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## MECKLENBURG MAN MAY ENTER TRIANGULAR RACE FOR THE SOLICITORSHIP

Reported in Charlotte That Mecklenburg Attorney May Enter Race for Solicitor Against Wilson and Dolley—Heretofore Solicitor Has Come From Gaston County and Judge From Mecklenburg.

A Mecklenburg attorney may also enter the race against Solicitor Wilson, according to reports coming from Mecklenburg county, and summarized in the following story in The Charlotte News of Tuesday:

That Solicitor George W. Wilson will be opposed in the June primaries by an attorney of the Charlotte bar was indicated Tuesday at the courthouse when the proposition was being freely discussed in connection with the solicitor's announcement made Monday to the effect that he would offer himself again to the voters of this district for the office.

The Charlotte Bar Association will endorse a local candidate, it was said, in accordance with the desire of a number of attorneys that this position be given to a Mecklenburg attorney. That there is no opposition to the solicitor except such as is based on the sentiment among local attorneys that he has held the office long enough was plainly stated.

The names of a number of local attorneys were being mentioned in connection with the post, but the plan as being now discussed by a number of Charlotte attorneys is to select only one candidate from the local field and concentrate upon him.

What effect, if any, the proposed candidacy of a Mecklenburg man will have upon the district judgeship is yet to be worked out. There has been a friendly working agreement among the leading party men of both Gaston and Mecklenburg in the matter of office distribution and by reason of this arrangement and understanding, Mecklenburg was given the right to select a candidate for the judgeship while Gaston nominated the solicitor. Mecklenburg thereupon nominated Judge Harding and Gaston united on Mr. Wilson for the solicitorship. It is thought by some that the proposition being put forth here to nominate a man for the solicitorship in opposition to Mr. Wilson might create against the future operation of the agreement which effects the judgeship now being held by Mr. Harding.

## LENTEN SEASON BEGINS TODAY, ASH WEDNESDAY

Observance of This Season by Leading Denominations Becoming More General Especially in the Cities—Schedule of Services at St. Mark's Church Here.

The church season of Lent begins today, Ash Wednesday, and brings with it to millions of Americans a time of special religious observance. The life of the cities of America is in very marked way affected by the use made of Lent as a season of devotion and its hold grows upon the churches of important denominations in the larger cities; sometimes by a greater number of services in the churches and most widely by united noon day services in downtown churches or theaters.

Lent is essentially a season of devotion, wherein the practice of prayer and a more intimate knowledge of the Christ, through Scripture reading and preaching, give richer spiritual opportunity for God's people in the time of their chosen retirement from the pleasures of the world to find themselves repentant and alive to God.

The church appointments at St. Mark's Episcopal church for Ash Wednesday included a service at 11 o'clock this morning and at 7:30 this evening. Throughout Lent, in addition to the Sunday services, there will be week day services as follows, until Holy week: Mondays at 5:15 p. m.; Wednesdays at 7:30 p. m. and Fridays at 5:15 p. m. The afternoon devotions will last one half hour. The pastor, Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, and the congregation of St. Mark's church have extended a cordial invitation to our citizens to attend the Lenten services.

## THE WEATHER

North and South Carolina, rain to night and Thursday, somewhat warmer Thursday in east portion. Florida, unsettled weather with local rains late tonight or Thursday, colder Thursday afternoon in north portion; much colder Thursday night. Alabama, rain tonight, probably clearing Thursday morning; much colder, cold wave in southwest portion with temperature near freezing to the coast Thursday morning.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

- Tuesday, February 28. 7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
- Wednesday, March 1. 7:30 p. m. Textile Superintendents Club.
- Thursday, March 2. 4:00 p. m. Board of Directors. 7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.
- Friday, March 3. 7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.

## GIRL BANDIT RUNS AMUCK IN SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 1. — A girl bandit, armed with a repeating rifle, and a revolver, accompanied by a man equally well armed, raided a store in the village of Camillus near Syracuse early today, and in the residential section of Syracuse engaged in a running gun battle with the police which ended in the arrest of the girl and the escape of her comrade. The girl under arrest is Myrtle Bates, 22.

