

150 BANKERS OF GROUP NINE ARE GUESTS OF LOCAL CLEARING HOUSE

Visiting Bankers From Seven Counties Gather Here For Meeting.

DR. FRAZER SPEAKS.

Gastonia Humorists And Musicians Keep The Crowd Entertained.

One hundred and fifty bankers from seven counties, comprising what is known as Group Nine of the North Carolina Bankers Association...

John M. Miller, III, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Gastonia, was toastmaster and in that capacity made the visitors feel strictly at home from the very start.

Secretary Allen T. Bowler of the North Carolina Bankers Association spoke briefly of the work being done by the association.

Speaking for the agriculture committee of the State Bankers Association Mr. M. H. Manning, of Charlotte, called on the bankers of this district to preach during this year, a "live at home" policy.

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Information gathered by the association, the statement said, "proved conclusively that crime increase noted in the government report is attributable to the drastic prohibition legislation through the demonstrated fact that the larger percentage of increases are directly due to arrests and sentences for offenses arising from the use of intoxicants...

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Tuesday's luncheon of the Civitan Club at the Baptist Annex was featured by the presence of a number of local and visiting ministers...

The club quartet performed very creditably and added much to the occasion. The football committee reported that a joint meeting of like committees from Rotary and Kiwanis would be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Negro Shot Man, Attacked Companion

WACO, TEX., Nov. 22.—Twenty Texas Rangers were sent here today as a precautionary measure in the event of an arrest as the result of the killing of Grady Skipworth, 19, and an attack on his young woman companion. The young woman, who was not seriously injured when her body struck a tree after her assailant threw her over a cliff, accused an unidentified negro.

COAL OPERATORS HAVE NOT GOUGED PUBLIC WITH HIGH PRICES

Coal Said To Be Selling In West At Prices Under Last Year.

WARM AUTUMN CAUSE.

Domestic Consumers Have Held Off Market And Demand Is Slim.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Expectation that some coal operators would recoup their losses in the recent coal strike through increased prices, a belief given wide publicity at the end of the strike when one or two operators were quoted to that effect, has failed to materialize, according to a survey of fuel conditions in middle western states.

The wide publicity, combined with an unusually warm autumn, discouraged buying by domestic consumers to such an extent that there has been a noticeable drop in prices in many states. This is particularly noted in those coal producing areas where freight rates for short hauls are not a major factor in setting the retail prices.

Typical of the general trend, according to Robert Merrill, state fuel administrator of Illinois, are prices at the central Illinois mines. Immediately after the strike the operators quoted screenings, their lowest grade coal, at from \$3.25 to \$3.75 at the pit mouth.

Similar price reductions are reported from several states. In Kansas dealers are selling coal at one to two dollars under last year's prices. Indiana, Missouri and other states report lower prices.

CLEMENCEAU SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING TO AMERICA

German Militarists Are Preparing For Another War—Vigorous Old Man Of Europe Speaks For Hour And A Half.

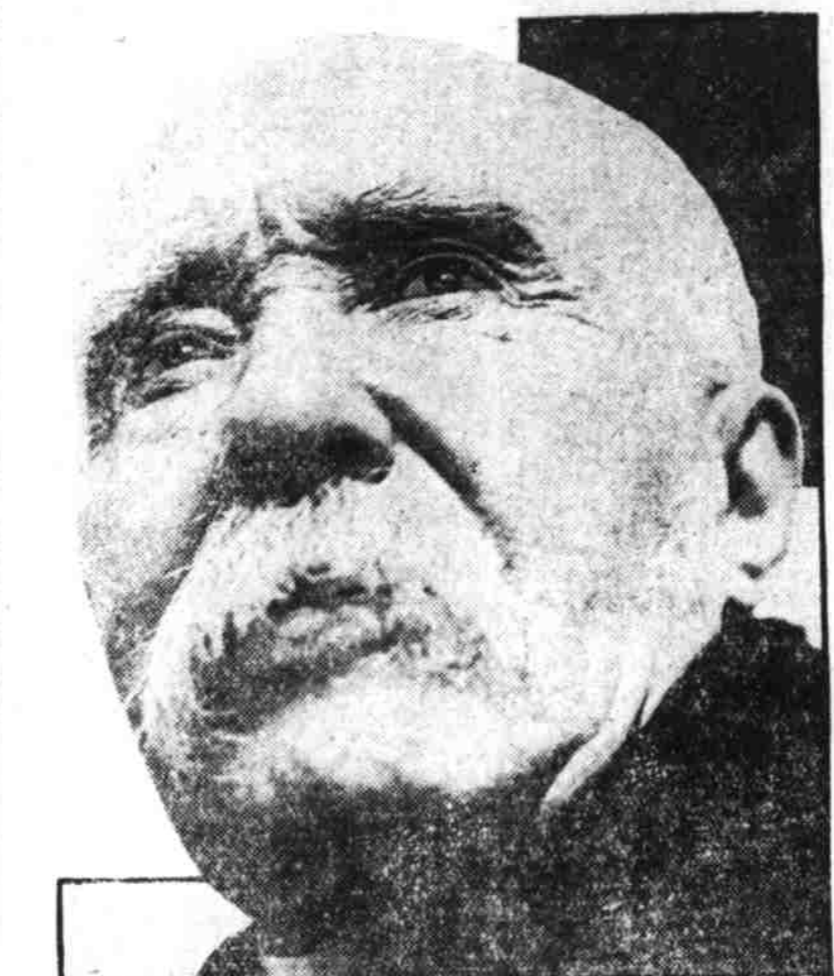
NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Georges Clemenceau today prepared to rest after having delivered, in his first address in the United States, a warning to Americans that German militarists were preparing for another war.

