

# FISH HATCHERIES NEAR COMPLETION

ORDERS PLACED BY FISHERIES COMMISSION FOR 1,300,000 TROUT EGGS.

Raleigh. J. K. Dixon, of Trenton, chairman of the Fisheries Commission, states that the fish hatcheries which the State is establishing in different parts of the State are nearing completion. There are three trout hatcheries, one in Haywood county, near Balsam, one in Watauga county near Boone, and one in Alleghany county, near Roaring Gap. Of the two bass hatcheries one is located near Marion and the other near Fayetteville. The hatchery near Marion has been named the Pete Murphy hatchery in honor of Walter Murphy, former Speaker of the House of Representatives. The one near Balsam is known as the Morrison hatchery in honor of the Governor.

The Fisheries Commission, Mr. Dixon stated, has just placed an order with the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries for eight hundred thousand rainbow trout eggs and with a private concern in Pennsylvania for five hundred thousand brook trout eggs. These eggs will be distributed as follows: One hundred thousand rainbow trout eggs to the Pete Murphy hatchery (this is a bass hatchery but there are arrangements for hatching some trout also); 300,000 rainbow trout eggs and 250,000 brook trout to the Morrison hatchery; 200,000 rainbow trout eggs and 125,000 brook trout eggs to the Watauga hatchery; 200,000 rainbow trout eggs and 125,000 brook trout eggs to the Roaring Gap hatchery. Shipments of eggs will begin about the first of December.

When the hatcheries get under way, Mr. Dixon said, they will produce their own eggs and the expense of getting them from other places will be avoided.

### Forest Fire Loss Half Million.

Forest fires in North Carolina during the danger period, from early September to November 10, totaled 55, covered 14,151 acres and did an estimated damage of \$30,812, according to a report issued by the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey here. From January 1, 1924, to June 30, 1924, the report shows there were 734 forest fires in the State that burned 120,918 acres and damaged approximately \$574,939.

In handling forest fires between January and June the State Forest Service is said to have held the average number of acres burned in each fire down to 165 and the damage to timber and other property to an average of \$782.

For the work of carrying on forest fire prevention and control in North Carolina during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, it was stated, a total of \$46,375 was expended. Of this amount, the report shows, the State appropriated \$19,500, the Federal government, under the provisions of the Weeks Law, furnished \$19,875 and the 28 counties which cooperate with the State gave a total of \$7,000.

Fires during the present danger period up to November 10 were distributed as follows, according to the report: District 1, 55 fires covering 10,230 acres with estimated damage to timber and property of \$20,600. District 2, 18 fires covering 3,100 acres and damaging \$7,115. District 3, 10 fires burned 541 acres at a loss of \$817. District 4, three fires covering 280 acres with a loss of \$1,160.

It was pointed out that a number of fires which have occurred in the last ten days have not yet been reported upon definitely and that it is yet too early to attempt to draw conclusions as to the probably loss during the remainder of the fire season.

### Governor Acts Upon Pardon Cases.

Governor Cameron, Morrison, in hearing pleas for pardons, granted one parole, one commutation and one reprieve, declined to act in four cases and took several others under advisement.

T. F. Gates, Wake county man serving 18 months for illicit manufacture of whiskey, who was given a temporary parole during the Ham revival here in February, was granted a parole for the remainder of his term upon the recommendation of Solicitor W. F. Evans. Kelly Terry, serving a like sentence in Johnston county, and who also had a temporary parole, was given a commutation to twelve months. A. S. Jones, of Pasquotank county, who has not yet commenced a three year sentence for manslaughter was given a further reprieve until December 15 in order that the Governor might obtain additional information.

### State Gets Good Price For Cotton.

Four hundred and eighty bales of cotton crop this year will amount to were sold by the prison authorities for twenty-four and one-half cents per pound, according to George Pou, superintendent of the State Prison. Prison authorities are elated at the good price secured for the staple.

Mr. Pou said that the Prison Farm cotton crop this year will amount to approximately 1,500 bales. It is not yet all picked he said. This amount represents about a half crop.