According to the story of Ernest Mynya, taxi driver, the girl and the man entered his car in the centre of Syracuse and ordered him to drive to Camillus. The girl covered the driver. At Camillus, Benjamin Hart, grocer, was shot and seriously wounded. Returning to Syracuse the taxi-cab was trapped by seven patrolmen. Firing her rifle and pistol, the girl covered her comrade's escape. She refused to give the man's name.

## EVANS SPARROW, WHILE IN BRITISH HOSPITAL, TALKED TO THE PRINCESS

Young North Carolina Officer of 120th Infantry Was in British Hospital With Flu When Princess Mary Came Along and Talked to Him—Told Her Tales of Wild and Woolly West.

Evans Sparrow, a son of Rev. George A. Sparrow, pastor of Union Presbyterian church in this county, talked to Princess Mary, of England, while in a British hospital in 1918 during the World War, according to information gained by The Charlotte News. Mr. Sparrow had a lot of fun out of the royal English lady while he was a patient in the hospital.

The News' story reads: Today the eyes of the world are centered on Westminster Abbey, where Princess Mary of England is to be wedded. She is the object of admiration of the world. But back in the days of the World War, she was the object of good-natured "kidding" on the part of a Tar Heel doughboy.

The doughboy soldier of Uncle Sam was Evans Sparrow formerly a partner in the Sparrow-Blaunt Wholesale Grocery Company of this city, but now of Statesville. He is a brother of George Sparrow of the local bar.

At the time of his meeting with Princess Mary, Mr. Sparrow was a first lieutenant of Co. "M", 120th Infantry, 30th Division. He was in a British hospital, suffering with the "flu" immediately following the great September offensive in 1918.

Princess Mary visited the hospital, moving from bed to bed, and shaking hands with sick Tommies. She was greatly surprised to learn that Lieutenant Sparrow was an American and lingered for a time and chatted with him.

Then it was that the doughboy assigned to tend to the Princess. She seemed to have an idea that all American soldiers were "wild and woolly" cowboys and the mischievous officer told her he was a cow herder on Montana and related to her all kinds of thrilling tales.

As a matter of fact, he was only a salesman from Charlotte. Yet he was a husky and robust chap and the Princess believed his story.

The Princess was probably greatly impressed with the young American, who more than once smiled to himself as he lay on his cot.

HELD TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATH OF MAN IN 1870

Hiram C. Nettles, Alias George Nichols, on Trial For Crime Committed 52 Years Ago.

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., March 1. — Several of the older residents of Rome, Ga., will be witnesses when the hearing on a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Hiram Casey Nettles, alias George Nichols, is called in circuit court here on March 11. Horace C. Alford, attorney for the State of Georgia, declared today. The states of Alabama and Georgia charge that Nichols is Nettles, and that he is responsible for the death of Peter Mooney at Rome, October 25, 1870.

Other witnesses for the two commonwealths will be members of the man's own family, Mr. Alford stated.

It was through the divorced wife of Nichols and his oldest son, Hiram Nichols, that the history of the Rome killing came to the attention of the courts, the attorney said.

Mrs. Nichols was granted a divorce in this county about one year ago, the records show. This proceeding led to the inquiry, Mr. Alford said. The defense, it is understood, will present numerous witnesses in an attempt to substantiate Nichols' statement that he is not Hiram Casey Nettles and that he never went under any name but his own, which he maintains is Nichols. He has presented marriage certificates to show that he was twice married under the name of Nichols. Nichols was arrested Monday on a warrant issued in Jefferson county. Governor Kilby at once granted a requisition drawn by Governor Hardwick and directed that the man be turned over to the sheriff of Floyd county, Georgia, for removal to that state for trial. Habeas corpus proceedings stayed removal of the prisoner. Both the state and defense have the right of appeal from the decision of the circuit court when the matter is determined by that tribunal.

## FOUR TENNESSEE BANDITS DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR MURDER OF GEO. LEWIS

Charles Petree, Tom Christman, Otto Stevens and John McClure Convicted of Brutal Murder of Knoxville Man on May 30, 1921—Sensational Trial in Town of Clinton.

(By The Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, TENN., March 1. — Charles Petree, Tom Christman, Otto Stevens and John McClure died in the electric chair at the State prison this morning for the murder of George Lewis, of Knoxville, on May 30, 1921. The men went to their deaths with prayers on their lips and all except Petree met death calmly. An hour before the execution Petree became ill. The men died in the order given: Petree at 6:15 o'clock; Christmas 6:25; Stevens 6:35; and McClure at 6:40.