In this address, spoken in the Metropolitan Opera House last night before an immense audience, the war premier of France voiced what he termed friendly criticism of the United States for its post-war attitude, declaring that after mixing its blood with that of the allies it had stepped out of international affairs leaving Europe in a snarl.

He urged America to renew conversations with France and Great Britain to present a united front to Germany and show that the terms of the Versailles treaty, including the payment of the reparations, must be carried out. He did not attempt to indicate how America should again take up her hand in international affairs, but said that he might speak of the League of Nations as a practical vehicle.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Armed bandits early today held up and robbed a post-office motor truck carrying air mail matter at Cheshamwood being driven by transfer to a mail plane, kidnapped the truck driver and escaped.

Three Cheers and a Tiger



Here is the latest picture of Georges Clemenceau, wartime premier of France and most forceful political leader in recent history who is now making a speaking tour of America.

In his first speech in America, delivered in the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City last night, M. Clemenceau warned America that the German militarists are about to overthrow the democratic government in Germany and are preparing for another war.

DRS. VIPPERMAN AND DAVIS CONTINUE TO DRAW CROWDS

Bible Conference At Baptist Church Grows In Interest—Conference To Continue Through Friday Or Longer—Tonight's Subjects.

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HIGH SCHOOLS WILL DEBATE ON RAILWAY LABOR BOARD

Eleventh Year Of State High School Debating Unions—Every School In State Invited To Enter Teams.

CHAPEL HILL, Nov. 22.—The query for the high school debates for the present school year has been decided on. It is: "Resolved, that Congress should provide for enforcement of the decisions of the railway labor board."

This is the eleventh year of the high school debating union, which was organized by the Diocesan and Philanthropic societies at the University. Last winter sixty schools which had won their preliminary contests sent teams, numbering 240 debaters, to Chapel Hill to enter the final round of the Aycock memorial cup.

Every secondary and high school in North Carolina is invited to become a member of the union and participate in the statewide debate. Every school that enters will be grouped in a triangle with two others, each school putting out two teams, one on the affirmative and one on the negative. Every school which wins but has its debaters entitled to send its team to Chapel Hill for the final day.

THE WEATHER Fair tonight and Thursday; frost tonight.

PEACE IN THE NEAR EAST BY CHRISTMAS IS THE SLOGAN IN LAUSANNE CONFERENCE CIRCLES

COMPLETE PROGRAM OF N. C. TEACHER'S ASSEMBLY

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Of Princeton, Scheduled To Make Principal Address—Miss Farrell, Of New York City, To Speak.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 21.—The complete program of the general sessions of the North Carolina Teachers Assembly, which convenes here November 28 for a three days' conference, was announced today by Secretary Jule B. Warren, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Princeton, N. J., Miss Elizabeth Farrell, of the New York City Public Schools, and R. C. Moore, secretary of the Illinois Teachers Association, are scheduled to make the principal addresses.

The most important action to be taken during the assembly will be that of the county school superintendents who will adopt a program of legislation designed to revise the State's school laws, according to the secretary.

Wednesday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, meeting of Executive Committee at Yarrowborough hotel.

Wednesday afternoon, 5 o'clock, business meeting in city auditorium.

Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, public meeting in city auditorium; community singing led by William Branch, Winston-Salem; prayer by Rev. W. W. Poole, address of welcome by Mayor T. B. Eldridge, Raleigh; response and president's address, Charles E. Brewer, Raleigh; Releigh; work of Parent-Teachers Association, Mrs. J. P. Spruill, Lexington; Possibilities of a Thoroughly Organized Teachers' Association, R. C. Moore.

