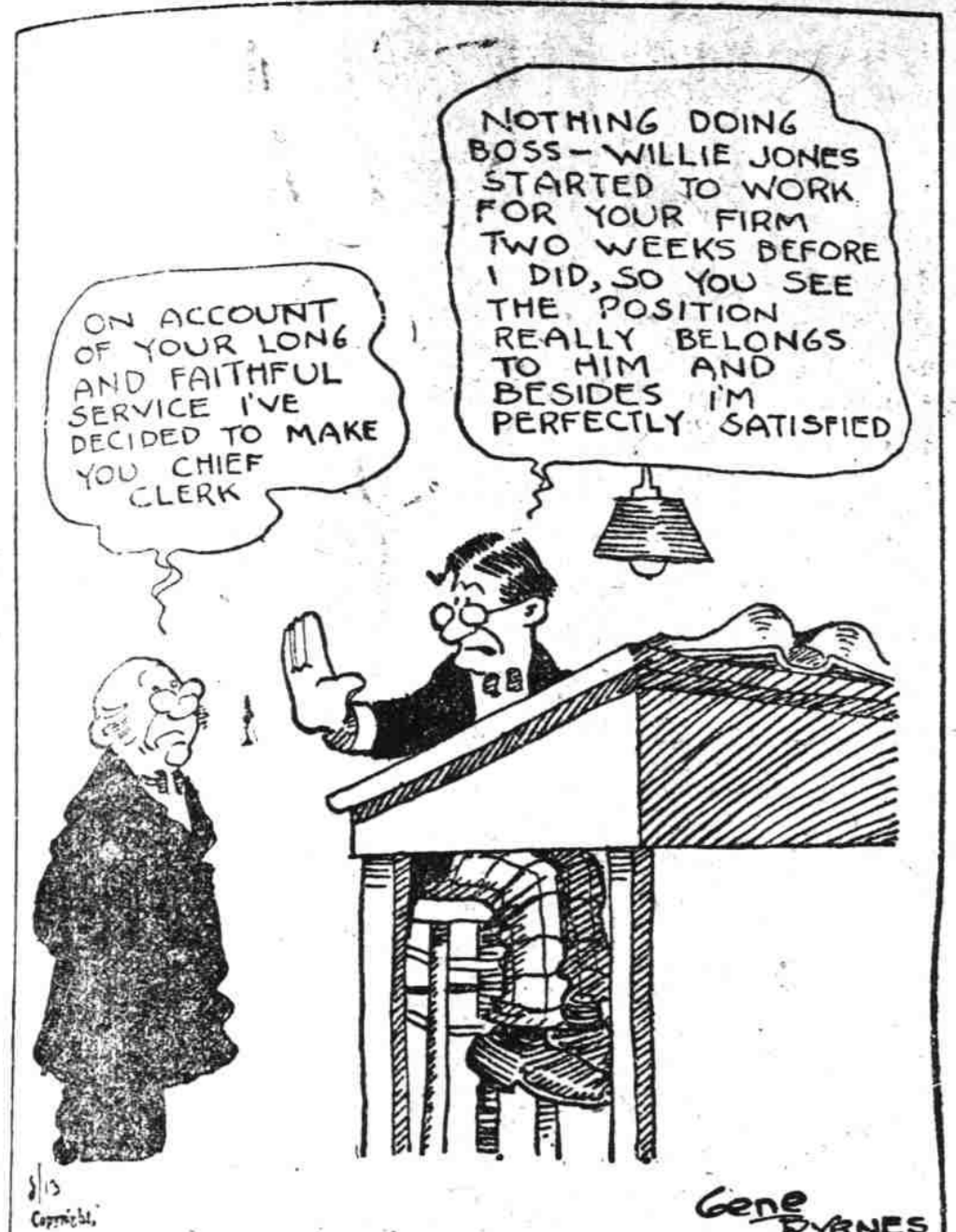


THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



GOVERNMENT WANTS STENOGRAPHERS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—There is today in the city of Washington in active operation an army whose exploits attract little notice, but whose members are doing a very large "bit" toward winning the war for America...

this year. Owing to the general demand the commission is finding it a difficult task to meet the calls of the departments. Examinations are held every Tuesday in 450 cities and the commission states that an examination will be held in any city at any time, day or night, when there is a prospect of assembling a class of three or four competitors.

One thousand two hundred miles by water were covered during the summer by the first river postwoman in England in delivering letters and packages to the bungalow and houseboat dwellers along the Staines reach.



"Why! You're Not Hoarse Any More!"

Pleasant to have your friends give you this greeting isn't it? But pleasanter still to KNOW for yourself that you're free from Catarrh and to "feel like a new man." Catarrh is an insidious trouble, generally more dangerous than is realized; frequently regarded as merely "a bad cold" that you haven't been able to get rid of in the usual way. Look out!

