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GASTONIA, N. C., SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 25, 1922.

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Beginning Wednesday, March 1, Will Meet Twice Daily in Presbyterian Church-Prof. M. A. Honline and D. W. Sims to Be Principal Speakers on the Program — Continues Until Friday, March WAR DEPARTMENT CLERK

The Gaston County Sunday School Convention wil meet in Gastonia next week at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, March 1, 2 and 3. The county Sunday School Association is an affiliated branch of the N. C. Sunday School Association.

When the Association began aggressive work, November, 1920, nine counties were organized; now 49 are organized and all have held conventions in 1921.

In these 49 conventions, 972 Sunday Schools were represented by 12,725 people. Among those present were 487 preachers, 639 superintendents and 3,-093 teachers. The State Association furnished two speakers for each of these

Eighty-one townships held conventions Sunday Schools.

The program follows:

## FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday Afternoon, March 1. 3:30 Devotional. Dr. J. C. Galloway.

Pastor of First A. R. P. Church, tins-Mr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent war department stationery.

tion, Raleigh, N. C.

4:50 Period of Business: Attendance Record. Announcements.

5:00 Adjourn.

### SECOND SESSION. Wednesday Night, March 1.

7:30 Devotional. Dr. J. H. Hender-

School, Mr. D. W. Sims.

announcements. 8:20 The Place of Religion in Educa- garet Wendt, be named. tien, Prof. M. A. Honline.

9:00 Adjourn.

## THIRD SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, March 2

3:30 The Place of Education in Religion, Prof. M. A. Hontine.

4:25 Problem Solving Period, M. A. Honline.

4:50 Period of Business: Attendance record, announcements. 5:00 Adjourn.

### FOURTH SESSION. Thursday Night, March 2

7:30 Devotional, Rev. J. W. C. John son, paster of St. Marks Episcopal incompetent last December. churen, Gastonia. 7:40 The Place of the Teacher in Re. NORTH CAROLINA MEETS

ligious Education, Prof. M. A. Honline. 8:15 Period of business: Appointment of committees. Record of atten-

School Work, Mr. D. W. Sims. 9:00 Offering for support of the North Carolina Sunday School Associa- tournament here.

## 9:15 Adjourn.

FIFTH SESSION. Friday Afternoon, March 3

pastor of Lutheran church, Gastonia. 3:40 The Subject Matter of Religious Education. Prof. M. A. Honline. 4:25 Problem Solving Period, conducted by Mr. D. W. Sims and Prof. M. berry. Alabama and Georgia Tech were A. Honline.

4:50 Period of business: Attendance opporents to arrive. record. Announcements. 5:00 Adjourn.

## SIXTH SESSION.

Friday Night, March 3 7:30 Devotional, Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of First Baptist church, Gastonia.

How, Mr. D. W. Sims. 810 Period of business: Attendance record. Report of committees and election of officers.

8:30 The Child as the Object of Re-9:00 Adjourn.

Officers Gaston County Sunday School Association presidents: W. J. Francis, Marshall Joplin and Washington.

Dilling, W. L. Balthis; secretary, Miss Georgia Copeland. Division superintendents: Children's, Miss Lola Long; Young People's, Mrs. J. Y. Miller; Adult, H. Rutter; Admin-

istrative, W. H. Wray. Township presidents: South Point, D. P. Stowe: River Bend, Prof. Excell Rozzell: Crowders Mountain, S. J. Durham; Dallas, Robert S. Lewis; Cherryville, M. L. Mauney; Gastonia, J. H.

Kennedy

## Mabel Normand Improves.

(By The Associated Press.) dicted early today by her physician, ter February 1.

# GASTON COUNTY SUNDAY Chicago And Suburbs Shaken SCHOOL CONVENTION IN By Explosion Of Thirty Tons Of SESSION HERE NEXT WEEK Dynamite In Stone Quarry

First Associate Reformed Damage Estimated at Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars -Many Thought There Was Concerted Bombing Squads, Earthquake or Falling Meteor-Only One Man Hurt.