Thursday, 12 o'clock, Thanksgiving Service, city auditorium; hymn, led by W. A. Potter, Raleigh city schools; reading of Scriptures; prayer; vocal solo; sermon, Dr. A. Paul Bagby, of Wake Forest; benediction.

Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, public meeting; community singing, led by W. A. Potter; demonstration of public-school singing, led by W. A. Potter; the unclassified student, Miss Leizbeth Farrell.

Friday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, business meeting, city auditorium.

Friday evening, 8 o'clock, public meeting; community singing, led by Paul J. Weaver, Chapel Hill; address, "Poetry and Nature," Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

BOOKS ANNOUNCED FOR N. C. RURAL SCHOOLS

List Of Forty Books Selected By Miss Mary B. Palmer For State's Rural Schools.

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 22.—The North Carolina Library Commission today announced a list of forty books for rural schools. The selections were made by Miss Mary B. Palmer, secretary, as a course of reading for pupils in small institutions and were based on the graded list of books for children of the National Education Association.

The list follows: Grades first to third: Aesop Fables; James Baldwin, Fifty Famous Stories Told; Helen Bauman, Story of Little Black Sambo; F. J. Cooke, Nuts, Myths and Stories for Children; Edward Eggleston, Stories of Great Americans; E. O. Grover, Ostrich Boys; J. H. Bennett, Rhymes and Fables, Songs and Stories; M. E. Lansing, Rhymes and Stories; Rose Lucia, Peter and Polly in Summer; M. V. O'Shea, Six Nurses' Classics; Old World Wonder Stories; Mrs. L. P. Perkins, Dutch Twins, school edition; Beatrice Porter, Tale of Peter Rabbit; H. E. Scudder, Books of Fables and Folk Stories; R. L. Stevenson, Child's Garden of Verses; H. T. Margaret and Free Tradewind, Robin's Literature, both primer and reader; Charles Welsh, Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes; Belle Wyley, Mother Goose primer.

Grades fourth to seventh: Abbott, Life of the Men, Little Women; Anderson, Fairy Tales; E. J. Abbott's edition of Arabian Nights; A. E. Brown, In the Days of Giants; Browning, Pied Piper of Hamelin; Lewis Carroll, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland; Craig, Little Lame Prince; DeFoe, Life of Robinson Crusoe; Mrs. Mary Dodge, Hans Brinker; Grimm's Household Stories; Harris, Uncle Remus; His Songs and His Sayings; Kipling, Jungle Book, Just So Stories; Carlo Lorenzini, Adventures of Pinocchio; Page, Two Little Confederates; Pyle, Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood; Johanna Spier, Heidi; Wiggan, Posy Ring; Wyss, The Swiss Family Robinson.

HALL-MILLS GRAND JURY ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY

SOMEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 22.—The grand jury which is investigating the Hall Mills murder mystery is expected to adjourn tonight until Monday.

Most of the jurors are farmers and they decided that they wanted at least three days of the week on the farm. Witnesses were called today in an effort to show the motive for the murders. Barbara Tough and Louis Geist, domestics in the Hall home, and James Mills, widower of the murdered woman, were among those summoned.

Mrs. Jane Gibson, who says she saw the murders, is scheduled to tell her story next Monday. It is believed the jury will be ready to vote on indictments by next Tuesday.

Women Ku Klux Parade Atlanta Streets

ATLANTA, GA., Nov. 22.—Masked women, estimated at fully three hundred, paraded Atlanta's streets for the first time in the history of the city late last night.

The paraders were said to be members of the Dixie Woman's League, a "patriotic society." They were arrayed in white costumes, with flowing sleeves trimmed in red and blue. The masks completely covered their faces, and were similar to those formerly worn by the Ku Klux Klan. They also wore shaped hats with red tassels.

The parade was led by mounted policemen and a band. Then followed the members, grouped in pairs, each carrying a small American flag. Just what it was all about Atlantians did not seem to know. Newsboys dubbed them "Women Ku Klux."

'FIGHTING BILL' FAIRES, ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER, ENTERS PLEA NOT GUILTY

Slayer Of Four Members Of Taylor Family Shows No Uneasiness.

IS READY FOR TRIAL. Actual Trial Of Clover Man At York Begins Friday.

YORK, S. C., Nov. 22.—"Fighting Bill" Faires pleaded not guilty to a charge of wilful murder of Newton Taylor, aged twelve, at Clover September 6, when arraigned in the courthouse here at noon today. Brought into the court room a few minutes before 12, he answered in a firm voice the questions of Solicitor Monroe Spears, who read the indictment charging him with the murder of the youngest of the Taylor children.

