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FIRING OF APARTMENT HOUSE IS LODGED AT DOOR OF LABOR LEADERS

Police Look For Bombs Placed in Apartment House—Driver of Death Car Is Questioned—Warring Against Landis Labor Award.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Police today searched for unexploded bombs believed to have been placed in a \$500,000 apartment building in North Chicago, which was damaged last night by fire which police say was started by terrorists in connection with the Chicago labor war. Another development on which authorities concentrated their efforts today was a confession said by police to have been obtained yesterday from Mrs. Margaret Miller, wife of John Miller, now under arrest as the alleged driver of the "death car" from which shots were fired killing two policemen early last Wednesday in the labor feud.

Police connect the firing of the building with labor disorders through a man who warned two women in an adjoining building to escape before their building caught fire. He ran down the steps shouting: "To hell with the Landis award."

The building damaged by fire at an estimated loss of \$100,000, was being erected under the Landis' wage award, a decision handed down by K. M. Landis, former Federal judge, acting as arbitrator, which was intended to settle labor disputes between contractors and members of the Chicago building trades council. The structure was owned by a contractor who denied receiving threats from labor men. The force of 100 men employed in construction are divided in two classes, steam fitters and masons working under the Landis' award and carpenters and plumbers working under the old union scale.

That the fire was set has been proven beyond doubt, police say, for it was started on the first and second floor in various parts almost simultaneously.

The questioning of Mrs. Miller, police say, brought a full confession from her in which the names of other occupants of the "death car" were given and it is substantiated by a previous confession said to have been obtained from her husband. Police said Mrs. Miller admitted caring for the occupants of the band it's car who were supposed to have been wounded by shots from the policemen's pistols. Mrs. Miller also admitted sitting in conference with labor leaders in which bombings and attacks were discussed, police said, and admitted knowing that explosives were kept in her home to be used by labor men in their fight against the Landis' award.

NATIONAL GUARD UNITS TO BE IN 20TH PARADE

Local Howitzer Company to March in Big Charlotte Celebration.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Five North Carolina national guard units will take part in the Twentieth of May parade to be held on Saturday, including companies from Hickory, Lincolnton, Gastonia, Concord and Charlotte.

The two cavalry companies from Hickory and Lincolnton, will arrive in Charlotte Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock, camping through the country. The cavalrymen will cast their tents on East Morehead street, near Dilworth road where they will remain until Sunday morning, when they will break camp and start on their return trips.

Captain A. S. Lindeberger is in charge of the Lincolnton and Captain Walter C. Taylor commands the Hickory contingent. The Gastonia Howitzers, commanded by Captain Stephen B. Doherty, and the Concord infantry, headed by Captain Kenneth Caldwell, will arrive in Charlotte Saturday morning, joining Captain Melvin G. Caldwell and his Hornet Nest regiment in the parade.

Already Charlotte is beginning to take on a gala day appearance. A number of the business houses of the city already having their patriotic colors spread over the front. Before Saturday arrives, every house along the line of march of the parade is expected to be in colors, as well as every electric light standard and every drop wire.

Already close to 50 patriotic organizations and commercial institutions have entered their names with Chairman Thomas L. Alexander for floats in the parade. The time for entering names for floats will close Thursday at 12 o'clock. The chairman said, stating that commercial floats will have to be decorated, as well as the patriotic ones.

The local American legion post will hold a meeting at the City Auditorium to put the finishing touches on the big celebration plans for Saturday, although Chairman Alexander states that everything is ready, as far as he is concerned.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 17.—(otton futures closed steady.

May 21.55; July 20.55; October 20.17; December 20.15; January 19.95; March 19.70; Spots 21.60.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 19 1/4c
Cotton Seed

NEVADA MAN HAS BEARD 11 FEET LONG

SACRAMENTO, CAL., May 17.—Claims of J. J. Tanner, Brighton, Mich., to the World's long-whiskered championship are disputed by Jack Wilcox of Carson, Nev., who has been growing a beard since December 31, 1881, when he threw away his razor, because it was dull, and swore he never would shave again. His beard is 11 feet 3 inches long but before it was combed and washed, recently it was 14 feet long. Tanner's beard has been reported as 9 feet long.

