

# GOVERNORS ARE INVITED TO SHOW

### KENTUCKY GOVERNOR HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR INVITATION.

Raleigh. Formal invitation to the Governors and councils of State of twelve Southern commonwealths to attend the "shirt sleeve" road show which begins in six weeks will be sent out by Governor Cameron Morrison immediately, and more than three thousand invitations will be sent by Highway Commissioner Frank Page to county and city engineering authorities.

Unwilling to wait for formal assurances that he was to be invited to attend the road show, Governor W. J. Fields, of Kentucky, wrote Mr. Page last week to inquire if it would be all right if he came anyhow. Mr. Page immediately informed Governor Fields that Kentucky was on the list, and the show wouldn't be complete until he got here. Governor Morrison will repeat the assurance, and the Blue Grass executive will be one of the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Formal invitations will also be extended to the diplomatic representatives of the score of Latin-American countries for whose benefit the show is being staged under the auspices of the North Carolina Highway Commission and the American Road Builders' Association. The engineering departments of the several countries have already made ready for their departure for America and will reach Washington during the coming month. Plans for the road show are developing satisfactorily. Manufacturers of road building machinery and others cooperating with the Highway Commission in staging field demonstrations of all types of road construction and maintenance have made arrangements to install the most modern equipment on the projects where construction will be demonstrated. All other details are being worked out by Mr. Page and Charles M. Upham, business manager for the road builders and State Highway Engineer.

### More Cotton Being Planted in N. C.

More cotton is being planted in North Carolina this year than ever before. It is estimated that the increase in acreage will be from five to ten per cent over last year.

An increase of about the same percentage in fertilizer is indicated by reports from various sections of the State. These reports are from both laymen and professionals. They represent a cross section of opinion, but are not submitted as conclusive information on the subject.

Planting is from ten days to two weeks late in most sections of the State. Wet weather and a backward spring have been responsible for the delay. These factors have also resulted in inadequate preparation for planting. Labor is scarce and this has helped to delay planting also.

Cotton is being planted over a wider area than ever before. Piedmont and western counties that have never before gone in for cotton on any considerable scale are making preparations to make a killing this year, if possible.

Weather in June and July will tell the story for cotton in North Carolina. The boll weevil will be in his glory in those months. If weather is favorable for cotton then, a big crop will be made; if it is favorable to the boll weevil a limited crop is expected.

### Legion Auxiliary to Do Prison Work.

A new important activity of the American Legion Auxiliary has been undertaken in the state under the president Mrs. J. Renwick Wilkes, of which work Mrs. D. B. Desbriere Irwin is chairman. The veterans serving time in prisons and confined in county and city jails will be cared for. This is in accord with the National past President, Dr. Kate Baret's report last year.

The Raleigh Post No. 1 Auxiliary on the occasion of last Armistice Day, forwarded packages of gifts to each of 160 veterans in the State's prison camps. These gifts were inexpensive, consisting of candy, cigarettes, fruit and cigars, but included all that was necessary in the way of expense, time and effort, unless it be an occasional visit to a jail of county or city. This originated the work.

### Weather Cuts Down Completed Road.

Heavy weather during the most of March cut down the production of finished road for the month to 23.57 miles, according to announcement made at the offices of the State Highway Commission. The high record still stands for October, 1923, when 91 miles of road were completed. Somewhat better showing is expected for April, though a majority of the days have been to wet for laying concrete.

### Forest Conservation Urged.

Chapel Hill.—J. S. Holmes, State Forester and head of the forestry division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey, issued a statement here calling attention to proclamation by President Coolidge designating April 21-27 Forest Protection Week.

The co-operation of the Agricultural Extension Service, civic clubs, women's clubs, and school authorities is being sought in an effort to arouse North Carolinians to the seriousness of the present situation.

## MILLION ON IMPROVEMENTS

### Forty-Six Eastern Carolina Counties Are Making Good Showing For Progress.

Kinston.—"Within a period of five years the 46 counties covered by this organization will spend on schools, roads and public buildings nearly \$100,000,000," is the claim of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce here. According to estimates by Newell Bartlett, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, improvements of these kinds will be authorized by county and community officials at the rate of considerably more than a million dollars a month during the present half decade.