## IS COFESSED AUTHOR OF BLACKMAIL LETTERS

George E. Long, Veteran Em-Poor Children of the City, He Said.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.-George partment, and, according to the police, confessed author of the blackmed letters recently received by Henry White, and several women prominent in Washington society, was tendering to the needs of a seriously ill wife and his three was permitted to return several minutes in the first half of this convention year, after the alleged confession was drawn reaching about 12,000 people from 650 from him at police headquarters yester-No complaint had been lodged against him today, for sending the letters, and the police said none would be filed showed a disposition to press the case against him

traced by a peculiarity in the handwrit-3:40 The Teacher Before the Class. ing and by a water mark used in the North Carolina Sunday School Associa- whose reported confession followed two 4:10 The Needs of Religious Educa- into custody at his home yesterday, action. Prof. M. A. Houlin', Associate cording to the police, said; "I don't Educational Superintendent of the In- know why I wrote the letters; but I was ternational Sunday School Association, anxious to see the children of the city provided for and I thought these rich people might help. " He added that he never went to the places where he had directed the money to be sent and "would not have touched it."

### WANT GUARDIAN FOR

LOS ANGELES MILLIONAIRE LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 - A petilite, Pastor of the First Presbyterian tion for the appointment of a guardian thurch, Gastonia. 7:40 The Weak Link in the Sunday lionaire, once known as the "Iron chool, Mr. D. W. Sims. King" of Buffalo, N. Y., was on file 8:10 Period of business: Report of in the probate court here today. The County Officers. Attendance record and petitioner is his wife, Mrs. Mary Wendt. She asked that their daughter, Miss Mar-

with a warrant charging insanity. They 8:30 Devotional. Rev. A. L. Stan | located him Wednesday night and placed ford, paster of Main Street Methodist him in the psycopathic ward of the county hospital pending a hearing before the Los Angeles county lunacy

commission. On Monday there also is scheduled to ducted by Mr. D. W. Sims and Prof. come up in the superior court here the suit of Wendt against his daughter for recovery of \$156,000, which he charges she drew from a bank without his con-

sent. The petition for a guardian alleges Wendt is suffering from dementia and is no longer capable of handling his own offairs. A Buffalo court declared him

NEWBERRY TEAM TODAY ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 25. - The meeting tonight between Vanderbilt and Georgia, old rivals in all forms of col-8:30 Steps of Progress in Sunday lege sport, was looked forward to as one of the chief events of the second

tucky, last year's champions, and Mer. mond cravat pin when the man was uneer, promised to be another feature of conscious. the second round. The game between the Chattanooga quintet and Tulane will 3:30 Devotional, Rev. J. C. Dietz. complete the evening schedule which follows three contests during the afternoon, These bring together South Carolina and Wofford; Mississippi College and Tennessee, and North Carolina and Newpassed into the third round by failure of

## HULL CALLS IN LEADER

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 25 - Mrs. Emily Newell Blair, of Joplin, Mo. Dead at Age of 94. received a message from Cordell Hull, but seeled home between Bessemer chairman of the Democratic National City and Linvoid college Monday. The Committee, ast night, requesting her to remains were brought to Mountain Rest committee. ast night, requesting her to remains were brought to Mountain Rest committee. The Washington to confer concern to make the first and other heing crossing and other heing concern to the National Democratic National Democratic National Bank, cal officers testified that the majority form burns, some having been also did not been death from burns, some having been death from burn 7:40 Trained Workers - Why and

eratic woman's organization. ligious Education, Prof. M. A. Honline, week and will go to Washington Tues- her busband who died in 1911 at the

tional suffrage work many years. Her and Mrs. Flun. President, Prof. W. P. Grier; vice- husband is an attorney with officers in