The county surveyor at Carson recently measured the Wilcox beard when the latter was entered in the long-whiskered contest being conducted by the Days of '49 Celebration here May 23-28. Unless someone comes along with a longer beard, Wilcox will receive a gold medal, \$50 a day and expenses while in Sacramento attending the celebration.

Wilcox is a stone mason and when at work he rolls up his beard and carries it in a sack under his shirt.

JACKSONVILLE IS HOST TO SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

Thousands of Visitors and Messengers Pour Into Florida City—Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville Seminary, Is President.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 17.—Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, was re-elected president of the Southern Baptist convention at the opening of its 65th annual session here today.

The four vice-presidents elected were the Rev. Mr. R. M. Inlow, of Seaford, Mo.; W. W. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. J. J. Taylor, of Louisville, N. C.; and the Rev. W. D. Noshay, of Greenville, Ky. Mr. Gaines is an attorney, George W. Norton, of Louisville, presbyter, and Dr. W. P. Harvey, of Harrodsburg, Ky., auditor, were re-elected and the convention then began the first contest over officers.

Three names were put up for the two positions of recording secretary: Dr. H. C. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn.; and G. H. Barnett, of Macon, Ga., were nominated to succeed themselves, while the name of A. S. Barnes, of Montgomery, Ala., was placed in nomination. The convention voted by ballot and Dr. Moore and Mr. Barnett were re-elected.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 17.—Jacksonville today became the chief Baptist city of the nation as thousands of messengers and visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention poured in from eighteen states for the opening session of the sixty-sixth annual meeting.

Reports of President E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, and of the various secretaries was the first thing before the convention to be followed by election of officers and addresses of welcome in behalf of the city and State, and a brief response.

The report of the executive committee and miscellaneous matters filled up the remainder of the morning program. Ministerial annuities and a report of the conservation committee was set for the afternoon. The evening session was to be given over to the convention sermon by the Rev. S. J. Porter, of Oklahoma.

While Dr. Mullins was slated to be continued in office as president along with the other principal officers except Dr. Hight C. Moore, Nashville, recording-secretary, new men were to be chosen for the four positions as vice-presidents. Dr. J. J. Taylor, of North Carolina, told messengers that while Dr. Moore was his friend he would oppose his re-election on the ground that as editorial secretary of the Sunday school board he could not under the by-laws be an officer of the convention. Dr. Taylor indicated he would suggest A. S. Barnes, of Montgomery, to succeed to the recording-secretaryship which Dr. Moore has held for eight years.

The women's missionary union will open tonight.

DEBATE ON EVOLUTION TAKES PLACE THIS AFTERNOON

RALPHIGH, N. C., May 17.—The debate between Dr. W. B. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Minneapolis, and Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, representing the faculty of North Carolina State College, on the query "Resolved, that evolution is a demonstrated fact," will be held in the assembly hall at the college this afternoon.

The controversy started when one of the preachers stated in a public address that there was no foundation in fact for the theory of evolution, and that no man could believe in evolution and be a Christian. Members of the college faculty answered this in the newspapers, and this provoked a challenge from the preachers to a debate on the subject. The science faculty immediately accepted the challenge, and suggested the form of the query.

Back of the controversy is a bigger fight in the Southern Baptist denomination over the teaching of evolution in church schools. North Carolina denominational organs have been carrying on a vigorous fight against Dr. William Lewis Potcott, president of Wake Forest college, because he taught the theory of evolution in a class in biology.

TARIFF, THE ALLIED DEBT, REPARATIONS QUESTION, MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

U. S. Chamber of Commerce Hears Variety of Topics Discussed—One Speaker Urges That Matter of Foreign Debt Be Not Pushed.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Speeches devoted to the discussion of tariff, the Allied debt to the United States and the reparations question as affecting this country's foreign trade outlook, occupied most of the program for the second session today of the tenth annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Reviewing financial conditions in Europe, which, he said, by creating the disadvantage of high exchange rates, already had seriously curtailed this country's foreign trade, John B. DeLafield, of New York, former chairman of the board of contract adjustment of the War Department, told the convention that insistence on the payment of even the interest on the allied debt would greatly add to this hindrance. To require payments on the principal, he said, would "still more seriously aggravate the situation."