School consolidation will be in full swing shortly. It is believed, and replacement of antiquated frame structures with modern brick buildings will call for the expenditure of large sums. Many handsome schools have been erected during the past two years; "they were only the beginning," it is claimed. "The one-teacher school will soon be a thing of the past," and the dirt road "is fast fading into history." The section's boys and girls "for several generations will have the very best equipment that can be found in the whole country" in the way of educational facilities, and perfect roads over which to reach the schools.

### Plan Training For Directors.

Greensboro.—Three days of intensive training for directors of Vacation Bible Schools will be given in the First Baptist church of this city April 30 through May 2, under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention in cooperation with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Lusia Yates Hillard, Raleigh, who is in charge of the elementary work of the Sunday school department of the Baptist Mission Board and who has special training in this line of work, will direct this training school. The entertainment of the guests will be on the Harvard plan, Rev. O. E. Lee, Greensboro, chairman of the entertainment committee.

### Ship Carload of Spinach.

New Bern.—The first carload of spinach to be shipped out of this territory in recent years left here during the week, according to C. B. Faris, Craven county agent. The car will be sent to a Northern market and is being supplied by six farmers, who will furnish 600 crates of the produce, the amount of the car, it was stated. F. M. Simmons, Mrs. George Simmons, L. C. Hadder, W. C. Laughinghouse, H. A. Patten and William Duhn, Sr., are supplying the car.

### State Merchants Will Hear Pierce.

Statesville.—Martin L. Pierce of Canton, Ohio, has accepted an invitation to address the 22nd annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants Association, according to announcement made by J. Paul Leonard, executive secretary of the Association, who is just back from Winston-Salem, where he has been in conference with W. N. Dixon, president of the State Association, and J. F. Morris, president of the Merchants Mutual Fire Insurance Company of North Carolina, relative to the convention to be held in Morehead City in June. The regular sessions of the convention, it was decided, will be held on the regular dates fixed by the by-laws, which will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 17, 18 and 19.

### Officer Shot Trying to Stop Row.

Hendersonville.—Policeman Jesse Maxwell is in a critical condition in the hospital here with a pistol shot wound in his back and policeman Gaston Freeman is suffering from a blow on the head with a club, as the result of a shooting affray growing out of free-for-all fight at a negro church here.

Chris Pilgrim and James Pilgrim, two negroes alleged to have figured in the shooting and to have inflicted the wound which may prove fatal to policeman Maxwell, are held without bond in the Henderson county jail.

The police were called to restore order in a negro church meeting in the west end section of Hendersonville. The meeting had been called for the purpose of ejecting the pastor, it is said, and the fight among factions transcended words.

### Officers Seize Much Liquor.

High Point.—One hundred and eighty gallons of corn whiskey, and a 1923 model Hudson touring car were seized by Prohibition Agents McGhe, Kennedy and Moore, all of High Point, after an exciting thirty-mile chase in which their car, a high-speed Packard, was driven at the rate of 55 to 60 miles an hour.

The driver escaped, but the automobile and its liquor cargo were brought to High Point, where they will be held pending disposition by the federal authorities.

### Irish Potatoes in LaGrange.

Kinston.—First Irish potatoes of the season have been dug in the LaGrange section according to a report from that town. The crop will be heavy in some districts surrounding this city. The corn acreage will be slightly increased over last year's, it is estimated. Farmers plan a cotton production about equal to that of 1923. Warned by tobaccoist in all localities in the belt not to increase the acreage devoted to the weed crop, plantation owners are holding down to last year's plantings.

# WHO'S WHO WHEREFORE

## Pershing Writing a Book on World War



Gen. John J. Pershing is writing a book on the World War. It will not be published until after he retires. That being the case, perhaps he intends to talk plainly. Anyway, he returned, the other day, from a six-months' visit to Europe, with material for his book, and was saluted with 17 guns as he passed Governor's Island on the United States liner George Washington. His book will be published after he retires, in September. Meantime, the general refuses to say whether it will be an impersonal history of the part America played in the war, or his personal experience as commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces.

While he was in Europe during the past months General Pershing had conversations with Marshals Joffre and Foch and revisited the battlefields. He says everything is being reclaimed so rapidly that the traces of war will soon be obliterated in many places. The general good humoredly refused to estimate how soon there will be another war in Europe or to guess whether Grover Cleveland Bergdoll will have returned to America by that time.