The story of how the four men were captured and convicted of murdering Lewis near Clinton, Tenn., May 30, 1921, is fraught with dramatic incidents. The gruesome murder, the wild chase over the mountains of east Tennessee for the outlaws, the subsequent trial and conviction, all served to engage the interest of the people of that section more, perhaps, than any murder case for many years.

It was brought out in the trial that, having planned the robbery of the Oakdale, Tenn., bank, the men hired a "taxi" driven by Andrew Crumley, of Knoxville, Tenn. George Lewis accompanied Crumley on the trip which the four men hired the latter to make.

When the party had reached a secluded spot near Robertsville, Tenn., according to testimony by Crumley, Lewis and the driver were bound and gagged, beaten over the head with a pistol, and left for dead. Both of the victims' throats were cut.

The bank robbery failed to materialize. Then followed a search which was joined by hundreds of mountaineers. Two of the men were arrested in the mountains and the other two were later captured at Harriman, Tenn.

The outlaws had killed Lewis, but Crumley lived, and it was his testimony which went far toward convicting the men.

Mountaineers from many sections crowded into the little town of Clinton to attend the trial. Excitement ran high, and for a while violence was threatened.

Before it was evident that the defense's case had collapsed an attempt was made to show that Petree had possessed low mentality since childhood. This effort failed and the defense entered a plea of guilty and begged the court's mercy.

The four convicted men were sentenced July 24, 1921, to die in the electric chair, September 16. An appeal for a new trial was later overruled and the defense appealed to the Supreme Court of Tennessee, thus suspending the execution pending final decision.

## SOUTHWEST IS IN GRIP OF A HEAVY BLIZZARD

Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Neighboring Territory Suffering From One of Heaviest Snowstorms in History—Fair Weather Promised for Thursday.

(By The Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, MO., March 1. — The Southwest faced a continuation today of the snowstorm that has reached the proportions of a blizzard in many sections. Aided by a high wind in many places, low temperatures generally aided in making the storm the worst this section has experienced in recent years, according to the weather observers.

Trains were reported in snow drifts in south and southeastern Kansas, the portion of the state reported to have suffered the worst snowfall. Virtually all sections of the southwest reported trains late. Delays ranged from thirty minutes to several hours. Sleet and snow is reported to have broken wire connections in parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Snow plows were kept busy all last night and still were at work this morning.

General fair weather with relief from low temperatures were promised for Thursday by weather observers.

## COLD WAVE SPREADS OVER SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

A cold wave was in prospect today for the extreme northwest Florida, southwestern Alabama and southern Mississippi. The Weather Bureau, announcing warnings for these sections, reported a disturbance of moderate intensity central over southeastern Louisiana this morning with prospects of it moving northeastward in the next 26 hours attended by snow in the northern, snow, sleet and rain in the middle and rain in the southern sections, east of the Mississippi river. Temperatures have fallen decidedly in the west gulf states, the bureau reported, varying degrees below freezing prevailing as far south as Corpus Christi, Texas. The lowest temperatures ever recorded in March were reported from El Paso and Abilene, Texas. Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Charleston, S. C., to Delaware Breakwater.

## DUG UP 50-YEAR-OLD CACHE OF GOOD LIQUOR

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 28. — Workmen excavating just across Tremont street from the old Granary burying ground, where repose the bones of Paul Revere and other New England forefathers, set up a cry of buried treasure.

They had turned up a 50-year old cache of liquor, said to have been stowed away at the time of the great Boston fire in 1872.

It consisted of two hogheads of old New England rum and a quantity of Madeira wine, Thorndyke rye, champagne, gin and other rare liquors.

In the confusion that followed, the liquor disappeared mysteriously. The diggers said pedestrians got most of it, although a spirit of gaiety and good cheer was said to have prevailed on the workings the rest of the day.

## NEW YORK MORNING PAPERS LIMITED TO EIGHT PAGES

Pressmen's Union Met All Night and Men Were Not on Their Jobs—Contest Between Union Pressmen and Publishers.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 1. — The controversy between the publishers of the daily newspapers of New York and the pressmen's union over the arbitrary award of Federal Judge Martin T. Manton, was ended today, Don C. Seitz, manager of The New York World, announced after a publishers' meeting this morning.