1—Olive Davies, picked as Queen of Red Beauty at meeting of Blood Indian tribe at Fort McCloud, Alberta, Canada. 2—Christmas trees cut in Vermont, illustrating a practice that certain organizations are trying to curb. 3—Hindus of Ceylon rolling 29 miles over dusty roads to fulfill vows or regain caste.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Egypt Likely to Lose Her Independence Because of the Murder of Stack.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

EGYPTIAN nationalists who assassinated Gen. Sir Lee Stack, sirdar of the Egyptian army and governor general of the Sudan, brought about a crisis for their country and deprived it of much of the limited liberty that had been granted it by Great Britain. Lord Allenby, British high commissioner, promptly presented to the Egyptian government an ultimatum from London and British sea forces began moving toward the land of the Nile. The note from the British required that the Egyptian government should:

1. Present ample apology for the crime.
2. Bring the criminals, whoever they are or whatever their age, to condign punishment.
3. Henceforth forbid and vigorously suppress all popular political demonstrations.
4. Pay forthwith to his majesty's government \$500,000 (\$2,300,000).
5. Order within twenty-four hours the withdrawal from the Sudan of all Egyptian officers and purely Egyptian units of the Egyptian army.
6. Notify the competent department that the Sudan government will increase the area to be irrigated at Gezira from 300,000 feddans to an unlimited figure as the need may arise.
7. Withdraw all opposition in respect, hereafter specified, to the wishes of his majesty's government concerning protection of foreign interests in Egypt.

The two last demands were the hardest for the Egyptians to accept, and Premier Zagloul Pasha rejected them, yielding to the others. The indemnity was paid at once and the Egyptian troops began withdrawing from the Sudan. Then Zagloul resigned and was succeeded by Ahmed Ziwari Pasha, who formed a moderate ministry. Meanwhile the British had occupied the customs at Alexandria and followed this up with impressive parades of troops through that city and Cairo. The British cabinet held up further measures to give Ziwari a chance, and London believed there was no danger of serious trouble, for the population of Egypt seemed quiet. The Egyptian chamber of deputies protested to all countries of the world and to the League of Nations, and for a few days the French talked excitedly of laying the affair before the league, but it was quite evident that Premier Baldwin and Foreign Minister Chamberlain had laid out their course and would not be diverted. The Laborites in England and in milder degree the Liberals attacked the government for what they termed its brutality and oppression, and it was generally believed the result would be the resumption of the British protectorate over Egypt. At least, the Egyptians have lost all chance of enforcing their claims for joint control of the Sudan, and also the British will now be free to divert all the Nile water they desire for the Sudanese cotton fields through the Gezira irrigation project. The British ministers strongly resent the obvious comparison of their action with that of Austria after the Sarajevo assassination, pointing out that they have only put into operation powers that were expressly reserved in the grant of independence to Egypt. They assert the affair is not the business of the League of Nations, since Egypt is not a member of the league.

### SECRETARY WILBUR in his annual report sets forth a lot of facts and figures that are discouraging to those who believe in having the nation in a state of preparedness to resist attack by a foreign foe. Mr. Wilbur declares that owing to the rigid policy of congress in the matter of appropriations for repairs and replacements, the navy is steadily and rapidly deteriorating; that the ships

and their machinery are wearing out faster than they can be renewed, and that this condition has been responsible for numerous accidents. Of the eighteen battleships we retain under the Washington treaty, six are so antiquated and out of condition that they cannot take part in fleet operations. Those vessels, he says, must be modernized if our ratio of naval strength is to be maintained.

Our navy also is outraged by the guns of the British and some of the guns of the Japanese navy. That, however, is due not to the attitude of congress, but to the refusal of the administration to permit elevation of our guns in the face of the British view that such procedure would be a violation of the treaty.

There is a shortage of officers and men properly to man the ships. The enlisted personnel is limited to 80,000. Though officers are needed, congress has reduced the capacity of Annapolis to turn out officers by limiting appointments of cadets to three instead of five for each senator and representative.

It is costing \$70,000,000 to scrap the ships we are obligated by the treaty to destroy. One of the vessels in this class was the partly completed dreadnaught Washington, the hull of which has just been sunk off the Virginia capes where it was made the target of ships and bombing planes. It withstood the shells for several days, and the navy officials intimate that much was learned in the process of destruction.

ZR-3, OUR huge German-built dirigible, sailed from Lakehurst down to Washington last week and, settling down on the landing field of the Anacostia naval air station, was christened "Los Angeles" by Mrs. Coolidge while a big flock of homing pigeons was released from its cabins. The airship was then formally placed in commission by Rear Admiral Benjamin F. Hutchinson and made its way serenely back to Lakehurst.

IN PURSUANCE of its determination to settle the question of publication of income tax returns, and probably to expedite the repeal of the publicity clause of the law the Department of Justice has obtained the indictment of the New York Tribune company, publisher of the Herald-Tribune, and also of Walter S. Dickey, owner, and Ralph Ellis, managing editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post. It appears most likely that congress will make quick work of knocking out the publicity clause, for Senator Pat Harrison says he favors its repeal, and some other Democratic leaders are known to agree with him.

