as those by Mr. Greene and others are being used, Mr. Adams states, in apparent justification of the further cuts. Some New England manufacturers have even gone so far as to declare that wages in many southern textile mills are now back to pre-war levels, he states, and that only in the larger centers are they as much as 50 per cent above pre-war.

Mr. Adams' letter shows that wages in the south are and have been always on an approximate parity in the north and the south, all things considered, and cites figures recently compiled by the national industrial conference board, of New York, in proof of his statement. In view of the fact that the conference board is in the country on the subject, the force of the tabulation is all the more noteworthy.

Mr. Adams' preliminary statement, contained in an open letter to the members of the American Cotton Association, is appended herewith, followed by the letter to Mr. Greene:

"You have doubtless observed in Northern and Eastern papers recently various statements of representative New England manufacturers regarding comparative wages in the South and the North. Almost without exception the justification given for pending reductions of wages in New England Mills is on the ground that heretofore existing levels have been so greatly higher in the North than in the South, some citing Southern wages to be back to pre-war levels in the majority of cases, while others declare that Southern wages today are only 50 per cent above pre-war as compared with all New England at 120 per cent above pre-war.

"Of course we have nothing to say about New England reductions per se but when our Northern friends seek to justify their course by such erroneous statements, I feel in justification to our Southern industry some correction should be made.

"Your attention is therefore directed to the attached letter addressed to Mr. Edwin Farnham Greene, Treasurer of the Pacific Mills, Boston, which I believe is a fair statement of the facts and which is given you for your consideration.

Mr. Edwin Farnham Greene, Treasurer, Pacific Mills, Boston, Mass.
My Dear Sir:
Your address before the National Wholesale Dry Goods Association on Tuesday, January 17th, in New York, contains several broad references to comparative wages in the North and the South which in my judgment are more calculated to disturb conditions in the South than to help them in the North. I have put the official text of your address but the Press reports of it in such accord that I assume them to be accurate.

You are quoted as saying: "Southern mills increased wages three times, to 200 per cent above pre-war levels. They were the first to reduce wages and have brought these figures down to about 50 per cent above pre-war levels. In many mills in South Carolina and Georgia, the present wages are less than 50 per cent above pre-war, as compared with New England wages at 120 per cent above pre-war."

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THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight; warmer in west portion; Wednesday cloudy, probably rain in south and west portions.