

Church Checks Babies.

A novel plan for the care of babies and little children during the morning service at the Second Presbyterian Church has been adopted by the Ladies' Aid Society.

A committee will be stationed in the Sunday-school room to look after the little ones, so that the mothers can hear the sermon.

The plan will be started the first Sunday in March. It is expected that the plan will prove decidedly popular. All things needed in a nursery will be provided by the committee, including milk, rattles, and teething rings, for the amusement of the little ones.—Springfield (Ohio) Dispatch New York American.

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FOR WORLD PEACE

Great Gathering of Advocates of World Disarmament

CROWDED SESSION FIRST DAY

Secretary Root Points Out Propositions United States Will Have to Make at Coming Hague Conference, and President, in Letter, Expresses Hope That Adoption of International Treaty Might Result.

New York, Special.—Warned by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root that if success is to crown the efforts of those who are working for peace among the nations of the world, their endeavor must be along practical lines; that they must not, by insisting upon the impossible, put off the day when the possible can be accomplished, the National Arbitration and Peace Conference which is meeting in this city under the presidency of Andrew Carnegie, began its real activities with two crowded sessions in Carnegie Hall.

Secretary Root also took occasion in his speech to point out the propositions which the United States government will have to make at the coming conference at The Hague. He warned his hearers not to expect too much at this second conference. The President, in a letter to the conference, expressed the hope that the coming conference might result in the adoption of an international arbitration treaty. Secretary Root, after seconding this hope, declared the United States thought it proper to urge again the discussion of the subject of the limitation of armament of the nations on land and sea and the abolition of the practice of using force in the collection of debts owed by one nation to the citizens of another.

A Tribute to Roosevelt.

Mr. Carnegie paid a tribute to President Roosevelt and expressed the wish that Mr. Roosevelt might be the peacemaker of the future. He declared, however, that Emperor William is a man, among all men, who holds the peace of the nations in his power. In this connection, Mr. Carnegie said it was unjust to speak of the Emperor as a menace to the peace of Europe, adding that in 20 years upon the throne the German ruler had spilt no blood nor caused an international war.

Mexican City Destroyed.

Chilpancingo, Mex., Special.—This city has been completely destroyed by one of the most serious earthquakes that has ever visited this section. The known dead number 11, and the badly injured 27. Among the dead is the wife of Postal Inspector Leopoldo Lopez Guerra and the child of Jose Aleman, the postmaster of the city. Jose Lopez Martinez, manager of the Federal telegraph office, was struck on the head by a block of stone and badly injured. A panic prevails everywhere and people are fleeing to the open country. The earth continues to rock at half-hour intervals, the many minor shocks completing the work of destruction.

Jail Guarded to Prevent Lynching.

Lexington, Ky., Special.—The jail at Beattyville, Lee county, was guarded to prevent a mob from lynching Clay Thomas and his father-in-law, Levi Reynolds, who are charged with killing Jesse Abner. The men have confessed and were held by the grand jury without bail. The killing was a result of the old Hargis-Cockerill feud. Abner was of the Hargis faction.

Cousin of President Dead.

Washington, Special.—The State Department received a dispatch announcing the death of George W. Roosevelt, a cousin of President Roosevelt, at Brussels, where he was cousin general. Mr. Roosevelt was appointed consul at Auckland in 1878, at St. Helena in 1879, at Matanzas in 1880, at Bordeaux in 1881 and at Brussels in 1889 and promoted to consul general at that port on March 14, 1905. He was born in 1844, and served with distinction in the civil war.

NORTH CAROLINA CROPS

Conditions for the Past Week as Reported by the Department.

The weather and Crop Bureau of the Department of Agriculture issues the following bulletin of conditions for the week ending Monday, April 15th.

The weather was generally partly cloudy to cloudy during the first half of the week, and clear the latter half. The temperature averaged much below normal, varying from 7 degrees below normal on the coast to 17 degrees in the western district. The minimum temperature fell nearly to the freezing point every day in the central district, while in the western district temperatures below freezing were frequent. Frost from light to killing occurred all over the State nearly every morning, ice formed in many places, and considerable damage was done in every district. The highest temperature was 72 degrees on the 11th in Robeson county, and the lowest was 22 degrees on the 11th in Haywood county. The rainfall for the State averaging about one-half inch below normal, being heaviest in the eastern district and lightest in the western district. Snow flurries were reported in all districts.—A. H. Thiessen, Section Director.

Will Move to Statesville.

Asheville, Special.—Preparations are making at the internal revenue offices for the formal transfer of the office to Statesville. Collector Brown has selected Monday, April 22 as the probable date for moving the office and, if that day is finally definitely decided upon, the several offices in the Federal building now occupied by Collector Brown and his force of deputies and clerks will be vacated by the middle of the week of April 22. It is probable that little time will be lost in removing the office. It is practically certain that all the present employees of the office, with the exception of C. B. Moore, will accompany Collector Brown to Statesville. Mr. Moore has been named as the stamp deputy for Asheville and he will consequently stay. There is much packing in progress in the revenue department and these preparations will continue until all records are collected and made ready for transfer.