Thos. F. McDow, chief counsel for the defense, announced that Faires would be ready for trial on Friday morning, although he reserved the right to make such motions in the interval as he and former Governor Cole please saw fit.

Faires appeared to be one of the coolest men in the court house when brought in by three sheriff's deputies. He wore a blue shirt, dark gray coat and light gray trousers. His black slouch hat was in his hand. He looked all about the court room, evidently trying to get a glance of recognition from kindred and friends. There was not the slightest evidence of any form of demonstration when the prisoner entered the court room. Immediately following arraignment he was carried back to jail.

OFFICERS GET TWO STILLS NEAR SPARROW SPRINGS

Officers J. W. Cole, O. T. Sabins, and A. B. Hord captured one negro and two stills near Sparrow Springs Monday morning. Tom Quinn was the luckless negro. He lives on the farm of a Mr. Knox, who lives in Clover. The still was in operation when found and 800 or 1000 gallons of beer was poured out. Some three gallons of liquor in his house was taken. He was arrested and bound over to court under a \$500 bond.

The other still was found on the Woods place a short distance from Sparrow Springs. No one was arrested in connection with the capture of this still. The officers discovered this still Sunday afternoon and went back at 4 o'clock Monday morning. After a five hour wait, they caught Quinn, as he was approaching the still.

THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE FAR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF LLOYD GEORGE

News Announcements Will Be Held To Formal Communications By Secretary.

TURKEY OBJECTS TO THIS. Indications Are That Work Will Not Be Finished By Christmas.

LAUSANNE, Nov. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Lausanne conference, having organized for work, is now ready to take up its task of restoring peace in the Near East.

The effort of Ismet Pasha and his Turkish delegation for open sessions and complete publicity at all conference programs has been overruled and news announcements will be limited to formal communications agreed upon by the secretariat of the conference. The Turkish delegates are considerably agitated over this decision, contending that members of the other delegations are divulging what transpires in conference circles whereas they, as Mohammedan gentlemen, have kept their word.

M. Barere, head of the French delegation, Lord Curzon, and other diplomats of the old school, have apparently determined to give this meeting a character different from that of past conferences in which Mr. Lloyd George has been a moving spirit.

The former British premier planned this conference before the fall of his government. Round table gatherings such as this one are Mr. Lloyd George's specialty, but they apparently are not so much to the taste of the new British government.

Neither does Premier Mussolini, of Italy, show the same enthusiasm for them as has been manifested by previous Italian governments and there are indications that Europe may not expect a conference every few weeks from this time on.

"Make peace by Christmas," is the slogan which is being passed around conference circles, but indications are the work will be scarcely well begun by that time if the delegates delve thoroughly into the tangled problems which have arisen from the destruction of the Sèvres treaty and the defeat of the Greeks.

The machinery of the present conference will apparently be much the same as that of the Geneva, Hague, and San Remo meetings. These commissions to deal with general problems are provided for in the preliminary arrangements.

In a statement before the conference yesterday of the position of the American delegates, Ambassador Child said: "The American delegation desires to express its sense of pleasure in having association with the delegates of the powers composing the conference of Lausanne. It is our understanding and we trust it is the understanding of the conference and its secretariat, that our present position is that of representatives of the United States, who in plenary and other sessions, including those of commissions and committees, will be entitled to be present and heard in equality with the other members."

"We do not have no right of voting nor obligation of taking office, presiding, or otherwise, or of becoming signatories of agreements or reports."

"The American delegation will make one contribution to the conference; its statement will be direct and brief." Lord Curzon, who presided, replied in cordial terms and expressed pleasure at the presence of the American representatives.

Former Premier Venizelos, of Greece, and head of the Greek delegation at the conference, in a statement to the Associated Press said he desired to express his nation's gratitude for all that had been done by the United States to aid Greek refugees from Asia Minor. "They number a million now," said Venizelos, "and I fear this number will be increased by several hundred thousand. I shudder to think what we would have done without the superb generous assistance of America. Your Red Cross and your Near East Relief are wonderful organizations. Greece will be eternally grateful for the aid she has received."

When the correspondent, who recently was in Greece, told Venizelos of the existence of a popular demand there to have him return as president of a possible Greek republic, or as premier under a republic, Venizelos said: "I cannot discuss that. I am definitely out of politics."

Greece's greatest citizen is living in a most simple manner in a modest Lausanne hotel.

COTTON MARKET GASTONIA COTTON. Today's receipts 33 bales. Price 25.20; 25 cents. CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Cotton futures closed steady, 20 points down. December 25.20; January 25.10; March 25.10; May 24.90; July 24.70; September 24.40; November 24.20; spots 25.20.