"It is for us," Mr. DeLafield said, "to do all we can to overcome this handicap and certainly not to do anything to increase the disadvantage under which we labor. What is the amount of these foreign debts to us, repaid as they will be over a long series of years, besides our prosperity and the well-being of our people? Even the amount of these loans is but small compared with the great increase of wealth our country would make in a period of great economic prosperity."

Discussing general tariff questions, Commissioner Culberson, of the United States Tariff Commission, warning of the ill-effect of tariff discriminations between nations, advocated that this country take the leadership in calling an international conference to consider the "advantages which would accrue to all nations from the application of the principle of equality of treatment and the open door to all colonial possessions as well as to nations."

LIPPARD SAYS HE CAN FURNISH NAMES OF THOSE WHO SHOT HIS SON

Claims That They Were Officers and That He Can Establish Identity of Two of Them.

(Charlotte Observer.)

"I am waiting for an officer to ask me to give the names of the men who shot my son," T. E. (Bud) Lippard told an observer reporter yesterday. According to him, he can positively identify the men who seriously wounded Carl Lippard Saturday morning, May 6.

"They were not Ku Klux or members of any good organization either," Lippard said. "They were officers of the county and I can prove it by as good citizens as there are in Charlotte. I decline to divulge their names until I am requested to do so by local authorities."

"Not a question has been asked me by officers since the shooting. My son can identify two of the men also. I can prove that the men were officers who had made threats against me."

Carl Lippard, of Denver, Catawba county, was shot in the left side when he and a companion were going from Charlotte toward Newton about day break of May 6. According to Lippard, six or seven men fired upon his car on Beatty's Ford road with almost unswerving aim. The injured boy was taken from the car at Joe King's and later brought to Mercy hospital here.

An operation was performed on the young man, taking the bullet from the left lung. According to T. E. Lippard, this was a very serious operation. Young Lippard was on the operating table for two hours, he said. However, he has improved rapidly and expects to be discharged from the hospital soon.

Special Prohibition Enforcement Officer Trexler denied he had anything to do with or knew anyone who did have anything to do with the shooting of Lippard, according to B. A. Kullback, prohibition enforcement agent for North Carolina, who is quoted as saying that he questioned Trexler some days ago. Mr. Kullback has received information of the stories being circulated about a variety of prohibition agents having been among the highway marauders and hold-up gangs.

Mr. Kullback said he had talked with Trexler in his office and denied, because of reports reaching him, to follow Trexler of his post here and send him to another part of the state. Mr. Trexler was sent here just a short time ago at the urgent request of a minister of the community who said that conditions at Meeklenburg demanded a full investigation. Mr. Kullback is quoted as saying:

"Since the shooting of Lippard, reports have been going around to the effect that prohibition agents are preparing to make a clean sweep of bootleggers in the country. However, there is but one authorized enforcement officer in this county. Mr. Kullback pointed out and said that any and all appointments of special deputies must first be passed upon by him, and then acted upon at Washington before commissions can be received. Moses White is the single agent for Meeklenburg county, the state agent said."

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, unsettled tonight and Thursday; probably showers, little change in temperature.

SENATOR CULBERSON'S DAUGHTER, SUITOR WHO TELLS OF KIDNAPPING



Alec E. Robertson, a young British war veteran, caused the arrest in Newark, N. J., on a kidnapping charge of John E. Ellis, said to be in the employ of a detective agency. He alleges that Ellis and two others kidnaped him and tried to force him to leave this country because of a love affair with Miss Mary Culberson, daughter of U. S. Senator Charles A. Culberson, of Texas. Robertson came to this country in 1919 and, taking an engineering course at the University of Texas, in Austin, met Miss Culberson, also a student there. She is 21 years old. They became interested in each other and recently she was called to Washington to enter a finishing school there. Robertson has been living with an aunt in Bloomfield, N. J.