General Pershing took occasion personally to investigate the complaints about the upkeep of cemeteries of the A. E. F. in Europe. He declares the cemeteries are being satisfactorily attended to and will be in good condition by Memorial day. "Trees will not grow overnight," he said. Only the cemetery at Romagne is behind the others, the general says, and that is because the roadbuilding there is not yet finished.

## Barry Tells Stories of Capital Life

Observing visitors to the capitol note at the right hand and a little in front of the vice president as he presides over the United States senate a smallish, neatly groomed, mustached man, with penetrating eyes. He is the senatorial sergeant-at-arms, and while he is sitting there on the dais he officially represents "the power and dignity of the United States senate"—although there are people nowadays who think it has little of either.

As senate page, as newspaper correspondent, and as sergeant-at-arms this man has been nearly half a century on the Washington scene. His name is David S. Barry, and he came as a boy from the Michigan town of Monroe, near Detroit. He must be about sixty-five years old. He looks like a man who could tell a lot—if he would.

Well, Mr. Barry has written a book, "Forty Years at Washington." He has told many interesting things, though by no means all he could tell.

Mr. Barry was correspondent of the New York Sun and numerous other papers, and his memoirs cover the period from Hayes to Harding. He devotes a brilliant chapter to the Hayes-Tilden controversy, one that threatened for awhile to plunge the country into another civil war.



## Columbia Dean Takes Daugherty's Place

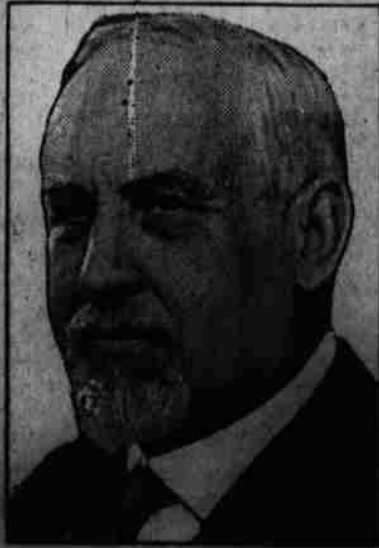


Harlan Fiske Stone of New York is the new attorney general of the United States, succeeding Harry M. Daugherty, resigned. The President selected Mr. Stone because he has known him for thirty years and has confidence in him; because he regards the New York man as possessing the desired qualities of thorough legal knowledge and administrative capacity, and because he looks upon the Columbia dean as a "\$100,000 man willing for patriotic reasons to accept a \$12,000 job." Mr. Stone received his degree at Amherst one year later than the President. At college he played football and was class orator. Nowadays he's an enthusiastic fisherman. He is a Republican, but has never been active in politics. His family consists of his wife and two sons, one an instructor at Harvard university and the other a student at the same school.

Mr. Stone is a native of Chesterfield, N. H. He was admitted to the bar in New York city in 1898 and the following year he undertook his work as instructor of law at Columbia. He has been on leave of absence from Columbia for a year and his resignation as dean of the law school became effective upon his confirmation by the senate. Ever since his admission to the bar Mr. Stone has had an active law practice, with much success. He is also a director of a railroad company and of several other corporations.

## Ladd, Chairman of Senate Oil Sleuths

Senator Edwin Fremont Ladd of North Dakota has been the chairman of the senate committee investigating the oil leases since the resignation of Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, because of ill health. His well-fed and comfortable look is a good advertisement of his ability as a chemist, agriculturalist and food expert. For a Republican from North Dakota, with a Non-partisan endorsement, he looks surprisingly mild-mild enough to offset the fierceness of his fellow-member, Senator Walsh of Montana.



Senator Ladd was born in Maine in 1859 and was educated at the University of Maine. He arrived in North Dakota, by way of New York in 1890, becoming professor of chemistry at the agricultural college and chemist of the experiment station at Fargo. In 1916 he became president of the college. He has been food commissioner for the state and head of the regulatory department for twenty years or more. He was the federal food administrator for the state during the World War. Moreover, for five years he edited and published the Sanitary News and the North Dakota Farmer.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

### Lesson for May 4

### ASSYRIAN EXILE OF ISRAEL

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 17:1-18. GOLDEN TEXT—"I will delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word."—Ps. 119:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How a Little Girl Helped a Great Soldier.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Israel Driven Into Exile.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Nation Punished for Its Sins.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Lessons From Israel's Downfall.

