

RICHMOND WINS ROTARY MEETING

WILL ENTERTAIN NEXT ANNUAL ROTARY DISTRICT CONVENTION.

Rocky Mount.—Selection of Richmond over Danville and Newport News as the city for the annual convention of the thirty-seventh Rotary district, composed of 43 clubs in eastern Carolina and southern Virginia, marked the concluding session of the two day's conference of district executives here.

March 26 and 27 were fixed as the dates for the convention. The three contesting cities extended invitation for the next convention at the last district gathering in Raleigh, but the ultimate decision was left to the executives. A warm contest was anticipated, but the agreement on Richmond was reached at the presidents' breakfast conference, and presented to the full session when it was formally ratified.

Most of the day was given over to round table discussion of Rotary affairs and activities, the conference being primarily a working one. Outstanding matters handled included the decision to join with the thirty-eighth district in continuing the "Dixie Special" for carrying Rotarians from the territory embraced in the two districts to the next international convention.

The conference also adopted a motion which would reduce the entrance fee for the district convention from \$10 to \$5, with the deficit to be made up by a per capita tax of probably \$1.25 on each Rotarian in the district.

Believes Foreign Nations Will Pay.

Washington.—Just back from a two-months' trip in Europe, Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, predicted after a call at the White House that negotiations would be initiated by the European nations concerned to snare the outstanding war debts to the United States.

The reparations settlement had opened the way, he said for those countries which have not accounted for their debts to do so, and he declared if such negotiations were not opened soon by them, this country should take the initiative.

"In my visit to Europe," Senator Reed said, "particularly in France and Italy, I heard less and less talk of debt forgiveness and they seem to realize that cancellation is impossible."

Diamonds Cheaper Than Food.

Moscow.—Diamonds in Russia are cheaper relatively than food. Pure white, flawless stones, cut on American standards, can be had at \$100 a carat. But it is difficult to get them out of the country on account of the Soviet ban.

The sellers usually are members of the old aristocracy or nobility, who, like most other classes, find times extremely hard. Americans and Britishers who were the principal buyers of second hand jewelry, have nearly all left Russia and in consequence the demand for precious stones is very small and prices have dropped in proportion.

Big Bond Issue By B. & O.

Washington.—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad received authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue \$75,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, with interest at the increased rate of five per cent, to be sold at not less than 95.5 per cent of par, the proceeds to be used in the retirement of the road's prior lien bonds.

Authority was also granted for the road to issue interim certificates calling for delivery of not over \$75,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, and to pledge under the road's first mortgage not over \$75,000,000 of prior lien bonds and to pledge temporarily with the depository of the agreement for interim certificates not over \$75,000,000 of prior lien bonds.

3 Killed; 6 Hurt When Trains Crash.

Alexandria, La.—E. C. Cain and L. H. Meadows, car repairers of Alexandria, were killed and a half dozen men injured in a head-on crash of two freight trains on the Missouri Pacific railroad near Howcott, La. Three of the injured, members of a gang of workmen riding one of the trains, were in a serious condition.

Claud Miller Killed By Wife.

Ashville.—Claud Miller, 48, long a resident of Asheville, was shot and killed by his wife at their home at Muscle Shoals, Ala., according to a telegram received by a brother, P. A. Miller, of Blitmore.

Minister Dies in Auto Wreck.

High Point.—Rev. C. E. Crisman, of High Point, was killed, and Rev. C. Russell Sorrell, also of this city, was seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a train near Liberty, according to a message received by relatives here.

Details of the accident are meager, but according to a telephone message from Dan Curless, undertaker, at Liberty, Rev. Mr. Crisman was killed instantly. Rev. Mr. Sorrell was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

MORE THAN HUNDRED KILLED AND INJURED.

London.—More than 100 persons were killed or injured in a collision of two passenger trains near Lahore, British India, according to an agency dispatch quoting incomplete reports received in Lahore.

Sixty-seven bodies were discovered in the wreckage and it was said more than 26 bodies remained among the debris. Fifty-three persons were seriously injured and 49 slightly injured.

FOUR NAVY FORCES ASSEMBLE

PEKING WARNED THAT BATTLE IN CHINESE HARBOR WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

Washington.—Naval forces of the United States, Japan, Great Britain and France, kept for patrol work in Asiatic waters, are being assembled at Shanghai, China.

Some already are there and others are proceeding, moving as neutral ships but prepared to act swiftly in the event they are called upon to protect their respective nationals, commercial and trade interests, now menaced by danger of hostilities between military forces commanded by two provincial governors.

The diplomatic agents of the four governments already have advised the Peking foreign office that "the idea of a naval battle in the greatest harbor of the east was unthinkable and could not be tolerated," pointing out that the Shanghai waters constitute one vast harbor in which the ships of every nation float.