## INTEREST SUBSIDES IN

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 - Interest resulting from the "confession" of Harry M. Fields, in Detroit, as to certain alleged details of the murder of CLOSING BIDS ON THE William Desmond Taylor, film director, was subsiding here today, without out speken expressions by officials of their disbelief in Fields' statements. They tures closed steady. declared they had been unable to substantiate any of the allegations Fields October 16.87; December 16.70; Spots number of places in the county are yet

made to the Detroit authorities. The investigation resolves itself locally LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25 - Con- largely into a resumption by the police tinued improvement of Mabel Normand, of running to ground the "tips" mysfilm actress, who is suffering from in- tery that were said to be reaching the

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 25 - Chicago and dozens of its suburbs today found out just what caused the explosion which literally shook them to their foundations and caused a fronzy of excitement last night. Thirty tons of dynamite let go in a stone quarry southwest of the city shortly before nine o'clock and hundreds ploye, Wrote Threatening to bed not knowing just what had hapof thousands of alarmed residents went Letters to Prominent Wash- pened to shake them up, damage propingtonians-Wanted to Help erty and give rise to rumors and reports of concerted membing squads, an earthquake, a falling meteor, and disaster to some of the major manufacturing plants.

For an hour after the blast, Chicago E. Long, veteran clerk in the War De and its suburbs were in furore. The smashing of glass in thousands of windows, the shaking of the buildings and the noise of the explosion gave rise to reports that bombings were occurring

simultaneously in many parts of the city. While the police and newspaper ofchildren at their home today which he fices were flooded with hundreds of inquiries and thousands of frightened per ons were trying to find the source of the blast. The Associated Press, through a crious coincidence, was able to give the first authentic cause of the explosion.

A Mono railroad signal tower at unless those who received the letters Dyer, Ind., received a definite word of The authorship of the letters was whence it was transmitted to a Lafayette right to smoke. newspaper and the word of the explosion on the edge of Chicago came back to Long. the city over The Associated Press wires. In spite of the large area affected by hours of questioning after he was taken the blast, only one man was seriously injured, although scores were cut by glass and shaken and bruised, some of them living miles from the scene. Al bert Kendle, the injured man, was operating a crane some distance from the explosion and sustained a broken arm Reports that hundreds had been killed

proved groundless. The McCook quarry of the Consumers Company, about 11 miles from Shiengo. magazines where dynamite was stored to thaw out and dry. In each magazine 600 cases of dynamite were store, each

case or that a rafter fell on a case. garet Wendt, be named.

Wendt disappeared for several hours
Wednesday with currency, stocks and
least valued at \$7.00,000 in his passes. bonds valued at \$750,000 in his posses of fifty feet wide and 200 feet long marks caution; ansered every light bulb in at his state, department of agriculture, sion while officers were looking for him the place where yesterday the powder the house. Miss Charlie Hass, at the The objects of such permanent organi

> Workmen at the quarry today were working at the edge of the crater.

### "GOOD SAMARITANS" ROBBED NEW YORKERS O F\$153,000, colored.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. - Police today were seeking "Good Samaritans"

unconscious in fainting spells. porter, fainted in the Times Square sub-When he he awakened in Bellevue hospital sometime later, he announced he said were worth \$75,000.

The name of the second victim has not been made known. The police say he ing a brokerage office from which he had withdrawn \$78,000. Passersby carried from the effects very nicely. round of the Southern college basketball him into a doorway and he was revived. One of his "benefactors," police say, The contest scheduled between Ken- made away with the money and a dia ACTIVITIES FOR THE

## NORMAL TEMPERATURE AND RAINY NEXT WEEK

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. - Weather. predictions for the week beginning Mon-

near normal; snow or rain Tuesday or Esat headquarters for \$139.30, nine port is enable.

Wednesday, otherwise fair. teen dollars more than enough to care Captoin G. South Atlantic and east Gulf: Normal for two orphans for a year.

temperature; considerable cloudiness; little child shall lead them."