KIRBY'S MUSIC HOUSE IN ITS NEW BUILDING

Moved Yesterday Into Handsome Structure on West Main Avenue Owned by the Firm—Exterior and Interior Both Most Attractively Finished—Firm Has Experienced a Steady Growth.

A. J. Kirby & Co., music dealers, moved yesterday from the Ragan building, East Main avenue, where they have been located for the past several years, into the firm's own handsome new building on West Main avenue adjoining Park or's cotton warehouse. Mr. A. J. Kirby, manager of the company, states that several days will be required to get the new show room arranged and all the stock properly placed.

This new building is 7 by 80 feet, two stories, and has a handsome front of red pressed brick and cream colored tile. The interior is also handsomely finished and splendidly lighted. The ceiling is of steel and the floor is maple. The office is in the rear of the first floor show room and is elegantly appointed.

The second floor will be devoted to stock and repair rooms. It also has an electric elevator and a fire alarm.

Kirby's music business is one of the city's oldest businesses and has steadily grown since it was organized twenty years ago. The continued growth of the firm's volume of business is due to the present quarters being most ideally fitted for the business.

PLAYGROUND EXPERT HERE TO TRAIN VOLUNTEERS

Miss Ethel Bouchard, a city playground expert, will be here today for more here training volunteer playground workers for the city. The first meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock with sixteen volunteers in attendance. The second meeting will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. This instruction is given to the Community Service and is for the benefit of the young people trained for playground service. All young women or young men who are seriously interested in this work and have volunteer spirit are willing to volunteer for the work of this kind whether for the local community service or for their churches, will be welcomed at these classes.

FRENCH ARE READY TO TALK ABOUT WAR DEBT

PARIS, May 17.—The French Government has informed the American war debt funding commission that it is ready to send a special mission to the United States to confer regarding the payment of the French debt.

GASTON COUNTY GETS A \$41,000 LOAN FROM THE STATE BUILDING FUND

Part of Five Million Dollar Loan Fund for Erection of School Buildings—Wake, Wayne and Iredell Head the List of Counties in Total Loan.

Gaston county received \$40,000 from the state special school building fund, according to advices from the office of county Superintendent E. P. Hall this morning. This amount was apportioned as follows: Belmont, \$11,000; Mt. Holly, \$6,000; Mt. Beulah, \$5,000; Stanley, \$6,000; Lenoir, \$3,000; and Tryon, \$11,000. A Raleigh dispatch to The Charlotte Observer says:

The state board of education announced today the loan of \$1,000,000 to 59 counties from the \$5,000,000 special building fund. This is the second loan to be made following the recent validation by the supreme court of the \$5,000,000 bond issue, authorized by the 1921 session of the general assembly.

The money is limited almost exclusively for the erection of high school buildings in the rural districts. Only \$40,000 of the entire amount will be used in a city school, and this goes to the Wilmington high school, which is a high school for the entire county. The state board recently made appropriation for the purpose of maintaining at least one standard high school for the rural districts of each county in the state, and with these loans it is now possible to supply adequate buildings.

The court validated the bonds in April and on the 27th of that month State Treasurer Lacy was successful in selling \$1,000,000 worth of these bonds at 4 1/2 per cent. The first loans, Superintendent Brooks announced, have been made to those counties that had gone ahead with their building programs, as advised by the state board of education over a year ago, following the passage of a bond issue by the general assembly.

Each county of the state will be given a chance to borrow its pro-rata part of the \$5,000,000, that is, Dr. Brooks explained, it may borrow the same per cent of this fund that the school population of the county bears to the state population. The remainder of the \$5,000,000 fund will be loaned during the summer and early fall. Dr. Brooks advises counties to continue their building programs with the assurance now that this money will be available.

RUDOLPH VALENTINO MAY BE CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Popular Movie Actor Was Divorced From Jean Ader, But Was Technically Her Husband For a Year.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 17.—Jean Acker, film actress, from whom Rudolph Valentino, film actor, obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce a few months ago, was under instructions today to report to the district attorney's office to tell what she knows of the facts in the court action which gave Valentino a decree but left him technically her husband for a year.