Admiral Thomas Washington, commander in chief of the Asiatic squadron, and Edward Bell, charge of the legation in Peking, reported to the Washington government on the situation at Shanghai.

Admiral Washington said nine destroyers, the Borie, Smith Thompson, Tracy, Hulbert, J. D. Evans, Preble, Pruitt, Penguin and Whipple, had been dispatched from the summer base at Chefoo to Shanghai and, in addition, the gunboat Isabel, flagship of the river patrol, had been ordered there from Kipkang.

No mention, however, was contained in these dispatches as to what ships the other three powers now have at Shanghai, or have ordered there. It is known, however, that the Peking diplomats representing the four great powers are acting in unison in the Shanghai matter and that all will be or are represented there now by vessels of their respective naval forces.

Mr. Bell, reporting on the conference and the other diplomatic officers held in Peking with Dr. Koo, the foreign minister, declared that, while it was their desire to remain strictly neutral and not to interfere with Chinese internal wars, the diplomats had made it clear to the Chinese minister that a battle between the forces at Woosung and the Nanking navy, such as was threatened, would endanger the ships of all nations crowded in Shanghai waters and would not be tolerated.

The diplomatic agents had notified Dr. Koo in previous conversations of the determination of their governments to use such means as were available to afford requisite protection to foreign residents and to their trade and properties in or near Shanghai.

The situation now developing at Shanghai is attributed by officials here familiar with conditions in China to an intense rivalry which has existed a year or more between Generals Chi Hsiob-Yuan and Lu Yung-Hsiang, military governors respectively of Kiangsu and Chekiang, adjoining provinces. A conflict between them, it is feared, would tend to throw other provincial forces into the struggle, and, it is said, might result in general warfare in China.

Legion Meets Next at Fayetteville.

Ashville.—Selection of Fayetteville for the 1925 gathering and election of Major Wade H. Phillips, Lexington attorney, as commander to head the North Carolina department of the American legion for the ensuing year featured the closing session of the sixth annual convention here.

A motion to consider ship ports bill was tabled.

The delegates voted unanimously in favor of meeting next year in Fayetteville, although Charlotte was mentioned by several delegates, no invitation was submitted by the Queen City delegation, it being generally understood that the convention should go to the east. It is probable that Charlotte will be chosen for the 1926 convention.

Two Girls Die in Car Wreck.

Hot Springs, Ark.—Two girls were killed and three other persons were seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding skidded and overturned on the highway four miles from this city.

The dead: Minnie Riley, 16; Bessie Nell, 5.

The injured: Floyd Ivy, 20; Louis Sayree, 22, and the latter's wife, Mrs. Mildred Sayree, were brought to a local hospital for treatment. Hospital authorities said they probably would recover.

BATTLE GOES ON IN CHINESE WAR

SHANGHAI DEFENDER CLAIMS HE HAS MORE THAN HELD HIS OWN.

Shanghai.—Although only one of the armies of General Lu Yung Hsiang, Tuchun of Chekiang, who is fighting to retain control of Shanghai against the assaults of General Chi Chieh-Yuan, of Kiangsu, was engaged in the battle which continued throughout the day, the Chekiang headquarters asserts it was able to more than hold its own.

Despite the fact that its line from the Shanghai-Nanking railroad to the Yangtze river was lightly held, the Chekiang leaders reported that their army held their positions in the center and made progress in the Hwangtu sector on the railway and in the vicinity of Liuhou, on the river. The Kiangsu force used artillery in its attacks on Chekiang wing near Liupo, some of the shells falling in that town and damaging the Seventh Day Baptist mission hospital in which two American women, Miss Grace I. Crandall and Miss Susie M. Burdick were remaining with their patients.

Both sides are said to be rushing up reinforcements. Men and women in the affected area are being conscripted, causing a further influx of refugees into Shanghai, the Chinese quarter of which is already crowded with people fleeing to escape the fighting.

General Lu has two further lines of defense. The second, held by 20,000 men, the same number as engaged in the battle, extends from near the boundary of northern Chekiang to a point west of Woosung, the outer port of Shanghai. The third army, 8,000 strong, is stationed in Hangchow and Ningpo in northern Chekiang.

Would Deliver at New Orleans.

New York.—Declaring that deliveries of cotton at southern points against New York futures contracts is economically sound in principle, undoubtedly would tend to keep quotations more in harmony with spot values and would be practicable at numerous cities but for adverse state laws, the special southern warehouse committee on the New York cotton exchange in a report made, unanimously recommends the extension of delivery privileges to New Orleans. At present all futures contracts on the New York cotton exchange call for delivery at New York city only.

The committee, which has studied the question of southern deliveries for more than a year, states it would have recommended extending delivery privileges to Norfolk, Savannah, Galveston and Houston, but for restrictions in their state laws.