Mrs. Bair returned to Joplin last years ago and moved to this country with \$578.01. age of 87. She is survived by a son, Mrs. Blair had been prominent in na- Will, and two daughters, Mrs. Bomby

## ST SUBSIDES IN STORY OF H. M. FIELDS Cotton Market

NEW YORK MARKET (By The Associated Press.)

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

GIRL WHO WANTS TO BE GOVERNOR OF KANSAS SO SHE CAN KILL BLUE LAWS



paper reports from Kansas City, Miss of the sale-committee, barring unforeseen Pettigrew includes in her campaign plat- developments before Tuesday. form opposition to all blue laws, and favors the cause of light wines and beer. In worse, were proming their hopes inday She believes that women should have the In the possibility that President Harding right to dress as little or as much as might again take a hand in the situation. the blast, and this was relayed to the they please; is in favor of Jazz music, bollowing that it was the present inten-Mono dispatcher at Lafayette, Ind., and says women have the constitutional tion of the committee to report out leg

## **BOLD BURGLAR ENTERS**

Screams of Young Lady Arous- payments to former service men would ed Household But Unidentified Man Gets Away.

A burglas entered the home of Mr. H. Schneider, 216 East Long Avenue, downtown district, contained two powder at an early hour this morning and frightened members of the household but, so far as known, did not seeare any torm for presentation to the governors containing fifty pounds of the explosive, thing of value. Around by the screams of the cotton growing states the recom-The cause of the explosion probably of Miss Dora Schnieder, who awoke to an adapted by the cotton states never will be known. It is possible that find the man standing over her bed with romanission, which concluded a two-day a case of the dynamite fell on another his hand on her arm. We School by Session here but vesterday. his hand on her arm, Mr. Schneider Among the more important nojects of

estimated of hundreds of thousands of the burglar escaped. Efforts to rermanent cotton commission whose Hass home next door, awakened by Miss posts, the betterment of living condi-Schneider's zereams, looked out of her tions for farm duellers, the establishwindow and saw the man running. It ment of adequates and maiform ware is not known whether he was white or house systems, reduction of the costs of

> once and members of the force were soon | meter | on the ground but so far no clue has been | Pending the organization of the per air service, declaring the Roma unsafe. developed as to the identity of the per-manent commission through the action

early in the evening while all members coas chairman, will continue to func | credited to Lieutenant Symthe by his Lee Sherman, Manhattan diamond im- of the family were absent. He was the gion and will make every effort to secure first to arrive at home, reaching there the adoption of the plans formulated Va., yesterday. about 9 o'clock. While reading a news them by the several states. paper he thought he hearst someone in had been robbed of diamonds which he the house and made what he thought was BEGINNING INQUIRY INTO a thorough search which convinced hira that he was mistaken

As a result of her encounter with the suffered an attack of vertigo after leav | burglar Miss Dora Schneider suff-red a severe nervous shock but is feenering

### WEST SCHOOL FLIES THE NEAR EAST SCHOOL BANNER

effective leadership of Separatendent Middle Atlantic States: Temperature Abernethy, has sent in a check to Near-

## COTTON MILL OPERATIVES

Democratic National Committee woman The Kings Mauntain Herald of the Cheeks for the relief of distressing were cooked and secred alike, he told claim. for her state and prominent in polities, 2rd says: Mrs. Aunie Reichel died at conditions in the Near East are arriving the board. It is unicestood that mediing eadership of the National Demo- Rev. II. B. Schaeffer conducted the from the McAden Mill this morning, in-

## GREATER LORAY.

A committee of Lorny ladies are making an active canvass of the Greater Lo- when they first saw the airship and all Junior Colleges. ray community today. The canvass hes agreed that they thought she was in gan yesterday and early in the after trouble. noon 1.000 envelopes had been distributbutions.

