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DEATH OF CARUSO FOLLOWS QUICKLY AFTER A RELAPSE

Great Singer Dies At Hotel In Naples, Where He Had Been Brought Hurriedly

EXPECTED TO RECOVER LESS THAN WEEK AGO

Removal From Home At Sorrento Recommended In Order To Have Operation But Weakened Condition Prevented; Aged Mother at Bedside When End Comes.

Naples, Italy, Aug. 2. — Caruso died today. The great singer, whose ultimate recovery had been hoped for under the benign influences of his own Italy, passed away at 9 o'clock this morning at the Hotel Vesuvius in this city. He had been brought here hurriedly from Sorrento, on the Bay of Naples, where less than a week ago he avowed his returning strength and expressed the conviction that he would sing again as in the old days.

He had been able to visit the famous sanctuary of Our Lady of Pompeii, giving thanks offering for his recovery. He went also to the Island of Capri, where he attended a luncheon in his honor. But soon afterwards unfavorable symptoms in the form of a high fever manifested themselves and his wife telegraphed to a Rome specialist to come to Sorrento; it was then discovered that a new internal abcess had developed.

Caruso's removal to Rome for an operation was advised, but he showed such weakness that it was impossible to transfer him further than Naples, where he arrived by sea Sunday evening. Four eminent physicians were called in consultation and their examination showed the presence of subphrenic abcess, accompanied by severe peritonitis.

An operation to be performed at noon today was decided upon, but the patient's condition became suddenly worse at 4:30 in the morning and he died soon afterwards. Prior to this, heart stimulation was reported hourly.

In order that Caruso should not tire himself, the attending physician ordered him not to speak, so during his last night he uttered no word. Of the members of his family present at the death bed the most pathetic was his old mother, who had always clung obstinately to her little home, despite her son's efforts to accustom her to the material comforts of life.

Wife At Bedside

Present also at the bedside were his wife, who was Dorothy, daughter of Park Benjamin of New York, Caruso's little daughter, Gloria, and his son, Rodolfo, his brother, Giovanni, several nephews and the composers, Vincenzo Bellezza and Paloo Longono.

For a time after his arrival in Italy Caruso showed improvement, his native air having a beneficial effect. Nevertheless, he conserved his strength and for this reason was obliged to refuse a request to sing at a reception given by the Admiralty to Crown Prince Hirohito, of Japan. That his voice remained strong and clear was evidenced when recently he sang before the soprano, Hidalgo, and the baritone, Montesanto, who expressed their delight.

Health Failed

There was grave anxiety, however, when Caruso only a few days ago, began to show signs of depression. The rising temperature which had characterized previous attacks recurred, and steadily his condition grew worse until Saturday when he suffered from violent pains in the abdominal region. The medical consultation followed and it was apparent that the patient was not suffering acute physical pain but that his heart was weakening rapidly. Oxygen was administered and other measures were taken to prolong his vitality.

At his own request Caruso's body will be embalmed, and the funeral services will be held tomorrow. It is recalled that when he lay gravely stricken in New York he had expressed the wish that he might die in Italy, and now all Italy is mourning that this sad wish has come to pass.

REV. JAMES M. WICKER, OF SANFORD, IS DEAD

Sanford, Aug. 3.—Rev. James McIver Wicker, aged 66, died at his home here this afternoon. The funeral services will be held at Sanford Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Wicker was a graduate of Princeton university and seminary. For many years he was pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian churches in Philadelphia. He became pastor of the Presbyterian church at St. Pauls in 1909, remaining pastor for five years. He went from there to Asheboro in 1915, where his health gave way, after a few months, and he has spent most of the time in hospitals. He served as supply pastor of the Sanford Presbyterian church while the pastor, Rev. W. S. Golden, was with the army in France. He was a good man, an able minister of the gospel and had many friends throughout the country.

Besides his wife, three daughters, Mrs. D. B. King, Sanford; Mrs. N. A. McEachern, St. Pauls; Miss Margaret Wicker, and one sister, Miss Maggie Wicker, Sanford, survive him.