TUAN CHI-JUI, Anfu leader, is now both premier and dictator of China, having been installed at the head of the new provisional government in Peking by Chang Tso-lin. The government is regarded as conservative and has strong hopes of harmonizing the Mukden and Yangtze factions. At Chang's request none of his adherents is in the cabinet, and none of Feng's men included. Indeed, the elimination of Feng is complete. He announced that he would resign his command and retire from the army and would make a tour of America or Europe.

Charging by implication that all political disorders in China are caused largely by missionary education, the China Educational conference in Kalgang passed resolutions demanding close government regulation of all institutions of learning operated by American and other foreign missionaries in China and that all teaching of religion by missionaries in China be stopped.

OPONENTS of President Mustafa Kemal of Turkey have succeeded to the extent of forcing the resignation of Ismet Pasha, his premier, and the appointment of Fethi Bey, who formerly held that post.

In Italy, too, the opposition has scored to some extent, for Premier Mussolini, in order to avert a parliamentary break with his friends, promised in the chamber of deputies to prosecute sternly the Fascist guilty of excesses against the population, and also to moderate the utterances of the Fascist, beginning with himself. He

apologized to parliament for the events of November 4, when Fascist attacked the war veterans' victory demonstration, and admitted that the country was deserting the Fascist. But he warned the chamber that if he were overthrown, the government would revert to the Communists. He was given a great ovation and later a vote of confidence.

WILLIAM J. FAHY, long considered the best thief catcher among the postal inspectors, was convicted in the Federal court in Chicago of complicity in the \$2,000,000 mail robbery at Rondout, Ill. James Murray, a small politician, also was found guilty. Six others implicated had confessed. All eight face long terms in the penitentiary. Fahy still insists he was "framed" by other members of the postal inspection force.

Another alleged Chicago criminal has been caught and must stand trial. He is Leo Koretz, who is charged with swindling many of his friends out of sums amounting to several million dollars by a bogus oil land scheme. He was found in Halifax, N. S., disguised by a full beard and cutting quite a spurge in society with his ill-gotten money.

ONCE more the American Federation of Labor voted to adhere to its long-time policy of nonpartisan politics, rejecting almost unanimously two resolutions, either of which would have committed its membership to the support of a new party. The committee report against the resolutions, which was adopted, said: "Our nonpartisan political policy does not imply that we shall ignore the existence or attitudes of political parties. It does mean that labor proposes to use all parties and be used by none. "Your committee unequivocally recommends full approval and endorsement of the attitude and activities manifested and engaged in on the recent presidential and congressional political campaign. We rejoice in the results achieved in the congressional elections and are inspired by the future opportunities presented to America's wage earners.

"Labor having succeeded in elections where congress, and congress alone, was the issue, the effort was made in this recent election to reconquer congress under the guise of a presidential election, declared to be of paramount issue. Our nonpartisan political policy withstood the test and issued forth triumphant with its forces intact. The opponents having played their strongest card and having failed, the future belongs to labor and progress."

Samuel Gompers was elected president for the forty-fourth time, and Frank Morrison was re-elected secretary. Atlantic City, N. J., was selected as the convention city for 1925.

THERE will be at least three election contests for the senate to decide in the next congress. Daniel F. Steck, Democrat, who was defeated by Senator Brookhart of Iowa by 755 votes, thinks ballots that were thrown out may give him the seat. Senator Hursum of New Mexico, Republican, and Senator Magnus Johnson of Minnesota, Farmer-Labor, will contest the elections of S. C. Bratton, Democrat, and Schall, Republican, respectively.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE settled the matter of a secretary of agriculture by appointing Acting Secretary Gore to hold the place until he becomes governor of Maryland on March 4. Middle Western Republicans appear dissatisfied with the representation of that part of the country in the cabinet, and some of them have recommended that M. E. Greenebaum, Chicago banker, be given a portfolio. They also hope John L. Lewis of Indianapolis, head of the mine workers, will be given the post of secretary of labor on the retirement of Mr. Davis.

FLORENCE KLING HARDING, after a brave fight but a losing one, lies at rest beside her husband, the late President, in the vault at Marion, Ohio. The death of this beloved woman brought expressions of sorrow from people of all parts of the country, and her funeral was attended by many notables, including representatives of the administration.

## DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Salisbury.—Locke Rex, 33, son of J. H. Rex, of Salisbury, was killed in New York and body will be sent here, for interment. The brief message telling of the death gave no particulars as to how it occurred.

Oxford.—Liming tobacco land with ground magnesium limestone before fertilizing and setting the tobacco plants has proved a profitable practice on the tobacco branch station near here, finds E. G. Moss, director of this station.

Spencer.—Yard Engineer John W. Miller, aged about 50 years, was fatally scalded when caught with a sideswipe by another engine on the Spencer yards. Death followed in a hospital two hours after the accident.