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Reports of Near East Relief collections from Dallas, Bessemer City, Murney, all stationed at Langley field. not to be cut under 80,000. NEW YORK, Feb. 25. - Cotton fu- Lowell and other county points are most encouraging and all of them will do March 18.48; May 18.22; July 17.57; more than quota apportioned them. A remit collections at the earliest possible 

Look to Harding to Offer So-

By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. - Failure of the spread abcommittee of republican members of the House Ways a n d Means committee to approve any provis low for finauring of the soldiers' homes after repeting the sales tax proposal by a vot. of 7 to 2, had placed the question again loosy in the hands of the entire uniparity membership of the committee tor further study of the situation. In addition to the vote against the sales tax, the sub-committee was understood to have gone on regord vesterday, a to 4. he favor of a porting out a bonus. full without any proposition for raising the

The majority members of the commit ter and not meet again until next Tues day, baying adjourned yesterday after Miss Helen Pettigrew, auburn haired, to permit time for study of the whole blue eyed, slender, pretty and only 20 que than before reaching a decision on years old, is the latest political problem its recommendations. The sentiment of in Kansas , She is running for governor the majority members was said by of that great State. According to news some to favor ratification of the action

Some stangeries of the sales tax plan, islation based on proceeds from the re funded Greign bonds, a plan of which, they said, the President had expressed disapproval. Those who favor a bonu fall without any revenue provision, said H. SCHNEIDER'S HOME the could be followed by another meas are providing for the us of the bond pro ceds, which should be available they be evol, in part, at least, before the eash

## COTTON COMMISSION

MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS. By The Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS Feb. 25. - Comwither elegizmen are today outting into

The damage caused by the explosion is "ushed to his daughter's room and as he the commission is the formation of a during periods of depression and mar-

THE ROMA DISASTER By The Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 25. - Formal ions the causes and eirconstances sur larly." rounding the disaster to the semi-dirigible Roma at army supply base. Thesday, out what he said was the text of Lieuteters of the supply base here this morn opinion that the Roma was unsafe, ing. Preliminary investigations have Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Smythe, Sr. been made both by Langley field officers will arrive in Chicago tomorrow afterand officers especially detailed by the moon with the body of their son, War Department, and these will be sub

The inquiry is in the nature of a core WANTS INSURANCE FOR ner's inquest and it is the intention of West school, under the efficient and the loard, acting under instructions from the War Department, to bring out

LL OPERATIVES

STILL CONTRIBUTING

Let a very one of the victims. One of the victims of the bodies company refused to even consider his description will for all, for the bodies company refused to even consider his

the tragedy.

## GEN. CARR BETTER.

(By The Associated Press.) DURHAM, N. C., Feb. 25. - The to be heard from and all are requested to condition of General Julian S. Carr, chael Forgan, of Argo, Ills., was proba-Bank Gastonia. Tomorrow is the last with influenza at his home here since ing guard in front of the Summitt State beerctary.

# AGAIN IN HANDS OF WAYS LANDRU, FRENCH BLUEBEARD, AND MEANS COMMITTEE PAID LIFE PENALTY ON THE Sub Committee Fails to Provide Any Way to Finance Soldier Bonus After Rejecting Sales Tax Proposal —

Maintained Until the Last Air of Indifference and Cynicism—Stoutly Refuses to Confess— Faced the Executioner's Axe Without a Tremor-Crowds Gather to Witness the Execution.