Kansas had 87 public health centers for children in 1920, in which 9,930 cases were enrolled. They also cared for 1,500 parental cases.

MID-WAY OF DUNN FAIR TO BE GREAT

Secretary Riddle Announces That Bright Light Shows Are Engaged

Twelve big shows, four riding devices, two brass bands, two big free acts, and innumerable concessions, are advertised by the Bright Light Shows, engaged to make up the midway for Harnett's third agricultural fair, which will take place in Dunn on the dates of October 11th,, through the 15th. T. L. Riddle, secretary of the fair association, stated yesterday that expense had not been considered in securing for the Harnett fair the best carnival possible.

The Bright Light Shows will come to Dunn well recommended and promise to consist of the very best and most entertaining in fair and carnival attractions. Jack Lyles, general agent, who was with the show company that was engaged for the Harnett fair last fall, writes that the show is a world beater and is confident that the fair association will be greatly pleased with the carnival.

Traveling in twenty cars, carrying hundreds of people, the Bright Light Shows will present to those attending the Harnett fair a "Clean Meritorious Attraction." Something to interest the young and the old folks, and the middle aged too, and plenty of high class and clean amusement, is promised the fair association by the management of this well known show company.

One of the two big free acts is the performance of "The Incomparable Miss Quincy," heralded as the "world's most artistic and finished high diving champion." She will give her diving performances daily during the six days of the Harnett fair.

Among the twelve big shows that will make up the big midway of the Harnett fair are the wild animal, dog and pony show, minstrel, motordrome, wrestling arena, jungle, snake, and illusion shows. All of these attractions are said to be of the highest class, and come well recommended.

Lepore's concert band will not be least among the pleasure makers for the midway of the fair. The band's performances will be given day and night.

Plans for the amusement side of the fair are still in the process of formation, and Mr. Riddle states that the people will be given plenty of entertainment while attending the fair and watching the exhibits. The fair will be well balanced and well rounded, according to the fair association officers, and Mr. Hoover's speech on Saturday will not, by any means, be the only thing to attract hundreds to the Harnett fair.

Increased Damage By Boll Weevils Reported

Crop Bulletin Reports Pest Active In Wide Area; N. C. Crop Fairly Good

Washington, Aug. 3.—While rainfall was generally very light in the cotton belt during the past week, moderate to heavy falls occurred in the Atlantic coast districts and caused an increase in weevil activity in Georgia and South Carolina, said the weekly National Weather and Crop Bulletin issued today. The cotton pest also is very active in many sections of the Mississippi valley, especially in Alabama, but dry weather resulted in a marked decrease in its spread in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, the bulletin said.

Prospects for cotton by States follows:

Texas—While making fairly good progress, crop needs rain and there are complaints of shedding and plants dying.

Oklahoma—Making fair advance in north and west sections, but deteriorating in south central and southeastern portions.

Arkansas—With favorable climate, crop is fruiting well, in west and fairly well in central and south.

Georgia—With cultivation nearly finished, condition and progress reported poor.

South Carolina — Satisfactory growth reported, but fruiting ranges from poor to only fair generally, with weevil numerous and doing much damage, except in north.

North Carolina — No material change in condition.

Florida—Rains causing shedding.

The crop is poor to fairly good in Mississippi and fair generally in Alabama and Tennessee, the bulletin said.

FATHER DROWNS WHEN HE GOES TO RESCUE SON

Kinston, Aug. 2.—Floyd Barwick, prominent citizen and business man of Lagrange, was drowned in Sutton's mill pond two miles from this place late today in an effort to save one of his sons who had called for help. The boy was saved, but Mr. Barwick, who jumped into the pond without removing his clothing and shoes, himself was seized with cramps and sank out of sight. His lifeless body was recovered at 6 o'clock tonight. Surviving Mr. Barwick are his wife and four children.

