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McLean's Speech Opens New School Building To Public

Many Hear Candidate for Governor in Address on Broader Aspects of Education and Most Favorably Impressed With the Speaker and With Building

Angus Wilton McLean made a most favorable impression on Elizabeth City people on the occasion of his first appearance before an Elizabeth City audience when he was speaker of the evening at the formal opening of Elizabeth City's new high school building Friday night.

Mr. McLean came to Elizabeth City at the end of a week of speech-making which had carried him over long reaches of the State. He had been on the go constantly for five days and for the greater part of five nights when he faced his audience from the platform of the high school auditorium, an average of four or five hours sleep having been about all he had been able to get. Friday was typical of the rest of the week. He got up at Windsor at 6 o'clock for an early start to Elizabeth City. The road was new to him and his driver and had beyond all expectations to a man who knew something of the strides North Carolina has been making in roadbuilding, and he soon saw that it was going to take hard driving to put him in Elizabeth City in time for his 1 o'clock appointment to speak before the Elizabeth City Rotarians. As a matter of fact, by driving on good stretches of road at a rate involving some risk to life and limb, he arrived about a half-hour late and began his talk to the Rotarians almost immediately upon his arrival. That done he had to shake hands with the members of the club and their guests before he could eat his lunch. After lunch his friends had him down town introducing him to Elizabeth City's business section and its business men. In the evening he was guest of the Kiwanis Club at dinner. And from dinner he went straightway to the high school auditorium.

"I was never so tired in my life," he confessed to a friend after the program and after those who had crowded up to shake his hand were gone. "I couldn't put punch in that speech."

COMMUNISTS PLAN TO TAKE OVER JAPAN

(By The Associated Press)
Tokio, Feb. 16.—Discovery of a well formulated plot to form a communist government in Japan supported by Russian communists has resulted in the indictment here of 29 Japanese communists on the charge of plotting to form a secret party, according to the published announcement of results of an examination conducted by the Tokio district court and details printed by newspapers here.

LaFOLLETTE OBJECTS TO GEORGE CHRISTIAN

Washington, Feb. 16.—Objection to the confirmation of George B. Christian, former secretary to President Harding, as a member of the Federal Trade Commission was raised today by Senator LaFollette Republican of Wisconsin, on the ground that while at the White House Christian interested himself in an important case then and now pending before the commission.

ELIZABETH CITY LOSES OUT IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Edenton, Feb. 16.—In the first championship game of the season staged here between Elizabeth City and Edenton Thursday night at the Armory, the Green and White lads successfully triumphed over their opponents by the tally of 23-17 and left them without any chance of State honors this year.

The game started off with the local boys rapidly caging field goals, registering a grand total of 11 during the 49 minutes of play while their opponents were only able to claim five, fouls making up the other eight points credited to the visiting basketweavers. It was one of the fastest games seen on the Armory court this season and those who saw the fray predict that the Green and White lads will bid powerfully for the North Carolina State championship.

our great State.

"If you will tell me what the men on the railroad trains, in the market places and in fields and factories are talking about, I will tell you pretty accurately how happy and prosperous they are, said a careful observer to me, recently.

Education the Chief Concern

"I have had occasion to try out this bit of wisdom within the last few months as I have traveled over every section of the State. I believe I have found out what our people are most interested in. It is not good roads, although they are justly proud of the wonderful development of our great highway system; it is not the remarkable development of our manufacturing resources, though this element of our progress is now receiving wide and favorable publicity throughout the country; it is not our unprecedented agricultural prosperity, or the sturdy character of our citizenship, though we have just cause to take great pride in all these things;—it is the cause of education in its broader aspects, in which North Carolina has made such wonderful progress within the past few years, that every class of our citizenship is most interested in at the present moment. And in this connection let me emphasize this significant and encouraging fact,—that while our people are proud of what has already been accomplished in connection with the expansion and development of our educational system, they are determined to press steadily forward until even greater results are accomplished. They have put their hands to the plow and there will be no turning back until the blot of illiteracy is entirely removed, and the citizenry of North Carolina enjoys as good educational facilities as can be found anywhere.

"Education, like every other great force in life, is a matter of growth. It is often handicapped by social, economic or other causes that for the time arrest its development and weaken its power.