Concord.—Lewis Earnhardt, truck driver for the Standard Oil company here, was killed near Midland, 10 miles south of Concord, when an automobile in which he was riding turned over. Earnhardt was in the car alone.

Rutherfordton.—Flames that originated in a kitchen flue destroyed the Seaboard Hotel at Bostic. The fire was discovered after midnight and had gained such a headway that the hotel and contents were practically all lost.

Hendersonville.—Designed by Charlotte engineers, and under construction for the past 16 months, the Turner Shoals station of the Blue Ridge Power company is nearing completion and the 7,300 additional horsepower which it will create is expected to be available in about six weeks.

Durham.—Bernard O. O'Mary, 65, mill worker, died in a local hospital as a result of injuries sustained when he was struck and knocked down by an automobile operated by L. T. Guthrie, of East Durham, just west of the Edgemont railroad crossing.

Wilmington.—Letters announcing the extension of the date for the inland waterway hearing from December 1, to the 10th of the same month have been sent to interested persons from the office of Maj. Oscar O. Kuentz, U.S.A. district engineer, before whom the hearing is to be held.

Laurinburg.—"Lord! This car is on fire." With these words on her lips, Nettie Green, colored woman, and a daughter of Sar Pankey and wife of Laurinburg, jumped from a moving automobile on the highway just beyond the depot at Laurel Hill, and broke her neck, death resulting almost instantly.

Wilmington.—Three fishing boats operated by the Consolidated Fisheries company, whose plant is located at St. Phillips, on the lower Cape Fear river, landed approximately 80,000 barrels of menhaden fish off the North Carolina coast, between Cape Fear and Beaufort inlet, Friday. The value of the catch is estimated at \$70,000.

Smithfield.—S. P. Honeycutt has just received a check from the Sandhill Fair Association for \$75 this being the amount of the first prize given the Johnston County Singers at the Sandhill Fair October 29. He has also received a blue ribbon which belongs to the County Union Singers and signifies that this county won the first prize.

Asheville.—Miss Azalea Rector, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rector, of Marshall, eloped with James Rector, prominent resident of the Madison county seat, and the couple were married in Greenville, Tenn., several days ago. The groom is 45 years of age, and is the father of eight children.

Tarboro.—Charles Pollard, who was returning to the Penny Hill section, where he is engaged in farming, was instantly killed when his automobile turned over on the dam alongside the river in Princeville. His body was badly crushed by the car and he was dead when parties arrived on the scene of the accident, which was caused by the radius rod breaking. The machine became unmanageable, but did not leave the high embankment.

Wilson.—According to a patient who has just recovered from a very stubborn attack of hiccoughs, there are a number of similar cases in the city. Some of the patients suffering from the trouble are in bed, due mainly to nervousness and loss of sleep.

Smithfield.—Henry Byrd, prosperous farmer of Elevation township, died as a result of burns sustained. Mr. Byrd was cleaning the spark plugs of his automobile using gasoline. A gasoline tank nearby became ignited when he struck a match and in the explosion Mr. Byrd was so badly burned that he survived only a few days.

Wilmington.—The water pressure tank on the farm of John F. Klein, in East Wilmington, one mile from the city limits, exploded with a report that could be heard throughout the neighborhood. It narrowly missed dealing death to Miss Lilly Klein. Two buildings were wrecked.

Charlotte.—Only a third of the World War veterans in North Carolina are to be adjusted compensation have made application for the "soldiers' bonus" according to information received here by Lieut. F. H. Kohloss, instructor of national guard engineering units.

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On one occasion a Highland minister called upon Dr. Alexander Whyte of Edinburgh for some financial assistance for the work in the North. Doctor Whyte regretted that he could not afford to assist the Highlander, but advised him to visit a wealthy layman in the city.

Going to the house of the layman, the Highlander found him disinclined to give. Nettled at his reception, the Highlander answered brusquely. Repeating the tone, the rich man asked: "And whom do you take me for?"

"A fire-deserving sinner, like myself," said the quick retort.

Returning to Doctor Whyte, he explained the circumstances. "You did not say that?" eagerly asked the doctor.

"Aye, I did," replied the other.

"Well, well! I've been wanting to say that to him for the last 15 years. Here's a five-pound note for your fund."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

### Broadcasting Education

A \$20,000 radio broadcasting station is to be erected at Kansas State Agricultural college, Manhattan. With the University of Kansas building a similar station, the state is claiming first place in broadcasting stations in state institutions. It is expected by staging "contests in the air" that listeners-in will experience some of the thrills of the onlookers and that it may be one of the means of bridging the gap between the "town and the gown."—Chicago Post.

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