### I. Israel Taken Into Captivity (vv. 1-6).

This was in fulfillment of that which Amos had predicted in the days of Jeroboam II at a time when the nation was at the height of its prosperity. The northern kingdom was ruled by nineteen kings, all of whom were wicked. Their wickedness was not because of lack of information or opportunity but in spite of it. God promised the first king His blessing if he would be loyal to Him. Jeroboam departed from God and the apostasy thus begun continued downward to the end. In the reign of Hoshea, the last king, the king of Assyria came and besieged Samaria and carried the children of Israel captive to Assyria, from which they never returned.

### II. The Sins Which Caused Their Doom (vv. 7-18).

1. Conformed to the Ways of the Heathen (vv. 7-9). God had commanded them not to follow in the ways of the heathen, but these Israelites, instead of maintaining lives of separation, secretly did that which was displeasing to God. Secret sins, as surely as open sins, bring ruin, for all things are naked and open to Him with whom we have to do. The One who visits judgment upon the sinner knows all things.

2. Serve Idols (vv. 10-17). They not only compromised by "walking in the statutes of the heathen," but worshipped their gods. It was a short step from following in the statutes of the heathen to worshipping their gods. Before they worshiped idols they cast off the true God. Indeed idolatry came into the world because the race did not wish to retain God in its affections (Romans 1:21-23). Idolatry did not come in through ignorance but through willful perverseness. People today worshipping false gods have first cast off the authority of the living God. Man is a religious being. When he ceases to worship the true God he worships other gods.

3. They Were Rebellious (vv. 18-15). God by His prophets has said unto them, "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments," but they stubbornly refused His testimony, even rejected His statutes. God in love tried to save them. He sent some of the noblest and best prophets who ever spoke to men to persuade them to turn from their sins, such as Elijah and Elisha, but they stiffened their necks and plunged deeper into wickedness. This they did in defiance of God.

4. Caused Their Sons and Daughters to Pass Through Fire (v. 17). This was the dreadful Molech worship, the most cruel rite of heathen worship. It was done by kindling a fire in a hollow metal image until its arms were red hot and placing live children therein to be burned to death. This was the depth to which the Israelites had sunk.

5. Resorted to Magical Practices (v. 17). When faith in the true God wanes men always turn to the magical arts. In this way the Israelites sold themselves to evil in the sight of the Lord and provoked Him to anger.

### III. The Judgment Falls (v. 18).

At this stage of the drama the curtain dropped. God could not be inactive longer.

1. God Was Very Angry. His anger is not raving fury but the revulsion of His holy nature against sin. God cannot tolerate sin in His presence. His wrath must strike. Though He waits long, the debt must be paid and that always with compound interest. There is only one way to escape God's wrath; that is to turn from sin unto God through Jesus Christ.

2. Remove Them Out of His Sight. The land of Palestine is regarded as the land of God's sight—that is, the place of His manifested presence. These people are still scattered among the nations and as a political organization they will never return to their land. The judgment was severe, but not more so than the sins merited. God had waited long. The despising of His grace eventually works ruin. Therefore, what judgment must fall upon the people who in the light of this day reject His grace and His mercy.

### Practical Christianity

"Go," never spells "Stay." We need more religion in the s-o-i-e, as well as in the soul—a walking as well as a talking religion. The trouble is not so much with non-church-going masses, as the non-going church. We need not only a lookout committee but a "Go-out" committee.—H. G. Gibbed.

### A Christian

A Christian is one who follows Christ, but is a leader of men.—Christian Herald.

## MOTHER!

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### Willing to Square It

Mose was equipped with rod and basket when he bumped right into the parson, the latter being headed for church.

"Where to, Mose?" asked the good man gently.

"Well, parson, to tell the troof, I'm going fishing."

"Now, Mose, don't your conscience hurt you?"

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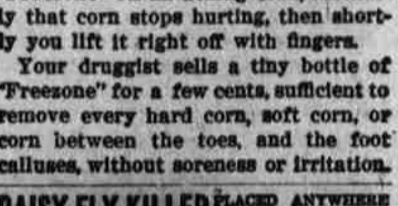
### Bright Idea

"Hubby, you must wash the car and the dog!" "Suppose I wash the car with the dog?"

The web of your life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together.

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