S.S.S. For Catarrh

For the "safe and sane," scientific treatment of this all-prevalent malady. The trouble starts in the BLOOD—quickly contaminating the whole body. Sprays, douches, and atomizers reach only the surface, covering over, rather than routing out, the trouble. S. S. S. goes to the bottom; reaches the spot; removes the cause. For skin trouble, old sores, scrofula, blood poisons, rheumatism—as well as catarrh. Standard for over 50 years. Sold everywhere. Ask your druggist for a bottle of S. S. S. and try it yourself.

DESTRUCTIVE BOOKLET FREE. Department has prepared a booklet on its allied troubles—all the different Catarrhs. This valuable booklet is yours for asking. Write for it now. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., 104 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

CLARENCE POE RILED BY A PENNSYLVANIAN

Gumption is Alleged to Have Misrepresented the Southern States

(Special to The Dispatch). Raleigh, Jan. 23.—Clarence Poe, amiable citizen and judgmental man, literally takes the hide off "Gumption" and its daddy, The Farm Journal, of Philadelphia. Gumption has been making faces at the South again and Poe's characterization of the publication and its varieties of mendacity makes Heins's 57 kinds loom up as a personified mononony. Gumption's offense is its publication anew of a map of agricultural resources in which the Southern States are blacklisted with the arid lands of the West, Texas and Oklahoma.

Poe's first shot in "your infamously misleading map," just 17 words, from the superscription which is "gentlemen." It's the only place time the farm journal editor of Raleigh so far forgets himself as to be polite. He is good and mad about it. The map is such a palpable piece of meanness that one of the most even-tempered men in the country pipes with anger. The issue of Gumption explains that no matter what the producer makes, "this map" will show where it will sell, and again "the country's spending power is concentrated in the 29 States where The Farm Journal dominates—where there are most people, most wealth, most crops, most buyers and most stores."

Mr. Poe explains why he writes with such heat. He does not tell the Pennsylvania paper that he has done so personally, but somebody has directed the attention of the Philadelphia farm journal to its misrepresentation and it persists. That's what gets Poe's dander up. He despises impertinence on top of stupidity or ingenuity and he is sure that this is not a genuine mistake. Maude Ballington Booth Coming. Maude Ballington Booth will be the big attraction of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service which meets in Raleigh February 14-16. Mrs. Booth is written up in Who's Who as a professional reformer and the wife of another reformer, but the English woman will be "reported without prejudice" as the legislative term goes. She is one of the foremost women of the world and has been an international figure more than 25 years at the age of 53. She is the daughter-in-law of the great Salvation Army General Booth and sister-in-law of the exceedingly dramatic preacher who was in North Carolina last year. The conference of 1917 had Kate Barnard, of Oklahoma, who spent several days in Raleigh and made several addresses, one before the General Assembly. Rev. M. L. Kesler, superintendent of the Thomasville orphanage, is president of the conference this year.

FOR THE SOLDIERS

Will Assist in the Preparation of Delicacies For Sick Soldiers. Mrs. E. May Glenn Toon has organized an adjunct to the Clara Barton Memorial Mission, the "Fathers and Mothers" for the purpose of giving more attention to the sick at the Fort Caswell hospital. Mrs. Toon will from now on spend several days of each week at the fort hospital and assist in the preparation of delicacies for the sick boys. Donations for this worthy cause are solicited by Mrs. Toon and she will serve free of charge. The post authorities are enthusiastic about Mrs. Toon's work and much good should result from her efforts. Mrs. Toon has also been active in the promotion of the Harper Memorial, and this work will be continued as usual. The Red Cross has offered to cooperate with the "Fathers and Mothers."

REBEKAH OFFICERS.

Ladies' Auxiliary of Odd Fellows Has Installation. At the regular meeting last Thursday the Rebekahs, the ladies' auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, installed the following new officers for the current term: Noble Grand, Mrs. Lala Johnson; vice grand, Mrs. J. W. Orrell; recording secretary, Mrs. S. F. Garrison; financial secretary, Mrs. Jessie Parker; treasurer, Miss Etta Craig; warden, Mrs. J. M. Brady; conductor, Mrs. Dora Branch; guardians, Mrs. B. F.

SAVE MONEY HERE SACRIFICE SALE OF HOUSE FURNISHINGS Bought from Estate of A. D. Brown, and Our Own Stock CLOSES SATURDAY. LACE CURTAINS AND NETS, WINDOW SHADES, LINOLEUMS AND CONGOLEUMS, Art Squares and Rugs, Carpets and Mattings. THE C. W. POLVOGT CO. 113 North Front St. Wilmington, N. C.

Brittain and Mr. M. Hewett; pianist, Miss May Landen; chaplain, Mrs. J. T. Burke; trustees, Messrs. W. L. Smith, J. F. Littleton and S. F. Garrison.