No Evidence of Life on Mars.

San Jose, Calif.—Astronomers who have been observing Mars through telescopes at Lick Observatory have thus far found no evidence of life on the planet, according to Dr. R. G. Aitken, associated director of the observatory.

"We do not see the network of canals sometimes portrayed and reported to have been seen by other astronomers," he said. "We do see markings of various kinds that look more natural than artificial. We have no evidence so far that any of these markings are other than natural. We do not claim that Mars is not inhabited, but merely state our observations have shown no indication that it is."

Gets American Seaplane Record.

Philadelphia.—Striking through the air at 197.6 miles an hour, Lieut. George T. Cuddy, U. S. N., smashed the American seaplane speed record in tests above the Delaware river. Lieut. Ralph F. Ostie, of the navy, established 190 miles an hour as a peak of seaplane speed in a flight over the same course.

The naval fliers are testing their planes preliminary to defending at Baltimore next month the Schneider international seaplane trophy, won by them last year. Daily increased bursts of speed are recorded as fine adjustments are made to the mighty engines which occupy the bulk of space aboard the diminutive racing machines.

The mark the alrmen seek to exceed is a reported speed of 220 miles an hour, said to have been registered by a British seaplane that may compete in this year's contest.

Lieutenant Cuddy, who hails from Michigan, is attached to the air fleet at San Diego, Calif. The plane he is using is a 500-horsepower CR-3, which won the Pulitzer trophy in 1920 as a land plane.

Abolish Customs Barriers.

Mainz, Germany.—There is great rejoicing throughout the Rhineland over the announcement by the Inter-Allied High Commission that the customs barrier between occupied and non-occupied Germany will be abolished after September 9. The general passport office which has been maintained here by the French authorities to give visas to Germans desiring to enter or leave the occupied area, had been abolished and free passage is being permitted.

SIX KILLED IN RIOT AT HERRIN, ILLINOIS.

Herrin, Ill.—State troops patrolled the streets of Herrin, following a renewal of klan and anti-klan rioting here in which six men were killed and at least five wounded, one dangerously.

A renewal of the warfare, which had died down in recent months, started shortly after State Attorney Delos Duty had dismissed the murder charges against the Shelton brothers, Carl and Earl, for the slaying of Constable Caesar Cagle, a klanman, in rioting last February 8.

Forty or fifty shots are said to have been fired. The shooting started when Sheriff Galligan went to the J. H. Smith garage with two deputies on instructions from State Attorney Delos Duty to seize the car alleged to have been used by the assailants of S. Glenn Young, klan liquor raider, and his wife near Oakville, Ill., last May 23.

CHARLOTTE SIGNS RACERS

SEVEN OF WORLD'S BEST KNOWN AUTO RACE DRIVERS TO VISIT CHARLOTTE.

Altoona, Penn.—Eight of the world's best race drivers signed contracts to participate in the 250-mile dash that will open the Charlotte speedway on October 25. The contracts were executed by Fred Wagner, veteran starter, and turned over to B. D. Heath and Osmond Barringer, of the Charlotte Speedway.

The drivers are Jimmy Murphy, who won Labor Day's race to hours and eleven minutes, or for an average speed slightly lower than when he won here on June 14; Tommy Milton, former world's champion, and who finished second in the race; Earl Cooper, veteran and a national figure; Antoine Mouree, the dare-devil Frenchman; Bennie Hill, a dazzling driver and known as the "Peck's Bad Boy" of the speedway; Fred Comer, who finished third in the race; Harry Hartz, also a veteran driver.

Joe Boyer's signature was attached to a contract, but this daring speed demon will not race again.

There were 15 entries here, and others who will sign for the Charlotte race will be Corum, McDonough, Antenburg, De Paola, Fengler, Cairns and Morton. Furthermore, Fred Wagner, veteran starter, almost as famous as any of the drivers, will conduct the Charlotte races. A contract with him for this purpose was executed by B. D. Heath. Mr. Wagner has been official of various kinds of races for 38 years.

The Charlotte delegation were guests at a banquet given in honor of the drivers.

Gen. LeJuene to Visit Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C.—Major General A. LeJuene, commandant United States Marine corps, Washington, advised Carolinians exposition officials that he will be a guest of the exposition Thursday, September 25, to participate in the reunion of Carolina world war veterans. It is expected that General LeJuene will be accompanied by Mrs. LeJuene, and while in Charlotte they will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Gossett.

General LeJuene is a southerner, having been born in Pointe Coupee parish, Louisiana, and graduated from the United States Naval academy in 1888 and the Army War college in 1910, since which time he has seen much active service. As a naval cadet he served two years, being later in the wreck of the U. S. S. Vandalla when a hurricane swept almost bare the island of Samoa. His promotion in the service has been rapid. He was placed in command as a second lieutenant in the marine corps in 1890; two years later he was advanced to first lieutenant, became a captain in 1899, a major in 1903, and brigadier general in 1916.