ZION CITZEN IS "SOAKED" $65 FOR SMOKING A PIPE

Zion, Ills., Aug. 4. — Smoking a pipe in Zion cost Frederick Stockstill $65 today. The city, which has ordinances regulating women's dress and how its residents shall spend Sunday, also has a ban against smoking.

"This thing must stop," a judge remarked when he fined Stockstill. "Stop," Stockstill replied. "I'm as stopped as my name would indicate."

Bolton Found Guilty In Recorder's Court

Charged With Assault On Sam Bryant He Is Fined Fifty Dollars

L. B. Bolton, charged with assault on his son-in-law, Sam Bryant, after a quarrel between young Bryant and his father, Washington Bryant, near the old Porter home about a mile east of Duke, which is alleged to have occurred several weeks ago, was found guilty and fined $50 and costs in Recorder's Court here yesterday. Bolton's attorneys gave notice of appeal to Superior Court, and he was placed under a $150 bond for his appearance then.

Wash Bryant, father of Sam, was also charged with assaulting the boy on the same day and was tried here shortly after the incident took place. He was found guilty and appealed, and put under a bond. Testimony was introduced by the prosecution yesterday in the trial of Bolton, charging him with aiding Wash Bryant in beating the boy up.

The Bolton trial was the principle case that came up on the criminal docket of Recorder's Court yesterday. There were a long list of persons tried recently and found guilty, but who had failed to pay the fines and the costs as ordered by the court. Chief Page and Sheriff Jernigan were requested to issue "Capiases" for these men.

The tip of the tongue is the most sensitive portion of the body.

Members Of American Legion Off To France

Delegation of 250 Headed By National Commander To Visit Battlefields

New York, Aug. 3.—With the flag of the national commander of the American Legion flying at her masthead, and more than 250 members of that organization on board, the American passenger steamship George Washington sailed today for Cherbourg and Bremen.

The legionnaires will disembark at the first port, from whence they will go to visit the battlefields on which for more than a year they fought against the forces of the German emperor.

The legion party is headed by National Commander John G. Emery, and includes men from every state of the Union. The George Washington was dressed in flags of the allied nations with which her honor passengers fought. Two destroyers and a convoy of army airplanes were on hand to escort her out of the harbor.

Cable advices from Cherbourg said that the veterans would be officially received there by representatives of the French government. A special detail of American soldiers from the forces now in Germany will be on hand to welcome their former comrades.

K. Of C. To Inaugurate Welfare Work In Italy

Action To Spend Million Dollars in Work Follows Request Of Pope

San Francisco, Aug. 4.—At the request of Pope Benedict XV, the Knights of Columbus have decided to raise one million dollars to inaugurate American welfare in Italy, it was announced at the Knights of Columbus annual convention here today. The fund will be raised by popular subscription among the membership of the order.

"Pope Benedict has requested the activity on the part of the Knights of Columbus to conserve faith and aid in their mental and physical development of Italian youth," said Supreme Advocate Joseph C. Pelletier, of Boston. "It is our aim to go into Italy and introduce American welfare work to pay to Italyl in heart the debt laid upon America when Columbus, the great Italian, found this western world and made it possible for Christendon to extend its sphere."

Mr. Pelletier added that it was improbable that the Knights of Columbus would extend its organization proper into Italy, saying that the immediate plans called for the establishment of an American service center in Rome under the patronage of Pope Benedict.

Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty announced that Peter Krantze of Chicago, consul at Luxembourg, had telegraphed the first donation of $500.

NEGROES AFRAID TO BURN WEEVILS FEAR LIGHTNING

Newberry, Aug. 1.—Numbers of farmers in this county and in Laurens county also, find a very decided aversion on the part of their negro farm hands to burning the cotton bolls that drop off the stalks after being punctured by boll weevils. The reason is they have gotten it intotheir heads in some unaccountable way that if they burn the boll weevils lightning will strike them. They do not object to picking up the punctured bolls and putting them in piles, but they are really and sincerely afraid to burn them so farmers in several cases have compromised by having the hands gather and pile the bolls and they themselves burn them.