Miss Bennett, the city demonstrator, will instruct a class in conversation and food substitutes from 7 to 8 o'clock Thursday evening. All Rebekahs are invited to attend.

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL.

McRAE-ANDREWS. Simple but beautifully impressive was the solemnization yesterday afternoon of the marriage of Miss Pearl Andrews and Rev. William Vogel McRae, the wedding occurring at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Frank Andrews, 819 Princess street.

Just before the ceremony Mrs. J. B. Finley very beautifully sang "Because," accompanied by Miss Willie MacDowell's "To a Wild Rose" was played by Miss Thigpen the solemn vows were spoken by Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Wilmington district of the Methodist church officiating and using the beautiful ring ceremony of the church. For the occasion the home was beautifully decorated with palms,

bamboo and cut owers, an improvised altar being arranged, banked on each side with large palms.

The bride was charming in a silver tone blue going away suit, with accessories to match, and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. H. P. Moseley, a recent bride, as dame of honor, the latter being gowned in blue satin and georgette crepe and carrying a bouquet of pink Killarney roses. Rev. C. B. Culbreth, of Southport, attended the groom as best man.

Following the ceremony a short reception was tendered the bridal party and invited guests, fruit punch being served in the living room by Miss Gladys Murrell, of Greensboro, and Miss Bert Williams, of Elm City. Mr. and Mrs. McRae left on an afternoon train for a honeymoon trip that will include a visit to relatives of the groom at McFarlan.

The bride is an attractive and charming young woman who is widely popular in the city. Mr. McRae, a graduate of Trinity College and of the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, is the popular pastor of Trinity Methodist church here, where he is now serving his fourth year. Among the pre-nuptial events was a linen shower for the bride on Monday afternoon given by Mrs. Ed L. Prince, a miscellaneous shower on Wednesday of last week given by Mrs. Ernest Allen and a dinner party on last Friday evening given by Miss Jeanette Buck.

Among the out of town guests here for the wedding were: Miss Gladys Murrell, of Greensboro; Mrs. Lucy Ham and daughter, Miss Estelle Ham, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burton, Mrs. L. D. Boggs and Miss Annie Cole, of Jacksonville; Miss Bert Williams, of Elm City; Mrs. H.

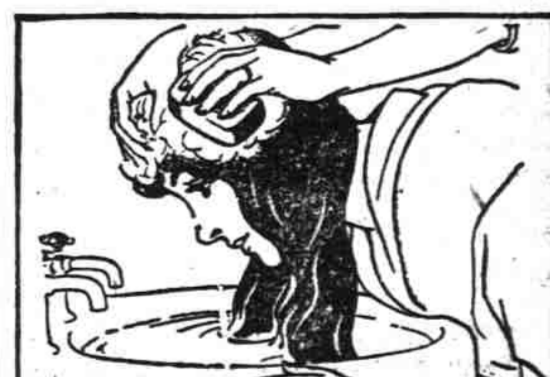
P. Moseley, of Columbia, S. C.; Ensign F. Hall Andrews, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. E. H. Cranmer, Miss Kate Stuart and Rev. C. B. Culbreth, of Southport; Mrs. Dell Rivers and Miss Flora Belle Steagall, of Chesterfield, S. C.

COTTON GINNING RUNNING BEHIND

Washington, Jan. 23.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 10,569,475 running bales, counting round bales and excluding linters, the Census Bureau announced today. Round bales included numbered 185,972, and sea island 88,747 bales. Last year to January 16, ginnings amounted to 11,137,712 bales, including 189,004 round bales and 115,592 bales of sea island.

Ginnings to January 16 this year by States follow: Alabama 489,585; Arizona 16,050; Arkansas 868,468; California 41,667; Florida 47,326; Georgia 1,781,530; Louisiana 608,088; Mississippi 818,304; Missouri 46,120; North Carolina 561,245; Oklahoma 907,039; South Carolina 1,162,366; Tennessee 203,219; Texas 2,997,895; Virginia 16,655; all other States 3,968. Ginnings of Sea Island by States: Florida 36,862; Georgia 45,651, and South Carolina 6,234.

A rifle bullet covers about two miles in five seconds, while sound travels the same distance in a shade over nine and a half seconds, so it is easy to see why the bullet strikes before the report of the rifle that fired it is heard.



How to stop dandruff and loss of hair with Resinol

Here is a simple, inexpensive treatment that will generally stop dandruff and scalp itching, and keep the hair thick, live and lustrous: At night, spread the hair apart and rub a little Resinol Ointment into the scalp gently, with the tip of the finger. Repeat this until the whole scalp has been treated. Next morning, shampoo thoroughly with Resinol Soap and hot water. Work the creamy Resinol lather well into the scalp. Rinse with gradually cooler water, the last water being cold. All druggists sell Resinol Soap and Ointment.

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