Sheriff Arrested on Murder Count.

Marion, Ill.—Sheriff George Galligan, of Williamson county, was arrested by Coroner William McCowan, charged with murder in connection with the death of six men at Herrin Saturday. He was released on bonds of \$10,000. Galligan would make no comment.

Thirty-two warrants charging murder in the first degree were issued against alleged participants in last Saturday's pistol battle between alleged Ku Klux Klansmen and anti-Klansmen. Twenty-one of the warrants were issued by Police Magistrate Hicks, of Herrin, and 11 by State's Attorney Duty, of Williamson county at Marion.

Plan Cross-Continent Ride.

Washington.—More than 200,000 automobiles will be used in escorting the Coolidge-Dawes tourists next month on their 8,000-mile journey from the President's birthplace at Plymouth, Vt., to the Pacific Coast, the Republican National Committee announced.

Delegations of local enthusiasts are expected to join the caravan en route. The tourists will leave Plymouth on September 9 and will be due to arrive in California about October 12.

WANT CONFERENCE HELD IN EUROPE

SO RAMSEY MACDONALD, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER DECLARES.

Geneva.—The next disarmament conference must be held in Europe, not Washington, Ramsey MacDonald, the British prime minister, declared in explaining Great Britain's position on the great problems before the league assembly.

Mr. MacDonald expressed the conviction that any new conference, especially if it discussed reduction of land armaments, should be held in Europe because it could best treat conditions existing here. The heads of the European states, must attend such a conference if it hoped to be accomplish anything authoritatively.

The conference probably would last several months, and the premiers must be free to go back and forth. If held in Washington it would be impossible for them to spend sufficient time there.

Mr. MacDonald said there was no nation more interested in the reduction of armaments than the United States; if it did not participate in any conference it would be a source of tremendous disappointment to everybody. He thought that Washington could take part in an European conference. The League of Nations he added, certainly should prepare the way for such a conference.

Without specifying the nature of his address, Mr. MacDonald emphasized arbitration as the best means of assuring world peace. His government was opposed to the proposed pact of guarantees because England wanted to know what it was doing and would not sign a blank check.

The British, continued the premier, were trying to bring the present disarmament and security discussions to practical details suited to conditions in Europe. He favored some arbitration tribunal able to deliver judgments which would make for peace and declared that England believed that a pact of guarantees would smash the league and make for war.

Pitched Battle Between Chinese.

Shanghai.—A pitched battle between the forces of Lu Hung Hsiang, Tuchun of Chekiang and Chi Shieh-Yuan, governor of Kiangsu, opened along the Shanghai-Nanking railway near Hwangtu, about a dozen miles from Shanghai, according to reports from Defense Commissioner Ho.

The battle commenced with a heavy attack by the Kiangsu troops, estimated at 10,000. While the left wing of the Chekiang army was forced back, the center and right slowly gained ground, according to Ho's secretary. Later reinforcements reached the Chekiang left wing, enabling it to push forward. On the whole the Chekiang force gained about two miles.

There were many casualties. All reports indicate that the engagement is becoming general in the whole area from the Shanghai-Nanking railway to the coast. There is an artillery action along the railway.

Habana Police Find War Material.

Habana, Cuba.—A cache of war materials, was discovered by secret police agents at the Camoa Puries, near Habana according to a story published by La Prensa.

The material consisted of three modern tanks which had been dismantled and the various parts secreted in buildings near the quarry with hand grenades, bombs and other explosives, the story said.

The tanks were of large size and were to have been used in an attack on the city of Habana by the Veterans and Patriots last April when that organization was active in fomenting action against the Zayas administration, La Prensa quoted the police as saying.

Stung on Tongue.

Greenwood.—J. R. Nicholls of this city suffered an unusual and very painful accident near Hendersonville, N. C., when he was stung on the tongue by a yellow jacket.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholls and children and Capt. F. S. Evans went on a weekend trip to the mountains. While taking dinner near Hendersonville Mr. Nicholls picked up a piece of fried chicken and just as he got it to his mouth a yellow jacket lit upon the chicken. When Mr. Nicholls bit down on the chicken the yellow jacket retaliated by stinging him upon the tongue. The poison from the insect spread quickly over his body and his suffering was so intense he had to be rushed to Hendersonville to a doctor.

Severity of Virgin Islands' Storm.

Washington.—A comprehensive account of the hurricane which swept the Virgin Islands last Thursday night, received from Captain Phillip Williams, the naval governor, minimized previous reports of casualties and property damage. It declared no casualties were reported in St. Thomas beyond minor injuries and exposure while St. John, chief sufferer of the American island group, occupied with four inhabitants killed, one missing and a considerable number injured.

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