It would be interesting to know where this negro superstition came from, and whether it exists in other parts of the state and cotton belt.

A machine has been constructed by which an armless man can feed himself, typewrite and even mend boots, by means of only his toes.

DISCUSS PELLAGRA AT CONFERENCE AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Health Officials From Southern States Declare Conditions Not Alarming

EXPRESS RESENTMENT AT REPORTS OF FAMINE

Slight Increase In Pellagra In Several States, While There Has Been A Decrease In Others; Dr. W. S. Rankin Presents Situation As It Is In North Carolina.

Washington, Aug. 4. — Plans for co-operation between Federal and state health authorities to prevent the spread and ravages of pellagra were discussed at a conference here today in which Surgeon General Cumming, of the Public Health Service, and twelve Southern health officials, representatives of the United States and the American Red Cross and Department of Agriculture participated. Another meeting will be held tomorrow at which it is expected a report of conditions in the South will be prepared for transmittal to President Harding.

The sessions were behind closed doors. When they were over no statement was made by the Public Health Service as to the reports made by the visiting officials, some of whom attended the meeting and stated pellagra was reported to be slight in the increase in about half of the Southern States and on the decrease in the others.

Some Need Help

It was generally agreed, participants in the conference said, that while there was no cause for alarm, conditions in areas were serious and concerted action was needed to improve them.

Dr. A. T. McCormack, health commissioner of Kentucky, was selected chairman of a committee of five State Officials to analyze the situation and to recommend remedies. The committee report, Mr. McCormack said, would be ready tomorrow. He emphasised the need of close cooperation between federal and State governments and health officials generally. Education in areas where pellagra was prevalent was urged as to diet, hygiene.

Dr. C. W. Garrison, in charge of the Arkansas health department, and a member of the committee drafting the report, said there was plenty of food in the South and that reports to the contrary were erroneous. In restricted areas, he added, pellagra has gained ground largely through failure of inhabitants to make use of food supplies available in nearby localities. He stressed the need of close co-ordination of all health agencies.

Other health commissioners on the committee drafting recommendations are: James A. Hayne, South Carolina; W. H. Leathers, Mississippi, and E. G. Williams, Virginia.

PLANNING TO MAKE VIGOROUS APPEAL

Fayetteville To Contend Earnestly For The Retention Of Camp Bragg

Citizens of Fayetteville are planning to make a strong appeal to Secretary Weeks when he returns from his vacation on August 10 in behalf of the retention of the artillery training camp at Camp Bragg. Fayetteville feels that Secretary Weeks cannot have been apprised of all the facts and that when he is so apprised he will cancel the abandonment order.

The War Department first placed Camp Greene in Fayetteville, but later moved this camp to Charlotte. The citizens of Fayetteville on the assumption that Camp Greene was to be placed there spent money in preparing for the entertainment of the camp both as a business and social way and were put to quite a bit of expense. Later the War Department decided to locate an artilery camp at Fayetteville and the establishment was given the name of Camp Bragg. The government purchased an enormous amount of property, which was removed from the tax books so far as Cumberland county was concerned, thereby eliminating the revenue which the county had had from this source previously. It is declared, however, that there are no regrets for the loss and that every citizen of Cumberland county was glad for it to occur as they thought the camp was in an ideal location and would give the army something it very much needed. This view of the extraordinary suitability of the location has been borne out both publicly and privately by men of high rank in the army. It is an acknowledged fact that the climate is ideal, the water supply excellent, and the range unsurpassed for field artillery.

Fayetteville will contend that the abondonment of the camp will not net any saving to the government. The land has practically been paid for and a good many of the buildings have been lately remodeled for the officers and the physical condition of the camp is good. In short the big expense of establishing the camp has already been incurred and the Fayetteville delegation will claim that it will not cost one cent more to keep the present contingent at Camp Bragg than it will cost to move it to some other place and keep it there.—News and Observer.