## PARTY OF SCIENTISTS WILL INVESTIGATE WEIRD **NOVA SCOTIA GHOST**

Many Have Visited Haunted House Only to Flee in Ter-

(By The Associated Press.) HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 25.-A party of inquisitive scientists now threatens to break in upon the quiet of the Antigonish ghost whose fame grows with each new thrill it causes, The exclusive wraith will make the acquaintance of a small group of distinguished men, if pans being discussed today are carried out. Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, director of the American Institute for Scientifie Research, New York, has declared his intention of calling at the haunted house if he can arrange a leave of absence,

The Antigonish ghost has gotten to be quite an international affair since first heard of a few months ago. The haunted house is the home of Alexander MacDonald, near Caledonia Mills, in a little inhabited valley deep in the mountains and Mr. MacDonald, his wife and their adopted daughter, fled the place in terror in the dead of winter, with weird tales of ghostly cattle tampering and a series of in-

explicable fires. The tale obtained wide credence, and the provincial police sent a detective to the place. He was accompanied by a newspaper man, the two taking up their residence in the MacDonald house for three nights, floring it, finally, with an eeric tale of being slapped in the night by hands that didn't seem to be attached to anything in particular. Now comes the call for scientists?

## BROTHER DECLARES THAT

investigation.

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Feb. 25. - Robert M. Smythe, Jr., brother of Lieut, Clifford the door; he gave the guillotine one F. Smythe one of the victims of the look, squared his shoulders and walked marketing, the financing of the farmer harms the farmer large perfects of depression and mar large Roma disaster, today reiterated his The growd which had be statement made ast Wednesday that he such a distance that it saw nothing of

The letters were addressed to my who relieved two New York business men petrator of this crime.

The petrator of this crime of the governors the organization which father or my mother, who gave them to more than \$153,000, when they fell unconscious in fainting spells.

The petrator of this crime.

Mr. Schneider is of the opinion that was formed here this week with the electron of the said today, following the man secreted himsef in the house tion of R. O. Exerctt, of Durham, N. the reported denial of the statements the reported denial of the statements "mystery man" went to his death. father, Robert M. Smythe, in Hampton, respondents and the few officials who

poorly and that Lieutenant Smythe returned from the Roma's trial trip by train. I have every reason to think that Dr. Nicholson's statements are true as be was a very close friend of the family inquiry by an army investigating board and corresponded with my brother regu-

It was Dr. J. M. Nicholson who gave tabling 34 men, was begin at headquar- bant Smythe's letters expressing the

## AUTO INJURED BY BULL.

(By The Associated Press.) TOPEKA, Kas., Feb. 25. - Fred mails would be withdrawn. The civilian every feature of the crash before the ne- Kundson, a farmer, today appealed to guards are being carefully selected and the state superintendent of insurance for will form a permanent service, it was as-Capture G. B. West, medical officer, and in collecting collision insurance on serted. "And a who examined the bodies as they were his automobile. Kandson in his complete removed from the wreck of the airship plaint states that he painted his automobile described have decreased and postoffice Kandson in his com-

Rev. H. B. Schaeffer conducted the from the McAden Mill this morning, in Following Captain West, officers and colleges in the United States, based on troit News Radio Station. This wonders formeral. She was born in Germany 94 creasing the gifts of McAdenville to attuches of the army base testified as to a committee report providing a curricular full orehestra which compares favorably the position of the Roma n file air when him covering two years for such institu, with the Boston Symphony Orchestra she was first seen approaching the resertious, were under discussion at today's was heard so clearly that it could easily vation from a northeasterly direction. session of the second annual convention be understood and the applause of the Several described their impressions here of the American Association of audience in the theatre in which the pro-

## HARDING THINKS NAVAL

FORCE OUGHT TO BE 80,000 of and a call sent in to headquarters apparently giving away on the left hand WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. — Presidence were able to heaf Pittsburgh, Chi-Lorsy hopes to hoist the side, throwing those on the tight into a joint Harding is understood to have told Near East banner for single mill contri-vertical position, were practically the republican members of the House naval same as those made on the afternoon of committee at a White House conference today that while he felt some reduction GREENWOOD, S. C., Feb. 25. —
The members of the board are Majors should be made in the naval personnel D. T. Kinard, president of the Cam-Johnson, J. H. Jouret, and J. Mc the total number of enlisted men ought bridge Bank of Ninety Six, who had both