"Development of Public Education

"Thomas Jefferson, whose ideas in both political and educational matters were the soundest of any man in the early life of the republic, recognized the almost hopeless task of bringing education to the masses, under the rigid and arbitrary social conditions that existed in his day. He believed in democracy in government because he saw in it the recognition of the people as the source of all political power, but he realized very fully that it would be unsafe to lodge this power in the hands of the uneducated. Therefore, he tried to provide for the education of the masses as one of the foundation stones of Democratic government. While he advocated unbounded liberty

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TWO ARRESTED IN COUNTERFEIT PLOT

Washington, Feb. 16.—A nation-wide conspiracy to make and distribute counterfeit Treasury notes was discovered here yesterday with the arrest of James C. Houghton of the Bureau of Engraving and Curt Jacobson of New York.

JOSEPH DIAMOND IS CONVICTED OF MURDER

New York, Feb. 16.—Joseph Diamond was convicted of first degree murder here yesterday in connection with the slaying and robbery of two bank messengers, and with his brother, Morris, who was also convicted, will go to the electric chair.

APPROVE POMERENE AND OWEN J. ROBERTS

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Senate oil committee yesterday approved the nomination of Albee Pomerene and Owen J. Roberts to be special counsel in the oil lease cases.

CHARLES B. WARREN AMBASSADOR MEXICO

Washington, Feb. 16.—Charles B. Warren will accede to the President's request and accept the post as ambassador to Mexico, it was stated last night in official circles.

HOUSE UNANIMOUS ON WALSH RESOLUTION

Washington, Feb. 16.—Without debate the House today adopted the Walsh resolution directing the beginning of proceedings to recover sections 16 and 35 within Naval Oil Reserve No. 1 in California now operated by the Standard Oil Company.

A nation wide inquiry by the Federal Trade Commission into the milling and baking industries was today ordered by the Senate in the adopting of LaFollette's resolution.

REPUBLICANS SEEK AID OF INSURGENTS

Washington, Feb. 16.—The aid of Republican insurgents was sought today by organization leaders in the House in the effort to ward off defeat in the fight with Democrats over the income tax rates. An attempt will also be made to have Coolidge use his influence to line up Republicans who are out of sympathy with the organization's stand for compromise on the surtax maximum of 35 per cent.

CONVICT CAMP IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Birmingham, Feb. 16.—The convict prison camp was destroyed by flames here last night but prisoners were prevented from escaping. Four convicts were burned to death.

Lethal Gas Executions May Be End Tong Wars

Body of Gee Jon, Chink Who Was Put to Death at Nevada State Prison, Unclaimed for Burial and Order Whose Minion He Was Is Disintegrating

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San Francisco, Feb. 16.—At last, and largely through accident, the occidental mind which for so long has tried unsuccessfully to comprehend and cope with the mysterious and impenetrable psychology of the oriental has been partly successful.

For 60 years law enforcement authorities of Far Western states and some Eastern ones have been virtually powerless to halt Chinese tong wars, which grew out of gambling debts, purloined slave girls, or alleged business wrongs.

Threats of arrest and prosecution were of no avail. Paid tong assassins wielded their automatons in utter contempt of white authority.

When Gee Jon, a Hop Sing tong high-binder was legally executed at Carson City with lethal gas last week, authorities accidentally stumbled upon not only a preventive of future tong killings, but at the same time probably sounded the death knell of the entire Chinese "tong" system.

Already, as a result of Gee Jon's execution, the Hop Sing tong, most powerful and dreaded of all so-called Chinese "protective societies," is threatened with disintegration. Its standing army of professional killers is resigning and seeking other callings. Should the Hop Sing be forced to quit business, it is regarded by authorities as inevitable that other tongs—and there are a score or more of them—will quickly follow suit.

SENATOR GREENE IS SHOT IN GUN FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator George H. Greene was shot and injured seriously during a gun fight which broke out last night in a back alley between his residence and the streets here.

An X-ray examination today showed that the bullet had not remained in his head and Senator Greene is expected to recover.

As a result of the Greene shooting the whole middle of conflicting opinions, charges, explanations, denials, and counter-charges that have characterized efforts to enforce the prohibition laws here, seems likely to have a thorough airing in Congress.

TRAFFIC HELD UP ON THE CAMDEN ROAD

Traffic was held up for more than an hour on the Pasquotank River State Bridge road to Camden Friday night, but a high tide was not the cause of the tie-up.

A power lift was installed for the draw of the bridge this week and when a fuse of the motor blew out at about half past nine o'clock Friday night with the bridge in mid-air, it took an hour to get an electrician and locate the trouble.

Meantime, with a rapidly falling temperature, occupants of the growing line of motor cars caught on the Camden side of the river sat in their seats and shivered. By the time that the trouble was remedied the string of cars stretched all the way from the bridge to Glover's Cut.

However, the bridge force will doubtless soon grow accustomed to the ways of electrical equipment and such delays from so trivial a cause will hardly be permitted again to hold up traffic for so long a time.