Judge McNeill Dies At Home in Lumberton

Well Known Robeson Citizen Passes After An Illness of Only Few Hours

Lumberton, Aug. 2.—Judge T. A. McNeill, well-known Lumberton citizen, died early this morning, following an illness of a few hours. The deceased was 72 years old and spent practically all his life in Robeson county. He was a student at the University of North Carolina when the Civil War broke out. He left college and entered the army, serving four years. After the War closed he went back to the University and graduated in 1868 securing his law license the same year. He practiced first at Rockingham and later at Maxton. He came to Lumberton in 1878.

He was the first president of the National Bank of Lumberton, the first bank organized in Robeson county, and held the position until 1893 when he was elected Superior court judge of the Seventh district. He served as judge for 8 years to offer for re-election. He was one of Robeson's most loved and highly respected citizens and his unexpected death was a shock to his many friends.

The funeral will be conducted from the Presbyterian Church of which deceased was an active member here, burial here Wednesday at 5 p. m. and interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

Republican Attacks Fordney Tariff Bill

Calls For Nation-wide Protest gainst Measure; Also Raps Mr. Harding

Akron, Ohio, Aug. 3.—Chambers of Commerce, business men and corporations thoroughout the United States were appealed to in an address here last night by C. L. Knight, Republican Congressman of Ohio, to join in a nation-wide protest to the House ways and means committee against the Fordney tariff bill, which he characterized as one of the worst pieces of legislation in half a century.

Congressman Knight also urged that a protest be made against the contemplated income tax, which he said, was discrimination in favor of the [illegible]

Mr. Knight [illegible] Harding, declaring that he was one of the chief offenders of taxation and swelling the cost of running the country by asking Congress to pass a welfare bill calling for a $200,000,000 appropriation. The bill, he said, was nothing but a "plaything."

"A man is never too old to learn," observed the sage.

"No," commented the fool, "but sometimes he is too young."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Killed While Asleep At His Tobacco Barn

Prominent Walstonburg Farmer and Merchant Killed by Unknown Party

Wilson, Aug. 4.—William Whitley, prominent merchant and farmer of Walstonburg, 18 miles from Wilson, was shot and killed while asleep at his tobacco barn late last night. No clue to the identity of his slayer has been found. A sheriff's posse with bloodhounds are scouring the country in an effort to apprehend his assailant. Whitley leaves a wife and six children.

The coroner's jury took a recess at noon to await further developments. It is said that domestic trouble was the cause of the tragedy and a man in the neighborhood is suspected.

This is the second assassination to take place in this section within the past few days. Rev. Ennis Pearson was shot from ambush in Taylor's township in this county last week.

EVERYBODY AT GOLDSBORO OBEY SUNDAY BLUE LAW

Goldsboro, July 31.—All business concerns today observed the Sunday blue laws. Some of the cafes refused to serve ice water. While officers made a diligent "beat" of the entire city at an early hour tonight. No one had been found guilty of violating the ordance.

City Manager Rich ordered that all bootblack parlors be closed and this was about the only thing that seemed to worrq those who seemed accustomed to having them 'polished' on Sunday morning.

FIRST GEORGIA BALE AUCTIONED AT NEW YORK

New York, Aug. 3.—The first bale of new Georgia cotton was sold at auction on the cotton exchange today for fifty cents a pound. It weigh 394 pounds and was classed as strict middling. The proceeds of the sale will go to charity. The same bale was auctioned off on the Savannah exchange for 68 cents a pound.

REPORT RELEASE OF AMERICAN PRISONERS

Riga, Aug. 3.—American prisoners in Russia already have been released from confinement, according to unofficial reports at the Bolshevik legation press bureau here today, but there was no word in which to the number released or when, how, or where they will be delivered across the border.

COMMUNITY SING PLANNED BY C. S. D.