Capital Stock \$5,000,000.

Charlotte, Special.—The directors of the Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association are planning to secure an amendment to their charter authorizing an increase of capital from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The association now has outstanding more than 19,000 shares of stock, which represents a capital of \$1,900,000. Hence the need of an amendment charter. At a meeting of the directors one night last week, \$56,000 of loans were approved. Within the next two weeks more than \$40,000 will be distributed in loans. Never before was the association in a more prosperous condition. Its business is steadily growing and the future is big with promise. The Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association ranks all other associations of its kind in the South and is one of the very largest in the land.

Planing Mill Burned.

Charlotte, Special.—A fire which for a time threatened to sweep a large portion of the residence section beginning near the center of the city, started in the planing mill of Asbury & Finger at six o'clock Saturday evening. The flames were fanned by a high wind and only the timely work of the firemen saved perhaps several hundred houses from destruction. The mill and large lumber yards are a total loss. The plant represented about ten thousand dollars. The big building of the Armour Packing Company was barely saved. Albert H. Lentz, of Mt. Holly, while working near the engine at his brick yard, was fatally scalded Saturday morning. Steam and hot water from a burst pipe were hurled over his body while he lay inside a walled up space under the water tank. The body of the unfortunate man was almost cooked in hot water and steam. His life is despaired of.

Tom Walker Hanged.

Fayetteville, Special.—Tom Walker, the negro who murdered Chief of Police Chanson and Officer Lockamy and wounded Officer Buckingham, was hanged in the county jail. For an hour previous to noon, the time set for the execution, and before the official witnesses were admitted to the jail, services were held with the condemned man in the hospital ward, where Walker has been confined since his attempt at self-destruction. There were five ministers with him, besides the keepers and newspaper men.

DAY'S SIGNIFICANCE

What Arbor Day Means to the School Children

THE PRESIDENT ISSUES ADDRESS

President Roosevelt Emphasizes Importance of the Celebration and Explains Why the Day Should be Observed.

Washington, Special.—President Roosevelt has addressed "to the school children of the United States" a message on the significance of Arbor Day which during the month of April is celebrated in many of the States. It follows:

"To the school children of the United States: "Arbor Day (which means simply 'Tree Day') is now observed in every State in our Union—and mainly in the schools. At various times from January to December, but chiefly in this month of April you give a day or part of a day to special exercise and perhaps to actual tree planting, in recognition of the importance of trees to us as a nation, and of what they yield in adornment, comfort and useful products to the communities in which you live.

"It is well that you should celebrate your Arbor Day thoughtfully, for within the lifetime the nation's need of trees will become serious. We of an older generation can get along with what we have, though with growing hardship; but in your full manhood and womanhood you will want what nature once so bountifully supplied and man so thoughtlessly destroyed, and because of this want you will reproach us not for what we have used, but for what we have wasted.

"For the nation as for the man or woman and the boy or girl, the road to success is the right use of what we have and the improvement of present opportunities. If you neglect to prepare yourselves now for the duties and responsibilities which will fall upon you later, if you do not learn the things which you will need to know when your school days are over you will suffer the consequences. So any nation which in its youth lives only for the day, reaps without sowing and consumes without husbanding, must expect the penalty of the penalty whose labor could with difficulty find him the bare means of life.

"A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless; forests which are so used that they cannot renew themselves will soon vanish and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a storehouse full of wood, but, as it were, a factory of wood, and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or to plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens. The value of forestry deserves therefore, to be taught in the schools which aim to make good citizens of you. If your Arbor Day exercises help you to realize what benefits each one of you receive from the forest, and how by your assistance these benefits may continue, they will serve a good end. "THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Three Killed, Fourth May Die.

Alexandria, La., Special.—Three men killed and one probably fatally injured is the result of what is believed to be the work of train-wreckers at Cheneyville, 30 miles southwest of here on the Texas & Pacific Railroad, when a westbound passenger train plunged into an open switch, while running at a high rate of speed. The wreckage caught fire and the mail car, baggage and express car and two passenger coaches were burned.

Birmingham Has Mid-Winter Frost.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Heavy frost was general throughout north Alabama Sunday morning. Reports from Huntsville say there was ice and all vegetables, early strawberries and much of the fruit was killed. The thermometer registered 27 in Decatur and all grapes were killed in that city. In Birmingham the frost was as heavy as ever seen here in mid-winter.

Ex-Governor Chamberlain Dead.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—Daniel H. Chamberlain, who was governor of South Carolina during the turbulent times of the Reconstruction era, died Saturday at the home of William C. Chamberlain, near the University of Virginia. He was taken ill of cancer of the stomach last fall upon his return from a trip to Egypt. He had recently disposed of his properties in Massachusetts with a view to locating in Virginia. He was a graduate of Yale and of Harvard law school and was 72 years old.