NEW YORK, March 1. — Morning newspapers published in this city appeared in abbreviated form today because of a controversy arising from the pressmen's wage arbitration award made on February 22 by Judge Martin T. Manton, of the United States court of appeals. A meeting of members of Newspaper Web, Pressmen's Union No. 25, the local organization, called to order at 8 o'clock last night, did not adjourn until so late this morning that the publishers were forced to print eight page papers, eliminating practically all advertising and special news features.

George T. Berry, president of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union of North America, was present.

The meeting, which was reported to have been a stormy one, resulted in the union agreeing to abide by Judge Manton's award, but it was decided that a committee of twelve be appointed to negotiate with the publishers in an effort to secure a modification of some of its terms which were found objectionable.

The union members were ordered to return to work in the pressrooms of today's papers, and to report for duty hereafter at the regular hours.

The publishers held a meeting late last night, but issued no statement as to the attitude they would take regarding the action taken by the union's meeting. Earlier in the night they declared they would abide by the arbitration award, adding that if "the local and international pressmen's unions, both of which signed the agreement to arbitrate all differences, now repudiated the decision, the newspaper owners would not again make a contract with the pressmen's union."

The decision handed down by Judge Manton fixed \$51 and \$45 as pay for day pressmen in charge, and journeymen, respectively, and \$54 and \$48 for night pressmen in charge and journeymen.

## OBJECTS TO DOCTOR'S TESTIMONY IN ARBUCKLE CASE

(By The Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 1. — Milton F. Brennan, assistant district attorney, formally objected in superior court yesterday to the appointment of a commission to take depositions from five Chicago witnesses for use by the defense in the third manslaughter trial of Rose C. Arbuckle, in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Raper.

The proposed witnesses were five doctors said to have been familiar with certain alleged physical defects of Miss Raper.

## "TRILBY, THE FAT LADY," OF THE CIRCUS, IS DEAD

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 1. — Mrs. George A. Kenna, known in circus side shows for years as "Trilby, the Fat Lady," died here yesterday. She quit the circus 16 years ago and made her home in Chicago. She weighed 400 pounds when she died and while with the circus her weight is said to have exceeded this by more than 100 pounds. A basket one yard wide and six feet, three inches long, is being constructed for the body.

## CAROLINA MEETS MERCER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP IN SOUTHERN BASKETBALL

Defeated Alabama and Georgia Tech Who Will Play for Third Place—Mercer and Carolina Are About Evenly Matched.

ATLANTA, March 1. — With the Southern basketball championship at stake, Mercer and North Carolina Universities will meet tonight in the final round of the Southern college tournament here.

Alabama and Georgia Tech, losers in the semi-finals last night, will contest for third place. The Alabama five went down before North Carolina, 20 to 11, and Georgia Tech was defeated by Mercer 29 to 14.

Both winners took their last night's games in lonely fashion, the result never being in doubt from the time they started and they considered well matched and not sensitive teams, although local sentiment appears to favor Mercer, possibly influenced by the fact that it is a Georgia institution.

Each of the finalists has met and defeated four teams, North Carolina running up a total of 129 points to 74 for its opponents and Mercer making 74 to 71 North Carolina's defeated opponents in the tournament to date are Howard, Nashville, Georgia and Alabama, and those that Mercer downed are Centre, Kentucky State, Chattanooga and Georgia Tech.

With their final scores, both for themselves and their opponents, practically on a par, the teams also have met other opponents of about equal calibre, and wide Mercer downed the Kentucky state championship team of last year, the Bar Hubs defeated Georgia which failed to win the title in the finals last year by the margin of a foul goal.

## OFFICERS GET 60-GALLON STILL AND LOTS OF BEER

Wildcat Outfit Was Within Mile and a Half of Mountain View Mill—One Thousand Gallons of Beer Poured Out.

A sixty gallon still and 1,000 gallons of beer were captured Tuesday afternoon on Crowders Mountain about a mile and a half from the Mountain View Mill. The beer was poured out and the still was brought to Gastonia. The operators of the outfit escaped but the officers expect to make some arrests in connection with the case very soon.

The party which made this capture was composed of Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole, Special Officer A. B. Hord, Deputy Sheriff Aaron Demerion and Policeman Payne of Bessemer City.

There were evidences that the still had been recently operated though no persons were in the neighborhood when the officers arrived on the scene. The farm on which the still was found is the property of J. P. Reid, of Gastonia.