County Wide Sing Will Be Held In Lillington On Labor Day

Labor Day, September 5, will be celebrated in Harnett County this fall with a county-wide community sing, which is now being arranged under the leadership of Miss Mame F. Camp, Director of the Community Service work in the county. The big community singing contest will be participated in by every township in the county, and plans are now under way for making the event the biggest thing of its kind ever staged in Harnett county.

Letters have been written to the leading citizens of all the community centers, urging them to get up their choirs and singing classes, elect their leaders, and begin practicing and rehearsing for the contest right away. By Labor Day Miss Camp hopes to have every singing class in the county in good practice to come to Lillington and participate in the sing. A number of attractive prizes are offered to the winners in the different phases of singing that will take place in the contest.

Several Contests On

The various classes that will enter the contests are urged to pay special attention to hymns, patriotic songs, quartettes, and duets, in their practices. There will be several diffrent contests, besides the regular singing class vent. A fiddler's contest, singing by a negro singing class, and singing by a grand chorus which will be composed of over two hundred members, are features of the sing planned.

For the fiddler's contest each township has one contestant, and a reward of $5 in gold is offered to the best fiddler. The negro singing class will give an exhibition of old folk songs, negro spirituals, and the like. "Railroad Bill," "Raise the Rucas Tonight" and other of such melodies will be sung by the big darkey class.

The prizes offered by the Community Service Department are as follows: Best all round program, a silver loving cup valued at $60; best all round program, $25 in cash; third best all round program, $15 in cash; best male quartet, a valuable collection of songs for male quartettes; best fiddler, $5 in gold.

All Townships To Enter

An invitation has been extended to all the townships to enter, and all [illegible] classes to Lillington [illegible] county-wide event. The centers of the various townships, in which the work will more than likely be gotten up, are as follows: Anderson Creek, Flat Branch; Averasboro, Dunn; Olivia; Black River, Angier; Buckhorn, Christian Light; Duke; Grove, Coats; Hector's Springs; Johnsonville, Cameron Hall; Lillington, Lillington; Neill's Creek, Buie's Creek; Stewart Creek, Bunnlevel; Upper Little River, No. 1, Mt. Pisgah; Upper Little River, No. 2, Mamers.

Each of these townships will begin to form their classes at an early date and start their rehearsals. Further information concerning the sing will be furnished by the community Srvice Department at Lillington.

Dunn To Enter

T. L. Riddle, temporary manager of the class at Dunn, has appointed the following committee to help in organizing a class for Averasboro township: Rev. A. R. McQueen, Miss Iva Pearson, Miss Lennie Gainey, Mrs. McD. Holliday, Mrs. J. L. Davis. This committee will begin to make plans immediately to organize a class here to participate in the Labor Day sing at Lillington.

Mr Riddle is very enthusiastic about the planned county wide event, and believe that Dunn will do her share in making it a pronounced success. He hopes to have a class that will rate with the best of them when the sing comes off on September 5.

VILLARD DENOUNCES INTERVENTION BY U. S.

Washington, Aug. 3.—American intervention in Haiti and Santo Domingo was described today as the "blackest chapter in American history in the Carribean" by Oswald Garrison Villard, of New York, urging a special Senate investigation. He spoke for the Union Patriotique of Haiti, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Haiti and Santo Domingo Independence Society and charged that there "was no trouble in Haiti until we went there."

The committee will begin its investigation Friday, hearing Mr. Villard and representatives of the Navy Department.

TWO HEADED PIG BROUGHT TO RAEFORD FOR INSPECTION

Raeford, Aug. 3.—Robert J. Hasty, of Blue Springs township, Hoke county, brought to Raeford this afternoon a real live two headed pig with three perfectly good, snapping, blinking eyes, quite conveniently arranged so the animal could look around without having to turn his heads.

The mouths, ears, noses and everything belonging to a pig's head were apparently as normal as any pig's.

It is the only one of its nine brothers and sisters blessed with two heads and three eyes and so many mouths, and there is some question among the citizens as to the advisability of having this sort of stock in the 'poverty stricken, pellagra ravaged South' which President Harding has so lately wept over.