Advertisement for Bank of French Broad, featuring 'SATISFACTION SECURITY' and 'PAY BY CHECK' with illustrations of a burglar-proof safe and a fire-proof vault.

Advertisement for B & B 'OLD VELVET' and 'MARK ROGERS' FOUR ACES' FINE OLD RYE WHISKIES, sold by Madison County Dispensary.

FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Miss Rose L. Doonan, president of the Wellesley College Rowing Association, is the champion sculler among students of American colleges for women.

The only Englishwoman admitted by royal decree in recent years to any of the ancient orders of chivalry is Queen Alexandra, who is a Lady of the Garter.

Luther Burbank has a rival in Miss Nettie Metcalf, of Warren, Ohio, who claims the distinction of being "the only woman in America who has originated a breed of chickens."

Mrs. Henry Villard is the president of the Diet Kitchen Association in New York City, which is doing good work unostentatiously. Its beneficiaries are babies, young children and sufferers from tuberculosis.

Lieutenant-Colonel Howze, of West Point, who ordered cadets to get back their overcoats from young women at dress parade, posted his reasons and said he would explain the regulations to any young woman who felt aggrieved.

Miss Ethel Rockefeller, of New York City, is engaged to Marcellus Hartley Dodge, a good looking, wealthy and popular young man, whose liberality and fame as an usher at weddings have kept him in the public eye for several years.

In order that sick children of Providence, R. I., may have the benefit of fresh air and sunshine in the summer months Mrs. Anne Crawford Allen Brown, widow of John Carter Brown, has given to the Rhode Island Hospital her country home at Quilnesset.

The \$50,000 church erected at Roslyn by Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay as a memorial to her mother has been consecrated.

Jews Ordered to Leave.

Gomel, Russia, By Cable.—A band of reactionist rowdies, armed with revolvers and knives, paraded the principal streets here, entering all the Jewish stores and ordering the merchants under pain of death to leave the town within three days. Representative Jews have telegraphed to Premier Stolypin and the Governor of Mohilev, asking for protection against the excesses.

Current Events.

William Jennings Bryant, while in Roanoke, replied to John Temple Graves' proposition that he nominate President Roosevelt as the next Democrat candidate.

West Virginia railroads will try to prove the Two-Cent Fare law unconstitutional.

John Abner confessed to participation in the Breathitt county feud murders and his brother Jesse was killed.

Had Had Less Opportunity.

A rich old man was making his will and was assigning legacies to his various servants.

"Why," said the notary, "are you giving less to the older servants than to those more recently engaged?" "Because," said the man, "the latter have not yet had the time to rob me to any great extent."—Nos. L'olatra.

NATIONAL GAME.

The Dartmouth team is making its first Southern trip.

Somebody sets forth the claim for Hans Lohert that he is the best of the bunters.

President Dwyer, of the Boston Club, has started a crusade against gambling on ball games.

"Attendances at exhibition games have been bigger than ever this spring," says President Pulliam.

Each of the New York teams has a hunter that gives complete satisfaction, to wit, George Browne and Willie Keeler.

"We have the best pitching staff in the National League, with the possible exception of the Chicago Club," says Barney Dreyfuss.

The gross exaggeration of the size of baseball crowds already has started in. The national game draws well enough without inflating attendances.

Griffith evidently thinks he can make a third baseman out of Lajoie, especially when such a capable third sacker as Conroy is sent to the outfield.

According to report the Brooklyn team of the outlay Atlantic League has signed Billy Gilbert, McGraw's star of the last two seasons, to play second base.

The collegian Storke is playing a five game for the Pirates. Incidentally the Pittsburgh roster of players probably represents more colleges than any other team.

The Brooklyn are showing such a fast pace in exhibition games that there will be considerable disappointment should they fail to start off well in the pennant race.

Bob Unseld is doing brilliant work at first base for the Boston Americans. The wonder is to those who have seen him play the bar is that he was not a regular major league first baseman long ago.

James Addison Quarles Dead.

Lexington, Va., Special.—James Addison Quarles, D. D., LL. D., for the past 21 years professor of moral philosophy at Washington and Lee University, died here Sunday. He was 70 years old and a native of Ronville, Mo., to which his body was sent after services. He was a noted educator and writer, had filled positions in Missouri and was for 10 years president of Elizabeth Ann Female Seminary, at Lexington, Mo.

Five Killed and a Score Hurt.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—Running at a speed of 40 miles an hour on a straight track, the Great Northern west bound Oriental Limited, which left here for the Pacific Coast points Sunday morning, was derailed at Barrett, N. D. Five persons were killed and a score or more injured, some of them seriously. After the wreck a gas tank exploded, and the train took fire, seven passenger coaches being destroyed, the sleeper and observation cars escaping the flames.

"In the future," says Mr. Carnegie, "brains will stand above dollars."