## PLAN TO SIFT ALL ROMA RUMORS TO THE BOTTOM

Board of Inquiry Will Spend Week or More Tracing Down All Reports as to Condition of Roma Before Ill-Fated Flight.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 1. — Every report and every rumour dealing with the condition of the ship Roma last Tuesday with a loss of 31 lives, is being investigated by the board of inquiry.

This was the statement today of members of the board as they resumed their investigation and went into session at Langley field.

Sergeant Harry Chapman, was interviewed yesterday in the Public Health Service hospital at Norfolk, but Charles Durock was still too ill to talk. The two men were among the most seriously injured.

"I can't see how much longer the inquiry will continue," said a member of the board this morning. "There are hundreds of reports and rumors which we intend to sift to the bottom if such a thing is possible and we may not finish our work for a week or more."

Officials at Langley field have been beset with reports and rumors that the Roma was considered unsafe before she made her last flight, but this far they have been unable to find any one who has thrown any direct light on the phase of the catastrophe. The board of inquiry already has examined scores of persons supposed to know something about the accident and its report is growing more voluminous daily.

## Cash Feature Of Soldier Bonus Is Eliminated By The Committee

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 1. — Elimination of the cash feature of the soldiers' bonus virtually was agreed upon today by Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Chairman Fordney announced that a special sub-committee of six had been named by unanimous agreement to "work out some plan that would not entail any large drafts on the Federal treasury within the next two years." Such a plan would make unnecessary any immediate bonus financing and would remove the cause of controversy in the House over the bill. The special sub-committee will

set this afternoon and Mr. Fordney said it was the belief that a measure could be made ready certainly within two or three days. He added that it was possible that details of the bill could be worked out at the first session.

Mr. Fordney heads the subcommittee and the other members are Representatives Green, of Iowa; Longworth, of Ohio; Hawley, of New York; Treadway, of Massachusetts; and Copley, of Illinois. Before deciding to appoint the subcommittee the majority members again canvassed the whole situation. The compromise finally reached was said to have been by unanimous consent.

## 25,000 JAP SHIP WORKERS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

TOKIO, Feb. 7. — Navy Department orders to stop construction on eight capital ships in four dock yards, as a result of the Washington agreements, threw 25,000 workers out of employment, according to the Asahi. Some of the eight ships were nearly completed.

## GASTON COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IN SESSION HERE THIS WEEK

Prof. M. A. Honline to Be Principal Speaker at Afternoon and Evening Sessions Beginning Today at First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church—Program For This Evening.

The opening session of Gaston County Sunday School Convention will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the First A. R. P. church. Afternoon and night sessions will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 1, 2 and 3. Sunday school workers of all denominations are urged to attend.

The vice president of the association will preside over the sessions Wednesday afternoon and Wednesday night. The devotional period will be conducted by Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, Wednesday afternoon and by Dr. J. H. Henderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church Wednesday night.

Prof. M. A. Honline, of Dayton, O., associate educational superintendent of the International Sunday School Association will be one of the speakers at each session of the convention. Prof. Honline is known as a leader along the line of religious education. For a number of years he was professor of religious education in Goodrich Union Theological Seminary of Dayton, Ohio. For the last few years he has been connected with the educational department of the International Sunday School Association. His work in this capacity has carried him into every section of America to help in conventions and institutes in many of the largest cities in the country. He is one of the regular instructors at the International Lake Geneva Training School in Wisconsin, known as one of the largest and best summer training camps for Sunday school work.

He will give a series of six lectures on religious education in the meeting. However, each lecture will be completed on its own.

Sunday school work will have an important feature of hearing Mr. D. W. Sims, general superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, at various sessions of the convention. When Mr. Sims took charge of the cooperative Sunday school work in North Carolina in November, 1920, there were only one of the ten counties in the state with a County Sunday School Association. According to the report which he submitted to the state executive committee a few weeks ago there are now 49 county Sunday school associations in the state and plans are under way for the organization of other counties as speedily as practicable with the growth of the work. Mr. Sims has spoken at Gastonia several times during the past year and is noted for his humorous, yet practical and instructive addresses.