Thomas McMillan, deputy district attorney, sent a summons to Miss Acker and at the same time assigned investigators to learn whether Valentino committed bigamy, according to the California laws, when he married Winifred Hudnut, dancer, and film art director known professionally as Natacha Rambova, at Mexico, last Saturday.

Los Angeles superior court judges have stated informally that such a marriage as that of Valentino and Miss Hudnut is legal for a year.

Miss Hudnut's name was introduced into the divorce trial through the identification of a picture of her and Valentino.

The first legal action was taken by Miss Acker. She filed a suit for separate maintenance, alleging Valentino had not supported her. She asserted that when he married her he had nothing that partly through her efforts he gained fame as an actor and that then she failed to support him.

On a cross-complaint, Valentino asked for a divorce, alleging Miss Acker had deserted him. On the witness stand he detailed attempts to persuade her to return to him and that the indignation he manifested her and would be, and he would go back to her. According to Douglas Gerard, the director and grossman at Valentino's wedding to Miss Hudnut, the latter was ordered into the ceremony in 1921.

He said Valentino was at Los Angeles, Calif., and expected to remain here until September.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Taxation has been used for a large number of prominent manufacturers of the country to meet with President Harding tomorrow night at a dinner conference, it was said today at the White House.

DUBLIN, May 17.—The peace committee of the Dail Eireann, which has been trying to find a basis for unity of the Irish factions formally reported to the Dail today a breakdown of the negotiations.

SUCCESS OF HAGUE MEETING WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THE ATTITUDE OF THE RUSSIANS

French Delegates Will Refuse to Attend If Russia Wants Too Much—United States Also May Be Affected by Their Attitude—Still Hoped That America Will Take Part.

BALLOTING TO ELECT ANOTHER BISHOP

Methodists Elect Four New Bishops—Consecration to Take Place Sunday.

(By The Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 17.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session here, today completed the election of five new bishops to be named at this time by electing Dr. H. A. Boaz, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, to be the fifth new prelate. Four of the five bishops were elected yesterday. Dr. Boaz received 213 votes.

After reflective consideration of the note, many prominent delegates felt it offered more hope than they at first believed, and said that it was worded so as to leave the way open for further negotiations. When the explanation was received that the note left the door open for further conversations sincere satisfaction was expressed by all the delegations.

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The American reply, it was explained, was sympathetic in character, but was not an acceptance although apparently construed at Genoa as forecasting participation by the United States. This, it was said, was the only explanation that could be assigned in official quarters here to the confusion in European capitals which has followed American declaration of the formal invitation.

BIG ELEPHANT ON A RAMPADE FOR A DAY

WALLA WALLA, WASH., May 17.—Tusko, described as the largest elephant in captivity, is featured in a special spectacle to be given today as peacefully ensnaring his holder with a circus at Bellingham Wash. after an afternoon, night and morning of rampage that stretched the animals from Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Tusko, the elephant keeper, H. Hendrickson, 30 feet in height. Several of Hendrickson's ribs were broken. Tusko proceeded through the streets of Sedro Woolley, tearing up sidewalks, automobiles and turning a loose into a riot. Then he headed for the city.

Particular ropes and orchids and calls from excited farmers and loggers betrayed Tusko's line of flight to several hundred men and boys in pursuit. At one stage of the chase Tusko uprooted three telephone poles. A farmer looking out of an upper story window, gazed upon the elephant's mighty back bunched in an unsuccessful effort to over turn the house.

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At dark Monday the several hundred pursuers made camp in the woods, taking up the trail at daybreak yesterday.

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GENOVA, May 17.—The attitude of the Russians at today's session of the United States, as Secretary Hughes' declaration of the invitation to attend The Hague to discuss the Russian situation. If they should be recalcitrant and inclined to make even wider demands than heretofore, the French delegates say it will be almost impossible to persuade their government to participate at The Hague.

It is believed here that the bearing of the Russians may also have a decided effect on the attitude of the United States, as Secretary Hughes' declaration of the invitation to attend The Hague meeting is not regarded as final by the British and other delegations. Mr. Lloyd George stated that he still hoped to induce the United States to participate, and the leaders of the Genoa conference are planning further correspondence with Washington.

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