But what provision is made in case of a break down at the electric light plant or of a fire on North Pointe street?

That's a question which just now Elizabeth City motorists are asking with considerable show of interest.

It was stated to a reporter for this newspaper at the bridge Saturday that a change in gears made since the motor was installed makes it a two man job to operate the draw by hand. There are also certain adjustments, including the tying back of the automatic brake spring, that must be made now before the lift can be operated by man power. The bridge was up last night and the force on duty was afraid that if it was lowered by hand before the motor was repaired there might be some difficulty in getting the draw clear for a passing vessel.

COMPLETES SPECIAL COURSES

Miss Thelma Sykes returned Friday night from Philadelphia where she completed special scientific courses to fit her for the position of technician in hospital work. She will spend a short time with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sykes before taking up work in a hospital. Miss Sykes was a trained nurse of exceptional ability before taking further study at Philadelphia, and now has several excellent opportunities in large hospitals in the North and West, one of which she will accept.

COURT WINDING UP

One more case remained to be tried on the Superior court docket when this newspaper went to press Saturday, and decks were being cleared for the trial of that.

Cases disposed of since Friday at noon are:

Sample vs. C. A. Pritchard, verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$73.15.

S. B. Bowers vs. D. E. Williams, verdict for defendant and plaintiff failed to recover.

H. F. Sample, receiver, vs. J. W. Latham, verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$32.25.

This is a one week's term and the last court in Pasquotank before the criminal term in March.

CO-OPS HANDLE \$1,766,676 IN ONE ILLINOIS COUNTY

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—Farmers of Adams County led all other counties of Illinois last year in the co-operative marketing of their products, including livestock, fruit, corn, small grains and dairy products. Crops worth \$1,766,676 were handled in this way.

TOBACCO REPLACES COTTON

Atlanta, Feb. 16.—(By The Consolidated Press)—Tobacco planting in South Georgia has begun on a larger scale than ever before attempted. Banks, merchants and general business interests are urging larger undertakings in tobacco in the boll weevil districts.

PRESIDENT HOBGOOD DYING AT RICHMOND

Richmond, Feb. 16.—The condition of Dr. Frank P. Hobgood, president of Oxford College, Oxford, North Carolina, has been pronounced as hopeless at St. Luke's Hospital.

NEW FARMERS FOR TEXAS AT 900 A DAY RATE

Fort Worth, Feb. 16.—New farmers are pouring into Texas at the rate of 900 a day, according to the West Texas chamber of commerce and railroad officials. Stocker boys are being sent from breeding centers to the new farms opened up at the rate of five each daily.

CONVICTS HELD FOR MURDER OF GUARDS

Pittsburgh, Feb. 16.—Five convicts were today held for murder by the coroner's jury which heard the evidence at the inquest into the deaths of the two prison guards during the riot at Western Penitentiary Monday.

McAdoo's Friends Will Not Permit Withdrawal

Unwilling for Present at Least to Dissipate the Strength and Momentum That His Candidacy Has Acquired and Will Await Further Developments in Oil Scandals

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Washington, Feb. 15.—The extraordinary maneuver by which William Gibbs McAdoo has placed himself in the hands of his friends and supporters, who are to decide whether he should continue to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, will end in a decision to support him.

Union Service At The First Methodist

Native Armenian Will Speak On Near East Relief Sunday Evening

The campaign for Near East Relief in Pasquotank county will start Sunday with a native speaker from the stricken Bible lands who has been through the horrors of Turkish persecution, announcement was made by Mrs. Anna B. Lewis county chairman for this great humanitarian organization.

Nazareth A. Boyajian, native Armenian, now a practicing attorney of Columbia, S. C., who has been touring the state as a member of Col. Geo. H. Bellamy's volunteer speaking staff, will address a Union service of local church-goers here, Sunday evening.

Pasquotank County's quota for this great work is \$1,980 which will feed, clothe, shelter and educate the 33 children assigned to this county by the North Carolina State Committee. These children are part of the 110,000 which the American people are building into a new Armenian nation, 3,334 of which are being taken care of by North Carolina.

WILSON MARKET IS A RECORD BREAKER

Wilson, Feb. 16.—The tobacco market here has passed its previous world record with more than 70,000,000 pounds sold on the floor this season.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 16.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, advancing 10 points. Middling 31.45. Futures closed at the following levels: March 31.10; May 31.45; July 30.30; October 26.90; December 26.65.

New York, Feb. 16.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 30.90, May 31.10, July 29.90, Oct. 26.75, Dec. 26.40

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