Program for this evening's session follows: 7:30—Devotional, Dr. J. H. Henderson, pastor of First Presbyterian church. 7:45—The Week Link in the Sunday School, Mr. D. W. Sims. 8:10—Period of Business: Report of County Officers; Attendance Record and Announcements. 8:20—The Place of Religion in Education, Prof. M. A. Honline. 9:00—Adjourn.

## QUESTION OF GERMAN REPARATIONS TO BE REFERRED

Commission Has Been Investigating Germany's Ability to Pay.

PARIS, March 1. — The Allied powers are expected to refer the whole question of German reparations to the Reparations Commission for decision after a meeting of the finance ministers of their governments here on March 9.

To the month since the reparations commission referred the late German memorandum to the Allies, it has been conducting an intensive investigation of Germany's finances and ability to pay, so that when the question is again put up to it, the commission will be in a position to reach a decision quickly.

The negotiations between Belgium and the Little Entente on one side and Germany on the other for agreements similar to that reached by Germany and France at Wiesbaden are independent of the reparations commission. Officials made this explanation upon receipt of reports from Berlin that a concord had been signed extending the Wiesbaden agreement to six new countries.

The reparations officials said the negotiations had not reached a definite point and that any agreement would be subject to the approval of the commission and the Allied powers.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS CONGRESS IN SESSION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 1. — A debate on the St. Lawrence greater water project and a number of addresses by prominent shipping men formed the program for the opening sessions today of the 17th convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. In the debate, regarded as one of the chief features of the convention, Governor N. L. Miller, of New York, was scheduled to speak against the St. Lawrence project, while Governor H. J. Allen, of Kansas, and H. H. Merriek, of Chicago, were listed as the affirmative speakers. Today's program of speakers, in addition to those taking part in the St. Lawrence project debate, included Secretary Dooly, Ambassador Jusserand, of France.

## SIX DRUG PEDDLERS ARE TO BE QUIZZED TODAY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Mrs. John Rudd, Housekeeper for Gang of Dope Artists Gives Police Clue on Which Men Are Held—If Woman's Story Is Straight, They May Know Something of the Murder.

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 1. — Further questioning of six alleged drug peddlers and bootleggers as to their knowledge of the murder of William D. Taylor, a month ago, was planned for today by the police and the district attorney's office.

Their arrest was said to have been the result of a quarrel between one of them, Ray Lyons, 26, who said he was a gas fitter, and their housekeeper, Mrs. John Rudd, known also, according to the police, as Mrs. May Lynch, and said by them to be an "eccentric."

The others gave their names, ages and occupations as William East, 36, laborer; George Culver, 25, gas fitter; Walter Kirby, 23, property man at a motion picture studio; John Herkey, 25, sheet metal worker, and Harry Amundson, of Anaheim, 27, chauffeur.

The police said Mrs. Rudd had developed a quarrel with Culver and had made open threats against Taylor on the ground he had "ruined their business," which she declared was "dispersing contraband drug" and liquor.

All six of the men have been held incommunicado since their arrests, and a police guard was thrown about the Rudd home throughout yesterday and last night to prevent any attempts at communication with Mrs. Rudd, who was said to be ill in bed. Mrs. Rudd was reported to have told the police she had accused one of the men of having killed Taylor, and he had told her never to mention that again. She also was reported to have told her landlady, Mrs. Edith Spitzer, the day after the murder, that she "knew who killed Taylor." Mrs. Spitzer was said by the police to have told them Mrs. Rudd has made such a declaration at that time.

The police practically confirmed reports that a witness called by them "Freddie George," summoned before the district attorney, was a reputable teacher of the French language, who had been cited in to consultation by Mabel Normand when she wanted an inscription in French engraved on a cigarette case. It was not disclosed what other information from the witness had given the officials. It was stated, however, that another questioning of Miss Normand, who was one of the last persons to see Taylor alive, was planned. She is at Altadena, a suburb, recovering from influenza and a nervous breakdown, following a fainting spell at the Taylor funeral.



PROF. M. A. HONLINE Associate Educational Superintendent of the International Sunday School Association, Who Will Speak at Each Session of the Gaston County Sunday School Convention This Week.

## Cotton Market

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET NEW YORK, March 1. — Cotton futures closed steady. March 15.85; May 18.10; July 17.31; October 16.05; December 16.53; Spots 18.70. TODAY'S COTTON MARKET Cotton seed ..... 510 Strict to Good Middling ..... 17 1/2