Fortune Teller—Do you want to know what your future husband will be like?

Fashionable Little Party — Good gracious, no! What I want to know is what the summer hats will be like! —London Opinion.

MAJOR B. CRAVEN REPUDIATES KLAN AND QUITS OFFICE

Sensational Interview With Grand Dragon Craven In Greensboro News

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN CRAVEN WAS AN OFFICER

Well Known Writer And Financier Admits He Was Grand Dragon Of Order In North Carolina, And Declares He Is Through—Klan In State Is No More.

An open repudiation of the Ku Klux Klan with a detailed statement of why he has abandoned the Klan, is made by Major Bruce Craven, well known lawyer, financier and writer, and Grand Dragon of the order in this state, in an interview published in today's Greensboro Daily News. "The new organization of the Ku Klux Klan, as at present conducted in North Carolina, is an organization engaged exclusively in collecting initiation fees under false pretenses, without any legal standing in the state and is in my opinion a failure and a fraud," is the keynote of Major Craven's statement, according to the Daily News.

For some time it has been known in and around Greensboro that Bruce Craven was connected with and held a high office in the organization, and his admission that he had been Grand Dragon of the Klan in North Carolina did not come as a big surprise to many citizens in that section, but was a "shocking" and "overwhelming" surprise to friends of the Major over the state. His repudiation of the order, and his open, frank, and detailed statement as set forth in todays Greensboro News was nothing short of phenominal.

According to the Daily News his interview came as the "direct result of the inability of this paper to longer suppress the matter and the use of his name, and also because of exposures known to be coming soon in other papers. Rather than permit his own part to become public in that way, he determined to give it out himself."

Shortly before giving out the interview to the Greensboro paper Major Craven received a telegram from a New York Daily asking for a two column interview on the Ku Klux Klan with his charges for same. With reference to this he made this statement:

"I have never yet, directly or indirectly, made anything out of this thing; I shall keep this record beyond question, and refuse even a newspaper article for pay. I have been offered such things several times recently, and the fact that it is known in New York newspaper offices that I occupy the position I do in the organization, makes it foolish for me any longer to attempt to keep up the bluff of secrecy. I have never been more than titular head in the state, and while the whole thing is a sore subject to me, and will remain a painful memory, I have no apology to make except this open statement. My name has been used to collect money under false pretenses. I myself have made promises that cannot be fulfilled. They were based on my faith in the high officials. That faith has been broken, and I have no way of making amends but this. Before giving out this interview I notified the imperial wizard, Colonel Simmons, in Atlanta, exactly what I was going to do, and asked him if there was anything erroneous, to show me in advance of this publication. He made no attempt to answer it, for the simple reason that it cannot be answered. Everything here stated has been repeatedly said to him for the past month. I have given him every opportunity to prevent this, and he cannot meet the issue."

Major Craven declared that every member had a right to quit the order, and that he was breaking no faith pledged. He said that he would not give away the imaginary 'secrets' of the order, and that, in spite of any attacks, criticisms or charges, he would be forced to face, he would not break any pledge or violate any of his "sacred" promises. "At the time of this interview I am the supreme head of the order in North Carolina, subject only to the imperial wizard; and I now declare the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina disbanded and abandoned, every organized klan ended, and every kinsman released from his connection, his responsibility and his obligation." This was a part of the repudiation made by the Trinity writer, according to today's Daily News.

A lengthy declaration of the poor practices and evil influences of the Ku Klux, of the hundreds of lies told by the officers and the official organ, "The Searchlight," which he asserted was "an insult to any intelligent man," was made in the interview. Lies concerning the membership, the support, the finances, the purposes and ideals of the order, were made by the officers of the order, Major Craven declared.

Why He Fell For It

When asked by the News correspondent why he fell for the order, Major Craven stated:

"Why did I fall for it? Well, I am a credulous, enthusiastic sort of person, with a lot of prejudices, etc., and I think the professions of this

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