## PATDOLMAN SHOT

FOLLOWING BIG EXPLOSION Ninety Six Wednesday night, died at a CHICAGO, Feb. 25 .- Patrolman Micommander-in-chief United Confederate bly fatally wounded early today when convenience to the Citizens National Veterans, who has been seriously ill he was shot through the head white stand day of active campaigning, but contri- Sunday, was much improved this morn. Bank, the windows of which had been fluenza and nervous breakdown, was pre- various officials as during the days of Strict to Good Middling ....... 18c buttons will be splantly received at any ing, it was stated at the office of his shattered by the explosion of dynamite in McCook quarry, nearby;

(By The Associated Press.)

VERSAHLLES, Feb. 25 - Henri Desire Landru, "Blue Beard of Gamprais." convicted of the murder of ten women and one youth, gave his life this morning in exchange for the eleven he had taken. The triangular knife of the guillotine fell at 6:05 o'clock, twenty five minutes after the time originally set for the execution, the delay causing ror—Tell Tales of Being that Landru was making a confession. many to express the erroneous opinion Slapped by Hands Flying Mysterious until death, Landru resented Around Loose in the Air. Father Loiselies' query as to whether

he had any confession to make. "It is an insuit to a man like me," was his reply. "Had I any confession to make, I would have made it long ago." but never did he utter the word "Innocent" as he had failed to utter during his 34 months of imprisonment and the twenty one days of his trial.

He refused the sucrament, but conversed a few moments with the priest. "I shall be brave, never fear," he told the elergyman.

Although plans for the execution had heen kept in utmost secreey, crowds began to gather about the old Versailles juil a little after midnight. The elatter of cavalcy horses along Georges Clemencenu street, in which the execution took place, was plainly audible in Landru's ceil, and when he awoke he heard the sounds of bammers as workmen creeted of limbers of justice" by the flickering light of two square, old fashioned candle

lanterns. The guillotine was erected only a few feet from the main entrance of the jail. At 6 o'clock the doors of the prison opened slowly, revealing in the courtyard the procurator general, the warden of the prison and Landru's two lawyers,

M. Moro Giafferi and M. D. Dutreuil. Then Landru apeared clad in dark, tronsers and white shirt. His beard, which was one of his most striking characteristics, and which had become familiar to thousands through publication of his portrait during the trial, had been trimmed, his head was shaved, and his neck and face were deathly pale. He walked exactly five steps before the executionist's assistant caught him around the waist and levelled him on the table, which was immediately upended; SMYTHE TOLD TRUTH and the whole affair was over in less than twenty seconds. Landru never faltered from the time he appeared in

The erowd, which had been kept at had seen letters from his brother in the the details, attered no cry, and the silsounding reveille in the nearby barracks. and the angelus bells. The platoon of cavalry with sahers bared, saluted as the

"I don't recall exactly what they said, had witnessed the execution left the except that the motors were working scene, while outside the unes of warmers scene, while outside the lines of cavalry from Paris were asking: "Is it all

There seemed to be more pity than hittorn se, and never a word of invective against the man who had just paid the penalty for a series of the foulest murders in the criminal history of France.

CIVILIAN GUARDS ARE REPLACING THE MARINES. WASHINGTON, Feb. 25,-Replace ment of marines mail guard by a specially recruited force of men from the Department is now being earried out by the Postoffice Department, it was stated

today by postal officials. Officials said

it was expected that within a short time

tall mar ner now engaged in guarding the

Since the marines have been on duty

Heard Detroit Orchestra. Visitors who lingered at the Radio gram was given was clearly beard. Also, one of the special features of the conert program was the solo of Miss Me Neeley accompanied by a violin and

cago and Washington, D. C.

Died From Injuries. legs broken and was otherwise injured by a falling wall while fighting a fire which destroyed three store buildings at

### local hospital today. THE WEATHER

Sunday, possibly rain in south po